

July – August 2011

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## THE METHODIST COMMUNITY GARDEN

By Thelma James, Mission Outreach Ministry Team



When Pastor Chip forwarded a letter to me last January about community gardening from the executive director of World Relief Minnesota, I was interested. The executive director spoke about their mission to empower the church to serve the vulnerable. He acknowledged his awareness of the significant number of Karen

refugees living in our neighborhood. He encouraged AHUMC to engage in a gardening program facilitated by World Relief, the Karen Organization of Minnesota (“KOM”), and Minnesota Food Association. We were asked to reflect on how our congregation could contribute to the nutritional health of refugee families by starting a community garden and inviting them to garden.

This project was a natural fit for me because I love both gardening and working with the Karen people. They have a long tradition of farming in their native Burma. The fresh vegetables will supplement their meager food budget and give them the opportunity to engage along with friends and neighbors in an activity dear to their hearts.

*The story continues on page 6 in the **MISSION OUTREACH NEWS***

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**Wedding Consultant –**

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**NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE****BUILDER INPUT DEADLINES****Input Deadline      Builder Assembly**

*\*\* No Builder Published in July\*\**

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| August 17    | August 24    |
| September 21 | September 28 |
| October 19   | October 26   |
| November 16  | November 23  |
| December 14  | December 21  |

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

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The Arlington Hills UMC office will be closed on **Monday, July 4 and Monday, September 5** in observance of the holidays. *Note: There will be limited coverage in the office July 5 – 7. Please call ahead if you need our assistance.*

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

The Arlington Hills UMC office will be closed on Fridays during the summer months of June, July and August. Please visit us

**Monday – Thursday**

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

**THE BUILDER NEWSLETTER - ONLINE**

Each month we make The Builder newsletter available on our website. You can download it, and the monthly calendar, at any time. Back issues are also available by going to our **News & Events** page.



Recorded copies (CDs) of our Sunday worship services are available upon request from the office. A \$3 donation is appreciated to offset costs.

## HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

We have hearing assistance devices available for all of our services. All of the batteries have been replaced recently. If you pick up a unit that is not working, please return it to the sound booth or the church office so that we can attend to it. *Thank you.* It is our desire to help you enjoy the worship experience.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**Davis, Wilma**— *new address*  
1807 Gervais Ct. #212  
Maplewood, MN 55109  
Same phone number

**Gorden, Michele** - *New Email Address*  
MicheleGorden@yahoo.com

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SLHarwood0704@gmail.com  
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1200 Lakeview Dr. Apt #334  
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## THE PASTOR SHARES

### MARCHING TOWARD OUR GOALS

One of my favorite old movies is “City Slickers” featuring Billie Crystal and others on an ill-fated cattle drive that starts on a “Dude Ranch”. Jack Palance won an Oscar for his portrayal of “Curly” the mythic, old, tough as nails cowboy. Curly knows the secret to life is “just one thing”. It’s about knowing your purpose in life and doing it.

Our purpose is to know, serve, and share Christ with the world. We have two mission imperatives which are driving our 5 year church plan 1) to reach new people 2) to go deeper in our own spiritual journeys. Please think and pray about how you can be a part of help AHUMC to accomplish these objectives.

It is our intention and most difficult challenge to reach new people by encouraging you to invite friends and family to worship. We will have several exciting opportunities from Blessing of the Animals to having special guest musicians like Gospel Singer Robert Robinson. We hope to reach new people by developing an AHUMC marketing plan and opportunities to connect new people to AHUMC through Service, Mission and worship experiences. In the coming weeks, we will be offering many opportunities for you to feed your spirit through study, service, worship experiences, fellowship opportunities, prayer, retreats, camping experiences and more!

While you rest and recharge your batteries this summer (I hope you will do both), please prayerfully consider your mission (purpose) to know, serve, and share Christ with our neighbors and the world.

