



Kitchen Renovations

UPCC—You CAN do it!



Feeling the post-holiday blahs? Lift your spirits with a little shopping—not for yourself, but for those who visit our food pantry. This week, please focus on canned goods, particularly canned fruits and hearty soups. Thank you for supporting this ministry of hospitality at Uni Place.

Offering Envelopes Available

The 2012 offering envelopes are now available on the table in the parlor for those that requested them. There are additional ones available. You may contact the church office if you would like envelopes for your giving.

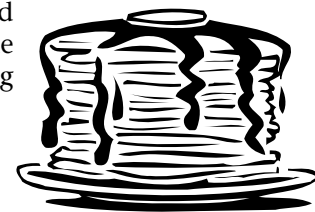
Messenger Deadline

As a reminder, the deadline for submitting material for *The Messenger* is 4 p.m. on the Friday before publication. The next deadline is January 27. Unless prior arrangements are made, rarely can items that come in after 5 p.m. on the Monday following the deadline be included.

Articles should be submitted electronically to messenger@uniplace.org.

The two ranges in the church kitchen were approximately 60 years old and were close to being totally unusable. Some of the burner knobs were not working, the oven doors often had to be held shut with a chair, the ovens couldn't get hotter than 250 degrees, and the gas lines had to be shut off when not in being used to keep from having gas fumes in the kitchen if the pilot lights blew out. The ranges were also so old that parts were not even available to fix them. Basically, the ranges were considered not safe to be used any longer.

On Friday, January 13, the old ranges were removed from the kitchen and new equipment is scheduled to be installed the week of January 23. There will be one six-burner, two oven unit, with griddle similar to one of the former ranges. The second unit will be a multi-rack convection oven. The new equipment will mean greater usability than has been possible for many years. The purchase has been possible because of several direct gifts, using special funds, and a very generous bid from John Hadley for removal and installation. The Senior Service food team and the Outreach Soup makers are looking forward to using the new equipment.



Pancake breakfast anyone?

My Fair Valentine



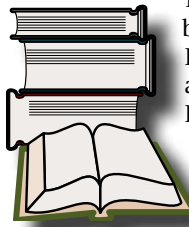
Attention romantics: Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and the Outreach Team would like to wish you a Fair Valentine's Day. Why a "Fair" Valentine's Day? While February 14th brings fond thoughts of our nearest and dearest, we may not stop to think about our neighbors around the world who harvest and process the cacao beans for our delicious Valentine's chocolates. What if, when you opened that satin, heart-shaped box, you could see your chocolate's origins in Ivory Coast cacao farms, where forced child labor is still common, despite mounting international pressure? You might well lose

your appetite for truffles and creams. But through the Disciples Coffee Project, you can stand for justice and treat your sweetie (or yourself). In contrast to the chocolate found on most store shelves, fair trade chocolate and cocoa purchased through Equal Exchange is independently monitored to guarantee that International Labor Organization Conventions 29, 105 and 138 on child labor and forced labor are adhered to. That's chocolate to feel better about.

Please consider a bar of fairly traded chocolate, a bag of delicious coffee, or a selection of teas for your dearest this February. We are offering new varieties on this order—including baking cocoa—so there is much to choose from. Orders are due Sunday, January 29, and your order will be here in time for Valentine's Day! An order blank is on page four of this issue.

Questions? Contact Mary at 398-9703 or dignandog@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting this project.

Reading Group



The reading group will be meeting Wednesday, February 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the Champaign Public Library in the Robeson Pavilion Room C. Please bring your own "brown bag" lunch. The book to be discussed will be *Pearl Buck In China: The Journey To The Good Earth* by Hilary Spiraling

Please contact Wilma O'Brien at 359-7128 if you will be able to attend.

If you would like to be part of the UniPlace Book Club, please come join us. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, book discussion, and being together. We enjoy our gathering and will welcome you.



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Disciple Women's Ministries



Karen Circle will meet Thursday February 2, in the home of Reneé Potter Broyles, 2517 Brett Ct. Champaign at 7:30 p.m. We are continuing with our discussion of the Beatitudes. All women are welcome to come.

Disciples Women invite all church members and their friends and family to "Some Enchanted Evening" on Saturday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. This is a benefit starring Samir Golescu and Delré Smith in a cabaret of love songs and featuring a stellar assortment of desserts. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds help support local charities and Basic Mission Finance. Come for a delightful time! Call the church office, 352-5118, or Dorie Trefzger, 351-1912, for reservations.

