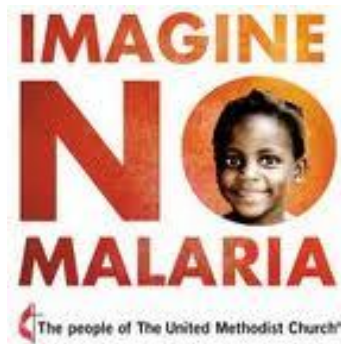


## December 2011

*We have a heart-warming story that we want to share with you. In October, Hamline University Wesley Center visited the Youth Voice program at Arlington Hills and showed a film and told the kids about the Methodist Churches' initiative to stamp out malaria in Africa. After the presentation the kids made mosquitoes from pipe cleaners to place on our net display for the Imagine No Malaria campaign in our narthex.*

*The kids were not asked to donate money, but one little girl was so struck by what she heard that when she returned to Youth Voice on Wednesday, she brought a donation of \$1 and gave it to the Hamline staff to pass on to our church. Her family consists of her parents and seven children. Their family income is way below the poverty line. Her one dollar donation is a much higher percentage of her family's income than probably any other donation the Methodist church will receive for the Imagine No Malaria campaign.*



*Say a blessing and prayer of thanksgiving for the generosity of Nay Moe Aung - 12 years old. It is another example of how we are touching lives by opening our church doors to the McVay Youth program and in turn they touch our lives as well. Blessings, Thelma James*

### **YOUR GIFTS TO THIS CAMPAIGN WILL BE MATCHED UP TO \$5,000!!!**

A generous Arlington Hills donor has challenged us to raise \$5,000 for the "Imagine No Malaria" Campaign of the United Methodist Church by December 31. They will match every dollar we collect before December 31 up to that \$5,000 goal.

*Read more about this matching program on page 5.*

**AHUMC MINISTRY TEAM**

**Ministers –**

All of our church family

**Pastor –**

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Luana Mitchell

**Church Organist –**

Leah Harding

**Audio Technician –**

Gary McDonald

**Video Technician –**

Kyle Sarpong, Zachary Sether

**Sunshine Preschool Teachers –**

Elaine Gregory, Kathie Winters

**Nursery Attendant–**

Amelia Birchens

**Wedding Consultant –**

Kristi Hanes

**Custodians –**

Ron Houde & Brian Gaylord

**Wednesday Chef –**

Chris Lewis

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**NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE**

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday**  
 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** for the Christmas & New Year Holidays from Monday, December 26 thru Monday, January 3.

The **Bulletin deadline** for BOTH December 25 and January 1 is Wednesday, December 14.

**THE BUILDER NEWSLETTER**



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

**2012 BUILDER DATES**

<b><u>Input Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Builder Assembly</u></b>
January 18	January 25
February 15	February 22
March 21	March 28
April 18	April 25
May 16	May 23
June 20	June 27

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

## MORE FROM THE OFFICE

### ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

It is time to prepare our Annual Church Report, which must be published and sent to the Annual Conference by the end of January. It will be presented to our membership at our Annual Conference scheduled for February 5 after our 10:00 am worship service.

All staff members, ministry teams, committees and the church council must provide an end of year report to be included in this document. The reports should include the team's accomplishments & highlights for the past year and their goals & objectives for the new year. The 5-Year Ministry Plan is available if that will help in planning for the upcoming year.

**TIME TABLE:** Please prepare your report by the first week in January. Review & approve your report at your January Ministry Team / Committee / Council meeting. Submit your report to Cindy no later than January 13. Cindy will provide you with a copy of last year's report and an outline to use. If you have any questions please contact Cindy as soon as possible.

### ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Annual Church Conference meeting will take place on Sunday, February 5 immediately after our worship service. Annual reports will be presented, leadership elected and an annual budget presented. Please come and enjoy. All are welcome to have both voice and vote in the meeting.



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

### SNOWBIRDS

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.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

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...

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Have you put your 2012 events on the church calendar yet? All ministry teams, committees, social groups, UMW Circles, scout troops, clubs and individuals - stop by the office and pencil in your dates, drop a note in mailbox #1, give Cindy a call or send her an email. We would hate to have someone sign up for a room you use regularly because your event isn't on the calendar.