Pastor Chip



- ... Our friends and family who are recovering from surgery including Catharine Haas, Cindy Scott, Kathy Berg and Kathie Winters
- ... Robert Rollin who is regaining strength after suffering a heart attack
- ... Jack Davis as he moves into Sunrise Care Center for hospice care; Sunrise Care Center is located off Snelling north of Rosedale shopping center
- ... and prayers for peace of mind for Audrey as Jack transitions
- ... Don & Marge Webinger as Marge deals with health issues
- ... Donna Burger and family upon the death of her sister in law
- ... Catharine & Richard Haas and family upon the death of their daughter, Rosemary
- ... Andy Shaw and family upon the death of his mother
- ... Our talented guest choir director and soloist, Carolyn Mitchell, who waits for the right doors to open for a music teaching position for fall
- ... Our LYFE campers, counselors and counselors-in-training who spent a week together filled will fun, friendship and faith sharing

## ARLINGTON HILLS 2011 GRADUATES

**Sarah Londo**, graduate of Roseville Area High School. She will attend California Lutheran University in the fall

**Emily Nielsen**, graduate of Roseville Area High School. She will attend North Dakota State University in the fall

**Nathan Rice**, graduate of St. Paul Academy & Summit School. He will attend Washington University in St. Louis, MO in the fall

**Zachary Rice**, graduate of St. Paul Academy & Summit School. He will attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN in the fall

**Devin Sweeney**, graduate of Tartan High School, Oakdale, MN. She will attend Baldwin – Wallace College in Berea, OH in the fall

**Rachel VanAllen**, graduate of Roseville Area High School. She will attend the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus in the fall

**Ted Johnson**, graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Masters of Science in Computer Science



***JULY BIRTHDAYS***

3 Brittany Buckley  
3 Emily Hansen  
4 Susan Harwood  
6 Nancy Christopherson  
7 Hunter Clum  
7 Annika Hagberg  
8 Mildred Harrington  
9 Thelma James  
9 Leonard Lewis  
9 Cynthia Scruggs  
9 James Stanley  
11 Mildred Londino  
11 Tami Maddio  
12 Becky Carlson  
15 Gen Schnaith  
15 Dean Thayer  
16 Earl Radi  
17 Lori Doehne  
18 Wilma Davis  
19 Shelli Sowles  
19 Rebecca VanAllen  
20 Janet Stolts  
22 Jacob Rice  
23 Rita Momsen  
24 Barbara Murray  
24 Sarah Nentwig  
26 Anna Diede  
26 Sharon Wells  
27 Muriel Anderson  
29 Kenneth Benson  
29 Paul Hayne  
30 Tim Petersen  
31 Caitlin Hansen

***AUGUST BIRTHDAYS***

1 John Clum  
1 Jackson Hickman  
1 Gregory LaRock  
2 Benjamin Doehne  
2 Jordan Jonas  
2 Barbara Londo  
8 Kelly Jonas  
10 Catharine Haas  
10 Justin Joriman  
11 Laurie Mickelson  
12 Aaron Klein  
12 Todd Levig  
12 Leah Nentwig  
13 Chad Hanes  
16 Oki Mensah  
16 Robert Stolts  
20 Barbara Buckley  
20 Dennis Joriman  
20 Norinne Kruse  
20 Luana Mitchell  
20 Janet Nienaber  
21 Jason Novotny  
23 Ataa Mensah  
25 Addie Jones  
26 Lillian Loll  
26 Allison Vogel  
27 John James  
30 Kristi Hanes  
31 Arthur Kaese  
31 Kaye Olson

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!***

## MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

### METHODIST COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

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On May 10th, the AHUMC Council approved the creation of a community garden at the back of the church property. There were a number of factors and hurdles to overcome to get to the planting stage. But we got there on June 2, with the help of Mark Christopherson in hauling the large rented Tiller Reartine to our church, and the heavy duty labor of the three tillers: See Nay and Ko Nay Oo, who are KOM employees, and Dennis Hazel. With their dedication and endurance, in four plus hours they tilled a 50' x 100' community garden. It was truly a joint venture with a single purpose in mind by Dennis, John and me alongside two young refugee men.

The following day, See Nay brought nine enthusiastic gardeners to see the garden space and select their garden plots. World Relief encouraged church members to participate, and two people from our congregation are also gardening alongside our new neighbors.

World Relief states: "This is an opportunity to get to know new neighbors (legal immigrants) living in our neighborhood, assist them in integrating into the American culture, provide a connection to their past and future all while helping them put fresh food on their tables."

You are invited to stop by the gardens, chat with the gardeners and check out their crops. If you happen to have garden tools that you no longer use, please consider bringing them with you to donate to the gardeners. You may have to show them how some of the hand tools work, but they will appreciate your kindness.

