

The Tidings

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"We are living proof that Jesus Christ is our peace who makes strangers into friends, breaks down dividing walls and builds up real persons."

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From the Pastor

The Spirit moves in amazing ways. On a flight to Washington about a year ago, I met a man who works for a playground equipment company. We went to the capital for different reasons, but ran into each other again near the senate office buildings and on our return flights. We exchanged information, and kept in touch.

This past summer, members of our community traveled to El Salvador to help build a Peace Park. The missionary coordinating the project, the Rev. Dr. Magda Aguirre, shared her vision of having a safe space for children to play.

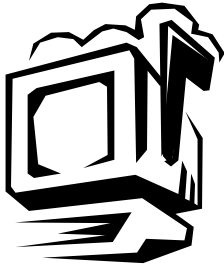
After some conversation, the man from the playground company told me he would be able to supply us play equipment at 40% of the listed prices. What a blessing! When I mentioned the possibility to Magda, she almost couldn't contain her enthusiasm. The park is near completion, and will soon be ready for the next steps.

Together, we can continue to work with the Salvadoran community. How about buying a swing or a slide or some monkey bars? Every bit helps. Currently, the children there have an ancient set of swings that more than 40 kids hang off of at a time. Once the funds are raised, we can send the play set, and change that.

Mission trips are never one isolated week for the few people who travel. They are opportunities for entire communities to connect with one another, and to build relationships over time.

Just this past month, our mission trip to Haiti came back to bless us in the form of drumming and dancing and testimony during worship. Here, we have another opportunity to continue to participate in the transformation of community. (And you might discover this is the perfect gift for that hard to buy for person. "What? A slide in El Puente de Cuscatlan! Just what I always wanted!!")

I am consistently amazed and humbled by how God uses seemingly coincidental meetings and events to God's own ends. How is the Spirit moving through you?



BULLETIN BOARD

THANK YOU

Thank you to my Underwood family for the many get-well cards and prayers on my behalf following my accident. I'm on the way back.
Love, Grace

**Dr. Abe Cáceres
&
World House Music
Present:**

World Music Sing

**Sunday, October 7, 2007
Underwood Baptist Church
1619 N. Wauwatosa Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI**

International Pot Luck at 6:00 PM

Bring a favorite dish from your cultural background or another and share copies of a recipe if you like.

World Music Sing from: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Dr. Abe Cáceres, members of "Kyros" and other guests will lead us in singing songs of the Spirit from around the world, some familiar, some new; so bring your enthusiasm, your love of world music and your openness to the Spirit.

PERCUSSIONIST or MUSICIAN NEEDED TEMPORARILY

The Bell Choir is in need of a temporary triangle and tambourine player, for their Sunday, December 9th performance during worship. The rhythms are not complex, but the percussionist will need to be able to read music. There will be one rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on December 6th and a short rehearsal the morning of the performance. Instruments are provided. If you are interested, please mention it to Emily Rohde-Terrien.

80 & OVER LUNCHEON

Underwood Church is blessed with a vibrant group of members, age 80 and over. We plan to celebrate them with a lunch after worship, on **October 21st**. All are welcome. You do not need to be an octogenarian to attend! Mark your calendar now, and plan to participate. All "youngsters" should sign up on the sheet in the Fireside Room.

GOING GREEN

Imagine if the utility company purchased as much energy from you as you consumed in a year... Imagine the alternative uses for a winter heating bill... Imagine living more sustainably as an individual and as a congregation...

If this appeals to you, or if you'd like to learn more, then plan to be a part of a new collaboration between the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, the Urban Ecology Center, and local congregations. The Interfaith Earth Network plans to host a series of conferences over the coming year to help people learn about living sustainably, to strengthen awareness of different faith perspectives, and to build commitments toward becoming greener congregations.

The first conference will be Sunday-Monday, October 28-29, 2007.

Please see the bulletin board or contact Rev. Jamie for more information.



THE LIBRARY CORNER

Now that the fall activities at Underwood are in full swing, we have two new books to tell you about, thanks to Cyndie Odyá-Weis. This time of year is a great time to curl up with a book.

Always a Bridesmaid was written by Andrea Boeshaar, an author who lives on Milwaukee's northwest side. Ms. Boeshaar has written for the Christian fiction market for 15 years.

The second book, ***FaithWriters Journey of Faith***, is a collection of inspirational poems, stories and more from members of FaithWriters.com. Cyndie is a member of this group. One of her essays, entitled Grandma's Beach, is found on page 109. How many of us can claim to be published authors?

Perhaps reading this collection will encourage you to start writing some day. Cyndie can probably give you some excellent tips.