And remember to fill out a Room Set-up Request **one week prior** to your event to make sure the custodians have time to fulfill your request. They are here only 15 hours per week and not every day of the week so be considerate and give Ron time to plan their schedules accordingly.

## THE PASTOR SHARES

“What do you want for Christmas?” That’s the point blank question that my wife or daughter will ask one of these days. Somehow I know it’s coming but I’m never prepared. I honestly don’t need of a lot of things. I probably should be getting rid of some stuff. Sometimes, I will point out a few things that seem like they would be nice Christmas presents. Sometimes, I tease back and say “world peace” as if it could be neatly wrapped and placed under a Christmas tree. Lori and Emily will roll their eyes in frustration.

I guess what I would really like is a peaceful, quite time to slow down and enjoy the relationships of family and friends and to let some of the blessed peace that passes all understanding sustain my soul in a time of turmoil in our world and struggle in our communities. I would really like to touch someone’s life with a word of hope, a new beginning, a time of comfort, a moment of pure joy. What I crave is not a moment of pleasure but a sense that somehow the light that shines in the darkness will shine in me in a way that will count for something. I’m a tough guy to shop for! Plastic and made in China just won’t do it for me. I think I would like a gift to a mission project. How about you?

Hoping you get what you really want and need,



Pastor Chip

### NEW PASTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee and Church Council are very pleased to announce that we have hired Jennifer Eagleman to be our new Pastor of Community Life. Jenni has recently graduated

from Bethel Seminary. She has 10 years of experience as a Children’s Pastor where she created and managed a wide variety of programs for children and their families. She has recruited and managed large numbers of volunteers in addition to setting vision and direction for the ministry. As our Pastor of Community Life Jenni will be directing the educational and outreach programs of the church in coordination with Pastor Chip, our other staff, and church ministry teams. Jenni will be working part-time (26hours / week) beginning December 1 as she completes her Clinical Pastoral Education program at Methodist Hospital. She will move to full-time in February. Initially she will work alongside Maxine until Maxine retires at the end of December. Please join me in welcoming Jenni into our faith community.

*Please join us for a welcome reception in Jenni’s honor after our service on Sunday, December 4.*

### FROM OUR NEW PASTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE

Greetings! My name is Jenni Eagleman and I am very excited to be starting as Pastor of Community Life on December 1st. I graduated from Bethel Seminary in June of this year, with a Master of Divinity and have been searching for the right job ever since. I am honored to be chosen for this position and am confident in God’s leading me to AHUMC. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and learning what makes AHUMC a great place to grow in love and to grow in Christ.

I have been married to Chris for 20 years and continue to be amazed at how great we work together as a team. He is my biggest supporter and encourager and I am very grateful that we get to do life together. Chris works as an Analysis Technician at Medtronic. He loves movies of all kinds and watching the Minnesota Vikings, even though of late, they have been quite painful to watch! Kaylee is 18 and a freshmen at the University of Minnesota, Morris. She is majoring in Music Education and loves hanging out with friends.

She plays bass guitar for an interdenominational worship service that was started recently, for the purpose of shining the light of Christ to students on campus. Taylor or Tate, is 14 and in 8th grade. He loves sports of all kinds but especially enjoys playing lacrosse. Tate has a gift for working with little kids and I have yet to meet a baby that doesn't love him. Chayton is 6 and in 1st grade. He is full of life and talks constantly, which you will soon get the chance to find out! He is very compassionate and always finding ways to serve others. We also have a Boston Terrier named Tobey, who is relentless when it comes to playing tug-of-war. I enjoy reading and am just starting to learn how to quilt, thanks to receiving a Janome sewing machine as a graduation present from my husband.

I have ten years of experience working in children's ministry and feel very strongly that the role of the church is to come alongside parents/families and partner with them to nurture the faith of children. I also think there is great value in the whole church learning and growing together and to that end I really enjoy planning intergenerational activities which allow people of all ages to be together. As I have journeyed and grown in seminary, I have come to realize that God is calling me to a broader role in the church, not just to children's ministry which is one of the many things that excites me about this position; I get the opportunity to be involved in the life of the broader church body. My three top values in ministry are to walk with people through the hard stuff in life and to point them to the Living God, to mentor/disciple/nurture people in their faith journey and to take truth from Scripture and make it relevant/real in people's lives. I see the opportunity, to do all these things in this new role and am thankful for this amazing opportunity.