Thelma James, *Mission Outreach Ministry Team*

## ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

**August:** Once again we will collect school supplies for children living in poverty in our community. Watch for the donation box beginning August first.

**September:** We will be collecting and assembling toiletry items in individual kits for distribution to youth who are members of a homeless family.

**Sunday afternoon,**

**October 9:** the AHUMC congregation is invited to participate in the St. Paul Area CROP HUNGER



WALK. The walk provides us the opportunity to do something together about hunger issues, a way to support local hunger programs in our own community, and a way to make a lasting difference in the fight against hunger. The walk will begin at Camphor UMC in St. Paul. More information will be forthcoming in early September. Plan to be a part of making a huge statement by your presence at the CROP HUNGER WALK. We will have fun!

## CREATE COMMUNITY, INSPIRE HOPE

### REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Arlington Hills United Methodist Church has agreed to "Create community, inspire hope" through co-sponsoring a refugee family in the near future. You may remember Bishop Sally Dyck speaking about this program in May. Several AHUMC members met in early June with Kristin Zoellner of the Minnesota Council of Churches to learn more about the program.

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**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP** *continued*

The co-sponsorship requires a 4-month commitment that focuses on getting the family settled into their apartment, accessing needed services, learning their way around the Twin Cities, and providing other support to help them adjust in their first few months in the U.S.

Kerry Manthei (651-762-2571) and Catherine Solheim (651-484-4694) have agreed to coordinate this effort and several other members have committed to be a part of the team. If anyone would like to serve on the steering committee, please let either Kerry or Catherine know.

Because we anticipate a late summer/early fall arrival, we are beginning to identify/gather furniture and supplies to furnish an apartment that will be ready when they arrive. Sheldon Manthei (651-762-2571) has a truck and is willing to pick up larger items and deliver them to the apartment.

Please look around your home to see if you have any of the following items in good condition that you'd be willing to donate to our refugee family: mattress/box spring sets, bed frames, sofa (clean and gently used), side chairs, dining room table and chairs, end tables/coffee table, lamps, chest of drawers, gently used pots and pans, kitchen utensils, spatulas, cooking spoons, knives, can opener, gently used dishes, bowls, glasses. Smaller supplies needed include toiletries (shampoo, soap), cleaning and housekeeping supplies, pillows, towels, trash bins and laundry baskets.

For a complete list, please see the mission outreach opportunities bulletin board in the narthex.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTED**

On Sunday, June 26, the 2011 Warren Churchill Scholarship award was presented to Lauren Kubitschek. Lauren, who is the granddaughter of JoAnne Dansdill, is the fifth person to receive the \$1000 award. Lauren will be a senior at Hamline University this fall. She is currently carrying a 3.78 grade point average while majoring in elementary education with an eventual goal of becoming a teacher or counselor of K-6 deaf children.

The arts play an important role in Lauren's life. She dances for the Twin Cities Dance Collaborative, a non-profit dance company which donates its profits to local charitable causes. She also performs with the Hamline Dance Team, teaches at Dance Tech Studios and occasionally teaches dance at Sunshine Nursery School as a volunteer. In the essay she submitted with her application, Lauren says "I hope to continue dancing as well as teaching until my feet can dance no more." In addition to dancing, she also likes to throw pottery and make jewelry. Lauren has also volunteered time at Cherokee Heights Elementary School. Cherokee Heights, located on the west side of St. Paul, is an urban school that serves a widely diverse population. Lauren provides one on one and small group support to students who need additional support in reading and math. Lauren's mentor teacher reports that Lauren is a self-starter requiring little support once given direction and has been successful in leading students to become more independent learners.

The Churchill Scholarship is given annually by the Warren Churchill estate in memory of the late Mr. Churchill who was a long time member of Arlington Hills. The Scholarship is awarded with preference shown to people who have membership in or connections to AHUMC, involvement in the community, demonstrated academic achievement, and engagement in the arts or religious studies.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

No Sunday School July 3.  
No Sunday School in August.

**FUN FACTS - DID YOU KNOW?**

- 1 in 4 children struggle to get enough to eat at some time in the U.S. in 2008.
- 92% of parents say they've established rules for their child's internet activity.
- 50% of shopping cart handles and baskets where toddlers sit while parents shop test positive for E. coli.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Vacation Bible School will be July 25-28 at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All children from preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. The cost is \$20 per child or \$35 for a family.



