

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."

From the Pastor

FAITHFUL WITNESS IN ACTION

Only part of church happens within our building on Wauwatosa Avenue. Much of the work of bearing witness to Christ happens out in the streets, and even in the halls of Congress. During the end of April and beginning of May, I will be in Washington DC for two different pieces of advocacy work.

Christian Peace Witness for Iraq comes together April 29-30 to make a faithful witness against the ongoing war. This war has lasted more than six years – longer than US involvement in WWII. President Obama campaigned on a promise to lead us in a new direction, and we aim to hold him accountable. As the war deepens in Afghanistan, the people of Iraq could be forgotten. It's our Christian responsibility to be certain Iraq is rebuilt and the people of Iraq are able to return to some semblance of normalcy and peace.

This will be a time of prayer, speech, and action. We will collect bread to take to the White House, signifying the body of Christ, the US troops being left in Iraq, the soldiers ill-prepared to return home, the hungry of the world who are not being fed because of the funds going to the war. After the demonstration at the White House, the bread will feed hungry people in DC.

On May 4-5, the Human Rights Campaign launches Clergy Call 2009, a year-long educational effort to facilitate faith-based mobilization within congregations and local communities. The effort builds off Clergy Call 2007, where the HRC Religion & Faith Program brought 230 religious leaders from all 50 states to Washington, D.C.

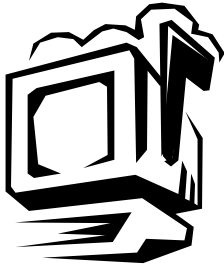
The theme for Clergy Call 2009, "Moving from Acceptance to Advocacy," reflects the vision of a faith-based movement for GLBT equality built from the ground up: in local churches, synagogues, mosques. The series of trainings will utilize HRC's faith-based Transgender Curriculum and Online Resource.¹

Too often, our political leaders hear only one type of religious voice. It is vital that they are aware of the breadth of support for GLBT equality from religious persons.

It is an honor to be able to represent our church to the wider world, and to bring that world back to our Underwood fellowship. Please pray for all who will participate in these gatherings, and that our voices and actions be heard and honored.

In struggle for Justice and Peace,

¹ From www.hrc.org



BULLETIN BOARD

THANK YOU

Dear Friends and members of Underwood, Thank you for the attractive card and greetings for my 92nd birthday. How lucky can one get to make it this far and to have such an inspirational church?! Love, Martha Merkt

MORE THANK YOUS

Hunger Task Force – monetary

Baptist Peace Fellowship - monetary

JUST MISSED OUR AFC GOAL

Thank you to everyone, including the children, who gave to this year's **America for Christ Offering**. We didn't quite make the \$1200 goal, but the entire \$1037.10 will go toward supporting ministries that transform lives, churches and communities across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Gracias!

WANTED: GRADUATES

Are you aware of someone graduating this year, from high school, college, tech school, etc.? Please contact the church office. We plan to recognize these students and their achievements.

ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, MAY 17th

CHOIRFEST

MAY 3rd 7PM

at

Metropolitan Missionary

Baptist Church

1345 W Burleigh St, Milwaukee

Fellowship & Refreshments to follow concert

LAKE COUNTRY RINGERS

present *Ivory and Bronze* on Sunday, **May 3rd** at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Waukesha. John Sheaffer is featured!!! See bulletin board for more info.

Underwood's annual rummage sale for missions is **Saturday, May 2nd** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Items can be brought in through **Wednesday, April 29th**. If items come in after that date, we have the discretion of refusing them.

RUMMAGE SALE REMINDER

We accept no adult clothing. However, there will be an infant and children's area with clothing up to age five, along with toys and games. It was very successful last year.

If you have not signed up to help at the sale and wish to lend a hand, please contact Carolyn at (414) 442-8142. We will be working every morning from 9:00 to noon the week prior to the sale, along with Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. Many hands make it easier.

Come and shop on May 2nd. People have told us we have one of the best organized rummage sales they attend.



THE LIBRARY CORNER

I have been entering our library collection into the new database, but the progress is moving at a snail's pace. At the same time, I am weeding out to make room for new additions. The discards are placed in the rummage sale.

Have you noticed the Walt Disney classic videos now on the video shelf? Thanks to Lorraine Genich, we have eight "new" videos to offer you. The titles range from **101 Dalmatians** to **Pinocchio** to **The Lion King**. I also processed three "new" Veggie Tales videos. Pat Walker is always looking for books and videos at the thrift shop she manages. We appreciate that.

The book that is acclaimed to be a modern Pilgrim's Progress story, **The Shack** by William Paul Young, is waiting your reading pleasure. We thank Grace Morgan for her gift.

Take note of other recent arrivals at the library desk. There are others waiting to be processed.

My motto is that anytime is always an excellent time to read. Why not "Spring into spring with a good book"? Underwood's library offers you a wealth of choices.

Carolyn Sanders, Librarian

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MOTHER'S DAY FUNRAISING APPEAL FOR WOMEN BUILD WEEK

The Women Build Home will be framed during the **September Build Week, September 14-18th, 2009!** Please contact Melissa Herguth (see below) if you or anyone you know is interested in **Volunteering** for the Women Build (individuals or groups). We are very excited about the interest and enthusiasm for this year's Women Build and with your help; we know it will be a success!

To kick off the fundraising efforts of the Women Build Week, we will be doing an all online Mothers Day appeal. Donations can be made securely online using "Google check-out."

