

Making a Difference: A Calendar Story

Submitted by Nancy Herther

So, what's happened with all of those "free" calendars that everyone has so kindly put in the calendar box in the fellowship hall?

Andrew Herther's original intent was to get enough calendars so that every resident of the Good Samaritan Home at Roselawn & Edgerton would have their own calendars at bedside. The project has been so successful that not only did Good Sam get the calendars they could use, but there were enough left over to share with another facility! Andrew collected over 140 calendars!

The nearly 90 left were donated to the Ramsey County Care Center on Frost and White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. This is a 178-bed facility built where the Ramsey County Poor Farm existed in the past as home and work for the indigent in our area. Beth, the Activities Director, was speechless when I called - floored at this gift - and promised they would all go to good use. She feels these will bring a smile as well as be useful to their patients.

Please accept our thanks, as well, to each of you for your participation!

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NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE

BUILDER DEADLINES

Input Deadline

February 16

March 23

April 20

May 18

June 22

Builder Assembly

February 23

March 30

April 27

May 25

June 29

*** No Builder Published in July***

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

In January we acknowledged three members who formally joined our Arlington Hills UMC family. Two of them, Greg Juenemann and Bill Ellis, have been attending Arlington Hills for years and recently transferred their membership. The third is Pastor Robert Rollin who you may have seen around the past few months. Welcome gentlemen.

Rollin, Robert– new member

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THE PASTOR SHARES

After years of a 3-4 can a day habit, I quit drinking pop last summer. I haven't missed the taste but have missed drinking something different from water or milk. I bought an ice tea maker last night. I'm experimenting with it. The first batch was a little strong but all in all not bad. However, it seemed a little messy on the countertop. My cup runneth over!

That's life—whenever we try something new it gets a little messy until we experiment long enough to get it just right. This month we have some new activities and I hope they will wet your appetite to go deeper in faith, worship, and service. I'm pleased to share that the Methodist Creek will be offering a sing along every 4th Wednesday of the month! A new knitting group has formed. We have some new educational opportunities, and a great guest speaker. I hope that you will discover something that brings you joy in this Builder. May your counter top be clean and may your spiritual cup runneth over!

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Chip

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Angela Novotny
- 1 Ellen Watson
- 2 Jacob Hagberg
- 5 Raymond Kruse
- 6 Jenny Davis
- 8 Jessica Garcia
- 9 Doris Sarpong
- 11 Brooke Hayes
- 11 Charly Hayes
- 12 Michele Gorden
- 13 Devin Sweeney
- 14 Erik Carlson
- 14 Dixie Scruggs
- 15 Mary Ayetey
- 15 Nancy Hayes
- 16 Marsha Froehle
- 16 Myrtice Kieger
- 17 Ronald Siegmund
- 18 Andrew Herther
- 18 Ronald Phillippo
- 19 Kathy Berg
- 19 Virgil Sandmann
- 21 Janette Baldwin
- 21 David Johnson
- 21 Tyler Johnson
- 21 Jon Joriman
- 21 Rachel Maddio
- 22 Richard Murray
- 22 Nathan Rice
- 22 Zachary Rice
- 24 Gudrun Kwiatkowski
- 24 Rory O'Neil
- 25 Duane Schwartz
- 26 Phyllis Appleby
- 26 Jennifer Hagberg
- 26 Ellen Jagodzinski
- 27 Muriel Paulson
- 28 Abby LeBlanc

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Annual Church Conference meeting will take place on Sunday, **February 6** 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.

YOUTH DIRECTOR UPDATE

Beth Thompson, after much prayerful consideration, has offered her resignation effective in June 2011. She will continue to serve to her full capacity until that time. We are very thankful for her faithful service. Although Beth has a full time job, she was willing to serve as our Youth Director for a generous period of time when requested to do so by Pastor Chip and the Arlington Hills Staff Parish Relations Committee. Please thank her for her service! We look forward to celebrating her service in June. In the meantime, she is still our Youth Director and we ask for your support and encouragement for her and the Youth program.

Beth very graciously offered her resignation early so that we would have an opportunity to hire a new Youth Director in a timely manner and make a smooth transition. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be moving forward with planning for the position over the next couple of months. If you have ideas or insight that would be helpful to the Staff Parish Relations

Committee, please contact me.

Karen Johnson
Staff Parish Relations Chair

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES

New Offering Envelopes with New Options for Giving

The 2011 offering envelopes are here and you will notice they have a new look! You now have the option of using your Sunday offering envelopes to contribute to any of the Permanent Endowment Funds we have established at Arlington Hills.