Our theme is the **Shake It Up Café – Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!**

Our culture is embracing all things culinary with a new focus on healthy eating,

more organic gardening, and affordable ways to increase family time and improve nutrition.

Jesus calls us to “shake up” our lives and become his followers. The Bible gives us the recipe: be ready for God's call, give happily to God and to others, believe fully in Jesus as God's Son, remember Jesus' life and teachings, and celebrate God forever.

This is going to be so much fun so let's get cooking! Registration forms are at the Welcome Center or can be downloaded from our web site. Please return them with payment to the church office.

**We have room for a couple more kids!**

**ESSENCE OF SUMMER**

There are still two great chances available to join us for our annual Essence of Summer outings.

- Wednesday, July 20 – a trip to the Science Museum and **Tutakhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs** exhibit. Our tour time is set at 10:00 a.m. and should take from 1 – 2 hours depending on how much additional time you wish to spend. We will eat at the museum. **We do need a minimum of 15 people** to get the group rate and the deadline is Wednesday, July 6.
- Thursday, August 18 our end of year **Cruise and Luncheon on the St. Croix River**. A cruise on the river is such a peaceful way to begin to say good-bye to summer.

There are signup sheets at the Welcome Center.

**SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION CLASS**

The Education Spiritual Growth ministry team has decided to offer a summer class this year. This class will be a six week class viewing and discussing the PBS program “God In America”. We will meet at the home of Evelyn Hunt for six weeks beginning Monday July 11 and ending Monday August 15. There will be two classes offered one in the morning at 9:30 and one at 7:00PM.

This program looks at the history of religion in the United States and how it has influenced our politics and government making us the most religiously diverse nation in the world.

If there is more interest shown another class may be scheduled. Sign up sheets will be available beginning in June.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



**Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds**  
**JOIN THE BOYS & GIRLS OF SUMMER**  
**Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m.**

*Thank you to Kaye Olson and Rachel McDonald who have stepped up to care for and manicure the labyrinth in our backyard.*

**SUMMER SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

It has become a tradition at Arlington Hills to serve Lemonade & Cookies for Sunday fellowship during the summer. The following Ministry Teams have signed up for this summer. Mark your calendars:

- July 3 & 10      Hospitality Ministry Team
- July 17 & 24    Mission Outreach Ministry Team
- July 31&Aug 7    Communication Ministry Team
- August 14 & 21    Education Ministry Team
- Aug 28&Sept 4    Leadership & Caring Ministry Teams

Each team is expected to buy, set up, serve & clean up. Ministry teams must provide the cookies – they can be homemade or store bought. We usually use 10 dozen cookies each week.

**BELL CHOIRS**

The Bell Choirs have taken the summer off. We will be starting again in the fall. We always have room for new members. Please consider joining us. Watch for further information in the September newsletter or call Linda Oberg, bell choir director, 651-776-8074

**CHANCEL CHOIRS**

Are YOU a shower singer? Do you keep yourself awake in the car by singing? A former garage band lead or Metropolitan opera star? THERE'S A ROBE for you in THE CHOIR!!!! It is a little known fact, but there are still choir robes that do not have a wearer and would really appreciate having you join. Maybe you can't commit to a whole season. Can you come in and sing for a month or two?

Chancel Choir is starting earlier this year: 7:00 p.m. Seriously, the choir is a warm friendly place where you can grow in your faith journey with supportive pilgrims at your side. Pray about this. We begin August 31 with a potluck. See other article or Sunday Bulletins for particulars.

**WINNER – 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME VISITORS DRAWING**

Chloe Akina of St Paul is the June winner in our monthly drawing for first time visitors.

*Congratulations Chloe  
 Thanks for visiting AHUMC!*

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.



*Thank  
You*

Greetings:

Thank you for your donation of \$200.00 to The Family Place. Your gift allows us to exceed the Otto Bremer Foundation match! To date we have tripled the challenge and there are still more donations coming in. Your generosity allows us to continue to keep programs and services available for families living without a permanent home.

*Margaret Lovejoy,  
Executive Director*

A special Thank You to my Church Family

I'm so grateful to you for all of your prayers, concern, and understanding during my diagnosis, surgery, and recovery, and for all the ways you have made a difference in my life.