Choir Notes



Leonard Rumery, Music Director

On January 22, the Chancel Choir will sing There Is a Balm in Gilead, a spiritual arranged by William L. Dawson (1899-1990). Dawson was a composer, arranger, and conductor. He composed in many genres, but is best known for his thoughtfully composed spiritual arrangements. For much of his career he taught at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, leading the famous Tuskegee Choir, which still performs today. The balm of Gilead referred to in this traditional spiritual is from Jeremiah 8:22: "Is there no balm in Gilead? ...Why then is there no healing for the wounds of my people?" The lyrics are traditionally interpreted to refer to salvation through Jesus Christ—Jesus is the balm which heals God's people.

On the 29th we will sing Ach, arme Welt, by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Brahms, Bach and Beethoven make up the Big Three composers of classical music. Brahms is famous for his symphonies and other orchestral works, but composed a great many choral works, often for the Lutheran tradition. Ach, arme Welt is a three-verse poem about the attractive, but transitory diversions which the world offers, but which, the poet points out, are hollow. The opening line in English is "Ah, poor world, you betray me." The complete text will be printed in the bulletin.

Birthdays

January

2 - Lois Campbell
3 - Ally Cozad
4 - Nsengela Bennett
7 - Luke Freyfogle
11 - Elizabeth Slifer, Simon Plante
12 - Derryl Singley, Richard Lindstrom, Cindy Reiter
18 - Ellie Broyles
21 - Eric Freyfogle
26 - Dean Sehrer
27 - James Holiman
29 - Lucas Branaman
31 - Sarah Lacy

February

5 - Suzie Reardanz
6 - Charles Graves
8 - Hae Jong Lee
10 - David Ruzic
12 - William Strutz
13 - Bill Risley
18 - Jackie Terry, Luther Terry
20 - Jayme Francis
21 - Dawn Wright
23 - Norma Rodell, Carol Decker
24 - Kaitlyn Berg



(If you know of a birthday that is before February 29 and is not on this list, please let the church office know).

Prayer Focus

Ray Plante, Prayer Tree Chair

Let's pray for unity in our hearts and momentum from the Spirit for our congregation.

Please remember to pray daily for the following persons who are facing health challenges:

Betty Broyles
 Harold Colbert
 Clara Dunn
 Maybelle Felton
 Vian Garth (Virginia Garth's daughter-in-law)
 Virginia Garth
 Kari Mahannah (Kay Mahannah's step-daughter)
 John Putman
 John Reiter (Jackie & Luter Terry's son-in-law)
 David Restad
 Helen Ridlen
 Bill & Virginia Risley
 Linda Sepahirod (Nancy Collins' sister)
 Eugene Tabor (Corrine Huffer's brother)
 Dick Trefzger (Jim's brother)
 Linda Weber



Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let's remember also those who are grieving and need God's strength and peace.

Parking Availability

Beginning on January 1, the new rules for the leased spaces on the west side of the parking lot went into affect. The thirteen spaces are leased Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The spaces are available at all other times for church use.

The remaining lot spaces are for church use only 24/7. Please observe the marked spaces that are reserved for guests and the handicapped. Any other use of parking spaces must be approved through the church office. If a member needs to park in the lot at times other than for church functions, please let the church office now so it won't be tagged or towed.

No permanent solution has been established for using open spaces on the adjoining apartment parking lot on Sundays. It is still **strongly** advised not to use any apartment spaces to avoid being towed.

Remember Our Residential Members

Each issue of *The Messenger* lists members of UniPlace that reside in residential living facilities. These members and friends need to be remembered in calls, visits, cards, and prayers.

Clark-Lindsey, 101 W. Windsor Road, Urbana 61802: Harriet Crabb

Prairie Winds, 1905 S. Prairie Winds, Urbana, IL 61802: Ola Luther, Donna Belle Kirby, Vivian Kennedy

C-U Regional Rehab Center, 302 Burwash Ave, Savoy 61874: Elberta Morse, Adeline Thurmon
Windsor of Savoy, 401 Burwash Ave, Savoy 61874: Helen Rademacher, Frances Carter, Homer Kuder

Amber Glenn, 1704 E. Amber Lane, Urbana, IL 61802: Betty Broyles

Bridle Brook Adult Community, 1617 A Patton Dr. Mahomet, IL 61853: Bill & Virginia Risley,

