

February 2012

## WE'RE ROLLING!!!

### PET INTERNATIONAL TWIN CITIES AFFILIATE BEGINS ASSEMBLY



The first 3 PETs (Personal Energy Transportation vehicles) have rolled off the line! They have been inspected and passed by PET International's Executive Director from Columbia, Missouri! There are seven more PETs in process. The very first PET produced will be in memory of Gary Hunt who introduced us to the PET project. He, Evelyn, and Mary Beth Hunt (Gary's mother) were instrumental in

helping our work teams travel to Penney Farms, Florida and bring back the enthusiasm and desire to make this life changing ministry happen in Minnesota!

PETs provide mobility for people in developing countries who have lost their legs or use of their legs to land mines, polio, earthquakes, etc. People who have been forced to drag themselves on the ground because of their poverty and physical problems are instantly given the transforming gift of mobility and dignity. PET's have been placed in more than 80 countries!

You can help build PETs in the future, but you can help us *build our base of support* now as we seek a location for building PETs. If you know of a church or civic group (Lions' Club and Rotary both have standing relationships with PET) that would like to have a speaker from PET Minnesota-Twin Cities, let Chris Bewell or Pastor Chip know and they'll arrange one of our presenters. We are actively working to broaden the base of this important mission project. You can learn more about PET by visiting [www.petmmtc.org](http://www.petmmtc.org).

*Read more about this ongoing project on page 4*

**AHUMC MINISTRY TEAM****Ministers –**

All of our church family

**Pastor –**

Rev. Carl M. "Chip" Nielsen III  
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Luana Mitchell

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**Video Technician –**

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**Sunshine Preschool Teachers –**

Elaine Gregory, Kathie Winters

**Nursery Attendant–**

Amelia Birchens

**Wedding Consultant –**

Kristi Hanes

**Custodians –**

Ron Houde & Brian Gaylord

**Wednesday Chef –**

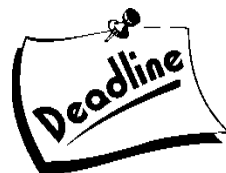
Chris Lewis

[www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org](http://www.ArlingtonHillsUMC.org)

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday**

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

**NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE****THE BUILDER  
NEWSLETTER****2012 BUILDER DATES**

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

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.

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

**2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Snowbirds ... we are holding your envelopes in the church office. Please stop by when you are back up north with us to pick them up.

## THE PASTOR SHARES

There is so much happening at AHUMC these days!

- We raised over \$13,500 for the **Imagine No Malaria** Campaign this vital mission project! The Minnesota Annual Conference is leading the way by being the first Conference to exceed its goal of 1.6 million dollars. The Minnesota Annual Conference has pledged \$2.2 million dollars to this life changing mission! Thanks to all who made generous donations!
- We look forward to **Jenni** beginning full time service this month!
- We look forward to hosting the Eastside Ecumenical **Ash Wednesday Service** and kicking off the schedule for the Eastside churches! Please check out the enclosed Schedule of Lenten worship and study opportunities.
- Our first 3 **PETs** (Personal Energy Transportation) vehicles have been built right here at AHUMC. They passed inspection by PET International. We have 7 more in the making. Visit our website [WWW.PETMNTC.ORG](http://WWW.PETMNTC.ORG). What a great mission project!!!
- Our **youth** are preparing for a retreat weekend this month, camps and mission trips this summer!
- We have a record number of **volleyball** teams in our Friday night league. And so much more happening!

It seems ironic that we have begun to participate in a program called "Vital Congregations" to become more vital. Every once in a while I just have to pause and give thanks and

praise to God for the gift of a wonderful, loving, spirit-filled congregation of servants. I'm so thankful for the energy, joy, and spirit of service that so many bring! Thank you and may God bless you as you bless others!!!



Pastor Chip

### MINISTRY TEAM & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sunday, February 5 at 10:00 AM

We invite all Ministry Team & Committee Members to join us on Sunday, February 5 for our worship service. We would like to publicly acknowledge the good work these people do behind the scenes to make our church work. We would like to see all of the church leadership that day, so they can be recognized and inducted into the church hierarchy.

### ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, February 5 at 11:30 AM

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.

If you cannot make it to the meeting but would like a copy of the annual report, please contact the office and we will get it to you.

**FIRST MN PET CARTS ASSEMBLED***Continued from page 1*

PET Minnesota Board

The first cart assembly activities for PET MN – Twin Cities took place on Saturday, 7 January 2012, at Arlington Hills UMC. Pastor Chip hosted the group and we set up shop in the Fellowship Hall to begin the process. Bob Peterson brought the jigs, Jim Conn brought drills, bits, fasteners, and paint, and Dave Engelhardt brought the wooden parts he and his team had cut. Along with Laura Anderson, Dawn Conn, Aaron Gorden, and Ray Kruse, this team used the jigs provided from Penney Farms, FL, and put together seats, back rests, and cart boxes. They moved into a different room and the priming process took place. It was an exciting initial start to achieve the reality of PET carts in Minnesota.

The next session included painting and assembly work by PET board member Chris Bewell, as well as Zach Sether, Donna Burger and many others. Final assembly for the first three PETs was 1-18. They were inspected by PET International's Executive Director from Columbia, Missouri the very next day. Steve thought our PETs were magnificent but also gave us a few helpful hints on final assembly. Steve met with our PET Minnesota board and brought several excellent ideas to the table!

**WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT WRONG****Continuing our Sermon Series**

What attitudes and actions of Christians have turned young adults away from the church? 87% of young adults described Christians as being judgmental, 85% described Christians as hypocritical. Churches that “get it wrong” may lose an entire generation of young adults. Can we get it right and have a bright future? How do we address the attitudes and actions of Christians who get it wrong and the beliefs that are most often cited as problematic by non-Christians? What does it look like when we get it right? This sermon series will be based on Adam Hamilton's book *When Christians Get it Wrong* and *Unchristian* by Dave Kinnaman and Gabe Lyon.

We will continue with this very interesting sermon series in February. Upcoming topics include:

February 5 Dealing with Homosexuality

February 12 When Bad Things Happen

February 19 When Christians Get It Right

Audio recordings of the entire sermon series are available on our website or on CD. Please contact the church office for more information.

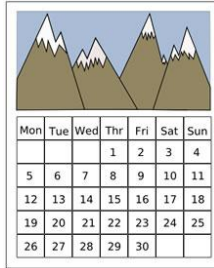
**Youth Fundraiser...**

Plan to stay and enjoy lunch following our Sunday worship on February 12. This lunch will be gummy as usual and proceeds are for SOCKS (our senior high mission trip to South Chicago)

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

2012'S CALENDAR STORY

Once again AHUMC members participated in helping so many others have a wonderful new year! Last year we were able to gather 140 calendars to give to local nursing homes - this year we gathered 180! Keep 'em coming!



Andrew'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 Ramsey County Care Center on Frost and White Bear Avenue in Maplewood - not enough for everyone there, but a collection of over 80 calendars just the same! We've been assured that each will be treasured as well as be useful to their patients.

Let's keep this up - what a wonderful way to 'recycle' something we might otherwise discard into something to be so useful and treasured by others! Like the widow's coins, even little things can add up in wonderful ways and touch people's hearts and improve their daily lives!

Please accept our thanks, as well, to each of you for your participation! -- Nancy & Andrew Herther



**Oliver Paul Moeller**  
Son of Paul & Katie Moeller

**CHILDREN/YOUTH VOLUNTEERS TRAINING**

Are you currently volunteering with children or youth? Are you interested in volunteering with children or youth? If so, you won't want to miss this training opportunity!! Following the service on 2/19/12, we will get together to learn about youth and children by studying the generation they were born in.

Understanding some of the unique characteristics of those in Gen Y and Z, can make ministering to them more fun and meaningful.



We will also have time to talk through the Lenten study we will be doing, using material from the book by Adam Hamilton, "24 Hours That Changed The World". Pizza, pop and childcare will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by 2/15/12, so we know how much pizza to order.

