

**UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND BULLETIN WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2012**

New Member Orientation

If you are considering formally joining the congregation this Orientation will serve as the basis for your New Member preparation. We will meet after worship on January 22 and January 29. Note this is a change from previous announcements. We will NOT meet on February 5th but WILL meet on January 29th.



The Coal Bucket will be circulated on Sunday mornings in January, February and March. Start saving your change or better yet, bring that jar full of coins. Proceeds will go to help pay the heat bill at United.

Fifth Sunday Potluck

Please mark your calendars now for our Fifth Sunday Potluck which will follow worship on Sunday, January 29th. Bring a dish to share and join in.

Knit Wits

The Knit Wits will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Father Daughter Ball

This annual event will take place on March 2, 2012 from 6-10:30 pm and on March 3, 2012 from 5:30-10 pm at Superior Shores. Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, January 28th at 10 am, online at www.firstbaptist.org and at the First Baptist Church until noon. The cost is \$15 per person.

Dress Boutique

There will be a Father Daughter Ball Dress Boutique on Saturday, January 28th from 10 am-2 pm at the First Baptist Church. Donate or consign your dresses, shoes and accessories on Thursday, January 26th from 3:30 pm-6:30 pm. If you have questions call Jenn Koehler at 220-9034.

Mitchell Performing Arts Series

Friday, January 20, an unforgettable evening of Eastern Indian dance and Japanese taiko drumming. Ragamala Dance. Adults \$20, Seniors/students \$15 and children 12 and under \$10. The full season schedule is available at www.spotlight.css.edu.

THIS WEEK AT UNITED CHURCH

Sunday
10:30 am

Following Worship
Following Worship

Tuesday
9:00–Noon
9:00 am

Wednesday
6:00 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

January 22
Worship
Sunday School (Ages 3 ½ –early elementary)
Coffee Fellowship
New Member Orientation

January 24
Office Hours
Staff Meeting

January 25
Youth Dinner
Youth Group and Wednesday School
Choir Practice

Thursday
9:00–Noon
10:45 am

January 26
Office Hours
Adult Bible Study

Sunday
10:30 am

January 29
Worship
Sunday School (Ages 3 ½ –early elementary)
FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK
New Member Orientation

Following Worship
Following Worship

MISSION STATEMENT

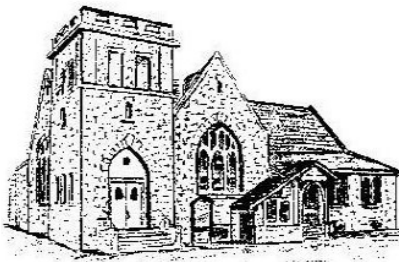
We, the United Church of Two Harbors, empowered by the grace of God, welcome and nurture all to serve as followers of Jesus Christ.

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Today's Worship Leadership
Liturgist: Katya Gordon
Ushers: Roger Christensen and John Nordskog
Coffee Fellowship: Jean Sorensen and Krystal Hanson

WELCOME, VISITORS! We want your worship with us to be fulfilling. Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad as it is passed through the pew so that we may get to know you.

Please join us after worship for Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.



THE UNITED CHURCH OF TWO HARBORS
One congregation fully related to the United Methodist Church
and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
531 Third Avenue, Two Harbors, Minnesota

January 22, 2012

10:30 am

Third Sunday after Epiphany
We Gather to Worship

Gathering Music

Greeting, Worship Notes and Announcements

Ushers will pass out Attendance Pads during Announcements, Please let us know of your presence and update your contact information. Welcome to all Visitors and Newcomers!

Fellowship (Please greet those around you.)

Sharing (We welcome your Joys, Concerns, Milestones and Witness)

Centering Prayer

Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is dedicated, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles (Let us prepare for worship.)

Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

We are called from the ends of the earth.

We are called from the dead centers of our lives.

We are called to praise God.

We are called to serve the Holy One.

God has breathed into us the breath of new life. Let us worship with joy.

***Hymn**

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

Hymnal p.732

***Declaration of Mission**

Let us declare the mission of our congregation before God and one another.

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***Prayer of the Day – Prayer for Christian Unity**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Jesus you say to us that whoever wishes to be first must become the least and the servant of all. We enter into your presence, knowing that your victory is won through the powerlessness of the cross. We come to pray that your church may be one. Teach us to accept humbly that this unity is a gift of your Spirit; through this gift, change and transform us and make us more like your Son Jesus Christ.

Anthem

"Precious Memories"

Choir

Children are Released for Sunday School

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in spite of the Unity we receive in Christ, we persist in our disunity. Have mercy on us!

Have mercy on us!

We harden our hearts when we hear the Gospel. Have mercy on us!

Have mercy on us!

We fail to serve you in our brothers and sisters. Have mercy on us!

Have mercy on us!

The disobedience of Adam and Eve brought suffering and death to us, and creation was wounded and torn apart. Have mercy on us!

Have mercy on us!

May God Almighty have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and lead us to eternal life.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Pardon

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We Proclaim the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your light we may see light, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Pew Bible p. 993

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

Psalter

Psalms 62:5-12

Hymnal p. 787

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Pew Bible p. 1227

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Hymnal p. 344

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible p.1073

The Good News of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

"Leaving It All Behind"

Lawrence Lee

We Respond to the Word and Give Thanks

***Affirmation of Faith**

Hymnal p. 882

***Prayers of the People**

***The Lord's Prayer (using the words "sin" and "sin against")**

Offering our Gifts

Offertory

*** Doxology #94**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray.

For those who are being saved, the cross is no longer folly. Therefore, we present our gifts before this symbol of sacrifice and service. We seek to share the story of suffering love that fulfills life and conquers death.

Bless these gifts and all who give; use our wealth, our time and our abilities for the good of all your people. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn**

"The Summons"

Hymnal p. 2130

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Stand as you are able.



Happy Birthday this week to:

Tyler Dalbec, Lucy Bukowski and Lily Hauger on January 27th