

# PROSPECTUS

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We seek to be an inclusive Christian community that affirms faith in God and spiritual growth with a commitment to justice and stewardship of God's creation.

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## Lent At Prospect Park UMC

**Wednesday Night Community Programming—**

*Dinner at 6pm, Activities for All, 6:30pm*

**March 28th, Palm Sunday—Worship at 9:30am**

**April 1st, Maundy Thursday — Worship at 7:30pm**

**April 2nd, Good Friday— Church open for Prayer**

**April 4th, Easter Sunday — Sunrise Service on Tower**

*Hill, 6:30am (breakfast to follow);*

*Worship in Sanctuary, 9:30am*



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NOTE: The Prospectus deadline is the **15th** of each month. Please email items to [announceppumc@gmail.com](mailto:announceppumc@gmail.com)

## Pastors' Corner ~

### The Teleological Suspension of the Technological

One of the more interesting conversations that have been going on around the church, in adult education classes and in the Men's Group recently, has been the effects of technology on our souls. I think we have all recognized how much technology has helped us to become more efficient with our work and communications, but with that efficiency has come a faster pace of life and rising expectations for immediate results. It is far too easy to simply dismiss Facebook and Skype and e-mail and texting as either tools that are plunging our society somewhere into Dante's Nine Circles or, on the other hand, herald them and every new technology that comes out as being the best thing since sliced bread. It would seem that some "in between strategy" is necessary to help us recognize and use technology without allowing it to dominate us, or create unrealistic expectations for ourselves or others.

So, in the spirit of practical theology, I have decided to suspend my use of technology this Lenten season and pay attention to what effects, if any, it has on my spiritual journey. When I started to think about what that commitment would entail though, I found that absolute abstinence would be almost impossible with the work and responsibilities that are required of me. That thought made me pause. Technology has always seemed to me to be a helpful addition to my "regular life" – but in fact, it would seem, my "regular life" is dependent upon technology. Thus comes the "teleological suspension."

Telos means in the old Greek "end," but more than end, it means "purpose" or "fulfillment." So this Lent, what I have decided to do, is to only use technology when it has a clear, practical purpose to my work and life. No mindless TV watching, no surfing the internet, no video games or fun iPhone applications – rather simple, intentional use of technology. I will check my e-mail once per day, like I would check my mail box to the house. I will use the computer and printer to write my sermons and papers and Prospectus articles, but that is it. My use of technology will have a clear telos before I touch the device. Maybe this will have no effect on my spiritual journey at all or maybe it will have a profound effect – we'll see! Blessings on your spiritual journey this month!

*Carl Kuyper*

*Divine Attention*

Spend an afternoon with a one-year-old and you, too, will be struck by how attentive children are. A house finch flies past the window and Gwyn turns her head. The garage door rumbles and Gwyn heads on all fours to greet her Imma. I'm walking with Gwyn in the backpack; she kicks me for a good block before I, too, spot the Siberian huskies and their owners. Gwyn finds the clump of cat fur under the buffet; she spots the broccoli when I open the refrigerator; she recognizes the cracker boxes on the coop shelves.

Emily and I have always lit a candle at dinnertime. This became a favorite ritual of Gwyn's, along with blowing it out afterward. Soon she noticed that we didn't light it at breakfast and lunch, and insisted otherwise. We now enjoy candlelit meals at all times of day.

I shouldn't be surprised by the intensity of Gwyn's attention--after all, this is how we humans learn and grow. But I am surprised regardless, perhaps because she's so small, perhaps because I've never observed the formation of attentiveness up close. As I've come to experience it, an active spirituality is synonymous with paying attention. However we understand the source of life, whatever our practice, attention is key. This is because spirituality is essentially relationship--relationship with whatever gives us meaning, be it God or humanism or our breath or the woods out the back door. And responsiveness in relationship requires attention. Only when we pay attention (to our bodies, to dreams, to our loved ones, to societal needs, to the gentle nudges in our hearts) can we respond in a way that deepens our presence. Only when we pay attention do we grow in understanding.

