

November 2011



AHUMC Will Host The

EASTSIDE ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 20 - 7:00 PM

We look forward to welcoming our sisters and brothers in Christ from fellow Eastside churches for a special, *musical* Thanksgiving liturgy! This year each church will be represented through a musical group and clergy. The service will conclude with all of the groups coming together in a mass choir! Groups will begin to arrive at 6:00 PM for rehearsal. The service will begin at 7:00 PM

A special offering will benefit the Merrick Community Food Shelf.

We hope to see you there.

AHUMC MINISTRY TEAM

Ministers –

All of our church family

Pastor –

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Chip@ArlingtonHillsUMC.org

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Luana Mitchell

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Audio Technician –

Gary McDonald

Video Technician –

Kyle Sarpong, Zachary Sether

Sunshine Preschool Teachers –

Elaine Gregory, Kathie Winters

Nursery Attendant–

Amelia Birchems

Wedding Consultant –

Kristi Hanes

Custodians –

Ron Houde & Brian Gaylord

Wednesday Chef –

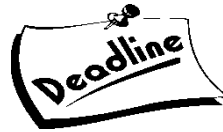
Chris Lewis

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Did you know ... you can find **The Builder** newsletter & event calendar on our church website? Check out our **News and Events** page.

NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE

BUILDER DEADLINES



<u>Input Deadline</u>	<u>Builder Assembly</u>
November 16	November 23
December 14	December 21

*****NOTE EARLY DEADLINES*****

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.

INPUT TO THE SUNDAY BULLETIN is due by 9 AM each Wednesday morning. Please be mindful of this deadline as it is very helpful to the staff to have your input as early as possible.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends on Sunday, November 6. Don't be early for our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 3:00 pm



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

THE PASTOR SHARES

Hope is life-giving and situation-overcoming powerful. Without it we are mired in despair. Without hope we can barely crawl out of bed in the morning. Where do you find hope? Is it in the innocent big eyes of a precious child? Is it in the work that you do or the people that you hang around with?

We live in a time when we're faced with many challenges and pressures. The news of the day is often negative and depressing. After many years of searching for hope in all the wrong places (Washington, D.C., politicians and policies, business and industry, people and plans), I gave up looking for hope that would come from another person or plan. My hope is grounded in my faith in Christ.

He has never and will never let me down. His power to change me and others is what I find hope filled. When I look around and see the kindness, grace, and compassion of fellow lovers of Jesus, I have hope. I remember a faithful devoted follower of Jesus saying, "...before I became a Christian, I thought that people who volunteered were just stupid. Why would you work for free? But now I can't wait to gather with my friends and serve. Now I get it!" His heart was changed. Our hope should always come from the one who has the power to change us and the world. Our hope should remain in the one who has already won the victory! Hope is life-giving and situation-overcoming powerful.

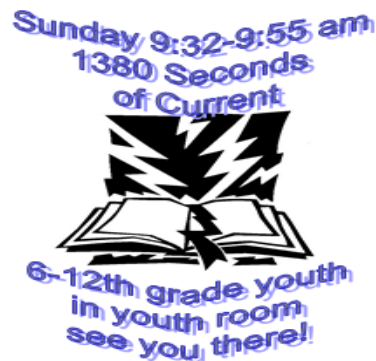
May the hope of Christ always be yours,



Pastor Chip

SNOWBIRD!

If you will be traveling out of Minnesota for the winter months please notify Cindy in the AH office. If you have your mail **stopped** or **forwarded** by the US Postal Service, your copy of The Builder newsletter will **not** be automatically forwarded—it *will be returned to AHUMC with a service fee*. Please let us know whether you'd prefer to not receive The Builder while you are away or have us send it to your winter address.



