

April 2011

OUR CHANGING COMMUNITY

Sunday, April 10 at 11:15 a.m.

Please join Roseville City Council member Tammy Pust after the service on Sunday, April 10 from 11:15-12:00 in the fireside room when she will share with our congregation information about "Our Changing Community". Tammy will discuss demographic data from the Roseville School District which is the school district where our church resides. Understanding our community and its needs can help us, as a congregation, make a difference in our community.

Tammy Pust is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School and has worked for the Attorney General's office doing legislative work on behalf of children and families. She has served as an Asst. Education Commissioner and her current private practice focuses on education and employment. In addition to serving on the Roseville City Council she is also President of the North Suburban Community Foundation. Please come for an interesting and enlightening presentation.



AHUMC MINISTRY TEAM**Ministers –**

All of our church family

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Nursery –

Amelia Birchems

Wedding Consultant –

Kristi Hanes

Custodians –

Ron Houde & Brian Gaylord

Wednesday Chef –

Chris Lewis

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NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE**BUILDER DEADLINES**

<u>Input Deadline</u>	<u>Builder Assembly</u>
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

Note: we will publish as addendum to the Member Directory in May, after the New Member Class. It will include all changes in the last directory was published in August.

Anderson, Gene– new address

2850 Market Place Dr. #110
 Little Canada, MN 55117

Huss, Carol– new email address

CarolHuss@comcast.net

Lewis, Viola & Kenneth– new phone number

(651) 528-8838

WINNER – 1ST TIME VISITORS

Kathy Stephan of Maplewood is the February winner in our monthly drawing for first time visitors. Congratulations Kathy. We hope you will be joining us regularly at Arlington Hills.

We encourage everyone to take a moment to introduce yourself to an unfamiliar face on Sunday morning and help us make all of our visitors feel welcome.

THE PASTOR SHARES

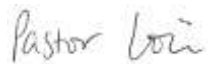
I recently had the great pleasure of seeing a former co-worker from North Ridge at a seminar. When we were last in touch, this young woman was facing a multitude of challenging issues and she was feeling very downhearted and wasn't sure where to go next. Her marriage was in trouble, the career she had always dreamed of was not working out and she was far from home and the support of her family. Any one of these problems is enough without having to deal with all of them at once!

This young woman was not the same person as before! I was so pleased to hear she now has a good job in a field she loves, a three-year old son, and she is working on her master's degree! She was glowing with happiness. Her faith in God is strong and she is active in her church. What a wonderful transformation to witness!

This is what Easter is all about. We are celebrating the power of God's love to bring something new and beautiful out of what is old, painful, and dead in our lives and in the world.

This year, we will have two choices for your Easter offering and both offer us opportunities to be a part of the power of God's resurrecting love. Our Easter offerings will go to either the Debrugsal School in Sierra Leone where we will change the life of a child through the gift of education or to UMCOR-the Pacific Disaster to support those affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan and other Pacific areas.

What a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people who need to know that God's love is transformational!



Pastor Lori

EASTER FLOWER GARDEN



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

Order Forms are included in this 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.

All are welcome to join us **Thursday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m.** when we will decorate the church with these wonderful plants. Contact Kristi Hanes for more information about how you can help.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

"THE GREATEST SONG ... EVER"

Easter morning services will be held at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. with refreshments served in between the services. There will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids after each service!

Celebrate the resurrection with a medley of favorite Easter Hymns and a message of hope!

This year's Easter offering may be designated to either of two projects: The **Debrugsal School & Orphanage** in Sierra Leone (*in the past our gifts have been providing operating expenses to pay teachers as well as feed and clothe the children*), or UMCOR Earthquake & Tsunami **Relief for Japan** (UMCOR Advance # 3021317). Please specify your choice in your check's memo field or on your special Easter offering envelope. Thank you for your gifts.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Dorothy Sawyer
- 6 Rebecca Kaese
- 10 Ralph Hayne
- 10 Godfried Holm
- 10 Leah Stanley
- 11 Virginia Gibb
- 11 Daniel Hansen
- 13 Ruth Radi
- 14 Miriam Novotny
- 15 Fred LeBlanc
- 16 Sara Schurr
- 16 Emil Sierra
- 16 April VanMassenhove
- 20 Jodi Joriman
- 22 David Engelhardt
- 22 Arthur Kaese
- 22 Rodney Oberg
- 23 Nancy Gorman
- 24 Rueben Lewis
- 24 Linda Oberg
- 25 John Simmons
- 25 Soren Sorenson
- 26 Amara Lowery
- 26 Rodney Scott
- 29 Diane Smith