Thank you so much.

*Karen Desens*

Thank you to the youth, staff and entire church family for your gifts, cards and well wishes as I step out of the youth director role! Your support and thoughtfulness is much appreciated! I have appreciated your support of the youth program and me as I worked with the youth as a volunteer and as youth director! It means more to me than words can express. To God be the glory!!

*Beth Thompson*

**On Sunday, June 19 John James read the following letter to the AH congregation thanking Pastor Lori for her service to Arlington Hills.**

Dear Pastor Lori,

It is with regret, yet with enthusiasm for you and Wyoming UMC, that we say good bye and thank you for your pastoral service to Arlington Hills UMC.

We have known you and grown to love you for years as Pastor Chip's wife, and a hard working church member in your own right.

Over the past year, we have also enjoyed the benefits of your work as an ordained pastor. Having enjoyed and witnessed that, we know how lucky the members of the Wyoming UMC are to be getting you as their pastor.

Your positive, calm, warm and loving nature combines with your ability to articulate and communicate the love and wisdom of Christ for His followers to prepare you well for your pastoral duties. And being organized and on top of things financial, as you are, can only help you. I have every confidence that you will enjoy success and personal satisfaction as pastor of a congregation.

My only sadness in this is that we will hardly ever see you. You have been one of us, and very much appreciated as one of us. I will miss you, as will we all.

I know I speak for all of us at Arlington Hills in wishing you the very best in your work as Pastor of the Wyoming UMC.

Sincerely,  
*John James*  
Lay Leader

**MARK THESE DATES...**

Several of our regular groups will not meet during the summer months. Watch future Builders for news about these and other groups resuming in the fall.

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

The **Stamping Card Group** will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the fireside room. If you would like to help make cards to send to our homebound members, please join us.



**Fun, Food & Music in our Parking Lot**  
Tuesday, August 2

Got Talent? We need you for National Night Out, August 2, 5:00 to 8:30 PM in our parking lot. Can you sing a song, dance a dance, tell a joke? We're looking for you to stand up and strut your stuff. We're also looking for volunteers to set up, tear down, and serve food. There will be games and food, fire trucks and ice cream. We had a great time last year, and got to meet many of our neighbors. If you would like to help, stop at the hospitality center in the narthex and let us know. More information to follow...

**POTLUCK SUPPER & CAMPFIRE WORSHIP**

Wednesday, July 27

We'll start gathering at 5:30 PM and plan to eat about 6:00. Burgers and dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Becky and Eric Carlson will lead some games and fun in the church yard as we gather at the fire circle. There will be a short Worship and Sing Along at 6:30 PM led by our youth and backed up by music from Methodist Creek! Join the fun!!! If it rains, we'll move inside.

**CHURCH PICNIC AT CARL SPOONER PARK**

Wednesday, August 24 - 4:30 until 9 PM

Carl Spooner Park in Little Canada is an awesome park a short distance from AHUMC. We'll have use of the Main Shelter, kitchen, and grills. There is parking nearby (handicapped accessible) as well as volleyball, horse shoes, bocce ball, tennis, and other recreational options available! Music provided by Methodist Creek and a devotion provided by Pastor Chip. Grills are available and there is a kitchen for serving our potluck. Join the fun!

Join us at: **340 Eli Road, Little Canada**

Directions to the park from AHUMC: Go North on Edgerton to Little Canada Road, West on Little Canada Road to Centerville Road (Near 35E). Go a couple blocks North on Centerville Road. Turn East on Eli Road and Spooner Park will be on your right.

**FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE MN VIKINGS**

Saturday, August 27



Come put on your Viking garb and cheer on the Minnesota Vikings with your church family as the Vikings take on the Dallas Cowboys in a preseason game on Saturday, August 27.

Tickets are only \$20 (wow!). We have a limited number of tickets. Get your order in soon. To reserve your ticket(s), contact Martha Rice [martha@arlingtonhillssumc.org](mailto:martha@arlingtonhillssumc.org) Make checks out to Arlington Hills UMC.

We will tailgate in the church parking lot at 4:30 PM prior to the 7:00 game. Don't miss out on the fun! Skol Vikings!