UM STUDENT DAY

SPECIAL OFFERING OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Your generous gifts on United Methodist Student Day support United Methodist scholarships and the UM Student Loan Fund, both of which help give students around the world a chance at a better education. This offering may assist a seminary student called to be a pastor or a missionary. Maybe it will enable a student to complete nursing school or get an education degree. Special envelopes will be available in the bulletin November 27. You can read more about UM Student Day by going to www.umcgiving.org and following the links CHURCHWIDE SPECIAL SUNDAYS and United Methodist Student Day.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Donovan, Jean— *has temporarily moved in with her daughter Michelle Rueckert*
 383 Barrington
 Mahtomedi, MN 55115
 (651) 773-3941

Swanson, Lorraine— *new email address*
 lorswanson@gmail.com



- ... Our brave men and women serving overseas, especially Greg Schlichting and Sheila Desai, daughter of Jack & Rose
- ... Frankie Schlichting and family upon the death of Ron Siegmund
- ... Our friends and family who are continuing to heal and regain strength, including Jean Donovan, Justin Joriman, Earl & Millie Gausman, Janette Baldwin, Amy Birchem, Diane Smith, JoAnn Gabbert, Marge Webinger
- ... The family & friends of Phyllis Appleby, formerly a member of Peace UCC, upon her death
- ... Our young ones who were baptized last month
- ... All those who have chosen to become members of Arlington Hills this fall

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Emily Thungkaew
- 3 Doris Martin
- 4 Loraine Cain
- 4 Greg Juenemann
- 4 Warren Nentwig
- 6 Susan McHarg
- 10 William Veigel
- 11 James Gibb
- 11 Sarah Londo
- 14 Colleen Hampl
- 14 Luc LeBlanc
- 14 Kerry Manthei
- 14 Joyce Stanley
- 15 Andrew Ayetey
- 16 Mark Hansen
- 17 Carole Lockrem
- 18 Ruth Dunsmore
- 19 Lee Carriker
- 19 Trevor McDonald
- 20 Brogan Berg
- 22 Mark (Hub) Appleton
- 22 Debi Bourdeau
- 22 Richard Potter
- 24 Pamela Podobinski
- 25 Vern Pearson
- 26 Debra Watson
- 27 Rachel McDonald



Chloe Cecelia Lorraine Kangas,
daughter of Alyssa & Kurt Kangas
Grant Franklin James Marshall,
son of Kristen & John Marshall

Thank You...

We want to thank our church family for all their cards, kind words and support as we moved into our new living situation. There are still things to unpack and new routines to learn but it is going well. Do come and visit us!

Art & Delores Kaese

Thank you to all who have been sharing their photographs of Arlington Hills events with us ... by emailing .JPGs to Cindy, dropping off photo CDs, leaving snapshots in the office and smiling when we show up with a camera. They are much appreciated. We are collecting them in our archives and will share them as time and space allows. ... *keep them coming...*

Thank you to the Arlington Hills Boys and Girls of Summer, including Dave Johnson, Jerry & Shirley Wester, Gene Anderson, Rod Oberg, Mark Youngstrom, Kaye Olson, Rachel McDonald, Myrt Kieger, Bill Veigel, and anyone else who pitched in this summer to help maintain the grounds around the church. Many hours of work go into mower, weeding, trimming, planting and pulling. Thank you for this wonderful gift. Please take a moment to read the special article contributed by Myrt this month.

Blessings

By Myrt Kieger

Bill Veigel & I had been working in the yards around the church for eight hours one Friday in September and were getting very tired. I was trimming the shrubs on

the west side of the church when a darling little girl came up to me and asked if she could help. The weeds were really getting thick on the whole west side of the building so I set her to work. To my surprise many little children came to lend their little hands to pull weeds (without gloves!) Their tutors from Hamline College came to supervise and pretty soon all of the weeds had disappeared. God always sends us *Blessings* when we need them.

Thank you Lord, and thanks to the McVay children & tutors. Thank you also to the people who mow the lawns and labyrinth.