Aspen Ridge Care Centre, 2530 N. Monroe St., Decatur, IL 62526: Clara Dunn

ASTA Care Center, 1240 N. Market, Paxton, IL 60957: Susan Kiefer

Evenglow Lodge, 1200 N. Evenglow Lane, Pontiac, IL 61764: Frank Kimpling

Scheduled Events

Saturday, January 21

9:00 a.m. – Work Day

Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m. – Church School

9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship

9:15 a.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Worship

11:15 a.m. – Jubilee Rehearsal

Monday, January 23

7:30 p.m. – Chime Choir

Wednesday, January 25

9:30 a.m. – Food Assistance Program

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Friday, January 27

4:00 p.m. – *The Messenger* Deadline

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. – Church School

9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship

9:15 a.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Worship

11:15 a.m. – Jubilee Rehearsal

Monday, January 30

7:00 p.m. – This Light of Mine

7:30 p.m. – Chime Choir

Wednesday, February 1

9:30 a.m. – Food Assistance Program

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11:00 a.m. – Senior Service Space

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2

8:30 a.m. – Morning Joel, Bridle Brook

4:00 p.m. – Trustees



The Disciples of Christ Coffee Project

All products are Fair Trade Certified

Product	Type/Size	Price Per Pkg.	Quan.	Total Due
Conventional Coffee				
Bright Day Brew	Ground only	\$8.50/12 oz.		
Flavored Hazelnut creme	Ground only	\$9.50/12 oz.		
Organic Coffees				
Breakfast Blend	Ground Only	\$9.00/12 oz.		
French Roast	Ground Only	\$9.00/12 oz.		
French Roast	Whole Bean	\$20/2 lb. bag		
Decaf Organic	Ground Only	\$9.00/12 oz.		
Organic Teas				
English Breakfast	25 bags/box	\$4.00/box		
Jasmine Green	25 bags/box	\$4.00/box		
Earl Gray	25 bags/box	\$4.00/box		
Chamomile	25 bags/box	\$4.00/box		
Organic Cocoa & Chocolate				
Cocoa Mix	12 oz. can	\$6.50		
Organic Baking Cocoa	12 oz. can	\$6.50/12 oz. can		
Milk Chocolate w/ a hint of Hazelnut	3.5 oz. bar	\$3.50		
Dark Chocolate bar w/almonds	3.5 oz bar	\$3.50		
Equador Dark Chocolate	3.5 oz. bar	\$3.50		
Orange Dark Chocolate	3.5 oz. bar	\$3.50		
Mint Chocolate Crunch	3.5 oz. bar	\$3.50		
Chocolate Espresso Bean	3.5 oz. bar	\$3.50		
Product Total:				
Shipping				FREE!
Donation for UPCC Coffee		\$5.00 per Sunday:		
Grand Total:				
Your Name:				
E-mail				
Phone Number:				

Orders deadline is January 29 to be delivered by Valentines day.
Pay on delivery.

Are we missing your favorite product?
Direct these or any other questions about your order to
Mary Wallace at 398-9703 or dignandog@yahoo.com.

Worship News

Jane Freyfogle, Worship Team

A belated but sincere round of thanks goes to all who helped make the Advent and Christmastide season meaningful at UniPlace. We have welcomed the New Year, we have lovingly and generously bid farewell to Rev. Barber and we have welcomed Rev. Kris Light Branaman into our midst with much anticipation and eagerness for our new beginning. And we are in the weeks after Epiphany and leading up to Lent. Everyone's participation in all aspects of our worship experience is so appreciated! Make worship attendance a priority in the new year. Times are exciting and things are happening at UniPlace.

January 22, 2012: The scripture readings for this Sunday both come from the New Testament. They speak to the urgency of doing now what God has set before us, and the need for everyone to participate in the ushering in of God's Reign. Read Mark 1:14-20 and I Corinthians 7:29-31 in preparation for Rev. Light Branaman's sermon, "Calling All Disciples".

January 29, 2012: The reading of first chapter of Mark continues this week in Mark 1:21-28. Jesus and those he has called enter the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus teaches with authority and casts out the unclean spirit from a man there. In a second scripture, Psalm 111, the great works of the Lord are praised and the Lord's name is described as holy and awesome. Rev. Light Branaman's sermon, entitled "The Beginning of Wisdom", will focus on the wisdom and authority of Christ along with the importance of our praise and reverence before the Holy One.

Mission

At University Place Christian Church we seek, individually and together, to:

- Nurture and be nurtured in Christian love
- Engage fully in worship and service
- Anchor ourselves in Christian faith
- Reach out to our neighbors in Christian witness.