**CHANCEL CHOIR KICK-OFF POTLUCK**

Wednesday, August 31

Mark Wednesday, August 31 on the calendar in BIG letters! Choir will begin with a potluck at 6:00 with rehearsal in the choir room following at 7:00. Bring along your spouse, friend in the pew, next-door neighbor....you get the idea. ALL are welcome. See you August 31 in the Fireside Room.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT**

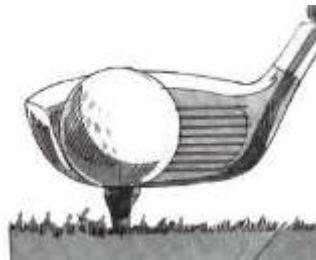
Friday, September 2 – Monday, September 5

Labor Day Weekend Retreat is a camping experience for all ages. The retreat is held at Koronis Ministries in Paynesville, MN. Activities start Friday, September 2 at 8:30 PM and conclude Monday with a friendship circle following the noon meal.

The adult study leader is Reverend Ric Koehn. The planned topic is "The Parables of Jesus as Seen through Middle Eastern Eyes." While the adults gather, the teen, youth, and toddler groups will have their own activities. Pam Podobinski, our new youth minister, will be leading the teen group.

Evenings we take time for informal family worship around the campfire. The nights continue with singing, dancing, games and the annual skit night.

For more information please pick up a brochure from the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or talk to Linda Oberg (651-776-8074).



**ALL-CHURCH GOLF TOURNEY**

Sunday, September 18

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 PM for the All-Church Golf Tourney. The best ball tournament will be held at the beautiful Gem Lake Golf Course in scenic White Bear Lake. It will be a fun event you don't want to miss! More information about the tourney will be in the September Builder and Bulletins.

**LOOK WHAT ELSE IS COMIN' UP ...**

**September**

- 5 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 11 Rally Sunday
- 14 LOL begins
- 18 Fall Sunday School begins
- 18 All-Church Golf Tournament
- 25 Confirmation

**October**

- 2 World Communion Sunday (special offering)
- 5 Confirmation Class begin
- 9 Blessing of the Animals
- 16 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles Presented
- 26 Fall New Member Class
- 30 UNICEF Sunday in Sunday School

**November**

- 4-6 JUMYS
- 6 All Saints Day observed
- 6 New Member Sunday
- 13 Stewardship Sunday
- 20 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
- 24-25 Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- 27 United Methodist Sunday (special offering)
- 27 Hanging of the Greens

**December**

- 6 Care Baskets for the homebound
- 10 Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
- 10 UMW Christmas Tea
- 11 Sunday School Christmas Program
- 18 Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
- 20 Senior Luncheon
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
  - 4:00 PM Family Service
  - 10:00 PM Candlelight Service

Dec 26 – Jan 2 - Office Closed for holiday break

**January**

- 22 Robert Robinson Concert



**STATE PARK NOT AVAILABLE?**

– CAMP WITH US –

Our Minnesota UM camps have space this summer for you to bring your tent or RV or even rent a cabin at some sites. Enjoy our beautiful sites throughout Minnesota for your own camping trip. Or check out the weeks of Family Camps already planned, where food and program are included. Visit Minnesota Conference Camps and Retreats for dates and locations. For more information, call (612) 230-CAMP (2267). To make a reservation, please call the camp sites.

- Camp Kingswood on Long Lake in Minnetrista: (952) 472-3586
- Decision Hills on George Lake in Spicer: (320) 796-5510
- Koronis Ministries on Koronis Lake in Paynesville: (320) 243-4544
- KoWaKan, near BWCAW and Ely: (218) 365-2221 (guides and outfitting for Boundary Waters trips also available)
- Northern Pines on Fish Hook Lake in Park Rapids: (218) 732-4713
- Star Lake Wilderness Camp on Star Lake in Pequot Lakes: (218) 543-4871

Don't let the state shutdown prevent you from having "a time apart."

**SCRIP NEWS**

Michelle VonBische has graciously volunteered to take over the responsibilities for the Scrip program! So, we want to keep this program going strong! Don't forget to order your scrip or stop at the



Scrip table to buy from our inventory. We continue to have **Chipotle, Cub, Rainbow, Target, Panera, Outback** and **AMC** single admission scrip on hand. And we just added **Chili's** to our inventory.