We should have a Garden Club at AH to care for the shrubs & flowers, etc. Now is the time to organize it for next year. *Help is REALLY needed.* It can be a fun time together. If interested call Myrt Kieger at 651-483-6233.

A couple weeks later we got a very nice note from the McVay Youth Voice Fellows (aka Hamline tutors) and their Karen students volunteering to do more yard work around the church. All they asked for was a few extra rakes and they would do some raking in our back yard. We thank them for their help in maintaining our grounds.

During this difficult time I can't begin to thank our Arlington Hills Church family for all the prayers, memorials, cards and phone calls in honor of Don. He will be greatly missed, but it's wonderful to know that he had so many friends. Arlington Hills has been a blessing to both of us. God bless you.

Marge Webinger and family

Thank you to my Arlington Hills friends who have been so kind and thoughtful these past few months. My back is feeling much better and I am so thankful that I can walk. I hope to be back home soon, but in the mean time I am living with my daughter Michelle in Mahtomedi (see address in the Member Updates section). Thank you again for your prayers.

Jean Donovan

10 Girl Scouts from GS troop 53634 showed up bright and early on Saturday, October 15 to help with the clean-up of the Community Garden. They discovered that there was enough great help for that project and then went into full Girl Scout mode and with help from church members, shifted their focus to dusting the wood work of the interior of the sanctuary. Helping Arlington Hills with this project was part of the Girl Scout pledge to "Serve Others" and to "Make the world a better place." That same night, Girl Scouts from troop 52497 joined with 100 other area girls scouts to package meals at Feed My Starving Children in Brooklyn Park. Feed My Starving Children strives to bring nutritious meals to those who need them most all over the world. Over 40 Girl Scouts from the church area meet regularly at Arlington Hills to learn new skills and do service projects for the greater community.

Thank you to the girl scouts for all that they do here at Arlington Hills. We are very pleased to hear about it.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Families or individuals who choose to join AH will be welcomed at our 10:00 AM service on Sunday, November 6.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 10 AM WORSHIP

Please join us Sunday, November 6 at our 10:00 AM service when we will remember the members of Arlington Hills who have died in the past year.

Rita Miller	11/12/10	Ted Appleman	12/10/10
Grace Smith	12/20/10	Elsie Sinn	12/21/10
Ann Thompson	1/5/11	Dolores Grezek	5/8/11
Tony Bristol	5/21/11	Jack Davis	7/7/11
Phyllis Appleby	8/28/11	Don Webinger	9/19/22
Ron Siegmund	11/17/11		

AHUMC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 11:15 AM – 1:30 PM

Who should attend?

- The Church Council
- All church committee members
- Anyone interested in attending

Pastor Chip and Martha Rice attended The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection Leadership Institute in September and will share Sr. Pastor Adam Hamilton's keynote address, what was learned at this inspiring conference and discuss how we can apply the learnings at AHUMC in 2012. Please join us for a time of inspiration, reflection and dedication to AHUMC's Vision.

Lunch will be provided - Please RSVP to Cindy at cindy@arlingtonhillsumc.org or 651-776-1547

CELEBRATION OF GIVING SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Our "Consecration Sunday" will be an opportunity to express our faith through funding our ministries. Worshippers will be invited to lay their "2012 Estimate of Giving Cards" on the altar as we dedicate ourselves and our gifts to minister to each other and to the world in Jesus name. After the service, join in the celebration brunch. We will be serving muffins, fresh fruit, coffee, juice, etc.

2011-12 MUSIC SERIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The second concert in our Concert Series is coming up Sunday, November 13 when Julia Fahey will be bringing the Con Brio Girls' Choir back to Arlington Hills. These young ladies are eager to share their talents with you, so let's pack the house so they've got a crowd! NOW'S the time to invite a neighbor, co-worker, or a new friend to come to church. Offering a ride might do the trick!