...Marge and Don Webinger as they continue to deal with health issues

...Art & Dolores Kaese as they continue to help Art regain strength

...Claude Bewell who has moved into transitional care

...Sara Christensen who is recovering from knee surgery

...and all of our church members who are struggling with their health

...Leah and John Harding and family upon the death of Leah's father

...all who have been affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami in the Pacific



Prayers of joy for Liesl Vincent and her family. Liesl was baptized here at AH on March 20

Prayers of praise and thanksgiving upon the birth of Adeline Jean, granddaughter of Mark and Nancy Christopherson, born March 3

Prayers of thanksgiving for our missionaries who just travel to Penney Farms in Florida – Pastor Chip, Donna Burger, JoAnne Dansdill, Sheldon & Kerry Manthei, Mike and Susan Harwood and Todd Levig

WARREN CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a college student pursuing a career in art, music or theology. More information about this scholarship and the application forms are available on our website www.arlingtonhillsumc.org or in the church office. They must be completed and returned to the church office by April 30, 2011. The scholarship will be awarded in May/June.

NURTURE & EDUCATION NEWS**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Sunday School will be studying *Mary Magdalene's Story* from now until Easter. Mary was the first to hear the good news of Jesus' resurrection. She was afraid and found it hard to believe that Jesus was really alive. We will hear the story in many different ways and reflect on the issues of death and dying. All these issues are also of concern to children. We are raising live butterflies and will learn their reference to the resurrection. And of course we will celebrate Easter with our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 24 after each of the services. We are really hoping to have an outdoor hunt.

INTERESTING TIDBITS

- *400,000 – the number of children who remain homeless in Haiti following last year's earthquake.
- *90% - the level of accuracy that scientists are able to predict which children with dyslexia will be able to improve their reading skills based on new brain-scanning technology.
- *57% - the increase in autism cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention between 2002 and 2006.

LIVING OUT LOUD**LOL SCHEDULE**

- April 6
- April 13 – Midweek Worship
- April 20 – **NO LOL** – *Holy Week*
- April 27

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

MORE WEDNESDAY NIGHT 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.

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 April 13 for this casual, half-hour long service. Bring your coffee cup and come sing and pray with us.

YOGA CLASS OFFERING

Wednesdays, March 30 – May 11 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Come enjoy a Yoga/Pilates fusion class set to music. The cost is \$35 for the six classes (no class on 4/20 of Holy Week) or \$8 per class on a drop-in basis. All levels are welcome. Benefits include increased flexibility, strength and balance; connecting mind, body and spirit. Bring a yoga mat, water and towel. Bring a friend! Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Martha Rice at martha@arlingtonhillsumc.org.

GOSPEL SING-ALONG CONTINUES!!

Please join us on Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30. Bring your voice or even your instrument. Don't be shy we are all about the spirit of the music—not perfection. We accept requests and if we cannot play a request on the spot we will try to practice it for the following month. We had sing-alongs in February and March and have seen more and more participation. Come join the fun!

Methodist Creek

LENT & HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

The Eastside Ecumenical group of churches is again offering 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.

April 6 - Christ UMC

April 13 - Epworth UMC

April 21 - Arlington Hills Presbyterian
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service only

April 22 - Hazel Park Community UCC
7:00 pm Good Friday service only
Tenebrae with Combine Choir

SERVING HANDS UPDATE

This winter the Mission Outreach Committee received a request from the **Ronald McDonald House** for laundry detergent and towel sets. With 45 families in residence, they go through lots of soap and towels! *The committee is very proud to report that we collected 13 large bottles of laundry detergent and 21 towel sets.* This should help with the current shortage they were experiencing.

THANK YOU...as many of you know I work weekends at the Ronald McDonald House. When I arrived yesterday there was three towels left. (two I would use in my garage for rags) It was sure nice to have the sets donated from your church. The rooms look GREAT...THANK YOU.

Todd Levig

DONATIONS FOR THE JAPAN DISASTER

In response to the Earthquake on March 10, 2011 that struck Japan, The United

Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will be working to provide emergency relief and long-term recovery support for communities affected by the earthquakes and tsunamis. UMCOR works in shelter and infrastructure reconstruction, water and sanitation, income generation, health and nutrition, education and community development.