Gwyn's biological impulse to learn everything she can about the world around her is absolutely ordinary. And yet every time she turns her head, every time she points and sucks in breath with excitement, she is developing an extraordinary relationship, one where dogs and candles and dust-bunnies delight her and where her delight becomes infectious. Her spirit vibrates with every observation, as does mine. And God, I suspect, delights in being noticed.

--Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew

Elizabeth also posts her Prospectus articles at [www.spiritualmemoir.com](http://www.spiritualmemoir.com).

## Social Justice Matters

### **MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH**

Thank you, PPUMC, for generous ongoing support to our local food shelf at Glendale. The need is greater than ever as food shelves across the state are stretched beyond their capacity. Over half the food given at food shelves in the year comes from the March Campaign. Donations automatically become larger through Minnesota FoodShare and the Feinstein Foundation. March is the month we are called to feed the hungry. Any donation will help.



**FAIR TRADE MAKES A DIFFERENCE** in the lives of small farmers, farm workers and artisans throughout the world. We are lucky to have Whole Farm Coop deliver right here at PPUMC once a month on the third Wednesday. (Order by the 2nd Wednesday.) Call for a food list (320-732-3023) or go online at [wholefarm-coop@com](mailto:wholefarm-coop@com). We also support Fair Trade with a sale after church each first Sunday of the month. Chickens and eggs are now available along with chocolate, coffee and items from India.



**DAY ON THE HILL (March 25th):** Justice We Pursue! On Thursday, March 25th (8:30am-4pm), gather with over a thousand people of faith to discuss and engage in issues of poverty, health care, judicial fairness, housing and taxation. The event begins at the River Center in St. Paul and then continues at the State Capitol. To learn more about this event or to register online, go to: [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Kelley Rae Jewett.

“Arguments about scripture achieve nothing but a stomach-ache or a headache.” -Tertullian (160-225 C.E.)

“...And sometimes heartache.” -Judy WestLee (1941-)

## **WHAT IS MARRIAGE EQUITY IN THE CHURCH?**

Marriage equity is including heterosexual and homosexual couples in the right of two people to marry in the church. Marriage at Prospect Park UMC is understood as being the sacred promise before witnesses in our faith community, to proclaim love, commitment and fidelity before God and loved ones.

At the present time the State of Minnesota and United Methodist Churches are able to perform legal marriages only for straight couples. Marriage equity at PPUMC could mean that we would witness to the injustice of this exclusion by continuing to perform wedding ceremonies for straight couples, but to not include the signing of a marriage certificate. Heterosexual couples would need to also appear before a judge to have a state legalized marriage. It would be one way to show PPUMC affirms the right for all caring couples to marry religiously and civilly.

## **WHY SHOULD PPUMC CHANGE?**

We are a reconciling congregation which is committed to including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered (LGBT) people as children of God. Because the church historically has taught that homosexuality is wrong, it is difficult for many of us to admit that this rule needs to be studied, considered, prayed about and open to change for our church. It is a slow process to change church rules and traditions, but as a reconciling congregation, as a congregation that recognizes that God blesses committed love, our congregation is continuing discussion about marriage equity.

Since our church and the state of Minnesota will not allow homosexual marriage, this change could show our support for GLBT and for a change in church law.

This is a justice issue. This is a small change that could show our support for LGBT. This is a change that would be allowed by the United Methodist Church. Please attend the 11 a.m. adult education hour on **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** to hear of Mayflower UCC's journey toward marriage equity from lay member, John Fox.

—Joy DeHarpporte and Judy WestLee

## **JUSTICE WE PURSUE: WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES**

In a world where we are bombarded by requests at every turn, it is common to ask the question, "What does God require of us?" The prophet Micah answered this question simply with, "To seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8) What does it mean to seek justice? How is this a part of our daily lives? Gather for conversation and inspiration during this March series at Prospect Park UMC to discover how God is encouraging you to seek justice in daily life, especially for our neighbors who are homeless.

