

March 2011

MISSION / OUTREACH NEWS

CALLING ALL SERVING HANDS - The Mission Outreach Committee has several projects underway and needs your help! Today we highlight a couple:

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

We have received a request from the Ronald McDonald House for laundry detergent and towel sets (Matching bath towel, hand towel, and wash cloth). With 45 families in residence, they go through lots of soap and towels! Donations will be collected through Sunday, March 13.

ALLEY SHOPPE & GOD'S CLOSET

We will be collecting spring and summer clothes and small household goods (sheets, towels, pots, pans, kettles, utensils, plates, etc.) for the Alley Shoppe and God's Closet. So, as you begin cleaning your closets for spring, please set aside the gently used items you no longer need for these worthy causes. Collection boxes will be out in March and early April.

AHUMC MINISTRY TEAM**Ministers –**

All of our church family

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Elaine Gregory, Kathie Winters

Nursery –

Amelia Birchems

Wedding Consultant –

Kristi Hanes

Custodians –

Ron Houde & Brian Gaylord

Wednesday Chef –

Chris Lewis

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NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE

Cindy will be out of the office March 7 – 9. Please call ahead if you need assistance.

We still have a few boxes of offering envelopes waiting to be picked up. If you haven't picked up a box yet please check with the office. *Snowbirds- we are holding your boxes in the office.*

BUILDER DEADLINES

<u>Input Deadline</u>	<u>Builder Assembly</u>
March 23	March 30
April 20	April 27
May 18	May 25
June 22	June 29

*** No Builder Published in July***

Thank you to our volunteers who help us assemble the Builder each month. If you are available to help please join us at 9:30 am in the fireside room on the dates listed above.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**Sierra, Emil–** address update

Rosewood Estates
 2750 N. Victoria St. #356
 Roseville, MN 55113

McDonald, Rachel– Email address correction

Rachel_McDonald_1@hotmail.com

Trumbower, Burt– phone number update

(651) 245-8135 (old number disconnected)

Hickman, LauraMae– new address & phone

Birchwood Health Care Community
 604 NE 1st St. Room 108
 Forest Lake, MN 55025
 (651) 466-1108

Anderson, Neal & Muriel– new address

Seasons at Maplewood
 1670 Legacy Pkwy E, Apt 304
 Maplewood, MN 55109

THE PASTOR SHARES

Wow! I've really been enjoying digging into Jesus Sermon on the Mount the last few weeks. What a powerful model of faith. It challenges us to rise up to a new standard of faithful living! Engaging Jesus' words through the Message version of the Bible is particularly challenging because it's grounded in contemporary language and insight. The words of Jesus are central to our faith and understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Some of his sayings are beautiful and easy to hear. I love the idea of letting your light shine so that all may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven. I love the idea of living without worries "consider the lilies how they neither toil nor spin..." Loving your enemies—that's not so easy. Praying for those who persecute you—that's a challenge. The Sermon on the Mount comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. What an incredible spiritual gift!

Our series on the Sermon on the Mount will conclude on March 6 with a special service that will include a reader's theatre line up to share the Sermon on the Mount and special words written to familiar hymns to go along with the readings. I hope and pray that you will find it powerful and moving!

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Chip

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Caroline Nentwig
- 2 Mildred Gausman
- 2 Marianne Sether
- 3 Marilyn Hobbs
- 5 Betty Phillippo
- 6 Robert Weber
- 9 James Watson
- 10 JoAnne Dansdill
- 12 William Leland
- 14 Jean Donovan
- 14 Lorraine Swanson
- 15 Vera Schreiner
- 15 Mark Youngstrom
- 18 Andrew Thompson
- 20 Frankie Schlichting
- 21 Martha Oviatt
- 21 Helen Stolts
- 22 Blanca Hansen
- 22 Ann Sether
- 23 Marilyn Day
- 26 Mary Ellen O'Brien
- 28 Gifty Annan
- 28 Amanda Berg
- 28 Bonnie Joriman
- 28 Eleanor Novotny
- 28 Benna Sowles
- 29 Patricia Moon
- 29 Katherine Nentwig
- 29 Rosemary Schurr
- 30 Janet Egersdorf

Remember, Daylight Savings Time
begins early on **March 13!**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

Dear Friends, Emil and I are so thankful for all your prayers and cards. God opened the door at the right time for him to go into assisted living at Rosewood Estates (new address listed on page 2) You are welcome to visit any time or drop a card. His new home is beautiful. Thank you and God bless.