You can help directly with this effort by making a contribution to UMCOR. You can write a check to AHUMC and specify **UMCOR Advance # 3021317** in the memo field. Or visit our website to find a link to the *UMCOR Online Donation System*. Contact the AH office if you have questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY OFFERING

The offering from our Ash Wednesday services was designated to go to support Merrick Community Food Shelf. Through your generous support we were able to send Merrick \$597.35. This gift will be appreciated during these trying economic times.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

To all the kind, thoughtful friends in Arlington Hills Methodist Church who remembered me during the last few weeks, my grateful thanks. Thoughts, cards, prayers, gifts, telephone calls and visits were much appreciated. I have missed seeing you in church on Sundays and during the weekly activities. I'll be happy when I can get into things again.

Thank You,
Dorothy Sawyer

SAVE THESE DATES...

VOLLEYBALL SUNDAY is April 3. Come to join us in celebrating this fun and active fellowship that has been happening at our church for the past 29 years. And please, dress is casual.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

A Special Sunday Offering of the UMC

Once a year, during One Great Hour of Sharing, we 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 **Sunday, April 3**. Please give what you can.

SPRING NEW MEMBER CLASS

A New Member Class is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 6**. We invite all those who are interested in joining Arlington Hills UMC and all those who have questions concerning membership to join us for a meal at LOL on that Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We will share a meal together and then explore membership and the Methodist Church.

Those who decide to join Arlington Hills are then invited to be with us on **Sunday, April 10** for our Sunday worship service when we will welcome you as a member of the church.

Please call the church office (651) 776-1547 to let us know you are coming.

The **bridge group** regularly meets on the second Thursday of each month. This month we will meet Thursday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. New players are always welcome.

The **BLB group** regularly meets on the third Saturday of each month. We enjoy good fellowship and food. Sign up at the Welcome Center the week before.

The **Stamping Card Group** will meet on Thursday, April 28 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.

Coming in May...**LIFELINE HEALTH SCREENING**

Are you, or have you ever been, a smoker? Are you a male over 55? Arlington Hills United Methodist Church is pleased to host a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for risk of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology to detect an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. Warning signs of AAA often go unidentified and if ruptured, abdominal aortic aneurysms are 80-95% fatal. The screening will be held on **Friday, May 13, 2011** on-site. You can 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 tests and costs or to pre-register.



ARLINGTON HILLS BBQ

Hungry Anyone? We are going to have a good old Southern-style **BBQ dinner** at church on **Saturday, May 14!** The menu is being planned and we will sell tickets for this dinner. Watch for more details in the coming days!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Please join us after the service on **Sunday, May 15** when we will gather for **PIE & ICE CREAM** in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate all the people who have helped this past year at Arlington Hills. **EVERYONE** is invited. Please come and enjoy the hospitality and thank someone you know who has volunteered.

MORE GREAT MUSIC

Mark **Sunday, May 22**, *yes MAY 22*, as a Sunday you do NOT want to miss. Julia Fahey is bringing her high school group, **Partners in Praise**, to AHUMC for a Sunday morning worship experience! You are very familiar with her younger group - *Con Brio* - that shared their gift of song with us in January. This is her stellar, older group and we've been trying to schedule them for 2 years. Mark your calendars and remember to bring a friend!

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND LUNCHEON**

Sunday, May 22. Come and get an update on the funds and how they are benefiting Arlington Hills Church and its ministries. Please call the office and RSVP. Learn how you can participate in this growing ministry.

YOUTH SILENT AUCTION

The Youth will be having a silent auction on **Sunday, May 1**, before and after the worship service. Last year's silent auction was a major success and helped with the funding for the youth mission trip to Florida. Profits from this year's auction will provide money for future youth experiences AND support PET with a donation to help with the wonderful work of this organization.

Do you have keepsakes or other items too good to be thrown, too special to just give away that you'd be willing to share with your church family? Do you have special skills, talents or other things you'd be willing to auction? Everyone has gifts and talents - sharing these will not only support our youth but could create lasting memories. In addition to donated items, we will also offer gift certificates from our community partners for bidding. Here is a sample of what we've already received for the auction:

- ✓ \$40 gift certificate from Ichiban Japanese SteakHouse in Minneapolis
- ✓ \$30 gift certificate from the award-winning Punch Neapolitan Pizza
- ✓ Two \$25 gift certificates from Maplewood's own Champps Restaurant
- ✓ Two tickets for any performance in the upcoming season at Park Square Theatre in St. Paul
- ✓ Two family passes (worth \$11 each) for the Maplewood Community Center - to use with the pool, waterpark, etc.
- ✓ A quart of frozen custard each month for a year (valued at \$75) from Culver's in Little Canada
- ✓ Two \$20 gift certificates from Magnolia's fine restaurant on Payne Avenue.