**Dinner at 6pm (Provided by the church. Freewill donation.)**

**Programming 6:30-7:30pm for children, youth, and adults.**

### **Series for Adults**

#### ***Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Assembling Health Kits for Haiti***

Conversations about ongoing relief efforts in Haiti along with assembling health kits for those in need. This event is for all ages. For health kit donation list, refer to donation box at the church.

#### ***March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Where Do I Start?***

Conversations about pursuing justice as an advocate. Special guest speaker from the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC).

#### ***March 10<sup>th</sup> – Can I Really Make a Difference?***

Conversations about whether or not we can make a difference in working for justice. What is it that you are passionate about?

#### ***March 17<sup>th</sup> – Artistic Expression – Mural Design & Spoken Word***

How does art play a role in justice? Share your creative spark as we create an Easter mural together. This event is for all ages.

#### ***March 24<sup>th</sup> - Walk the Talk***

Have you wondered exactly what Emma Norton is and does? How about Families Moving Forward? Or have you wondered how you can possibly fit one more thing into your life? Hear about social justice opportunities that PPUMC supports and how you can be a part of them.

**SAVE THE DATE: March 25<sup>th</sup> – Day on the Hill: Justice We Pursue** (for more information see announcement about DOTH or check out: [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org))

## Worship Schedule

Sunday Services begin at 9:30am unless otherwise noted

### March 7th, Third Sunday in Lent

#### *Communion*

Scripture:	Luke 13:1-19	Bonnie Reynolds
Sermon:	Cut it Out	
Hymns:	As a Fire is Meant for Burning	#2237 FWS
	Spirit of the Living God	#393 UMH
	This Little Light of Mine	#585 UMH

### March 14th, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture:	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Lucy Suits
Sermon:	Who's In and Who's Out?	
Hymns:	This is a Day of New Beginnings	#383 UMH
	Come to Me	Laura Dillon
	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	#121 UMH

### March 21st, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture:	John 12:1-8	Joy DeHarpporte
Sermon:	Pessimism	
Hymns:	O Young and Fearless Prophet	#444 UMH
	Woman in the Night	verses 1-5 #274 UMH
	Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands	#273 UMH

### March 28th, Palm Sunday

Scripture:	TBA	Mary Parish
Sermon:	TBA	
Hymns:	All Glory, Laud, and Honor	#280 UMH
	Mantos y Palmas	#279 UMH
	What Wondrous Love is This	#292 UMH

## CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR MINISTERS ON LEAVE

As most of you know Stina will be going on leave starting on Palm Sunday, her due date. Chad is taking a week vacation in anticipation of the birth. SPR has planned for Chad and Stina to not be here for Holy Week. We may be surprised by the birth date and will adjust the plans as necessary. Regardless of when baby Koppes is born, Penny and Emil Eberhart have agreed to lead our worship for Palm Sunday through Holy week including Easter sunrise service and Easter morning service.

Chad and Stina have promised to let us know when the baby is born and all the important vital information. Stina's mother is going to be with Chad and Stina to help out and we may see her at the church occasionally. Stina will be on leave for eight weeks. I want to remind everyone to honor that leave. She is not available for counseling during that time. Chad will be on vacation on the first week so he can be with Stina. Because Stina's mother is going to be with them, they do not anticipate the need for food from us, but the care committee will let us know if that need changes.

If you want to visit Stina during her leave, please call ahead to see if she feels up to a visit. Keep the visit a reasonable length of time and remember that she is not working.

We on SPR believe that our community has the leaders necessary to keep everything running smoothly while our pastors take their short breaks. We are not hiring any additional help during the leaves so we will be managing with just one minister half time. I reminded Chad and Stina that when Elton was here, he was  $\frac{3}{4}$  time and we did just fine. We will be having more guest speakers for the sermons during this time but most will be familiar friends.