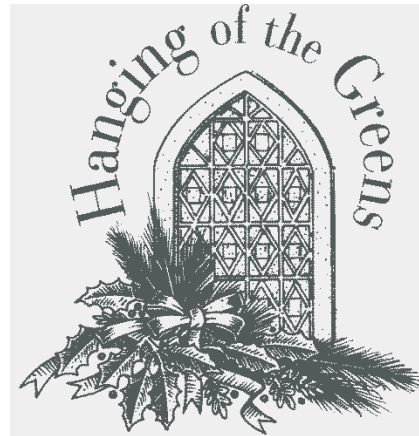
ARLINGTON HILLS POINSETTIA TREE



ORDER
YOUR
POINSETTIAS

It is a tradition at Arlington Hills to create a Poinsettia Christmas Tree in celebration of the birth of Jesus. A poinsettias order form is included with this newsletter. Orders will be taken at the Welcome Center beginning November 13. The cost per poinsettia is \$7.50. Please turn in your order form with payment no later than November 27. (No late orders will be accepted this year)

We invite you to join us Friday, December 2 when we will set up the poinsettia tree. The plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.



Sunday, November 27

Join us after church to:

- ❖ help decorate the church for Christmas
- ❖ have a meal that the Youth will organize
- ❖ work with the children as they make a variety of Christmas decorations and ornaments.

Watch the yellow sign-up sheet in the bulletins for a place to sign up to help with this fun activity.

The youth would like to **Thank** everyone for joining us for lunches in October and supporting our youth missions. Join us again on November 27.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School Children will be together in the Fireside Room during the service for a DVD on Sunday, November 6. We will study a curriculum called The Messiah: Jesus as the Fulfillment of the Prophecies. This curriculum looks at the two Gospels that use the birth of Jesus an event that was significant in the life of Jesus. Our curriculum will lead into the Children's Christmas Program on December 11.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- *1380 Seconds of Current* for youth grades 6-12 meets in the youth room each Sunday morning from 9:32 – 9:55 AM
- *Tuesday Morning Bible Study* meets weekly in the fireside room at 9:30 AM. We are currently studying the book of James
- *Living Out Loud (LOL)* happens every Wednesday evening beginning with a meal at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall followed by programming for all ages
- *Our Midweek Worship Service* is an informal worship held in the fireside room one Wednesday evening per month – Join us on **November 16** at 6:30 PM
- *The Knitting and Crocheting Group* meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM after the LOL meal in the east wing meeting room
- *Methodist Creek leads a Gospel Sing-Along* the 4th Wednesday of the month following our LOL meal – join us **November 23** at 6:30 PM
- *The Diabetes Support Group* meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2 PM in the fireside room – join us **November 9**
- *Chancel Choir* rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7 PM – new singers always welcome
- *Golden Bells* rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM – it's not too late to join our group – training provided
- *The Thursday Morning Men's Prayer Group* meets in the fireside room at 8 AM every Thursday mornings

- *The UMW Quilting Group* meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10:00 AM at church. All are welcome.
- *Bridge Group* meets to play cards the 2nd Thursday each month at 1 PM in the fireside room – join us **on November 10**
- *The Card Stamping Group* meets on one Thursday each month at 1 PM in the fireside room to make cards to send to our homebound members - this month we will meet on **November 17**
- GAP Group meets once a month to share fun and fellowship – they will meet at 6 PM **November 5** in the fireside room
- *BLBs (the Breakfast-Lunch-Bunch)* meet the 3rd Saturday each month – join us at Denny's for 9 AM breakfast on **Nov 19**; questions call Gen Schnaith 651-256-8791 or Ethel Woestehoff 651-426-4812

Look for signup sheets at the Welcome Center for these and other upcoming events.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SPEAKER

LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE

We had a great turn out for our evening speaker on October 12. Approximately 70 people came to hear Dr. Jan Thatcher Adams speak about "Living the Abundant Life". Jan shared many stories of her life from getting her first job at age 8 in Boone, Iowa to marrying at age 18 Karl Kassulke (who went on to become a Minnesota Viking), raising two boys while going to medical school and clowning in Russia with Dr. Patch Adams. She emphasized how important service is to living the abundant life. People had the opportunity to purchase her book *The Football Wife* after her talk. It was an interesting and inspiring evening!