Myrt & Emil

Dear Donor – On behalf of The Salvation Army, I want to express our appreciation to you for your generous donation of 600 pounds of food to us in 2010. It is only through the generosity of people such as you that The Salvation Army is able to continue to provide services to those who are in need. In 2010, we served meals to 112,233 people, helped 1,651 households with rent assistance and served 12,428 households with Christmas toys... In Christ,

Terry Hildebrandt

Twin Cities Social Services Director

AHUMC continues to accept your food donations in the bin in the fellowship hall throughout the year. As you can see above, your donations are needed and appreciated.

Dear Church Family – Thank you for all the prayers, visits and support that we have received since we have dealt with health issues. One never knows how much church family means until something like this happens. What a blessing! We hope to be back in church before too long. We miss all of you.

Don & Marge (Webinger)

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with...

- ❖ *Marge and Don Webinger as they continue to deal with health issues*
- ❖ *Lillian Loll who moved to Duluth to be near her son (we will publish her new address when we know what it is)*
- ❖ *Dorothy Sawyer who fell and broke a rib and is now in Regions Hospital*
- ❖ *Laura Mae Hickman who moved to Birchwood Health Care Community (new address listed on page 2)*
- ❖ *Barbara Sanders who took a fall while skiing last weekend and suffered a severely broken leg*
- ❖ *Neil & Muriel Anderson as they transition to their new home in the Seasons at Maplewood (new address listed on page 2)*
- ❖ *our members who are traveling to Penney Farms in Florida to serve and learn at the PET facility*

WINNER – 1ST TIME VISITORS

Lisa Olson of Maplewood is the January winner in our monthly drawing for first time visitors. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an unfamiliar face on Sunday morning and help us make all of our visitors feel welcome.

SAVE THESE DATES...

GAP March outing is a roughly "baby boomer" aged social/service group, will meet Sunday, March 6, 3:45 P.M. at First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Avenue N. E., Columbia Heights, 55421 (763)788-9653 www.FLCCH.org Please contact Mark and Mary Youngstrom at myoungstrom@aol.com or (651)483-0498 if you are interested in attending.

The bridge group regularly meets on the second Thursday of each month. This month we will meet Thursday, March 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. New players are always welcome.

Please join the **BLB group** on Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. at Denny's on White Bear Ave. Enjoy good fellowship and food. Sign up at the Welcome Center. For questions call Dean or Vera Schreiner at 483-3688. A good way to welcome spring!

The **Stamping Card Group** will meet on Thursday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside room. If you would like to help make cards and send to our homebound members, please join us.

Girl Scout Sunday is coming up on **March 27**. Girl Scout troops #52497 and #50311 who meet at our church will be with us to share in the service. One of the troops will be having a bake sale after the service with some delicious treats. Come see and hear what the Girl Scouts have been doing!

Coming in April...

Volleyball Sunday is April 3. What is Volleyball Sunday? Well, Pastor Chip will still be preaching! But, we will have members of the eight church volleyball teams helping at our service. Come learn about this fun and active fellowship that has been happening at our church for the past 29 years. And please, dress is casual on April 3.

Coming in May...**LifeLine Health Screening**

Arlington Hills United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on **Friday, May 13, 2011** on-site. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four ultrasound screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit

www.lifelinescreening.com

for more information on the tests and costs or to pre-register.

NURTURE & EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins a new rotation on **Respect!** This rotation also includes the Golden Rule. The main theme is that Jesus teaches us to love God and to love others. One way we show love to God and to others is by being respectful.

INTERESTING TIDBITS

*8% of parents think their kids are stressed. 20% of kids think they are stressed. (America Psychological Association)

*\$#! Kids are swearing at an earlier age (between 3 and 4). The words they're using are no different from earlier eras. In fact, of the 70 different common taboo words, 10 frequently used words make up 80% of common swearing. Experts say it's not television to blame, but parents who model swearing for their kids. (Group Ministry)

SPRING NEW MEMBER CLASS

A New Member Class is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 6** at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of this class to join or to find out more about what membership means, please be our guest for the LOL meal at 6:00 and join us for about an hour of class. Please call the church office (651) 776-1547 or sign up on the yellow Sign Up Sheet to reserve your place.