I know you all join me in wishing Chad and Stina a Happy Birth Day.

Liz Pierce,  
Chair of SPR

## POETRY EVENING AT FIREROAST MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

Come join us at Fireroast Mountain Cafe on Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m. for an evening of poetry!

Our featured poet is Jim Lenfestey whose bio is printed below. There will also be time for open mic poets to read their work.

Fireroast is located at 3800 37th Ave. S in Minneapolis.

After a career in academia, advertising and journalism as an editorial writer at the Minneapolis StarTribune, Lenfestey has published poetry, reviews and articles, plus a book of essays. He has published six poetry collections, the latest *A CARTLOAD OF SCROLLS: 100 POEMS IN THE MANNER OF T'ANG DY-NASTY POET HAN SHAN*, and *THE GOODHUE COUNTY JAIL: POEMS TO FREE PRISONERS*. Lenfestey is a founder of the Ojai Poetry Festival in Ojai, CA and chairs the Literary Witnesses poetry program in Minneapolis. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, the political writer Susan Lenfestey. His website is [www.coyotepoet.com](http://www.coyotepoet.com).

## Spiritual Exploration

You are invited to join the Spiritual Exploration Group for our monthly meeting on Monday, March 15th at 7:00 PM in the Christian Ed office. This year we are reading M. Scott Peck's *The Road Less Traveled*, subtitled "A new Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual Growth".

For this month, please read the second half of section III, "Growth and Religion" beginning with "The Case of Marcia".

All are welcome to this ongoing small group. Contact person is Laura Dillon, 612-729-6504, [DLaura1@usiwireless.com](mailto:DLaura1@usiwireless.com).



# March

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

		<b>1</b>	7pm, Prospect Park Community Choir 6:30pm, PPERRIA Zoning Meets	<b>2</b>
<b>7</b>	9:30am, Worship 10:30m, Fellowship 11am, Adult Ed and Sunday School	<b>8</b>	6:30pm, New Member Class 6:30pm, PPERRIA Exec. Meeting 7pm, Ad Council Meets	<b>9</b>
<b>14</b>	9:30am, Worship 10:30m, Fellowship 11am, Adult Ed and Sunday School 4pm, Dignity Meets	<b>15</b>	Prospectus Deadline 6:30pm, Music Team Meeting 7pm, Spiritual Exploration	<b>16</b>
<b>21</b>	9:30am, Worship 10:30m, Fellowship 11am, Adult Ed and Sunday School	<b>22</b>	6pm, PPERRIA General Board Meeting	<b>23</b>
<b>28</b>	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30am, Worship 10:30m, Fellowship 11am, NO Adult Ed or Sunday School 4pm, Dignity Meets	<b>29</b>		<b>30</b>
			7pm, Prospect Park Community Choir	

# 2010



Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p>6pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Lenten Programming 7:30pm, PPUMC Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p>3pm, Worship Team Meeting 7pm, Growth &amp; Welcoming</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p>10am AA in Chapel</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p> <p>6pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Lenten Programming 7:30pm, PPUMC Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p>5pm-10pm, Re- Evaluation Counseling</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p> <p>8am-10pm, Re- Evaluation Coun- seling 10am AA in Chapel</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p>6pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Lenten Programming 7:30pm, PPUMC Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>7pm, PPERRIA Parking Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p>10am AA in Chapel</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p>6pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Lenten Programming 7:30pm, PPUMC Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>10am AA in Chapel</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p>6pm, Spring Birthday Party 7:30pm, PPUMC Choir</p>			

## WORSHIP NEWS

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#### **Taize Worship (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) at St. Frances Cabrini**

Gather from 7-8pm at St. Frances Cabrini for an ecumenical Taize worship service, hosted by Cabrini and PPUMC. Taize music is a meditative, chant-like worship experience that allows for contemplation and prayer. St. Frances Cabrini Church is located at 1500 Franklin Ave SE (612-339-3023).