**WED. NIGHT CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS**

We are in need of several adults, who are willing to help once a month in our Wednesday night children's programming.

**Qualifications:** Enjoy spending time with children and having fun.

**Job Responsibilities:** Help children participate in a craft (which has been planned in advance) and then hang out with them while they play board games, read books, color, etc.

**Time commitment:** 6:15-7:30 on Wednesdays.

**Pay:** The smiles and laughs of children.

Interested in filling this vital ministry spot??? Call Pastor Jenni at 651-776-1547, ext 12

**LENTEN STUDY**

Walk with Jesus on his final day. Sit beside him at the Last Supper. Pray with him in Gethsemane. Follow him to the cross. Desert him. Deny him. Experience the Resurrection. The exciting book written by Adam Hamilton, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, will be the focus of our Lenten study series. Dates for the study are the weeks of 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by 2/12/12 to ensure that you get a copy of the book and/or 40 day devotional book. Questions? Contact Pastor Jenni at 651-776-1547

**Dates and Times Available:**

*Sunday during SS for Children*-Leader SS teachers

*Monday at 7:00 PM*-Leader Mark Youngstrom

*Tuesday at 9:30 AM*-Leader Pastor Chip

*Wednesday at 6:15-7:00 PM*-Leader Jim Watson

*Wednesday at 6:30 for Youth*-Leader Pam Podobinski

**OUR CHOIR NEEDS YOU!**

In case you have not noticed, several of our members have flown south. You could join for a limited number of Sundays - maybe 3 weeks. You can come Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. or Sundays at 9:15 a.m. You can join us for either or both. Please consider a little “seasonal” help.

**MUSIC SERIES CONTINUES WITH  
THE NORTHERN LIGHTS STRING QUARTET  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – 10:00 AM SERVICE**


The Northern Lights String Quartet began in 1997. Since that time the quartet has been performing at colleges, churches and schools around the Midwest. In 2006 they performed in the Lanesboro concert series. They are annually part of the Crown College recital series. The NLSQ was invited by the founder of “Healing Harps”, Ron Price, to give 3 separate community concerts in Bishop Hill, IL. The NLSQ has been coached by the Cavanni String Quartet, and the Pacifica String Quartet at the Madeline Island Chamber Music Camp for adults. In 2006 the NLSQ participated in Midori’s workshop at USC on forming community outreach programs.

Music education is an important part of the quartet’s mission. From grants through Thursday Musical, the quartet has given many presentations of music to school children ages kindergarten through 12th grade. In the Fall of 2007 the quartet did a 4 day residency program in LaSalle County, Ill. introducing stringed instruments to children in the public schools, holding an all day workshop for the Youth Symphony and giving a community concert.

The members of the NLSQ are:

Kathryn Christie, violin  
Carolyn Liptak, violin  
Jennifer Thomas, viola  
David Holmes, cello

**HISTORY NOTES**

As I said last month, we're having a lot of fun going through old documents. However, the next couple items come from a calendar put together for the centennial celebrated in 1990. In *February, 1952* the religious education building was dedicated. It was a surprise to us that the church got a new phone number in *February 1974* – 776-1547. Yes, it's the same number we all know and love today.

*February, 1975* -- The church was a busy place. The Over the Hill Gang vs. the youth in basketball AND volleyball took place that month with a potluck supper after. In addition, the UMW Washington's Birthday Salad Luncheon was held the day before. Cost: \$1.75!

*February, 1977*, The Pairs-N-Spares invited the Rev. Bruce Hanks, America's leading portrayer of Abraham Lincoln to be the guest speaker at their meeting. Apparently he is actually a Lincoln descendent and so the resemblance was quite remarkable.

*February, 1980* – The Lothirath family arrived in St. Paul from Laos.

If you have photos or memorabilia that we could copy please talk to a History Committee Member: Kaye Olson, Shirley Wester, Jim or Debra Watson.

