



## FROM THE MODERATOR ~ Mark Scott

Happy Summer to All!

Events and announcements at our church are wonderful reminders of the vibrancy of our community of faith. If you have been at church these past months, I think we have all been filled with a bit of awe as to how many children and youth rise up from the pews and move to the stairs for the Time with Children. Recently, more good news has indicated this is a trend which has some momentum. Multiple baptisms this spring and summer, plus an announcement that our Sunday School program is expanding to account for additional youth downstairs on non-communion weeks, in addition to our Search Team interviewing to fill the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries position seem to point to the fact that we are welcoming more fresh faces into the congregation. For this, I am grateful!

Other changes have also occurred in the past month. After recovering from the break-in, another basement invader, in the form of heavy downpours, flooded the basement and led to a great surge in energy and work by some members to remedy this problem; thanks be to God and you workers. Also, in preparation for our new staff person, updated furniture has been generously donated to adorn that office. The photos of members and friends on the Fellowship Hall wall are really perking up, thanks in great part to the concerted efforts of Don Breneman. New windows and repainting are bringing the offices around – and keeping them cooler. The gardens look great. I also hear the root beer floats at the Fourth of July parade were a big hit.

Thank you for your efforts to make SAPUCC a welcoming place for worship and community involvement. Have a relaxing, cool rest of summer. Peace be with you.

~ Mark

### **Celebrating with prayerful thanksgiving 125 years of worship and ministry of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ . . .**

2011 is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SAPUCC! We will celebrate, give thanks, and move into a faith-filled future. The 125<sup>th</sup> Ministry Team is planning events throughout the year; expect more details soon. We ALL will have roles! Ministry Team members are Marge Grahn-Bowman, Don and Lynne Krehbiel-Breneman, Sue Grove, Betsy Radtke, Jim Snoxell, and Pastor Victoria Wilgocki.



## PASTOR'S COLUMN ~ Rev. Victoria Wilgocki

Steady, purposeful, thorough, patient ... that's the tone of the Board of Mission & Witness as of late as we continue to discern next steps. It's a spiritual stretching exercise for Mary Easter, Steph Goese, Deb Heuwinkel, Paula Swanson and myself; we recently confessed to one another that all of us much prefer making decisions and taking action rather than lingering in a state of flux, considering multiple options, for months on end! But that is where we are, and we trust that the Spirit is working through us (and teaching us something at the same time).

After hearing the Mission & Witness priorities at the May Listening Session, we now have three questions at the fore:

- What might it be time for this congregation to let go of?
- What new ministry might this congregation embark on?
- How might we diversify or reallocate our Mission & Witness dollars?

Actually, two decisions have already been made for us. We learned from the St. Paul Area Council of Churches (SPACC) that they will no longer receive funding for "Kitchen Kits" or "Spread the Joy, Give a Toy," so those two programs will be discontinued. SPACC will continue to promote and support "School Tools" and "Generous Spirit Food Drive," and our congregation's participation in those programs is part of our larger conversation.

Meanwhile, a good bit of behind-the-scenes work is taking place.

- We are gathering history and stories from long-time SAPUCCers
- We are reviewing the data of our financial giving patterns
- We are connecting with All Nations Indian Church and Grace Community UCC
- We are researching potential new ministries, both of mercy (charity, short term) and of justice (systemic change, long term)
- We are mindful of the priorities that surfaced at the Listening Session: intergenerational, fewer ministries that go deeper, context for what we do, face-to-face with people in need, building relationships with fellow SAPUCCers

There's "nothing to show" for our work right now, but trust that good things are happening. The refrain of the hymn "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People" comes to mind:

*Bring forth the reign of mercy,  
Bring forth the reign of peace,  
Bring forth the reign of justice,  
Bring forth the city of God!*

Finally, we ask for and depend on your prayers. Shalom!

## **PROJECT HOME: MINISTRY WITH FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS**

Project Home provides families with children facing temporary homelessness with a safe, clean, comfortable place to spend the night. 18-20 guests is the maximum for a church site. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (our neighbors across the alley) is the host church for the entire month of August.

SAPUCC is committed to providing volunteers at St. Matthew's for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 12, 13, and 14. How can you participate?

### **Snacks and activities with the families 5:30-8:00 PM**

A minimum of four adults is needed, six is preferred. Project home provides basic foods of milk, bread, cereal, lunch meat and cheese. SAPUCC is asked to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for the evening snacks. (Families will have had dinner at 4:00 PM at Family Place.) There are games and videos at St. Matthew's. The guests like to go to College Park, SAP Library or stay at the church. Planning a craft or other activity is encouraged. SAPUCC parents are welcome to bring their own children to participate.

### **Overnight hosts 8:00 PM-7:00 AM**

Two adults are needed. Help families settle in for the night, problem solve if necessary, sleep at St. Matthew's, and serve breakfast in the morning before the bus comes to transport the guests back to Family Place.

Please sign up at the Kiosk in Fellowship Hall to host our Project Home guests, Thursday, August 12 through Saturday, August 14.

Finally, the Board of Mission & Witness and Pastor Victoria believe it is important to offer "before" and "after" opportunities to set the context for volunteering with Project Home and debriefing the experience afterwards. To that end, there are volunteer trainings at St. Matthew's:

Sunday, August 1	12:00 PM for returning volunteers
Sunday, August 1	1:00 PM for new volunteers

and Victoria will host a "debriefing" conversation in her office for anyone who would like to reflect on the thoughts, feelings and experience of volunteering with Project Home:

Sunday, August 15	11:15 AM
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Please be a part of this important ministry with families who are homeless.