USED BOOK SALE

Attention, bargain hunters! The long promised sale of books recently culled from our library is scheduled for **Sunday, September 30** immediately following worship. Look for the tables in the library area.

All books will be \$.25 each. The proceeds will provide additional new books for our Underwood readers.

Carolyn Sanders, Librarian

MILWAUKEE CHRISTIAN CENTER NEEDS

Each year our ABW women's group receives a list of needed items for the Milwaukee Christian Center. This year we also need baby nightgowns and receiving blankets to fill our American Baptist Women's White Cross quota.

A poster of the needed items is set up on an easel in the narthex, near the mission table. **Please sign up for one or more item.**

Participants of the Christian Center's programs will appreciate your gifts. The White Cross items are for newborn babies born in the mission field. Each new mother and baby is sent home from the hospital with a simple layette.

Men, you can also donate these items. We do not discriminate, even though this is a woman's project!

Please place your items in the box marked Milwaukee Christian Center in the church office, or give to Carolyn Sanders.

The baby items should be marked "White Cross," and can be also placed in the box. We will sort them.

Bring the items by Sunday, **November 11th**. Thank you for your generosity!

LOST!

Mary Ann Hand is looking for a lost card table. She brought the plastic topped, rounded edge table to Jamie and NJ's wedding reception. If anyone knows where it is hiding, please let Mary Ann know.

Another two column page

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You and I follow Jesus because God used someone to share the Good News. We have continued and grown as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat, and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That's why the Mission Committee is writing to ask you to **pray for** and to **give to** the World Mission Offering.

Our congregation uses the World Mission Offering to support the work that God is doing through the missionaries of International Ministries in more than 30 countries around the world. The World Mission Offering also enables International Ministries to support mission outreach by partner churches in some 40 additional countries.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people

- **Come** to Christ
- **Grow** in Christ and
- **Change** their world with Christ

Those are the results International Ministries seeks through its commitment to “make disciples of Jesus Christ.” The missionaries and partners of International Ministries pray and work for those results as they meet a wide variety of human needs, train leaders and, yes, preach, launch new churches, and do evangelism.

This year International Ministries invites us to look at global mission in these terms:

Surprised by the Word. Receive. Give. Be transformed!

“Did not our hearts burn within us . . . while he opened to us the Scriptures?” Luke 24:32
Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24, when we **receive** God's grace, and **give** ourselves to those God puts in our path, we are continually **surprised by the Word**, and **transformed**.

Because God is so much more than we can grasp, getting involved in God's mission – right here and around the world – often leads us to opportunities to be surprised by a fresh encounter with God's Word, to receive God's grace, to give ourselves to what God is doing, and to be transformed in the process.

We believe God is able to – and wants to! – use us to provide more support to global mission than last year. **Our goal this year is \$1175, an increase of 15% over last year receipts.** Please join us in this challenge as we collect your gifts through Sunday, October 7. We have all received from the Lord. Let us also give, be surprised by what God can do, and be transformed by God's grace.

Yours because of the always-surprising love of Jesus,

The Underwood Mission Committee

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Tifuh Amba, Eva Berry, Jim Christenson, Bette Day, Marge Gaeth, Joyce Johnson, Jack Kearnan, Janice Melcher, Maggi Monahan, Grace Morgan, Pat Ransom, Virginia Reininger, Charlyn-Mai Roberts, Carolyn and Joe Sanders, Shari West Schmit, Dee Schowalter, Shirley Tupper, Llew Walker, Lisa Wilkening, Tim Wilkening.

Friends and Others Known to the Church Family: Tifuh Amba's mother, aunt, Anne Marie, sister, Mourine Amba; Pam Clark's mom, Wilma Clark; Nancy Fritter's mother, Jean Thomas; Steve Heimerl's brother-in-law, Frank Slayton; Margaret Jeske's Cousin, Erwin Zapf; Joyce Johnson's niece, Jean Kathryn Moten; Chad & Sarah Kafka's friends, Brian & Anita; Janice Melcher's friend, Kali; Grace Morgan's son, David; Sei Pramenko's sister, Masa; Julie Pruett's cousin, Lisa; Carolyn & Joe Sanders' daughter, Jenneane; Shari West Schmit's friends, little Shannon and brother Danny , Stacey, Crystal, Sarah, Jessica, Jess, Sharon, David, Bob, Sammie & William, Sandy, Mary, Al and Nancy; Rhonda; PFC. Mario S. Vasquez, friend of Shari, serving in Baghdad; and all soldiers in active duty; Earl and Carol Schultz' daughter-in-law, Gayle Schultz; Keith and Virginia Wick's nephew, Leo; Wendy Whitaker.