#### **Holy Week Worship Opportunities**

- **Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>)** – Celebratory Sunday morning worship at 9:30am
- **Maundy Thursday (April 1<sup>st</sup>)** – Communion worship service at 7:30pm
- **Good Friday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)** – The church will be open for prayer
- **Easter Sunrise Worship** – Gather at 6:30am at Tower Hill for an Easter celebration.
- **Easter Breakfast** – free breakfast following sunrise worship in the fellowship hall
- **Easter Worship in the Sanctuary** – Gather at 9:30am as we pull out all the stops for Easter!

#### **Worship Meeting (March 4th).**

On Thursday, March 4th (3-4:30pm) all persons are welcome to participate in the worship team meeting (in the chapel). The team will focus conversations on what happens in weekly worship, such as: should we have Communion more often or should we share the peace of Christ? In addition, we will wrap up details for March worship & Holy Week. Questions, contact Pat Veum-Smith (612-338-6474).

#### **Quick Reference—Meetings This Month:**

**Ad Council**—Mar. 8th, 7pm

**Music Team**— Mar. 15th, 6:30pm

**Growth & Welcoming** —  
Mar. 4th, 7:30pm

**Worship Team**— Mar. 4th, 3pm

## **Pump-It-Up Party**

An intergenerational event on  
March 31st from 5:00 - 7:15pm

The Pump-It-Up party is a time to celebrate the coming of spring and spring birthdays in our church family. We are going to the Pump-It-Up "inflatable party zone" in Plymouth. There will be pizza, drinks and ice cream cake to eat and many large inflatable objects to play on and in (e.g. large inflated slide, climbing wall). All are welcome, come have fun and help us celebrate.

Free will donation. We do need to know how many folks are coming. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or contact Clyde Cutting ([clyde@cutting.us](mailto:clyde@cutting.us) or 612-392-8351) by March 28th.

Carpooling is an option. We'd leave church at 4:45pm to carpool. Please indicate your interest in carpooling when you register. Driving directions will be provided. If you have questions, talk with Clyde.

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### **ECO-PALMS for PALM SUNDAY**

As part of PPUMC's commitment to fair trade practices and global responsibility, the Worship Team purchases eco-palms, used for Palm Sunday, from Hermes Floral.

These Palms make their way to us from Mexico and Guatemala, where community members sustainably harvest the palm stems, leaving the plants to grow and be re-harvested in years to come.

For more information on Eco-Palms, speak with Ginia Klamecki.



## News from the MN United Methodist Church

### Sharing a Bishop in 2012

Minnesota and Dakotas conferences to share a bishop in 2012  
Effective September 1, 2012, the Minnesota Annual Conference and Dakotas Annual Conference will be served by only one bishop. They will maintain their current boundaries and structures. This redrawing of episcopal area boundaries (not conference boundaries) follows the 2008 United Methodist General Conference decision to require four of the five U.S. jurisdictions to phase out one episcopal area by 2012. A transition team, made up of representatives from both conferences, begins work soon.

### Conference session legislation due March 1

If you have a ministry concern you'd like addressed by Minnesota United Methodists, consider submitting legislation (action items) to Minnesota Conference session 2010. Find a template at <http://tinyurl.com/yepe5pl>. (Or find the link under Quick Links at [www.minnesotaumc.org](http://www.minnesotaumc.org).) You can see the kinds of items addressed by last year's session members by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/yhpn3p>. Legislation must use the template and must be submitted to [bruce.ruggles@minnesotaumc.org](mailto:bruce.ruggles@minnesotaumc.org) by March 1.