The idea is to honor your Mother by donating to the Women Build Home for Mothers Day. In exchange for a donation to Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity Women Build project, a Mothers Day card will be sent directly to the recipient, as well as a tax-receipt to the donor. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Herguth at mherguth@milwaukeehabitat.org or (414) 562-6100x13.

THE MILWAUKEE
ASSOCIATION FOR
INTERFAITH RELATIONS

presents

**Reporting on Religion:
An Interview with Tom Heinen**

Moderated by Mark Siegrist

Thursday, May 7, 2009
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church
2366 N. 80th Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Join us as Mark Siegrist engages Tom Heinen in a conversation examining significant events and trends in religion and religion reporting during Tom's tenure as Religion Reporter at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

The Milwaukee Association for Interfaith Relations is a program of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee. This program is free and open to the public.

MARY CARLIN

Pastoral Resident

Plenty

Having shared our bread,
we know that we are
no longer hungry. It is enough

that you see me for myself.
That I see you for yourself.
That we bless what we see
and do not borrow, do not use
one another. This is how we know
we are no longer hungry...that

the world is full of terror, full of beauty
and yet we are not afraid to find solace here
To be bread for each other. ***To love.***

~Gunilla Norris

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Tifuh Amba, Eva Berry, Jim Christenson, Bette Day, Carole Elizabeth, Ashley Flegler, Marge Gaeth, Alex Gleesing, Margaret Jeske, Joyce Johnson, Janice Melcher, Maggi Monahan, Eugene Pramenko, Pat Ransom, Virginia Reininger, Neil Rosenow, Carolyn and Joe Sanders, Dee Schowalter, Eileen Seeger, Adina Tarpley, Pat and Llew Walker, Shari West, Lisa Wilkening, Wyla Wong, Millie Youngquist.

Friends and Others Known to the Church Family: Tifuh Amba's mom, aunt, Anne Marie, sister, Mourine Amba; Isabel Collison's sons, Robert & Ronald; Carole Elizabeth's friends, Gary, Terry, & AnneMarie; Joe Gleesing's brother, Dan; James Ingbretson, Mary Helminski; Margaret Jeske's cousin, Erwin Zapf; Sammie Luckow's father, William; Grace Morgan's son, David; Sandy Sherry's sister, Jan, and her father, Rev. Floyd Harbold; John & Bonnie Sorenson's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Colleen Sprague's brother, Mark Ashworth; Larry Stussy; Walker family; and all soldiers on active duty.

EASTER LILIES

Tifuh Amba	In memory of father, Duke Amba In honor of mother, Monica Amba
Anonymous Heart Sister	In honor of Heart Sister, Carolyn Sanders
Anonymous Heart Sister	In honor of Heart Sister, Beth Gleesing
Anonymous Heart Sister	In honor of Heart Sister, Grace Morgan
Heather Blue	In memory of parents, Fred & Betty Blue
Mary Carlin	In honor of Underwood Baptist Church
Weldon & Virginia Fikes	In honor of Jamie P. Washam
Nancy Fritter	In memory of mom & dad, Kenneth & Martha Thomas In honor of Lucille Kaveny (Kevin's mother)
Kathleen Hanold	In memory of Dora Kneen
Joan Johnson	In honor of D. Joyce Johnson and Kathie Hanold
Joyce Johnson	In honor of parents Samuel & Carrie Lawson
Martha Merkt	In memory of Lulu Shaw Newton
Pat Ransom	In memory of her parents, Claude & Jeanette Ransom
Doreen Reitmeyer	In memory of her parents, Arthur & Beatrice Decker In honor of her sisters, Dianne & Dawn
The Rosenow & Torbenson Families	In memory of Margretta Rosenow & Edward Rosenow
Joe & Carolyn Sanders	In honor of the Underwood women who make soup and cook for St. Ben's
Adam & Laura Schumacher	In memory of Ronald Wolf
Phyllis & Ken Smith	In memory of parents, Martha & Andrew, & Verona & A.R.
The Sprague Family	In honor of Eric & Nathaniel
Llew & Pat Walker	In memory of their parents In honor of their family
NJ Unaka & Jamie Washam	In loving appreciation for our parents & grandparents
Helen Weiland	In memory of Al Scheibe
William, Eric & the entire Sunday School class	In honor of Miss Pat, with love & thanks for all she has taught them.

WHEN THERE IS JUSTICE, THEN PEACE WILL COME

**A Conference for Peacemakers
Sponsored by the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America
July 20-25, 2009 - Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, USA**

This summer, peacemakers from around the world will gather on the beautiful campus of Weber State University located in Ogden, Utah in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains. Why not be one of them? This is a conference for everyone who longs for the spirituality, inspiration, skills, knowledge, and community to support a life of peace rooted in justice.

The line-up of speakers, artists, and musicians includes:
Ken Sehested, Paul Dekar, Rita Nakashima Brock, Greg Ledbetter, Kate Campbell,
Angela Yarber, D.E. (Darrell) Adams, and Janet Chisholm.

There will be workshops on a wide variety of topics, programs for children and youth, special gatherings for young adults, fun free-time activities, after-hours events and more!

This year only, BPFNA is offering a voucher for ONE free registration to the conference to a member of our church who has never attended before. If you are interested in being the one, please contact Pastor Jamie, as soon as possible, for more information.