My favorite passage is Romans 8:38-39, which says "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." I am excited to be a part of a congregation that is intentionally choosing to share this truth with the world around them. I can't wait to get started!

Grace and peace, Jenni

## YOUR GIFTS WILL BE MATCHED

*Continued from page 1.*

We are being asked as a congregation to donate \$100 per person in the average worship service. That comes to a total of \$19,500 over the course of the next 3-5 years. Having our gifts matched will help us to kick off our campaign and help us reach our congregational goal. If you can help by making a generous gift in the coming days it would be greatly appreciated. There will also be an opportunity to offer a pledge to the campaign, if you would like to contribute to this mission opportunity over the next 3 years.

Why get involved in "Imagine No Malaria"? Because this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to change the course of history. This is an opportunity for our church to literally save millions of lives. This is an opportunity to alleviate suffering and make a lasting difference. Most of us will live to long enough to tell our children and grandchildren about how this dreaded disease that was stamped out in the U.S. in the 1950's came to an end in Africa because of the actions that we and our church took. Imagine No Malaria. By giving \$10 you can save a life. By giving \$1,000 you can save 100 lives now and many more in the future. Ever want to make a difference in the world? Here's your chance. Checks should be made out to "Arlington Hills UMC" please include the words "Imagine No Malaria" in the Memo section of your check.



## CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS

You will want to be in church on Sunday, December 18 when the Chancel Choir presents "A Shepherd's Tale" written and arranged by Jen and Dave Perry.

There'll be lots of congregational singing as we hear the story of the nativity as told through a shepherd's perspective.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Baker, Bernie & Nancy**  
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**Clum, Ruth & Larry**  
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### OUR NEW YOUTH MEMBERS

Alex Sether



Aaron Gorden



Ellen Jones



Jake Domagala



Peter Diede



Rachel Nentwig



### OTHER MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**Shaw, Andy**— *New Phone Number*  
(480) 823-6578 AZ area code



Prayers for Colleen & Christopher Hample and their family as they continue to deal with Colleen's health issues as well as the health challenges Christopher's parents are experiencing

Prayers for Ronald & Christine Russell and their family upon the death of his mother, Annie; Prayers also for Ronald's father, Robert, who is in hospice care

Prayers for Greg Juenemann as he continues to consult with doctors at the Mayo Clinic

Prayers for Susan, daughter of Myrt Kieger (Sierra), who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer

Please pray for the family of Vern Clark, a former long-time member of our congregation; Vern passed away last week at his home in Crosslake, MN; He was 93

Prayers for Justin Joriman who continues to undergo medical evaluation and treatment for his heart

Prayers for Beth Thompson's aunt who has moved to a care center due to health issues

Prayers for Bill Ellis' grandson, Ben, who took a fall and was seriously injured

Prayers for the family of Barb Londo's friend who passed away

Prayers for Leah Harding's sister, Lois, who is ill

**CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!!!**

The 2012 calendars are on sale now for \$7 each.

**Proceeds go to youth missions.**

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michelle VonBische
- 2 Zachary Sether
- 7 Frederick Whipple
- 8 Grace Endrizzi
- 9 Michael Maddio
- 11 Ryan Clum
- 12 Elizabeth Jones
- 13 Rachel Nentwig
- 15 Tom Holder
- 17 Jack Desai
- 17 Rachel Domagala
- 17 Paul Nentwig
- 19 Steven Diede
- 20 Leah Harding
- 23 John Nentwig
- 24 Neal Anderson
- 24 Peggy Barr
- 24 Ben Youngstrom
- 25 Mitchell Buckley
- 26 Gabriella Loll
- 26 Gloriana O'Neil
- 27 Kay Hirte
- 28 Robert Hartwig
- 29 Christopher Russell
- 29 Alexander Sether
- 29 Ray Slipka
- 30 Christine Russell
- 31 Alex Bondeson
- 31 Mark Christopherson
- 31 Ruth Rose
- 31 Burt Trumbower

## Thank You...

THANKS to all who came out to share their Halloween treats with the children at our second annual Trunk or Treat. This year was filled with surprises such as an ice house, bike commuter, and a monster bar-b-q! We also had two members of the community who joined us not only with Trunk or Treaters, but also by adding themselves in the car line-up. Pencil us in for next year as we see what other fun we can come up with!