### The Bishop's Corner

The hard questions lead us forward Bishop Sally Dyck observes that we're a people who like to have and give answers when our culture calls us to address the ultimate questions—who are we in our human condition and who is God?—in light of our lives, in light of the struggles within our communities, and in light of what it means to be faithful in our present age. Ultimate questions are unsettling and yet they are the way forward. This is part of rethinking church: returning to who we are as followers of Jesus with a Wesleyan tradition in our culture today. It's meant to be a movement and you can't have a movement if it isn't based in each person moving with the Spirit to go deep and reach wide. Read her Bishop's Corner column at [www.minnesotaumc.org/bishop](http://www.minnesotaumc.org/bishop).

## **UMCOR Update: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

One Great Hour of Sharing is March 14: When a massive earthquake leveled the capital city of Port-au-Prince in Haiti and decimated outlying areas last month, UM Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was there to bring comfort to survivors and set a direction for long-term recovery efforts. UMCOR is using 100 percent of donations to respond to the tragedy, just as it did after a series of typhoons struck the Philippines last fall and when a tsunami devastated Indonesia in 2004. When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing this spring, your gift will help cover UMCOR's cost of doing business and allow us to keep our promise that 100 percent of every other contribution you make to a specific UMCOR project will be spent on that project and not on administrative costs. Gifts to this fund can be made all year long. Please give now.

## **Mission Opportunities-UM Volunteers in Mission Leaders**

Training for UM Volunteers in Mission leaders will take place on March 14 in Sibley, Iowa. For information contact Kathy Olson Martin, 1501 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City, IA 51106; (712) 274-5148. Other training dates in the Midwest are scheduled for this spring. See the schedule at [www.gb-gm-umc.org/northcentralvim](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/northcentralvim) (scroll to bottom of page).

Interested in an extended (more than two weeks) mission trip? Learn about opportunities and prepare by taking Individual Volunteer training at Camp Kingswood in Mound, Minn., April 15-18. The UM General Board of Global Ministries is offering the course. Volunteers who take the training may serve for two months or longer with host communities. They make new friends with people of other cultures and grow in faith. The cost of the weekend training is only \$150. Interested? Contact Lorna Jost at [umvim-ncj@brookings.net](mailto:umvim-ncj@brookings.net) or (605) 692-3390.

Missions opportunities database: Learn where you or a group can take action to help others. Find a project that fits you or your group's needs on the Missions Opportunity Finder at [www.minnesotauc.org](http://www.minnesotauc.org). Mouse over "Missions and Ministries," then "Missions," then "Missions Information," then click on "Missions Opportunity Finder." Save it in on your web browser's "favorites" tool.

## A THANKFUL GRACE

Grace and creativity abounds among the people of PPUMC. Hopefully by now you have received a copy of the 2010 Lenten Devotional. The pages of this book show the many ways God's Spirit is alive and speaking through the people of PPUMC. A big thanks to all who contributed. May this devotional bring inspiration to your own Lenten spiritual journey.

### *A Special Thanks to....*

- To Denise Bricher for editing and coordinating this year's Lenten Devotional. Without her leadership, this project would not have been possible!
- To all contributors: the Upper Elementary Sunday School Class, Joy DeHarpporte, Pat Veum-Smith, Roxanne Lockhart, Sue Torgrimson, Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew, Denise Bricher, Maia Twedt, Jan Ekern, Marilee Johnson, Sharon Nielsen, Judy WestLee, Jacob Coyne, June Whitney, and Harriette Mathers.
- To all who helped assemble & mail the devotionals: Donna Shaheen, Elinor Strandskov, Harriette Mathers, June Whitney, Pat Veum-Smith and Tom Smith.

## A Shower of Thanks

Thanks again to everyone who has showered us with gifts and love as we prepare for the birth of our child in a few weeks. The Saturday party was a blast & we are continually amazed by your support, love, and graciousness. It is a delight to be a part of your church.

A special thanks goes out again to Joy DeHarpporte, Jan Ekern, and Barb Backstrom for coordinating the party. It was truly a memorable event in our lives!