At UniPlace we seek a place **NEAR** to the heart of God

Vision Statement

United in Christ, University Place Christian Church's vision for the future is to:

- Thrive as an inviting and accepting faith community that offers everyone a place at the table
- Praise God with joy and celebrate God's love through worship in diverse, uplifting ways
- Grow in our spiritual maturity and understanding of God's word, through individual and collective study, reflection, and prayer
- Celebrate, respect, and guide our youth
- Nurture, uplift, and enjoy one another through personal bonds, small group ministries, and fellowship activities
- Minister in varied ways to the campus community and our other neighbors
- Bear witness to the teachings of Christ by enhancing awareness of global problems, and working for a just society

Church Directory Now Available



The 2012 edition of the Church Directory has been printed and will be available in the church office on Sunday, January 22.

A continually updated electronic version of the Church Directory is available in PDF format. Go to www.uniplace.org/directory then click on "request". Complete the request form and a copy will be sent to you by return e-mail.

On each web page is a method to add or modify information that appears in the directory. Click on the "Update Your Contact Info" button that appears on the lower right. Fill out the web form to make additions or changes (you may also contact the church office).

Please note we would like to include e-mail addresses as well as birthdays (month/day only) in the listing.

Look

The man whispered, "God, speak to me" and a meadowlark sang. But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me" and the thunder rolled across the sky. But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God let me see you." And a star shined brightly. But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "God show me a miracle." And, a life was born. But, the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here." Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man. But, the man brushed the butterfly away...and walked on.

This is a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect



Week of Compassion

Amy Gopp, Wednesday, January 11, 2012

The Compassion Response Fund is an allocation the Week of Compassion Advisory Committee makes each year to enable WoC to respond quickly to requests for emergencies, disasters and other urgent and unexpected needs that arise. In 2011 the WoC Committee allocated \$471,449 for the Response Fund; it is the single largest item in the WoC program budget. In addition to what is budgeted for the Response Fund, WoC receives designated gifts for the Fund and for specific disasters, countries and situations that further enhance our capacity to respond to emergency needs and appeals.

Below is a brief report of grants made from the Compassion Response Fund and other designated disaster response accounts through December 31, 2011. Contributions for the Response Fund are needed and welcomed and will be used 100% for emergency response to humanitarian needs in the world.

Africa: [171,255]

\$5,000 – Angola, flood relief
 \$5,000 – Chad, refugee assistance
 \$10,000 – DR Congo, conflict and displacement \$70,000 – East Africa, drought relief
 \$10,000 – East Africa, assistance to returnees \$5,000 – Ethiopia, drought relief
 \$21,000 – Kenya, drought relief
 \$17,000 – Liberia/Ivory Coast, humanitarian aid \$5,000 – Madagascar, Cyclone Bingiza
 \$5,000 – Malawi, massive flooding
 \$5,000 – Somalia, drought relief
 \$5,000 – South Sudan, emergency preparedness \$6,000 – South Sudan, assistance to returnees \$2,255 – Zimbabwe, water wells

East Asia and the Pacific: [197,563]

\$10,000 – Australia, flood relief \$150,063 – Japan, earthquake/tsunami \$22,500 – New Zealand, earthquake \$2,500 – Philippines, fire damage \$10,000 – Philippines, typhoon relief \$2,500 – South Korea, mudslides

Latin America and the Caribbean: [749,089]

\$11,000 – Brazil, flood/landslide recovery
 \$10,000 – Colombia, flood relief
 \$2,500 – Colombia, emergency assistance
 \$5,000 – Dominican Republic/Haiti, Hurricane Irene damage
 \$5,000 – El Salvador, relief for coffee growers
 \$450,000 – Haiti, earthquake
 \$50,000 – Haiti, agricultural revitalization
 \$60,905 – Haiti, children and youth House of Hope \$50,000 – Haiti, medical needs
 \$52,184 – Haiti, housing
 \$50,000 – Haiti, trauma program
 \$2,000 – Mexico, assistance to pastor's family \$500 – Mexico/U.S., winter freeze

Middle East and Europe: [40,500]

\$6,000 – Egypt, emergency assistance \$5,000 – Gaza/West Bank, capacity building \$6,000 – Iraq, Iraqi refugee crisis in Lebanon
 \$21,000 – Libya, humanitarian aid
 \$2,500 – Turkey, earthquake relief

Southern Asia: [118,500]

\$5,000 – Cambodia, flood response \$10,000 – India, Orissa floods
 \$5,000 – Indonesia, Mentawai Is./tsunami \$2,500 – Indonesia, assistance to displaced \$55,000 – Pakistan, flood emergency