These funds are not simply collecting dust (or interest and dividends)—they are being put to work to enhance the ministries of our church. The special music we have enjoyed during worship services has been paid for through our endowment funds. Youth have been awarded scholarships to attend camp, mission trips and events such as UMYS and JUMYS.

These are exciting ministries to participate in! If you are interested in contributing to any of the Permanent Endowment Funds in addition to your regular budget donations you are welcome to use your Sunday morning offering envelopes to do so!

Please pick up your 2011 offering envelopes in the narthex as soon as possible. This will save us the cost of postage to mail them to you. Reminder: those who have 2010 envelope numbers greater than 250 will be assigned new numbers in 2011.

2010 SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECAP

Throughout the year there are several special offerings to which you are asked to contribute. We would like to bring you up to date on what was collected for some of these special programs. There are six special offerings sponsored by the United Methodist Church throughout the year. Your offering to these special programs strengthens United Methodist outreach locally and throughout the world.

UMC – Human Relations Sunday	\$184
UMC – One Great Hour	\$530
UMC – Native American Sunday	\$100
UMC – Peace with Justice Sunday	\$173
UMC – World Communion Sunday	\$410
UMC – Student Sunday	\$315

In January of 2010 you might remember the devastating earthquake that shook Haiti. Immediately after this tragedy UMCOR established a special fund for Haitian relief. Arlington Hills contributed over \$2,200 to this fund.

Last spring the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church sponsored its annual Love Offering. Arlington Hills contributed nearly \$900 to this offering.

Our special offerings at Easter and Christmas were designated for the children of the Debrugsal School and Orphanage in Sierra Leone. You contributed nearly \$3,300 at Easter and \$3,700 at Christmas. The Thanksgiving offering of over \$1,400 went to Wesley UMC Saturday meal program funded

through “Grace in the City”.

Thank you for your support of these worthy organizations. A full list of groups and organizations that Arlington Hills supported in 2010 can be found in the 2010 Annual Report to be presented February 6 at our annual Church Conference.

SCRIP NEWS!

We started selling Scrip after Thanksgiving last year and have been taking orders since! Scrip is a program where retailers offer gift cards at a discount to non-profit organizations. When you order Scrip, you pay full price for the gift cards of your choice and receive full value for them when you use them to make your purchases. However, when we order your gift cards, the church pays a discounted price, enabling us to make some profit.

This is a painless a way to supplement the funding of our church’s ministries! Ben Hickman began coordinating this project and Donna Burger has agreed to help take orders and sell scrip on Sundays and they are backed by the Finance / Stewardship Ministry Team. If you have any questions, you are welcome to ask any of us.

How can you participate? Think about where you like to shop. Where do you buy your groceries? Where do you buy gasoline? Go out to eat? Go to the movies? Could you pay for those purchases using gift cards instead of writing a check or using a credit card? All that is required is a little advance planning to order the gift cards you need

and some upfront money to pay for them. The hardest part of using scrip is remembering to take them with you when you shop! It helps if you have a special place in your wallet or purse where you keep the gift cards.

Good news for those who shop at Rainbow & Target! Scrip for both of these popular retailers are now available. We are trying to keep an inventory of Cub, Rainbow, Chipotle, and Panera Scrip on hand that you can purchase immediately. Scrip from other retailers can be ordered! Order forms can be found at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

So far, we have earned approximately \$300—a good beginning! Keep in mind that your scrip purchases are not tax deductible. Thanks to all who have participated by purchasing scrip!

Online Giving through VANCO –

Online giving 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.

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.

Warren Churchill Scholarship -

A \$1,000 scholarship is to be given annually in Warren’s name and will be awarded to a college student pursuing a career in art, music or theology. The scholarship is available to a high school graduate accepted for college, a current college student, or to someone considering re-entering school in anticipation of a career change. Previous award winners may reapply, but new applicants will receive first consideration. The scholarship application forms are available on our website www.arlingtonhillsumc.org or in the church office during the months of March and April, and would need to be completed and returned to the church office by April 30, 2011. The scholarship will be awarded in May/June.

SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL

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



... Muriel Anderson
 who fell and is
 recovering at the
 Maplewood Care
 Center
 ... the family &
 friends of Ann
 Thompson who

passed away January 5, 2011

- ... Lillian Loll who is hospitalized at St John's in Maplewood after a fall
- ... Marianne Sether who is recovering from shoulder surgery
- ... Don Webinger who is hospitalized with health problems
- ... and for all our friends and family members who are dealing with personal challenges

Prayers of joy and thanksgiving upon the birth of Anastasia Christine who was born to Becky & Eric Carlson on January 17.

WINNER – 1ST TIME VISITORS

Melissa Slater of White Bear Lake is our December winner in our monthly drawing for first time visitors. Melissa and her husband have been with us several times since December.

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

SAVE THESE DATES...

Sunday, February 6 is **Camp Sunday**. Wear your camping clothes! Celebrate church camping and hear about the exciting opportunities for this summer. It's not too early to register for Youth and Adult Camps. You'll find more information about camping elsewhere in this edition of The Builder.

The bridge group regularly meets on the second Thursday of each month. This month we will meet Thursday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. New players are always welcome. JoAnne Dansdill is hostess – 774-7121.

In honor of **Black History Month** we welcome back gospel singer Lee Roy Hawkins and his wife, Roberta on Sunday, February 13. Lee Roy will lift our spirits with music while his wife Roberta shares with us some information on Black history. This will be an inspiring and spirit-filled worship service! Why not an invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you??

Sunday, February 13 is also **Boy Scout Sunday**. The scouts will be with us for our regular Sunday worship. Please take a moment to ask them about scouting.

Please join the **BLB group** on Saturday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m. at Denny's. Enjoy good fellowship and food. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Lorraine Swanson at 484-8605 if you have questions.

On Sunday, February 27 **the Minnesota Boychoir** will join us for our worship service. Founded in 1962, this is the oldest boychoir in the Minneapolis / Saint Paul area. The Boychoir has a reputation for excellence, which has earned them praise and many invitations to perform.

The Hospitality Ministry Team will host **Snowball** – softball in the snow – on Sunday afternoon, February 27 at 2:00. After the game, we'll retreat to the fire pit for hot chocolate and laughs. Questions? See Jim Watson or other Hospitality Team member.

Coming in March...

East Side Ecumenical Churches will again offer a series of Lenten services throughout Lent and Holy Week 2011. The 2011 Theme is "Seeing the Sacred in Our Everyday Lives" based on the book *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

The offering at each of the services will go to support Merrick Community Food Shelf. As in the past a simple soup suppers will be offered before each of the services with a suggested donation \$3.00 per person. The Ash Wednesday service on March 9 will be here at Arlington Hills UMC. The complete schedule for all of the other services will be published in the March Builder and will be available on AH's website.

Sunday, March 13 is **Girl Scout Sunday**. The girl scouts have been invited to join us for our regular Sunday worship.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Chip will lead two camps this summer. Many have already registered. Space is limited. Please pick up a camp registration form at the welcome center. For more information talk with Pastor Chip.

Lake of the Woods Fishing Camp

Camp #442 -- May 16-19

Only \$299

Pastor Chip is the leader of this Minnesota Annual Conference Adult Fishing Experience. Enjoy fishing on two of the Minnesota's great walleye lakes. Fish fries, friendship and growing in faith are all part of the experience. Participants will have the opportunity to fish on Red Lake for an afternoon and Lake of the Woods for 3 days. We will stay at the 4,400 square foot corporate retreat center at Border View Lodge
www.borderviewlodge.com.

Canadian Fishing Camp

Camp #305 -- May 16-19

Only \$619 (Before April 1)

Beautiful Lac Seul is a top Ten Canadian Lake! This tour includes transportation, food, lodging, boats, and guides. Shore lunch, evening devotions, and time for physical and spiritual renewal. Pastor Chip is one of the leaders of this 16 year Minnesota Annual Conference Adult Fishing Experience. We will be guests of the 1st Nation (Native American) community at Mahkwa Lodge.

NURTURE & EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

In Sunday School on **February 13**, all the children will be together and we will make valentines for family and friends. The following week we will begin the rotation on Respect - that includes the Golden Rule.

INTERESTING TIDBITES

Each month I receive a magazine called Children's Ministry. I thought I would share some of the tidbits of information from the magazine. It does make you think.

- *9 out of 10 children prefer playing with their friends over watching TV. ...We may think children are always stuck in front of a screen of some sort, but that doesn't seem to be the case.
- *8% of children actually have food allergies. 5% of adults do, although 30% of the population believes they have food allergies.
- *Families with two adults, one preschooler, and one school-age child must earn between \$40,000 and \$65,000 annually to live on a bare-bones budget – that is, to meet their needs without public assistance or help from relatives and friends. *Maxine*

CARING MINISTRIES

The Card Stamping Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24 to make cards for our homebound members. Please come. Everyone is welcome to join us.