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

Lenten study classes begin the first week of March. If you have not signed up, this is your last chance! Sign Up sheets are at the Welcome Center.

LIVING OUT LOUD (LOL)

LOL SCHEDULE

March 2

March 9 – Ash Wednesday

March 16 – **NO LOL** – *Spring Break*

7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

March 23 – Midweek Worship and

Methodist Creek Sing-Along

Please sign up on the yellow Sign-Up Sheet in the Sunday bulletin if you plan to join us for the meal.

LOL HAPPENINGS

KNIT WITH US ON WEDNESDAYS!

A group will continue to meet after the LOL dinner hour to knit and chat. Everyone is welcome. Contact Maxine or Pastor Lori for more information.

COME & SING-ALONG!!

Please join Methodist Creek (Gary & Rachel McDonald, Kaye Olson, Dave Johnson) at 6:30 on the 4th Wednesday of every month continuing **March 23** for a monthly gospel sing-along. *Let Dave Johnson know what songs you want to sing - 651-481-0470.*

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Once each month after our LOL meal we gather in the fireside room at 6:30 pm for a midweek worship service. Join us March 23 for this casual, half-hour long service. Bring your coffee cup and come sing and pray with us.

United Methodist Women Sponsored News / Events

UMW

Enrichment Morning

Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m.

Prayer and giving have long been vital to the women's organizations in the church. Come and join us as we observe the United Methodist Women's annual "call to prayer and self-denial" offering. Through this special observance, we are challenged *to engage in prayer and to reflect upon stewardship* as we respond to specific mission needs in the church.

This year's offering will support the Retirement Benefits Fund that provides pensions and health care for retired United Methodist Women deaconesses and missionaries. We will learn more about some of these retired women who live at the United Methodist Women-supported Brooks Howell Home in Asheville, NC. These women ascribe to the motto, "Called to serve, serving still." No matter where they have retired to, these faithful women continue in mission, witnessing to the importance of Christian service.

There is no charge for this event. To help with planning refreshments, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Child care will be provided upon request. Hope to see you there.

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Hannah Circle will meet at church
Saturday, March 5 at 9:30 am

Lydia Circle will meet on Wednesday,
March 2 at 1:00 pm in the Fireside
Room. Please contact Helen Merkle
with questions – 484-3170

Rebekah Circle will meet on Thursday,
March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside
Room

Naomi Circle usually will meet
Thursday, March 3 at 9:30 at
church. Nadean Sorenson & Jean
Donovan are hostesses

PENNEY FARMS MISSION TRIP

PET Personal Energy Transportation February 27- March 4

Arlington Hills members Arlington Hills members will be working with PET International at their site in Penney Farms, Florida. They will be building all terrain wheelchairs to be shipped around the world to serve the poor and the disabled. This exciting project changes lives! It gives, dignity, access to school for children and opportunity to be mobile and to work for adults. Say a prayer for our work team this week: Pastor Chip, Donna Burger, JoAnne Dansdill, Shel and Kerry Manthei, Mike and Sue Harwood, and Todd Levig.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING A Special Sunday Offering of the UMC Sunday, April 3

Once a year, during One Great Hour of Sharing, you and your congregation join other United Methodists in this special offering to support humanitarian aid through UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief. Your gifts on this day underwrite UMCOR's "cost of doing business." That means that 100% of every dollar given to designated UMCOR programs goes directly to that program. There will be special envelopes in the bulletin on April 3. Please give what you can.

CAN YOU HELP?

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER for Arlington House Shelter

You are invited to this all you can eat pancakes and your choice of orange juice or coffee – just \$8.00 per person on Saturday, March 5 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at Applebee's, 5855 Blaine Av. Inver Grove Heights, MN

Founded in 1969, Arlington House is a 20 bed emergency shelter for adolescents ages 11 to 17 providing a save home for up to 90 days. Contact JoAnne Dansdill for tickets or more information.