\$15,000 – Pakistan, dengue fever epidemic \$11,000 – Sri Lanka, flood/cyclone relief \$15,000 – Thailand, flood relief

General: [24,000]

\$24,000 -- 2011 ACT Alliance Rapid Response Fund
 Cambodia/Thailand, aid to displaced Tanzania, bomb explosion
 Malawi, flood relief
 DRC, cholera outbreak
 Nepal, refugee camp fire Swaziland, drought relief Uganda, landslides and floods Armenia, landslides
 Honduras, floods and mudslides Nicaragua, floods
 Ghana, floods
 Guatemala, floods and mudslides Tanzania, landslides

Domestic: [287,030]

\$1,000 – Alabama, storm damage
 \$11,250 – Alabama, tornado relief
 \$5,000 – Appalachia, emergency heating assistance \$295 – Arizona, resettled refugee assistance
 \$500 – Arkansas, flood relief
 \$750 – Arkansas, tornado relief
 \$1,000 – Arkansas, fire damage
 \$1,200 – California, food ministry
 \$1,750 – Florida, storm damage
 \$100 – Georgia, storm damage
 \$647 – Georgia, resettled refugee assistance \$1,000 – Georgia, church fire
 \$11,350 – Great River Region, pastoral care
 \$4,225 – Illinois, flood relief
 \$900 – Illinois, resettled refugee assistance
 \$750 – Kansas, tornado relief
 \$3,450 – Kentucky, flood relief
 \$1,000 – Louisiana, storm damage
 \$1,500 – Michigan, mission station support
 \$200 – Mississippi, tornado relief
 \$1,500 – Missouri, flood relief
 \$44,125 – Missouri, tornado relief
 \$2,500 – Montana, flood relief
 \$750 – Nebraska, flood relief
 \$1,000 – New Hampshire, resettled refugee assistance \$5,000 – New Jersey, hurricane/flooding relief
 \$9,500 – North Carolina, tornado relief
 \$1,000 – North Carolina, church fire
 \$31,000 – North Carolina, hurricane relief
 \$2,500 – Oklahoma, fire damage
 \$7,750 – Oklahoma, tornado relief
 \$2,000 – Oklahoma, storm damage
 \$1,000 – Oklahoma, earthquake response
 \$14,900 – Pennsylvania, flood relief
 \$400 – Pennsylvania, hurricane response
 \$1,700 – Tennessee, storm damage
 \$4,750 – Tennessee, flood relief
 \$1,050 – Texas, resettled refugee assistance
 \$16,750 – Texas, wildfires
 \$11,088 – U.S./Mexico, emergency needs
 \$36,000 – U.S., 2011 spring storms
 \$6,000 – U.S., 2011 Missouri River System Floods \$10,000 – U.S., Hurricane Irene
 \$2,000 – Virginia, fire damage
 \$8,000 – Virginia, tornado relief
 \$2,500 – Virginia, earthquake damage
 \$1,750 – Virginia, hurricane and earthquake
 \$1,150 – Virginia, storm damage
 \$5,000 – Washington, fire damage
 \$500 – Washington, D.C., hurricane damage
 \$5,000 – Washington, D.C., earthquake damage \$1,000 – West Virginia, storm damage

Outreach Notes

Waunita Kinoshita, Mission and Outreach Team

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Yes, the snow is beautiful...when we are inside looking out at the snow laden pine branches, or at the full moon shining on the sparkling snow late at night.

But, with the below freezing temperatures the local shelters have been full of folks who cannot sleep on the streets in this weather. In February we will be making soup for the T.I.M.E.S. Center but if you are making soup before that just make a little extra and deliver a gallon bucket to the Center. Or when you shop for vegetable, chicken noodle or chili soup ingredients just buy a little extra and bring it to church on Sunday, Feb. 5th. We would like for everyone to bring some ingredient that Sunday then on the 12th our children, youth and adults will all help create many gallons of soup out of those ingredients. If you buy meat just bring it and we'll keep it in the freezer. Canned and dried goods can be brought any time. Fresh vegetables can be brought on the 12th. Can you volunteer to help after the service on the 12th.? If all goes well we should be using the new kitchen stove. Yeah!

Other items always needed at the T.I.M.E.S. Center: bathroom tissue wash cloths, used towels, laundry detergent, paper towels, garbage bags, ...

The T.I.M.E.S Center is located at 70 E. Washington St., Champaign.