Joyfully,  
Stina and Chad

## A Thank You letter by John Holmquist

Dear Denise:

In this age of e-mail-casual, we have a dearth of formal salutations, so it's a pleasure to start with "Dear Denise." (The U.S. Postal letters I get all start with "Dear John," .....never a good omen.)

And we all should think of you as a "Dear" because, in addition to the other stuff you do for us, you took on the job of getting out the 2010 PPUMC *Lenten Devotions* booklet – for which you actively campaigned yet!

The job description is: Turtle Herder. I know, I know, the popular phrase is "like herding cats." But, as any editor knows, cats are quick, and writers are sluggish turtles who only react to threats of physical harm or, at the very least, extreme embarrassment. (Get your copy in now, or I will tell everyone how you were picking your nose in the narthex. Hah! You thought I didn't see?)

I hope folks realize, though, all the preparatory work you did even before you started hurling thunderbolts: nagging for a booklet theme; calling potential contributors; choosing the artwork; opening yourself to all creative possibilities (such as haiku, and the ideas of your grandson); bringing in your Ex as consultant and proofreader; choosing page colors; massaging the various computer programs to speak a common language (or at least cough up a unified product); preparing the Sunday-morning-reminder zingers to keep our minds on the deadline.

I could go on, but I think we get some inkling of what you've been up to. I only hope the result meets your dream that people picking up the *Lenten Devotions* for the first time will say, "WOW." "I'm going to that church!"

So there were times when the job required you to be a pesky nag. That's OK, because we at PPUMC say: You deserve your dream, Dear Denise.

*Note to the reader: This letter (from a sluggish) is happily offered as partial atonement for missing the PPUMC 2010 Lenten Devotion booklet deadline.*



**Please keep in your prayers:** We pray for health and well-being for Rhonda Lundquist, Janet WestLee and Emily Jarrett-Hughes. We also pray for peace and comfort for Ruby Jensen.

**We pray for peacemaking** in our world. We lament the loss of so many lives and pray for civilians, soldiers, politicians, peace witnesses, detainees, hostages and insurgents in all their suffering. We also continue to remember enlisted persons known to our community: Karen Craig, Leo Jewett, Shaun Koscieliniak, Eric Lopez, Perry Malcolm, Jae Boyte Evans Ramirez, and Salvador Ramirez. We also pray for Rhonda Whitney Fraser and her family Ava and Joe; Rhonda is volunteering as a civilian in Iraq.

**If you have a prayer request**, please contact a member of our prayer chain, or call the office. The prayer chain can inform the community of your request, or keep it private. The chain includes: Nan Boody (952-472-0746) and Joy DeHarpporte (651-699-4517), Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew (612-729-4957); Patsy Olsen (651-699-1428); Jan Ekern (651-699-2602); Rhonda Lundquist (651-646-2932); Lynette Hansen (651-646-9650) and Emily Smith (612-242-5276).

### **Birthdays in March**

- 01 Nathan Lockhart
- 08 Alicia Velasquez-Eberhart
- 09 Mary Gaynor
- 11 Leann Hess
- 13 Rebecca Shaheen
- 19 Sara Hansen
- 22 Mary Bloom Garvin Jellison
- 25 Douglas Gardener Kristen Blue
- 27 Barb Pelak Ken Lundquist Nick Lanzatella



- 28 Ceese Stickles
- 29 Megan Frestedt
- 31 Kris Tromiczak

### **Anniversaries in March**

- 19 Liz Pierce and Liz Richards
- 20 Ann DeGroot and Rhonda Lundquist
- 23 Joan Ellison and Pat Roth

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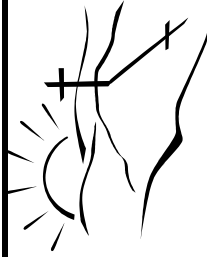
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