LIVING OUT LOUD

LOL evenings begin at 5:30 PM with a wonderful meal cooked by our Chef – Chris and continues with programming for all church members. Each week the programming includes confirmation classes, SH Youth discussion time, adult education classes, choir practice, children’s time, knitting & crocheting group, and maybe just time to connect with friends. Occasionally we host special speakers or group discussion. Once a month we usually have an informal midweek worship service. There is always childcare available. We have something for everyone.

NOVEMBER LOL DATES

- 2
- 9
- 16 Mid-Week Worship Service
- 23 **NO LOL – Thanksgiving break**
- 30 Gospel Sing-Along

Schedules are on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for the rest of the year.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011

CHURCH MOUSE PROJECT

FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

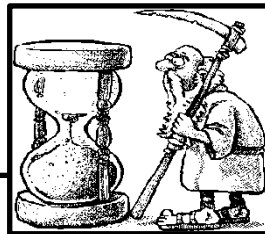


On Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 PM, our church mice will be at it again filling "care packages" for our college students to stay connected with them and also offer them encouragement and support. Please get involved and join us... Here is what we need:

- Small packages of snack items (cookies, cheese/peanut butter & crackers, M&Ms, pretzels, pre-made popcorn, Fritos, granola bars, etc.
- School supplies -- index cards, highlighters, pens, mechanical pencils, note cards & stamps, etc.
- Goofy things for humor -- stress balls, Nerf balls, giant jax, Gumby-type figures, etc.
- Helpful items -- small gift cards for handy cash/ meals at local fast food; quarters for the laundry; first-aid items, travel size toothpaste, personal sized kleenex

AND we need helping hands! Please consider donating several items, coming to help fill the boxes and/or write an encouraging note.

We hope to see lots of you there. Thanks!!!!



BEAUTIFUL FULL COLOR
2012 CALENDARS
FOR SALE

*Proceeds benefits
Youth Missions*

**WALKER "GIVE A LITTLE GIFT"
HOLIDAY COLLECTION**

Our local United Methodist Women's unit is coordinating the collection of items for the Walker Methodist Health Center's Give A Little Gift holiday program. The following items are needed. (All donations must fit in a 9"x8"x5" bag.

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| Candy | Women's cotton socks |
| Chocolates | Women's perfume |
| Men's socks | Small picture frames |
| Men's cologne | Large faced watches |
| Baseball caps | Large print crossword books |
| Sugar free candy | New jewelry |
| Crackers/cookies | Scented lotions |
| Shaving cream | Pocket tissues |
| Covered mugs | Slippers |
| Moisturizing lotion | Non-slip slipper socks |

The donation box will be available at the Welcome Center Sunday, November 6 through Sunday, November 27.

Thank you for your donations to help make a resident's holiday a special one!

DONATE YOUR 2012 CALENDARS



Are you starting to collect those free calendars sent out to people this time of year in order to solicit contributions or your business? Recycling is one solution - another is to donate these to people who could really use them. A donation box is now available near the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your unwanted or unneeded calendars and they will be brought to Good Samaritan Society -Maplewood (Roselawn & Edgerton) and - if we get enough - to other local nursing homes. These may be 'junk mail' pieces to us, but to others these are highly appreciated!

Thanks! Nancy & Andrew Herther

2012 WINTER WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 17 – 20, 2012



Yes, it's that time again.....the registration deadline for next year's trip is December 18. We need a completed registration form and a 50% down payment to hold your spot. Stop by the Welcome Center for a form.