Even though summer vacation has barely begun, don't forget to think about using scrip for back-to-school shopping! Many of the popular retailers are available: Gap/Old Navy, Aeropostale, Maurice's, JCPenney, and Marshall's/TJ Maxx to name just a few. This is a wonderful way for us to financially support the ministries of our church! As always, thank you for your participation!

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECAP**

- April – One Great Hour of Giving Offering \$1050
- May – Native American Sunday Offering \$150
- May – MN Annual Conference Love Offering \$415
- June – Peace with Justice Sunday Offering \$395

**LEAVE YOUR CHECKBOOK AT HOME**

We are coming up on the one year anniversary of the kick-off of our electronic contribution system through VANCO Services. We've had lots of good feedback about the program. To learn more or to sign up visit the DONATIONS page on our website

[www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org](http://www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org) or call Cindy in the church office.



**NEW IN THE PEWS**

Along with our green Prayer Request Cards and our orange 1<sup>st</sup> Time Visitor Cards, you will now find offering envelopes in the pew pad. These envelopes can be used by visitors or whenever our members don't have one of the regular offering envelopes. They are especially handy when giving cash because you can include your name (and address or envelope number) on the envelope and we can credit the contribution to your account.

**A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS**



Steve Carlson, of the Payne Phalen History Society, has added Arlington Hills United Methodist Church to the society's photo website. He is working to document the history of the churches in the Payne Phalen neighborhood. You can view the website using the link below. You are welcome contact Steve with comments, questions and updates at [sourdough75@q.com](mailto:sourdough75@q.com).

<https://picasaweb.google.com/PaynePhalenHistorySociety>



# SCOUTING UPDATE

## Boy Scout Troop #187 & Pack #712

Visit us on the web at [www.t187.com](http://www.t187.com) or [www.pack712.us](http://www.pack712.us)

### **T187 Lock-in**

22 boy scouts plus 3 leaders at AHUMC = tons of fun. On Friday June 10, T187 held its spring overnight/lock-in at church. We started the evening off by playing 18 holes of mini golf at Como Park. Several hole-in-one shots were made while one leader even managed to win a free game for next time! The evening continued back at church with hours and hours and hours of dodge ball, trench and other gym games until the wee hours of the morning. Thank you to leaders Ryan Weber, Dave Borchert & Dan Youngquist for helping out.

### **Eagle Ceremony a Success!**

T187's Eagle Ceremony on June 4<sup>th</sup> was a great success. T187 welcomed our 85<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup> & 87<sup>th</sup> Eagles to the troop. This ceremony was also our spring parent's night and we covered the entire scouting gamut. We had 3 new boys inducted into the troop all the way through the highest rank given, the rank of Eagle. Congrats to all scouts and leaders for making this such a great event. Please keep your ears open for another Eagle Ceremony as early as 2012 or 2013.

### **P712 Family Camp**

June 17-19 P712 will hold its annual Family Camp at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve. Plans include Belt Loops for Fishing, Ultimate Frisbee, Badminton, Biking & Swimming. We hope this year's weather is better than last years as last year we started out the weekend with pouring rain and 70mph winds.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:dpyoungquist@gmail.com) for more information.

**YOUTH - Here is what's up right now - Check this out ...**

- ❖ **WEDNESDAY JULY 13**... Feed My Starving Children (packing meals) in Coon Rapids... Leave AHUMC promptly at 7:45 PM; return 10:00 PM. We have reserved 15 Spots. Sign up on Youth Bulletin Board in the fellowship hall. We also need **Adult drivers** (let me know if you will be driving only or would like to work as well.)
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY JULY 27**... 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. Youth to assist/lead campfire worship. It's a great opportunity to share. Could include some of our worship ideas & songs from LYFE Camp. Sign up for this worship team on Youth Bulletin Board. There will be planning meeting so watch your email...
- ❖ **TUESDAY AUGUST 2**... Youth will lead games for neighborhood children at National Night Out celebration at AHUMC. Approximate time 5-9 PM. Help plan or help with event. Sign up on Youth Bulletin Board.
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31**... Dinner, Frisbee Golf, Bonfire 6:00-10:00 PM here at AHUMC

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WATCH EMAIL... ALSO, ANY YOUTH OR ADULT WANTING TO HELP WITH SPECIFIC PARTS OF EVENTS PLEASE LET ME KNOW ~ BLESSINGS, PAM