Thank you, Arlington Hills United Methodist Church family, for your memorials, prayers and cards on the death of my husband, Ron Siegmund; your support is/was much appreciated. Thank you also to Pastor Chip who prayed with us on the last day. Again, thank you all very much and May God Bless You.

*Frankie Schlichting and Family*

Thanks you for remembering Mother (Rachel Dennis) with the Thanksgiving bookmark. She also cherishes the purple knit shawl which holds a place of honor on her bed... I think your recycling calendars is a plan I will share with my church in Williston... With thanks and blessings,

*Jacki Kech*

Please take a moment to stop in the fellowship hall and look at the Thanksgiving Turkey that the McVay students left for us. They have made notes of what they are thankful for and say some really nice things about AH.

Thank you for the recording of the "Blessing of the Animals" service. It was good to hear that our pets are appreciated. We think that Tess is a gift from God. If you could just see her at work at Woodwinds Hospital on Saturday mornings. Thanks to Wilma Davis who took time from her busy schedule to visit with me. She got to give Tess a lot of belly rubs. My thanks to all the wonderful people at church. I am just blessed to be among them.

*Ruth Rose*

Dear AHUMC,  
Please pass on my belated thanks to everyone at AHUMC who participated in the 2011 CROP Walk. The \$1,830 raised by your walkers was surpassed by only one church! This is especially astonishing since this is our first recorded participation by your faith community in our WALK. Church World Service is especially gratified by your generosity. \$25,000+ was brought in on Oct 9. Good work can be done throughout the world – because of folks like yours.

God bless, *David Leitzke*



### CARE BASKETS

Care Baskets for our homebound member will be assembled on Tuesday, December 6 after the morning Bible Study – about 11:30 a.m.



They will be delivered that afternoon or the next day. If you would like to help assemble or deliver, please sign up on the Yellow Sign Up Sheet.

**The Senior Diamond Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, December 20 at noon. Watch for your invitation.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The Children's Christmas Program is on Sunday, December 11 with rehearsal on Saturday, December 10 at 9:30 a.m. The program is "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" written by Judy Gattis Smith, the aunt of Amy O'Neil. We are beginning to work on the program by learning our lines, singing our songs and doing our artwork. We hope you will all be able to attend.

Family and Friends... Plan to stay and enjoy lunch following our Children's Christmas Program and worship on Sun Dec 11. This lunch will be gammy as usual and proceeds are for SOCKS (our senior high mission trip to South Chicago)

In Sunday School our curriculum is The Messiah: Jesus as the Fulfillment of the Prophecies. What we learn in Sunday School directly leads into the Children's program.

On Sunday, December 18, there will be no Sunday School, but children may decide to stay in church for the Choir Concert or come to the Sunday School rooms and make Christmas decorations to take home.

**There is NO Sunday School on Sunday, December 25.**

**Tidbits from Maxine:**

- The national volunteer rate dipped slightly in 2009 & 2010, but the number of hours served by volunteers stayed about the same. Thanks volunteers!
- There were 880 million cell phone subscriptions in the Americas – accounting for 94 out of every 100 people in 2010. 36% of kids aged 10 & 11 owned a phone.

**KICKS-OFF ANOTHER SEASON**

Adult volleyball at AH will begin its 31st year on Jan 6 with a practice night. Our regular season will then begin on Jan 13 and run through March. This is a fun, recreational league for adults of all abilities. You do not have to commit to playing every week. We always have people that are willing to fill in. Teams are chosen at random but couples are placed on the same team! We play on Friday nights with games at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 or 9:00 PM. Childcare is provided for the first three games each night. It is not provided for the 9:00 game as most parents generally do not bring young children when they play the late games! The sign-up sheet is posted at the Welcome Center. For more information, call Dave Engelhardt at (651) 484-9268

**UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT**

*6th-12th grade Youth and Friends*



*are invited to a  
Christmas Movie  
Marathon on Sunday*

*Dec. 4 11:30-5:30pm.*

*Please bring \$3.00 for pizza and  
your favorite holiday snack to share.*

*"Nightmare before  
Christmas" will kick off our  
time together.... Good  
conversation and more....*



**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 Revelation
- *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

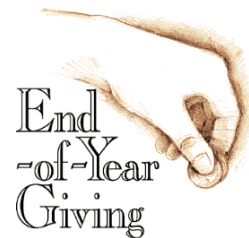
## December LOL Dates

- 7<sup>th</sup> Please join us
- 14<sup>th</sup> Please join us
- 21<sup>st</sup> NO LOL
- 28<sup>th</sup> NO LOL

- *No Midweek Worship Service* in December
- *The Knitting and Crocheting Group* meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM after the LOL meal in the east wing meeting room
- *The Diabetes Support Group* meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2 PM in the fireside room – join us December 14
- *Chancel Choir* rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7 PM – No rehearsal Dec 28
- *Golden Bells* rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM
- *The Thursday Morning Men's Prayer Group* meets in the fireside room at 8 AM every Thursday mornings
- *The UMW Quilting Group* meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 10:00 AM at church. All are welcome.
- *Bridge Group* will not meet in December

- *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 December 15
- *GAP Group* meets once a month to share fun and fellowship – join us Saturday, Dec 3 for "Stacky-Uppy" dinner and a concert at Concordia College – contact the LaRocks (651) 484-3272 for all the details
- *BLBs (the Breakfast-Lunch-Bunch)* meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month – join us at 9 AM on December 17 at Pannekoeken, Maplewood for breakfast; questions call Wilma Davis at 651-489-4568

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

**2011 GIVING REMINDER**

December 25, Christmas Day, is the last Sunday in 2011. If you miss December 25 please mail your offering to the church or use Online giving through our website since the church

will not be open the last week of December. Offerings received Sunday, January 1 will be recorded in 2012. Envelopes postmarked on or before December 31 will be included in your 2011 giving. Please check with your post office for when they are open. December 31 is a Saturday which typically has shorter hours and in the past years several branches closed early on December 31. If you are making a contribution of stock please note that some brokerage firms have their own deadlines for end of year contributions. The brokerage firms will not be able contact the church of the last week of December.

**USE SCRIP FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING**

Please consider Scrip cards for your holiday shopping, gift giving, and traveling needs. There are order forms which list all of the retailers that you can currently order gift cards for on the Scrip table on Sunday mornings. Order forms are available anytime at the Welcome Center or online at the church website: [www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org](http://www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org)

Some retailers you may want to consider are:

Retailer	Scrip Card	% to AH	\$ to AH
American Airlines	\$100	8%	\$8.00
Foot Locker	\$25	9%	\$2.25
Build-A-Bear Workshop	\$25	8%	\$2.00
Barnes & Noble	\$10	9%	\$0.90
Cabela's	\$25	11%	\$2.75
Children's Place	\$25	12%	\$3.00
Chuck E. Cheese	\$10	8%	\$0.80
HomeGoods	\$25	7%	\$1.75
Honey Baked Ham	\$10	12%	\$1.20
Land's End	\$25	16%	\$4.00
Little Caesar's Pizza	\$20	8%	\$1.60
Old Navy	\$25	14%	\$3.50
TGI Friday's	\$25	9%	\$2.25
Walgreens	\$25	6%	\$1.50

*It adds up quickly!*

Orders placed on Sunday are delivered to the church by Thursday of that week. As you can see, by each of us purchasing a few cards the church benefits greatly and many of these are retailers that we will shop at this time of year anyway.

**2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The 2012 offering envelopes will be available in the narthex for you to pick up during the month of December. Please grab your box. It will save us the cost of postage to mail them to you.

**ESTIMATE OF GIVING FOR 2012**

The Stewardship Committee would like to remind those of you who have not returned your Estimate of Giving cards to please, drop them in the collection plate or mail them to the church. It's important that we have your information as we make commitments for 2012 programs in our church.