Our next Messenger will carry news of the Women's shelter.

Also, did you read in the past Messenger about the proposed trip in May or August to the Democratic Republic of Congo, or about the Hospitality program at UPCC., or about the many other ways we are reaching out. If not, check out the recent Messengers. There are many exciting outreach events planned for 2012. Be a part of these programs.

Please pray that the political situation following the recent election in the Democratic Republic of Congo will be settled with justice and fairness for all, not bloodshed.

Web Messenger

 The Messenger

You can get *The Messenger* even before the issue is printed and mailed on Wednesdays. If you request notification, you will get an e-mail in the early morning hours of Wednesday with a clickable link that will take you to the church web site where you can download a PDF file of the latest issue.

The mailed copy is printed only in black and white, but the PDF file is **still produced in the original, full color.**

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Serving Schedule

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Elders – Rick Broyles and Dorie Trefzger

Diaconate – Faith: Van Boyd, Nancy Collins, Ashley Cunningham, Jennifer Heinhorst, Judy Leeper, Tim Reardanz, Ginny Putman, Ann Smith, Gabe Stanton

Communion Ministry – Laurie Dayton

Liturgist – Clyde Smith

Coffee Fellowship – Gher Class

Flower Delivery - Dawn Wright

Offering Counters – Jack & Judy DeAtley

Sound Technician – Bill Strutz

Hospital Calling For Week – Linda Weber

Snow Removal Crew – Jim and John Trefzger

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Elders – Cele Otnes and Jim Trefzger

Diaconate – Charity: Ellie Broyles, Bonnie Cook, Jake Hyland, Alie Lewis, Bruce Reardanz, Jane Heaton, Emily Otnes, Bruce Reardanz, Suzie Reardanz, Marilyn Ruzic, Derryl Singley, Mica Witt, Dawn Wright

Communion Ministry – Rod Allen

Liturgist – Clyde Smith

Coffee Fellowship – Gher Class

Flower Delivery – Judy Leeper

Offering Counters – Jack & Judy DeAtley

Sound Technician – Kay Mahannah

Hospital Calling For Week – Richard Hertel

Snow Removal Crew – Fred Fechtmann and Charles Graves

Communion to residential members for the month of January:

Team C – Clyde Smith and Cele Otnes

Team D – Eric Freyfogle and Jeff Dayton



CCIW News Briefs

Disciples News From the Illinois-Wisconsin Region

Summer Camps 2012 - Schedule Available WITH DATE ADJUSTMENTS

The Summer Camp Schedule for 2012 is now available with three dates yet to be determined with scheduling at the locations. Please note the early (by April 15) and late (April 16 to May 15) registration dates, and the final cutoff date (May 15) for all registrations. Payment must accompany the registration form. Watch the regional website for the posting of the Registration Form.

Go to www.cciwdisciples.org for the Camp Schedule.

Also, note that camps run Sunday-Saturday for CYF, Chi Rho, JYF and 8th Grade. CYF is for grades completed 9-12; Chi Rho is for grades completed for 6-8, and JYF is for grades completed 3-5. Eighth Grade Camp is an additional offering, similar to how Bridge Builders and ADDaM Camp are for high school students.

REFLECTIONS OF LIGHT

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." These words of Jesus remind me daily of the important place welcoming strangers has in our Christian faith. Throughout both Old and New Testaments we find instructions to make room in our lives, at our tables, and within our communities for new arrivals. In my first interview with UniPlace's Search Committee, members excitedly told of this congregation's commitment to a ministry of welcome. Through the Food and Hospitality volunteers who serve needy neighbors each week; through the Building Ministry which welcomes U of I musicians doing recitals; through the Wedding Ministry which prepares the sanctuary for couples to commit their lives to one another; and through dozens of other service opportunities, UniPlace Christian Church sees the living Christ in each person who comes through these doors and makes room.



A few weeks ago I arrived in Champaign-Urbana (Urbana-Champaign) as a stranger to nearly all of you. Within minutes of my arrival half a dozen of you were actively seeking to make me feel welcomed and valued. Lucas and I had invitations to dinner, assistants were lined up for move day, delicious food was brought to our new home, Christmas goodies appeared at the house, we were overwhelmed with love. While some carried in boxes others went so far as to rake my yard and cart away the leaves! "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" enthusiastically.

Thank you for being the living presence of God in my life as I begin this new ministry. I look forward to the many years we will labor together to welcome Christ among us through ministries of hospitality and grace!

Peace,

Pastor Kris



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