This annual trip to YMCA Camp DuNord in Ely, MN, is a fun winter weekend for all ages. The group has a great time with lots of indoor activities: singing, crafts, games, solitaire, eating, conversation; and outdoor activities: hiking, sliding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. You can also participate in the annual sauna/dip in the lake experience (it's optional, of course, but it's definitely an EXPERIENCE)!

Cost (3 nights lodging/8 meals)

\$165 – Adults

\$100 – Ages 6-17

\$50 – Ages 2-5

No charge – Under 2

Questions: Call or email

Kaye Olson 651-481-8143 or ajkaye@comcast.net



Arlington Hills Methodist Community Garden

Summer 2011 – A Bountiful Harvest

Thank you to everyone who help prep the garden in the spring and clean-up last month.

THE CROP HUNGER WALK

Thanks to the CROP walkers: the John Nentwig family, Donna Burger, Linda Oberg, Viv LaRock, John James, Pastor Chip, Cheryl and Mark Watson, Goldie Witte, and Shel and Kerry Manthei.

Blessed with a beautiful day, 15 walkers from AHUMC made the trek from Camphor UMC to the State Capitol overlook and back. Camphor provided wonderful refreshments and cold water for all. Many thanks to those whose contributions to sponsor these walkers totaled over \$1935 for the CROP Walk for Hunger. Thanks for your generosity. The Mission/Outreach Committee, Kerry Manthei, reporting

AHUMC IN THE NEWS

The lead article in the October 13, 2011 Local section of the Pioneer Press was entitled "Karen Immigrants Celebrate New Lives in Minnesota." The article highlights the Karen Organization of MN and Hamline Universities' tutoring/mentoring program, McVay Youth Partnership. It is a wonderful article which features Zin Zin and Dayliar Htoo, two graduates of tutoring program here at AH who have gone on to attend Hamline and become mentors themselves. AHUMC was mentioned for its long-running partnership Hamline's McVay program.

To read the full article go to the Pioneer Press website www.twincities.com and search for "Zin Zin Htoo".

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

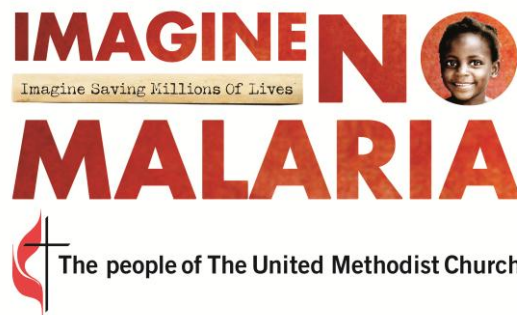
Imagine No Malaria is an effort of the United Methodist Church to eliminate malaria in Africa by 2015, by delivering resources that empower the people of Africa to beat a disease that kills a child every 45 seconds. AHUMC has been invited by our District Superintendent at the Minnesota annual conference to join in the fight to end malaria in Africa.

The tools needed to fight malaria are: **bed nets** and **accessing diagnostic tests and medicine**.

The "bite" of malaria doesn't have to kill.
We can support the efforts to stop it!

There is a Bed Net covered with mosquitoes in the narthex throughout November. Stop by the display and learn how you can save 1 life by giving \$10 or 10 lives by raising \$100. For every \$200 donated to Imagine No Malaria, a mosquito will disappear from the net. Let's see how quickly we can rid the net of mosquitoes and save lives in Africa.

Keep in mind that we, the people of the United Methodist Church in America, believe that together, we can eliminate deaths from Malaria through prevention, treatment, communication, and education.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**SPONSORED NEW & EVENTS****SERVING SUNDAY COFFEE THIS MONTH**

Lydia Circle serves Sunday Coffee during the month of November.