	2011	2012
Total Member Households	221	226
Households with a Pledge	121	88*
	<i>*as of 11/22/11</i>	

**CONSIDER VANCO IN THE NEW YEAR!!!!**

Online Giving through VANCO is available at Arlington Hills. This service transfers funds directly from your savings or checking account to AHUMC's bank account using the standard Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) system, which you may already use to pay your bills. A list of Frequently Asked Questions and instructions for getting started are available on the church website [www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org](http://www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org) or by calling Cindy.

There are two ways to register for VANCO: online via a link on our church website or via a paper form submitted to the office. Please contact Cindy in the church office if you have any questions

**"I Give Electronically"** Cards – Once you've sign up and are making your regular Sunday offering electronically through VANCO, we invite you to use the new "I Give Electronically" cards available at the Welcome Center in the narthex. Simply pick up a card as you enter the sanctuary and drop it in the offering plate instead of your regular envelope.

## FISHING WITH PASTOR CHIP'S

### LAKE OF THE WOODS FISHING CAMP

Adults Only - May 14-17, 2012

\$319 (before April 1<sup>st</sup>) World Class Walleye fishing with deluxe accommodations at the Border View Lodge in Baudette, MN. Fish fry, friendships, and faith sharing are all part of the fun. Men, women, and couples are welcome! The first 16 registered will be assigned to the Great Lodge! Participants may also choose to fish Red Lake on the return trip. Price includes the spring gathering, food, lodging, and transportation when car-pooling with a boat driver. More Information is available from Pastor Chip. You may register on line at [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org) or pick up a brochure in the church office.



### CANADIAN FISHING CAMP

Adults Only - August 6-12, 2012

World Class Walleye fishing with modern accommodations at Mahkwa Lodge on Beautiful Lac Seul, Ontario. Fish fries, friendships, and faith sharing are all part of the fun. Price includes the spring gathering, food, lodging, and transportation when car-pooling with a boat driver. More Information is available from Pastor Chip. You may register on line at [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org) or pick up a brochure in the church office.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### SPONSORED NEW & EVENTS

Rebekah Circle serves Sunday Coffee during the month of December.

Hannah Circle decorates the Fireside Room for the season.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

*Lydia Circle:* Wed., Dec 7, 12:00 PM Luncheon at Helen Merkle's home

*Naomi Circle:* Thur., Dec 1, 9:30 AM at Christmas Brunch Potluck at church

*Rebekah Circle:* Thur., Dec 1, 10:30 AM at church

*Hannah Circle:* Sat., Dec 3, 9:30 AM Christmas Gathering at church

### CHRISTMAS TEA

#### "The Magic of Music"

Saturday, December 10 2:00 PM



EVERYONE is invited to join in this holiday gathering. After a time of fellowship and refreshments, we will gather for our UMW officer installation service. Melodye Eisele, Harper and Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner, will then entertain us with a program of Christmas and Celtic harp music. To help us plan the refreshments, please sign up 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.



We warmly welcome you to join us at Arlington Hills UMC during this special holiday season. Pastor Chip's Advent sermon series is entitled "*The Best Christmas Ever*" Pastor Chip wishes you the best Christmas ever! In this series, he will try to lift up the components and the preparation that will add meaning, reduce stress, deal with the challenges of the holidays, and let the light of Christ shine in your life. As is our tradition we will have a wonderful children's program and outstanding music from our music groups. *We hope you can join us during this wonderful season.*

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| <b>Sunday, Nov 27</b>   | <b>10 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Service</b><br>Message: The Best Christmas Ever: Spiritually Preparing   |
| <b>Sunday, Dec 4</b>    | <b>10 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Service</b> with communion<br>Message: The Best Christmas Ever: Making Peace with Reality                          |
| <b>Sunday, Dec 11</b>   | <b>10 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Service</b><br>Featuring the children's Christmas program<br>Message: The Best Christmas Ever: Sharing the Joy     |
| <b>Sunday, Dec 18</b>   | <b>10 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Service</b><br>Featuring the Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata<br>Message: The Best Christmas Ever: Feeling the Love |
| <b>Saturday, Dec 24</b> | <b>4 PM Family Christmas Eve Service</b><br><b>10 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, Dec 25</b>   | <b>10 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Service</b> with communion and carols  |

**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

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