

**UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND BULLETIN WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2012**

New Member Orientation

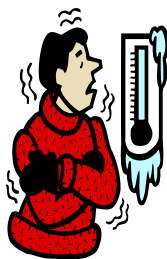
Today is the last day of Orientation and we will meet after the potluck in the Pastor's Study. If you missed this opportunity to learn more about United and are interested in formally joining our congregation, please contact Pastor Lawrence or simply check "Wish to Join This Church" in the attendance pads as they are passed down the pew.

Fifth Sunday Potluck

Please join us for potluck following worship today in the Fellowship Hall. If you forgot to bring a dish to share, there is always plenty to share.

Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain is in need of volunteers. If you are willing to help with this important ministry of the church, please contact Margaret Glass at church or 834-6203.



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.

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.

Mitchell Performing Arts Series

Friday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 pm, Jazz and ragtime from the pianist of "A Prairie Home Companion". Described by Jazz Journal International as "the premier player in traditional jazz today." \$20 Adults; \$15 Seniors/students; \$10 children 12 & under.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Immediate Needs

N to N needs jewelry, linens, housewares, nick nacks, and snowpants all sizes. If you are donating GOOD USED furniture please call ahead 834-2972.

THIS WEEK AT UNITED CHURCH

Sunday

10:30 am

Following Worship

Following Worship

January 29

Worship

Sunday School (Ages 3 ½ –early elementary)

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK

New Member Orientation

Tuesday

9:00–Noon

9:00 am

January 31

Office Hours

Staff Meeting

Wednesday

6:00 pm

6:30 pm

February 1

Youth Dinner

Youth Group and Wednesday School

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00–Noon

10:45 am

February 2

Office Hours

Adult Bible Study

Sunday

9:00 am

10:30 am

February 5

Discipleship Meeting

Worship

Sunday School (Ages 3 ½ –early elementary)

Following Worship

Coffee Fellowship

Following Worship

Confirmation

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the United Church of Two Harbors, Minnesota, will be held following 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, February 26, 2012, in the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Two Harbors (531 Third Avenue), (in case of postponement the meeting will be held on Sunday, March 4, following worship) for the following purposes:

1. Review of the 2011 church records.
2. Election of Church Officers.
3. Election of a Nominating Committee.
4. To act on any other items of business properly brought before the meeting

Muriel Swardstrom
Clerk of Council

Rev. Lawrence S. Lee
Pastor

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.

Ministers:	The Entire Congregation	
Pastor:	Rev. Lawrence Lee	pastor@ucth.org
Choir Director:	Alan Anderson	
Choir Accompanist:	Karen Johnson	
Secretary:	Jan Hockman	jan@ucth.org
Treasurer:	Jerry Groeneveld	jerry@ucth.org
Custodians:	Crystal Emerson & Roger Bukowski	
Church Contacts:	(218) 834-4257	ucth@ucth.org
Websites:	ucth.org	facebook.ucth.org

Today's Worship Leadership

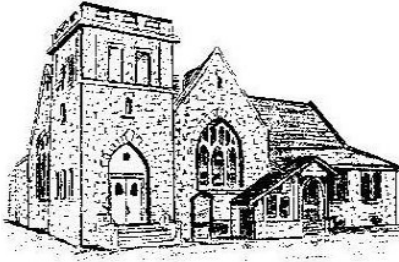
Liturgist: Cheryl Grant

Ushers: Muriel Swardstrom and Muriel Widen

Coffee Fellowship: **Fifth Sunday Potluck**

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 our **Fifth Sunday Potluck** 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 29, 2012

10:30 am

Fourth 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)

All will be well,

and all will be well, and all manner of thing will be well.

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Ringling of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

In truth and love, God has called us into this house of worship. God has said to us,

"You are my people, I am your God."

Not once, but again and again the Word is spoken, and there is rejoicing over all the earth. The words ring out with a glad cry:

"You are my people, I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart."

Come, O people of God; let us be glad as we sing God's praises; for our Creator and Redeemer has said:

"You are my people, I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart."

With awe and wonder, in the spirit of grace we lift our voices unto the God of creation, who redeems us and keeps us by the power of grace which comes from the God we worship this day.

***Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King" Hymnal p.62

***Declaration of Mission**

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

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

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem Choir

Children are Released for Sunday School

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified In all the earth. 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

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Pew Bible p. 206
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Psalter Psalm 111 Hymnal p. 832

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Pew Bible p. 1228
The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

***Hymn** "We Believe in One True God" Hymnal p. 85

***Gospel Reading** Mark 1:21-28 Pew Bible p.1074
The Good News of Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We Respond to the Word and Give Thanks

***Affirmation of Faith**

Hymnal p. 880

***Prayers of the People**

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

Children are Invited to Return from Sunday School.

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.

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

***Hymn**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymnal p.557

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Stand as you are able.

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	Gen. 13:2-18; Gal. 2:1-10; Mark 7:31-37 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 67; 150 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 46; 93
Monday	Gen. 14:(1-7) 8-24; Heb. 8:1-13; John 4:43-54 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 57; 145 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 85; 47
Tuesday	Gen. 15:1-11, 17-21; Heb. 0:1-14; John 5:1-18 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms: 54; 146 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms: 28; 99
Wednesday	Gen. 16:1-14; Heb. 9:15-28; John 5L19-29 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 65; 147:1-11 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms: 125; 91

Thursday Gen. 16:15–17:14; Heb. 10:1-10; John 5:30-47
Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20
Evening: 81; 116

Friday Gen. 17:15-27; Heb. 10:11-25; John 6:1-15
Morning: Psalms 88; 148
Evening: Psalms 6; 20

Saturday Gen. 18:1-16; Heb. 10:26-39; John 6:16-27
Morning: Psalms 122; 149
Evening: Psalms 100; 63



Happy Birthday this week to:

Kelli Risky on February 1st

And

Mara Jo Boulanger and Alyssa Lindahl on February 3rd