FEBRUARY (LOL) SCHEDULE

February 2

February 9

February 16 – Midweek Worship

February 23 – Facebook Speaker and

Methodist Creek Sing-a-long

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

LOL HAPPENINGS

KNIT WITH US ON WEDNESDAYS!

During the month of January, some of us started knitting and crocheting together on Wednesday evening after the LOL supper hour. We have had a fantastic time and would like to continue this activity. Anyone who crochets or knits (or wants to learn to knit) is welcome to join us! Maxine Wallen is an experienced knitting teacher and will be glad to teach anyone wanting to learn. If you want lessons, bring a skein of yarn and a pair of knitting needles with you. Smooth, light-colored yarn is best as it is easier to see your stitches! If you have any questions about yarn or knitting needles, talk to Maxine! Otherwise, bring your current knitting or crocheting project to work on!

COME & SING-ALONG!!

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

LOL HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED**FACEBOOK SPEAKER**

On Wednesday, **February 23** Lee Meyer, a counselor for many years at both middle schools and alternative schools will talk about the issues of Facebook. We are calling it In Your Face: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. This presentation is especially for parents, youth, grandparents and those who are concerned about the whole social network situation.

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

Lenten Study – The Education & Spiritual Growth Ministry Team is offering a Lenten study this spring. This study is a seven week study open to all church members. The book we are studying is "Bread in the Wilderness" by Rev. Kenneth Carter; Rev. Carter is a United Methodist Minister.

There will be several times offered for this study. The first, Wednesday evenings beginning March 2, is part of our LOL evening. The second is on Monday mornings beginning March 7 at the home of Evelyn Hunt. Other times may be offered based on the need and the availability of teachers.

Please check the sign up sheets to sign up and check for other class times as well. We hope to see a large part of the congregation participate in these classes. The \$8 cost of the textbook is the cost of the class.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

To my Arlington Hills family – I really appreciate the cards & prayers and visits from the pastors and ministry members. I am better walking with a cane most of the time. I hope to get to church more often now to see you all.

Lillian Loll

[Unfortunately after writing this Lillian took a fall and is hospitalized at St. John's. Please keep her in your prayers.]

Dear AHUMC – Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$500 ... Currently the Karen Organization of Minnesota is the only Karen-led 501c3 organization funded to serve the Karen community in MN. With the help from donations like yours, the KOM can assist newly arriving Karen and other refugees from Burma with social and employment services in the resettlement process.

Chong B. Vang - Executive Director

Thank you very much for your congregation's recent contributions of \$500 to the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches ... Support from congregations like yours is important in order to develop and maintain our programs and activities in the greater East Metro area. If you would like information on the Council's activities, please contact us.

Kristi Anderson - Development Director

Thank you to all of you at AHUMC for your prayers, visits, cards and all kinds of expressions of support following my colon surgery. I am happy to report positive results from the procedure.

Caroline Nentwig

Dear church family – We thank each of you for your prayers, concern, visits, calls and cards. Art is doing OK. We have a ways to go to get back to the previous level of function. We are fortunate that the weather is such that we couldn't be out anyway.

Art & Delores Kaese

Thank you for your recent gift to help hurting people right here in the Twin Cities! 2010 was an incredible year at the Mission – thanks to people like you! Together we provided more than 374,000 meals to the hungry, offered safe shelter and tools to develop self-sufficiency to nearly 160 women and children, served 1,296 men in our emergency shelter, provided free dental care to 1,596 people in need, offered academic assistance and job skills coaching to 150 men and women ... the list goes on and on.

Ken Peterson

Executive Director - Union Gospel Mission

From the Bartons in Tennessee

December 23, 2010

Holiday Greetings and rejoicing in the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We greatly enjoyed the fellowship we had at Arlington Hills when we visited at the end of July and we appreciate the hospitality by Greg and Vivian LaRock, and others, during our stay in the Twin Cities. And we enjoyed visiting with John and Amy O'Neil and seeing all the great improvements they have made to their home. We send our love and prayers for continued blessings to all of you. We savor the memory of our years in your fellowship.

Stephen and Melissa Barton

United Methodist Women Sponsored News / Events

UMW Winter Brunch

Saturday, February 12, 9:30 a.m.