**JOIN THE DIABETES GROUP IN FEBRUARY**

The guest speaker for our February 8 meeting will be an EMT paramedic from the Maplewood Emergency Response force. It should be a very interesting. We meet at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Gene Anderson if you have questions (651) 783-2683.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Have a concern or celebration to share? Please let our Prayer Chain know by calling Helen Merkle (651)484-3170 or the church office (651)776-1547 or send your email prayer request to Mary Youngstrom at [myoungstrom@aol.com](mailto:myoungstrom@aol.com) .

If you would like to join the Prayer Chain ministry and be added to our phone or email chains as a "pray-er" contact Helen or Mary.



*Prayers for Roger Capp who has been hospitalized a couple of times during the past month*

*Prayers for healing and comfort for Cindy Scott as she recovers from surgery*

*Prayers for Ruth Radi as she transitions to Ramsey County Care Center for rehabilitation after hip replacement surgery*

**USHERS & GREETERS**

Please consider signing up at the Information Center outside the fireside room. There are still a few spots left through the end of the year. New signup sheets for 2011 will be coming soon.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### SPONSORED NEW & EVENTS

Hannah Circle serves Sunday Coffee during the month of February.

#### CIRCLE MEETINGS

*Lydia Circle:* Wed., Feb 1, 12:00 PM at church

*Naomi Circle:* Thur., Feb 2, 9:30 AM at Rose Desai's home: 2404 Dianna Lane, Little Canada

*Rebekah Circle:* Thur., Feb 2, 9:30 AM at church

*Hannah Circle:* Sat., Feb 4, 9:30 AM at church

#### TWIN CITIES DISTRICT UMW

##### WINTER GATHERING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

This district event will take place at Fridley United Methodist church. It will include singing, worship, a group activity, leadership training, and lunch. Hannah circle members will be attending this gathering as their February event. We welcome other women to join us. Stop by the Welcome Center for registration forms and details. Registration deadline is TODAY. Please give Linda Oberg your completed registration form and \$10 (lunch cost). Make checks payable to Fridley UMW.



## Happy Birthday

- 1 Angela Novotny
- 2 Jacob Hagberg
- 2 Lori Nielsen
- 5 Raymond Kruse
- 9 Doris Sarpong
- 11 Alex Govrik
- 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
- 18 Andrew Herther
- 18 Ronald Phillippo
- 19 Kathy Berg
- 19 Daniel Endrizzi
- 19 Virgil Sandmann
- 21 Janette Baldwin
- 21 David 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 Jennifer Hagberg
- 27 Muriel Paulson
- 28 Abby LeBlanc

**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.

- *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

**February LOL Menu**

- 1 Swedish Meatballs with Noodles
- 8 Chicken a la King with Rice
- 15 Spaghetti
- 22 Soup & Salad  
Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM
- 29 Stir Fry

- *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 February 8
- *Chancel Choir* rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7 PM
- *Golden Bells* rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM and Youth Bells rehearse Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM
- *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* meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1 PM in the Fireside Room – join us February 9 – all skill levels welcome
- *The Card Stamping Group* meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 February 23
- *GAP Group* meets once a month to share fun and fellowship – Join us Saturday, February 4 at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room
- *BLBs (the Breakfast-Lunch-Bunch)* meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month – join us at 9 AM on February 18. Contact Ginny & Jim Gibb

*Look for more information in the Sunday Bulletin Announcements and signup sheets at the Welcome Center for these and other upcoming events.*

**SIX WEEK YOGA CLASS**

WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY 25– MARCH 7

6:20 - 7:20 PM

Come enjoy a Yoga class set to music in the Fireside Room. The cost is \$25 for six classes (or \$6 per class on a drop-in basis). All levels are welcome. Benefits include increased flexibility, strength and balance; connecting mind, body and spirit. Bring a yoga mat, water and towel. Bring a friend! Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Paula Schreifels is a certified instructor who also teaches at the YMCA. Paula led the class at church last spring and people of all ages and abilities participated and enjoyed the class. Questions? Contact Martha Rice at [martha@arlingtonhillsumc.org](mailto:martha@arlingtonhillsumc.org).