TIX FOR TOTS

AHUMC member Rachel McDonald has used the Tix for Tots program to get free tickets to area events for the Karen family that she is mentoring. It is a great program, but even though the

tickets are free there are still expenses involved with transportation, parking and concessions. She is looking for someone who is interested in helping with this in the future. Can you provide transportation and help navigate the crowds? If interested contact Rachel at Rachel_McDonald_1@hotmail.com

VANCO UPDATE

Success with Direct Deposit Giving!

Online giving through VANCO, the company that handles our direct deposit offerings, has been available to our church members for more than 6 months now. To date, we have had no problems reported. Although we have only a small number of users, the process has proved to be 'functioning as planned'.

The Stewardship Committee encourages our congregation to consider this option as their giving tool as this streamlines the bookkeeping process, lessens the monies needed to be handled in the traditional fashion, and ensures a consistent flow of money needed to fund our ministries. It also enables you to donate without worrying about writing checks or remembering your offering envelopes!

For more information, or to begin direct deposit giving, visit our website, or contact the church office!

The Finance and Stewardship Committee thanks those participating for being the pioneers in our church by using this state-of-the-art process.

FISHING CAMP NEWS

Register through the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Camping Brochure available at the welcome center or online at www.campminnesota.org

For more information contact Pastor Chip.

Lake of the Woods/ Red Lake UM Fishing Camp

Camp #442 - **May 16-19, 2011** - Only \$299

For Men and Women

This camp is in its 4th year. Pastor Chip will serve as Camp Dean. Experience the very best walleye fishing that Minnesota has to offer! Fishing, Fun, Friendships, Spiritual Renewal, and Growing Faith are all part of the experience. We will be staying in the beautiful Grand Lodge corporate retreat center at Border View Lodge www.borderviewlodge.com ! Make and renew friendships. Laugh hard and eat fresh walleye! Registration fee includes: food, lodging, boat, transportation (when car pooling with a boat driver).

Canadian Fishing Camp - Lac Seul, Ontario

Camp #305 - **August 8-14, 2011**

Only \$619 before April 1/ \$644 after April 1

Beautiful Lac Seul is a top ten Canadian lake! This camp is in its 16th year. Pastor Chip will serve as a Camp Dean. Experience world class walleye Fishing! The fun includes making new friends, spiritual renewal, and growing in faith. We will be staying in modern cabins in a remote area as guests of the native

community at Mahkwa Lodge. Registration includes food, lodging, boats, guides. Enjoy, shore lunch, evening devotions, time for physical and spiritual renewal. Participants carpool to Lac Seul (5 hours north of International Falls, MN). Passports Required.

SCHOLARSHIP OPEN

Applications are now be accepted for the Warren Churchill Scholarship. More information about this scholarship and the application forms are available at the church website www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org or in the church office. Applications must be completed and returned to the church office by April 30, 2011. The scholarship will be awarded in May/June.

SCRIP NEWS!

Panera, Chipotle, Target, Rainbow & Cub

Scrip gift cards are now available every Sunday!! Other Scrip can be ordered—see the updated order form for participating retailers!

The order form is now available online at the church website

www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org

Thank you for your support!!

A big “thank you” to Donna Burger and Carole Benson who have helped us on Sunday mornings with Scrip sales.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER

It is a tradition at Arlington Hills United Methodist Church to have a beautiful Easter Garden in celebration of this glorious morning.

Order Forms will be available in the bulletin later this month and in the April Builder. Orders will be taken at the Welcome Center the following Sundays: April 3, 10 & 17, 2011. Or you may put your order form along with payment in drawer #41 in the church office.

You may order one or more of the potted plants "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of." You may take your plant(s) following the last Easter day worship service or you may donate it to the church for homebound members & friends.

What a wonderful way to remember our loved ones and help fill the church with the beautiful sights and smells of spring.

SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL**2011-12 ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment is now open for fall 2011. Sunshine is a quality preschool program that has been serving children age three to five here at Arlington Hills for over 30 years. Classes meet two or three mornings a week from 9:00 to 11:30. Please tell family, friends and neighbors about our program. Learn more at the Sunshine Preschool page on our church website or Sunshine Facebook page, Sunshine Preschool Maplewood Minnesota. Our fall enrollment form will be downloadable at both sites.