Would you like to learn more about some of the *women hymn writers* and have some fun doing it? EVERYONE is welcome to come and join on us on Saturday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m. to hear Elizabeth Everitt's wonderful program. Elizabeth is a former conference and district UMW president, has served on the Emma Norton Board, and has just finished serving as dean of School of Christian Mission. She is a musician by profession and has taught music for a number of years.



Cost is \$5.00. Child care will be provided upon request. Please plan to attend and sign up now at the Welcome Center...bring a friend. We would love to see you there!

FEBRUARY UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Hannah Circle will meet at church
Saturday, February 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Lydia Circle will meet on Wednesday,
February 2 at 12:00 noon at Hazel
Ridge. Please contact Helen Merkle
with questions – 484-3170

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

Naomi Circle usually meets on the first
Thursday of the month.

Youth Happenings

Looking Ahead:

LOL:

Wednesday February 2 and 9—Regular LOL schedule

Wednesday, February 16—mid-week worship and regular classes, concluding with a large group activity.

Wednesday February 23: Special Speaker during class time: Youth and Parents come and hear Lee Meyer discuss the issues of Facebook. "In Your Face: the good, the bad and the ugly!" Come and hear all about issues and your questions about Facebook!

SH Youth Volleyball

February 4—6:00

February 11—7:00

February 18—No volleyball

February 25—6:00

Come when you can!! Let's have some fun together!!

Sunday February 6: Camping Sunday during the worship service

Sunday February 27: Come and hear the MN Boychoir during the worship service.

Watch the bulletin and your e-mail for other youth events for February!!!

Happy Valentine's Day

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he sent His only son"...Jesus is the best Valentine ever given!! Share God's love with those you love! Have a Happy Valentine's Day! --*Beth*



SCOUTING UPDATE

Boy Scout Troop #187 & Pack #712

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

T187 Parent's Night

On December 6th, T187 held its Winter Parent's night. We had just over 60 in attendance. High lights for the fall class session included 13 rank advancements and 22 merit badges. Thank you to the scouts for all of the hard work they put in over the last couple of months.

P712 and the Pinewood Derby

Over the last month cub scouts and parents have been working diligently on their cars for the 2011 P712 Pinewood Derby Race. The first step is deciding on the design of the car, super hero or spaceship, hotrod or monster truck, so many decisions and so little time. Next comes the cutting and sanding, which may take some hours on end to achieve that perfect look. Paint and wheels come next and lastly trying to get the car to go straight on the kitchen floor. We are eagerly waiting to see their final designs at the end of January with the race to be held on Saturday January 29th. I would like to wish best of luck to all racers.

T187 Holds Junior Leader Interviews

As a boy lead troop our newly elected Senior Patrol Leader held interviews for our top leadership positions over two

weeks in January. We are proud to announce that nine new leaders have been elected to the Patrol Leader Council. Positions filled include Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, four new Patrol Leaders, Den Chief, Scribe, Librarian and Quarter Master.

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 Holiday Candles and Joe's Sporting Goods Gift Cards. For information please contact dpyoungquist@gmail.com for more information.

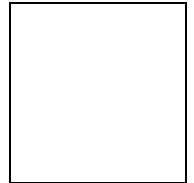
Future Scouts

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

TWO FUN EVENTS COMING IN FEBRUARY

SNOWBALL!! – The Hospitality Ministry Team invites you to demonstrate your Minnesota hardiness by joining us, Sunday afternoon, February 27 at 2:00 for softball in the snow! If you like, bring your mitt, but you can probably leave the baseball spikes in the closet until Spring Training. We'll meet at the backstop behind the church to choose up sides. After the game, we'll retreat to the fire pit for hot chocolate and laughs. Questions? See Jim Watson or other Hospitality Team member.

COME & SING-ALONG!! – Methodist Creek (Gary & Rachel McDonald, Kaye Olson, Dave Johnson) will be hosting a monthly gospel sing-along beginning in February. Bring your voices (or stringed instruments) and sing (play) along to old gospel favorites NOT in the hymnal – you know, songs like "*Do Lord*", "*I'll Fly Away*", "*I Saw the Light*", and "*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*". The songs you sang at bible camp. WARNING: WE ARE ALL ABOUT MUSICAL SPIRIT — NOT MUSICAL PERFECTION. Please join us at 6:30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of every month starting February 23.



Next Builder Deadline
Wednesday, February 16, 2010