NOVEMBER CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lydia Circle: Wed., Nov 2, 1:00 PM at Kerry Manthei's home

Naomi Circle: Thur., Nov 3, 9:30 AM at 1160 Amble Drive, Arden Hills MN, Jan Nienaber & Mary Ellen O'Brien hosting

Rebekah Circle: Thur., Nov 3, 9:30 AM at church

Hannah Circle: Sat., Nov 12, 9:30 AM at church

WORLD THANK OFFERING PROGRAM

Saturday, November 5, 2011 – 9:30 AM

“Thanks Singing, Thanks Giving”

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through the Women's Division – mission in the United States and around the world.

Plan to attend this program of singing, sharing, and giving as we learn of women and their vision for mission. If you have been using your World Thank Offering collection box throughout the year, bring it with you to this program.

We will also be electing officers at the meeting. Remember to bring paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.) or gift cards (Target, Cub, and Rainbow) for Emma Norton Services. To help with planning refreshments, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**CHRISTMAS TEA**

Saturday, December 10

2:00 PM



All women are invited to this special holiday gathering. After some light refreshments, we will hold our annual officer installation service. Following that, we will enjoy lovely harp music as we welcome our guest, harp therapist Melodye Eisele. Mark your calendar now! Watch for more details in the Sunday Bulletin, December Builder, and at the Welcome Center.

READING PROGRAM

Reports due December 11

If you have been participating in the 2011 Reading Program, please give your completed reports to Laurie Mickelson by December 11. Please list the Reading Program Plan, category names, and book titles.

BEARS FOR HAITI

Hannah Circle would like to open its Saturday, November 12 meeting (from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 here at the church) to the congregation to assist in its mission project: Bears for Haiti. We will be making small bears for the children of the Haiti community devastated by the earthquake. If you can cut, sew (machine or by hand), or add filling - please come and bring with you any of the following:

sewing machine	sharp scissors
thread (black or white)	fiberfill
pins	needles

We currently have plenty of fabric and felt. Just need fiberfill and your help to make this a successful project! Please contact Terry Hazel (651) 330-2266 or d.hazel@comcast.net to RSVP with what you can help with....thanks!



SCOUTING UPDATE

Boy Scout Troop #187 & Pack #712

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

Bears go Camping

On October 15th and 16th P712's Bear scouts went on their first campout at Lake Elmo Park Reserve. Bear scouts are in the third grade but their age, brisk weather and strong winds did not deter them from having a great weekend. The boys earned their Whittling Chip card which teaches them how to safely use a pocket knife and rode their bikes nearly 10.5 miles to name but a few requirements finished that weekend. Bravo Bears!

Scout out the Fun Day

September 10th was Northern Star Council & the Northwest District's Scout out the Fun Day to introduce boys and girls to Scouting. Youth from all across the twin cities were invited to Central Park in Roseville for family fun and activities. T187/P712 built a 60' x 100' rope maze that confused more than a few youth as well as adults. Thank you to all the scouts and leaders that helped make our maze a great event!

Are you ready for a Challenge?

Imagine your entire family moving from another country to the U.S. where you don't know anyone and worse yet you don't even speak the language. T187 is proud to announce that two AHUMC members have sponsored our first Karen Youth. Already this fine young boy is reading and writing in English and learning what it means to be an honorable and upstanding future citizen of the U.S. Scouting teaches youth many things that they will use their entire life such as First Aid, Swimming, Wilderness Survival & Family Life skills. Just a small donation will allow another Karen Youth to experience these life changing lessons. If you are willing to step up and accept this challenge please contact Dan Youngquist 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.

WHEN YOU THINK HOLIDAY SHOPPING – THINK SCRIP



The SCRIP Program has been working for about 12 months. It has already raised the projected \$2000 this year. We have an opportunity to double that with your normal holiday spending habits.

Please plan to stop at the SCRIP table in the narthex and purchase the cards for **ALL** the stores and restaurants you would normally spend money at during the holiday season. With your help, we could raise another \$2000 in the next 8 weeks.

These funds will be used to support a number of our ministry programs.

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Wednesday, November 16, 2011