PRESCHOOL POWER—PEDALING FOR PATIENTS

Sunshine Preschool's fourth annual Trikeathon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital on January 27-28 was our most successful ever. Our 36 three, four and five year olds truly put the pedal to the metal as they raised over \$1400 for children's cancer treatment and research at St. Jude's in Memphis.

"If only we could harness the energy of these preschoolers..." parents and teachers have been known to say. Well, this day we did, and for such a great and worthy cause! After gathering pledges from generous friends and family, the kids absolutely gave their all as they pedaled trikes or ran countless laps around the gym/fellowship hall. The tired but happy tots learned a lot about bike safety and about helping others in need.

Thank you, Arlington Hills, for continuing to house and support Sunshine Preschool as one of your outreach ministries.

**Arlington Hills United Methodist Church
2011 Annual Church Meeting
February 6, 2011**

Reverend Chip Nielsen presided and opened the meeting. The 2010 Annual Report was distributed along with the church's five year Congregational Ministry Plan. The meeting's primary agenda was to elect 2011 church officers and approve the 2011 annual budget.

Mark Youngstrom, chair of the Leadership Ministry Team, presented the proposed 2011 Church Council Roster shown on pages 2-4 of the Annual Plan. In presenting the Church Roster, Mark thanked Leadership Team members Kaye Olson, Shirley Wester, and Maxine Wallen for their excellent work in recruiting ministry team and committee members. Mark also thanked everyone on the 2011 roster for signing on to carry forward the work of the church for another year. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2011 Church Roster, and the motion was unanimously approved through a show of hands.**

Linda Oberg, Church Treasurer, then presented the proposed 2011 budget which had been approved by the Church Council. The budget is balanced with income and expenditures both equaling \$376,000. Part of the budget balancing procedure involved reducing program budgets by \$12,043.04, the amount by which program areas under spent their budgets in 2011. No special fundraising was included in the 2011 budget. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2011 budget, and the motion was unanimously approved through a show of hands.**

Linda also focused attention on page 19 of the annual plan which shows the total amount of special offerings for 2010 to be \$14,384.92. Included in the special offerings were donations to important causes such as the Debrugsal School in Sierra Leone, local food shelves, Haiti, and UMCOR. Linda also added that the church paid its 2010 conference apportionments in full. Chip made note of the fact that the Permanent Endowment Fund report on page 52 lists funds available in 2011 to enrich and expand church programming.

Chip invited church members to review all the committee and team reports in the annual report. He mentioned that there is no pastoral report but instead there is a "Cultivating Clergy Excellence Plan" starting on page 55 which shows how the AHUMC clergy have aligned their work with the five year Congregational Ministry Plan. He encouraged members to be aware of the five year plan which was thoughtfully developed this past year through the efforts of the Church Council. This plan will guide the church's work in the coming years. Catherine Solheim, Assistant Lay Leader, added that the plan is a working document, not something to gather dust on the shelf. The Council will be marking progress toward achievement of the goals in the plan. One achievement already coming out of the plan was the hiring of our new Community Outreach Director, Martha Rice. Catherine, speaking also for Lay Leader, John James, thanked everyone for their efforts in developing the plan and looked forward to using the plan to expand the church's reach into the community. Martha Rice mentioned that, in a conversation she had with a Roseville City Council member, AHUMC's work with the Karen community is already being recognized and applauded.

Mary Youngstrom, from the Caring Ministry Team, shared the results of a survey she did of 18 church members whose combined total of direct visits to homebound, nursing home, or hospitalized people totaled 270. Mary conjectured that beyond the 18 she surveyed there were likely many other church members making similar numbers of calls.

Before offering a closing prayer, Pastor Chip said it was a privilege for Lori and him to serve as pastors of AHUMC, and they both appreciated the support of the lay leadership.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Youngstrom, Council Secretary

Copies of the 2010 Annual Report are available at the Welcome Center of by calling the church office.

Youth Happenings

LOL

Wednesday, March 2: Supper and classes

Wednesday, March 9: Come for supper. We'll have a brief large group gathering and attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m.

NO LOL March 16—Spring Break

Wednesday, March 23: we will begin by participating in the mid-week worship, classes and conclude with a large group activity

Wednesday March 30: Supper and classes

Youth Silent Auction: Sunday May 1

Please plan to donate something for the auction. Consider a gift basket or offer your time in service as a donation. Mark this date on your calendar, as we need participation from all to make this a success!! It's not too early to make your plans. We will be sharing the proceeds with the PET project.