Details on the auction and donations will be available at the Welcome Center in April. We hope to see you on Sunday May 1! Bring a friend or neighbor! Join the fun!

A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

It's Spring and with it comes Confirmations, Graduations, Mother's Day, Father's Day and so many other wonderful opportunities to celebrate! Did you know you could double your giving easily this year?

The church Scrip program allows you to buy Scrip gift cards as a gift - which is as easy to use as paper money in stores - while making a contribution to the church! We all give our weekly tithes & offerings, this is another wonderful way for each of us to give to the church - and it adds up.

- A \$25 gift certificate to Gap for that teen on your list not only is a quick way to give a welcomed gift, but by buying that gift card, you are also, in effect, putting \$2.25 in the church offering plate!
- A \$ 100 gift card for Macy's might buy some nice Easter finery - and by buying the gift card at church you are also donating \$10 to the church - while still having all of the \$100 gift for your purchases!
- Not sure what to buy Dad for Father's Day? A gift card to Lands' End or L. L. Bean will not only allow him to pick out his own favorite togs, but a \$25 gift card will bring the church a special gift of \$4.00!
- Planning a night out with the family - catching a movie at Rosedale AMC and supper at Old Country Buffet? We have the scrip and for a family of four you'd also be making about a \$6.00 donation for the church!

The church's Scrip program offers dozens of store gift cards and you can buy or order them any week just after church. Copies of the Scrip form are available in the lobby or can be downloaded from our church's website! It's easy. Just fill out the order form, including a check made out to AHUMC, and leave it in the offering plate, church office or at the Scrip table after church.

The economy is tough right now, but using the Scrip program gives us another easy way to support the church and its programs. Give it a try!

PANERA, CHIPOTLE, TARGET, RAINBOW & CUB

Scrip gift cards are now available every Sunday!! Other Scrip can be ordered—see the order form for participating retailers! The order form is available at the Welcome Center and online at the church website.

WHAT INSTRUMENT DO YOU PLAY?

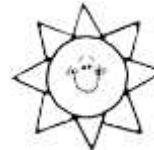
The music committee would like to inventory the musical instrument skills of the members of this church. Please send us your name and a list of any and all instrument(s) you play (any skill level).

SOUND SYSTEM SUPPORT

Do you have a couple hours a month that you could give to Arlington Hills? Do you have experience with audio equipment – *or interest in learning?* Gary & Rachel McDonald are looking for volunteers who would like to be trained to run the audio/sound system in the sanctuary. You are welcome to join them in the sound booth during a weekend service to see what goes on. We are very fortunate to have a small set of skilled volunteers for this important ministry, but we would like to build a set of backups that can step in for them when they can't be with us. Please contact Gary to learn more.

SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL

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.



Youth Director - Job Opportunity

Our church is looking to hire a new Youth Director. The Youth Director is responsible for organizing, developing, and leading programs that provide a supportive, Christian community where 6th – 12th grade youth can learn about and grow in their faith. The programs should provide pathways for connecting the Arlington Hills youth to the broader congregation and community.

We are hoping to fill the position by May 1. If you know of someone who would be interested in applying for the position, please have them send their resume, references, and salary requirements to chip@arlingtonhillsumc.org.

Responsibilities Include

- Organize, develop, and coordinate new and ongoing youth programs and activities
- Develop youth program calendar
- Provide mission oriented youth activities
- Work with church staff and committees to coordinate programs that relate to other program areas within the church
- Recruit and support youth program volunteers
- Work with youth and volunteers on fundraising activities to support youth programs, including mission trips
- Work on the Confirmation team, including class preparation, teaching, and large group activities
- Occasional participation in Sunday worship (i.e. Youth Sunday)
- Provide ongoing communication and information to the church administrative assistant for church website updates, newsletters, and bulletins
- Attend regularly scheduled staff meetings

Qualifications

- Previous youth program leadership experience
- Self-starter, energetic, outgoing, good sense of humor
- Knowledge and good understanding of current youth issues
- 4 year degree preferred
- Background in volunteer work
- Spiritually grounded reflecting the character and spirit of the United Methodist Church
- Strong communication skills

Work Schedule

- 12 -15 hours per week
- 12 months per year
- Minimum of three Sunday mornings per month
- Wednesday evening hours during the school year

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPONSORED NEWS/EVENTS

SUNDAY COFFEE – Lydia Circle serves during the month of April.

APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS

Hannah Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 2 in the fireside room.

Lydia Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6 in the fireside room.

Naomi Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7 at church. Marilyn Hobbs is hostess.

Rebekah Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7 in the fireside room.