# Thank You...

Thank you to everyone who helped light the way to our church with illuminaria on Christmas Eve. Thank you Anne and Karen Manke, Alex and Zach Sether, Tim Herrera, Dave Endrizzi, Shirley Wester, Kaye Olson, Dick Potter, Tyler and Dave Johnson, Len, Martha, Jacob, Nathan and Zach Rice. Your help is appreciated!

*Martha*

Special thanks for your thoughts and prayers, visits, cards, plants and the special delivery of meals following surgery. Also your many offers for assistance in home duties and rides. I cannot imagine my life without my wonderful church family. May you all have a very happy and blessed new year.

*Donna Burger*

To the congregation of Arlington Hills:

Thank you so very much for my retirement day! I was overwhelmed by all that was done. I love the picture of the children and their autographs, the flowers, the cake, and of course your generous gift, but most of all thank you for caring and making Arlington Hills such a vital church.

I have loved working at Arlington Hills and getting to know you and love you. You will be with me forever. Blessings to you always.

*Maxine*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Second Harvest Heartland and those we serve, thank you for your contribution of \$1,000.00 received on 12/19/2011. Your gift helps transform the lives of so many children, families and seniors in our community who need our support...

Sincerely thanks,

*Jennifer Halcrow*

Vice President of Advancement

Dear AHUMC,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$200.00 on Dec 22, 2011. We appreciate your generosity and your support.

Currently the Karen Organization of Minnesota is the only Karen-led 501c3 organization funded to serve the Karen community in Minnesota. With the help of donations such as 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 for the gift of \$1,000.00 given to The Family Place in December of 2011. Your generous support is truly appreciated. The funding is used to support the operational needs of The Family Place and to provide care for the clients who are utilizing our program services. Thank you for your continued support and your caring spirit! It is truly appreciated.

*Margaret Lovejoy*

Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you for thinking of us at Christmas and the wonderful gift of money for us to use for bus cards and phone cards. It made us very happy to get your gift. We want to say *may every day God bless you with every steps of your life*. We cannot forget help that you for us so we say happy Christmas to all friends. Perhaps we will see you again at Arlington Hills UMC.

Your New Friends,

*Purna and Suk Tamang*

The refugees AH sponsored in 2011

Greetings – I want to express my thanks for the way in which you as churches made pension payments for us in our years of service to you. [We] have pension income now ... that gives us a good income, good food, good home, good work together ... We are thankful. We keep all of you in our love and prayers.

*Bruce & Gretta Buller*

# FISHING WITH PASTOR CHIP

## 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.

# WE LOVE COPIES OF YOUR PHOTOS



Robert Robinson performs Jan. 22, 2012

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.

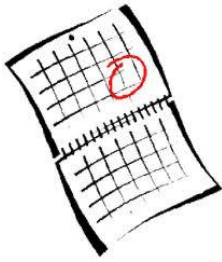


Maxine's Reception

They are much appreciated. We are collecting them in our archives and will share them as time and space allows. ... keep them coming...



2011 CROP Hunger Walk

**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.

**SCRIP NEWS**

Don't forget to pick up your Scrip gift cards for all of your shopping needs. You can order from the dozens of retailers listed on the order form or stop at the Scrip table on Sunday mornings to buy from our inventory. This is a wonderful way for us to financially support the ministries of our church!

We currently have many, many retailers' Scrip on hand. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center at any time or can be downloaded any time from the church website. As always, thank you for your participation!

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

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

**Proceeds go to youth missions.**

**CONSIDER VANCO**

LEAVE YOUR CHECKBOOK AT HOME

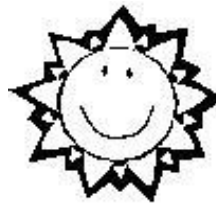
Online Giving through VANCO is available at Arlington Hills. This service transfers funds directly from your savings or checking account to AHUMC's bank account using the standard Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) system, which you may already use to pay your bills. A list of Frequently Asked Questions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

**DONATE**

"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.

**SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL**

Enrollment for fall 2012 is now open. Sunshine is a quality preschool program that has been serving children age three to five here at Arlington Hills for over 30 years. Classes meet two or three mornings a week from 9:00 to 11:30. Please tell family, friends and neighbors about our program. Learn more at the Sunshine Preschool page on our church website or Sunshine Facebook page, Sunshine Preschool Maplewood Minnesota. Our fall enrollment form will be downloadable at both sites.



# YOUTH NEWS

## Summer 2012 Schedule Set

(Opportunities of Summer)

- ✓ LYFE Camp Grades 7-10 June 10-16
- ✓ LYFE Camp Grades 11-12- CIT (must apply)
- ✓ Brainerd Outreach Mission @ Park UMC Grades 6-12 June 24-29
- ✓ South Chicago/Youthworks Mission 12 July 14-21

Sign up is happening already...

Please continue to pray as we plan, fundraise, team build

**UMYS** – 11 of us will be away at UMYS Feb 3-5- be sure to ask us how it was.... We would love to share with you

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

(YEP ON YOUR PHONE IS FINE)

LYFE Camp reunion - If you went to LYFE camp last summer take note--**Friday Night, February 10** at Excelsior UMC. Fellowship, small group, worship (camp Style with our own praise band musicians), games, free time, videos/slide show and more. TIME: 7pm-11:00pm leave AHUMC 6:15 -- no cost ... will need to work out rides ... sign up is necessary And drivers needed.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch Mission Fundraiser

February 12 -- need you, **yes you**, there to cook, serve and clean up

**Wednesday Nights** are moving right along

### **Wednesday February 22 is Ash Wednesday**

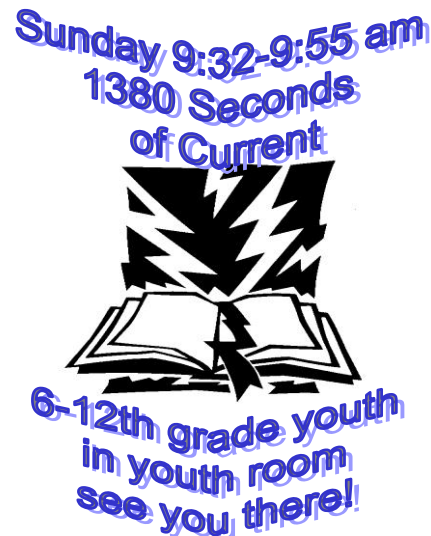
All youth to meet in Youth room at 6:30 (after soup/bread dinner). We will worship together at 7:00 in the sanctuary. Neighboring churches will be attending worship as well.

**Making scarves for shelters...**till done

**Church mouse** - February 29

**Volleyball continues** on Friday Night - Check schedule in Fellowship Hall

Watch for more in weekly bulletin and your emails (Yep please check them)



**ARLINGTON HILLS TO HOST ECUMENICAL ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

The East Side Ecumenical group of churches will again offer a series of services throughout Lent and Holy Week. The theme is “Songs of the Heart: Engaging the Psalms for Lent” based on *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness* by Nan C. Merrill, Continuum Press, 10<sup>th</sup> edition.

Each Wednesday in Lent there will be services at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Holy Week services will be 7:00 pm only. The offering at each of the services will go to support Merrick Community Food Shelf and God’s Closet. A simple soup supper will be offered before each of the services beginning at 6:00 pm with a suggested donation \$3.00 per person.

<u>Service Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Preaching</u>
February 22 Ash Wednesday	Arlington Hills UMC	Jenni Eagleman
February 29	Hazel Park Community UCC	Melba Lewis
March 7	Mounds Park UMC	Rick MacArthur
March 14	Wheelock Parkway UMC	Rufus Campbell
March 21	Epworth UMC	Chip Nielsen
March 28	Christ UMC	Carol Zaagsma
April 5, Maundy Thursday	Arlington Hills Presbyterian	Oliver White
<i>7:00 service with Communion only; no morning service</i>		
April 6, Good Friday	Hazel Park Community UCC	Tenebrae with Combined Choir
<i>7:00 service only; no soup supper</i>		



Wednesday, February 15, 2012