SH Volleyball

Friday March 4— 6:00 p.m.

Friday March 11— 8:00 p.m.

Friday March 18th—make-up night/practice games, time to be determined

Friday March 25—tournament part I, time to be determined (bring snacks)

Friday April 1—tournament final, time to be determined

Congratulations to Alex Sether for the honor of being a Junior Royalty at the Winter Carnival and to Ellen Jones for her cheerleading competition in Florida!

Watch the bulletin and e-mails for other events in March!!!

Personal note from Beth:

In March we enter the season of Lent! Please take some time to reflect on what Jesus did for each of us as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter in April! Perhaps spend some time in prayer and Bible reading. (A suggested reading: Matthew chapters 26 – 28) Some people choose to give up something for Lent as a personal sacrifice. While other people try to take on something additional such as more devotional time or serving others. I encourage you to draw closer to God! For Spring Break: enjoy your time off whether it is here in MN or elsewhere! Relax and enjoy!! You are all SO loved! ---Beth



SCOUTING UPDATE

Boy Scout Troop #187 & Pack #712

Visit us on the web at www.t187.com or www.pack712.us

T187's 75th Birthday

Can you believe that Troop 187 is now in its 75th year? Started in 1936 by Eder Youngquist, could he ever have imagined the troop would continue on so long, teaching young boys how to become better citizens and to help mold them into the leaders of tomorrow? How about 84 boys reaching the pinnacle of scouting by achieving the rank of Eagle as well as two more young men just days away bringing the grand total to 86. This was no easy task but rather a testament to the great leaders, most of whom are current Eagle Scouts from the troop, who would give their time and dedication to such a great program. I would like to say thank you to all of the current and past leaders of Troop 187 for without them this troop would not be possible.

Future Scouts

If you know of any boys between the ages of 5 and 17 please let us know. Troop 187 meets on Monday nights 6:45-9pm at AHUMC. Pack 712 meets at Harambee School most Thursday evenings in the cafeteria 6:45-7:45pm. Please contact Dan Youngquist at 612-991-0320 or dpyoungquist@gmail.com for more information.

Scout Sunday a Great Success

February 13th was Scout Sunday at AHUMC. This was the troop's time to say thank you to the church for being our sponsor and providing us a safe and clean place to meet. We had over 20 scouts and leaders involved from both T187 and P712. Positions the scouts helped out with included greeters, ushers, acolytes and scripture readers. We also had a three minute video produced by one of our leaders highlighting our yearly trip to Tomahawk Scout Reservation. It was a great time to be involved in scouting.

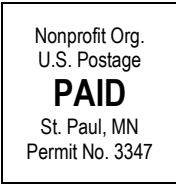
Current Fundraisers

T187 and P712 have several fundraisers throughout the year that help our scouts pay for camp. Current T187 fundraisers include: - Aluminum can recycling and Magazine subscriptions while current P712 fundraisers include Chocolate Candy Bars and Joe's Sporting Goods Gift Cards. For information please contact dpyoungquist@gmail.com for more information.

EAST SIDE ECUMENICAL CHURCHES - LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The East Side Ecumenical group of churches will again offer a series of Lenten services throughout Lent and Holy Week. The theme is "**Seeing the Sacred in Our Everyday Lives**" based on the book "*An Altar in the World*" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Each Wednesday in Lent there will be services at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Holy Week services will be 7:00 pm only. The offering at each of the services will go to support Merrick Community Food Shelf. A simple soup supper will be offered before each of the lenten services beginning at 6:00 pm with a suggested donation \$3.00 per person.

<u>Service Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 9 Ash Wednesday	Arlington Hills UMC
March 16	Wheelock Parkway UMC
March 23	Hazel Park Community UCC
March 30	Mounds Park UMC
April 6	Christ UMC
April 13	Epworth UMC
April 21 Maundy Thursday	Arlington Hills Presbyterian
7:00 pm service only – Soup at 6:00 pm	
April 22 Good Friday	Hazel Park Community UCC
7:00 pm service only – Tenebrae with Combine Choir	



Next Builder Deadline

Wednesday, March 23, 2011