Hannah Circle – Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. at church

As we continue our Haiti study, we are pleased to welcome two guest speakers who were recently in Haiti as part of the Healing Haiti organization (www.healinghaiti.org). They will lead a ½ hour presentation, including a short video and question & answer session.

We send a special invite out to ALL women of the church to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and study.

THE UMW QUILTERS meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We are glad to have received a sewing machine from the estate of Ted and Gladys Appleman. We are planning a longer morning of sewing on May 12, when we will start at 9:00 a.m. and go until 1:00 p.m. Following, we will go to lunch together. We welcome newcomers!

Spring Banquet

Thursday, May 19

5:30 p.m. Social time; 6:00 p.m. Dinner; 7:00 p.m.
Program



Lori Dokken and Judi Donaghy will be the special musical program for the evening. (We missed out hearing them perform back in snowy December, so we are VERY EXCITED they can join us now.) You don't want to miss it!

ALL WOMEN — SAVE THIS DATE! Watch for more details about ticket sales and prices in upcoming Sunday worship bulletins, in the May Builder, and at the Welcome Center.

Youth Happenings

Silent Auction Sunday, May 1

On Sunday, May 1 the youth will be holding a silent auction. Families are requested to bring items or donate a gift basket! Youth: please consider what talents/services you have that you could auction. Perhaps babysitting time, yard work, technology skills (helping someone with computer etc.)...the list goes on! Please bring your donations by May 1. Youth should plan to come at 8:30 for set-up, plan to stay and work during the auction and clean up as needed. You are all needed to make this a success!!

-Silent Auction Meeting: Sunday, April 3 following the worship service. Youth and Parents plan to attend this meeting. We will be discussing how you can be involved, ideas for donations and sign-up for duties the day of the auction.

Linder's Certificates

We will be selling Linder's certificates beginning Sunday, April 3. We need MH & SH youth to volunteer to sell at the Welcome Center following worship services in the month of April. Please sign-up with Beth. If you would like an order form for sales outside of the church, please see Beth. (Order forms will be due by Wednesday, April 27)

Looking Ahead

- LOL Wednesday April 6—Supper, class and large group activity
- LOL Wednesday, April 13—Mid-week worship service, then regular classes
- NO LOL Wednesday April 20—Holy Week—I encourage you to attend the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services, then you can fully experience the joy of Easter!
- Easter worship, Sunday, April 24—8:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.
- LOL Wednesday April 27—silent auction preparation

MH & SH Bowling Outing: Sunday April 17. Watch for more details.

Summer Camp

Consider making camp part of your summer plans. LYFE Camp at Decision Hills is June 12 – 18. "This camp is about fun, friends and faith." Pick up a camping brochure. It can be a life-changing experience! Scholarships are available. We do NOT want finances to be an obstacle for any student. If you have questions, talk to any youth who have attended, Pastor Chip or Beth.

THE GOOD NEWS: John 11: 25 - 26 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" (TNIV)



SCOUTING UPDATE

Boy Scout Troop #187 & Pack #712

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

P712 Blue & Gold Ceremony

On February 27th Pack 712 held its annual Blue and Gold Ceremony to highlight the Cub Scouts that reached the Arrow of Light which is the highest rank in Cub Scouts. This year we had two scouts attaining the rank and on the next day they made the move to being a member of T187. The evening also included some 15 additional rank advancements by younger cub scouts along with a show by Professor Sepoc with Science Outside the Box. A show that included science experiments you can do at home in the kitchen. The boys had such a great time. I would like to congratulate both scouts for earning the Arrow of Light as well as a big welcome to T187!

T187 Lock-in at AHUMC

16 Boy Scouts + 3 leaders = Great Fun! February 18th was T187's winter lock-in and tubing event at AHUMC. The evening started with a trek out to Eko Backen in Scandia, MN for some snow tubing thrills, spills and chills. Afterwards we had pizza back at AHUMC along with hours of dodgeball and other gym games. Thank you to leaders Adriano, Ryan and Dan for helping out!

Scouting for Food 4/30/11

T187 along with P712 will be collecting food for the less fortunate on Saturday April 30th 9-noon. If you are able to donate any non-perishable food items please drop them off in the Scout closet in gym ahead of time. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.



Linder's Certificates

Spring is coming!!! As you begin thinking about spring planting, here is an opportunity for you to support our Youth ... at no additional cost to you. The Youth will be selling \$10, \$25 and \$50 Linder's Garden Center certificates beginning April 3 and throughout the month of April.

Certificate will be available for pick up Sunday, May 1 at the Welcome Center.

Thank you for your Support.