**TESTIMONIAL – “n. – something given or done as an expression of gratitude or appreciation. A statement of one’s convictions.”**

Fritz Steimann gave a testimonial in worship on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Here are his remarks.

*Many years ago, as a good Roman Catholic son, I attended a good Roman Catholic college, St. John’s University, just outside of St. Cloud. I don’t know whether it was symbolic, but if any of you have visited the mammoth church at St. John’s, which is a breathtakingly stark, majestic and imposing concrete structure, you may have noticed the crack down the middle of the center aisle. There is, in fact, a ghost story that goes along with that crack -- about a drowning in one of the five lakes on campus, wet footprints down the aisle to the altar, and that crack suddenly appearing -- but we won’t go into that now. The point is at St. John’s I began to question my faith. You might say the roots of my questions began to grow at St. John’s until they cracked the foundation of my Catholicism. In law school a couple of years later, I became the black sheep of my family as the sole family member to leave the Catholic Church. It’s been an interesting ride.*

*About the same time, I was blessed to meet a member of this congregation by the name of Karen Quale. Karen and I were married here the year I graduated from law school, 1980, and I’ve been attending this church ever since. Most of you know that, six years later, three-and-a-half years after the birth of our daughter, Katie, Karen died of breast cancer. Talk about questions!! God and I had a few conversations around that time that weren’t at all pleasant. It wasn’t until more than a decade after Karen’s death I felt my faith and my questioning had sufficiently come to terms with each other – or perhaps they had just called a truce – for me to consider joining this congregation.*

*One of our past ministers, the late Rev. Patrick Green, once said he considered himself, like me, to be an agnostic. While that admission may seem incongruous from a person of faith, especially from a minister, Pat saw the search we are all on for God and God’s meaning in our lives as a function not of the weakness of our faith, but of both its strength and its growth. Indeed, what has kept me at this congregation all of these years is that we see “evolution” in God – a fundamentalist’s nightmare -- as central to what it means to be Christian.*

*Significantly, it is our faith in God that makes this evolution possible, that permits us to embrace the process, to have confidence that even in the worst of times God is at work, to hold our minds and our hearts open to being made and remade in God's image, as a matter not of our past but of our future, by the weaving of God's Spirit through the tapestry of our lives.*

*For me, more than anything else, this is what I have found in St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, this is what I have found with all of you: a church where we don't tell God what God has to be but, rather, where we allow God, as Christ, to live and speak in, through and to each one of us and in our relationships with each other and the world. This is not, of course, all I have found. I have found good friends to share the journey, a common love of music, causes to serve, freedom to think outside the box, and, through it all, love, faith and hope in God. God has blessed me with a second wife, Barbie, from this same community, and an expanded family with grandchildren to call me "Grandpa."*

*I have, in short, found in and through this congregation a place in God, and in all of you, that I can call my spiritual home.*

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#### **MARRIAGE EQUALITY UPDATE**

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ approved a resolution declaring support for Marriage Equality.

The resolution declares "while recognizing and respecting the diversity of theological understandings within our member churches, we affirm support for marriage equality for couples regardless of gender." The resolution also encourages the member churches of the Minnesota Conference "to engage in serious, respectful, and prayerful discussion of the covenantal relationship of marriage...; and if led by God's guidance, to take action in support of marriage equality for couples regardless of gender." The resolution further requests member churches "after prayerful biblical, theological, and historical study, to consider adopting wedding policies that do not discriminate against couples regardless of gender."

The resolution passed overwhelmingly, with only a few dissenting votes. SAPUCC fully supports weddings and commitment/covenant ceremonies.



## MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

### **SANCTUARY CHOIR**

The SAPUCC Sanctuary Choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal times will be announced at the end of August. I would also like to extend an invitation to all church members and friends to consider joining the Sanctuary Choir for all or part of the 2010-2011 "season"! It is a great way to have fun AND provide an essential ministry to the church. If you have any further questions, please e-mail me, Stephanie Wikstrom, at [sewikstrom@gmail.com](mailto:sewikstrom@gmail.com).

### **LISTENING SESSION: JUNIOR CHOIR**

As we look ahead to the fall, it is our hope to build and strengthen the music ministry with children in the congregation, specifically the Junior Choir.

- If your child sang in Junior Choir last year, what worked well?
- When were they most engaged? What music did they most enjoy singing?
- If your child did not sing, what prevented his or her participation?
- Would switching rehearsal time to Sunday morning before worship be advantageous?
- Does the Junior Choir sing too frequently in worship? Not frequently enough? Just right?
- Would you welcome a time for parents to connect with each other while the children are in rehearsal?
- Other ideas or input?

**LISTENING SESSION: JUNIOR CHOIR**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15**  
11:15 AM-12:00 PM  
in the Parlor (air conditioned)  
led by Stephanie Wikstrom  
kids play on the church's front lawn (supervised)

We know that summer schedules are full ... please be a part of the conversation if your schedule allows. If you are not able to attend on the 15<sup>th</sup> but have ideas or suggestions, please contact Stephanie or Victoria: [sewikstrom@gmail.com](mailto:sewikstrom@gmail.com) 916 300-2400 or [pastor@sapucc.org](mailto:pastor@sapucc.org) 651 646-7173.

## **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME**

St. Paul Saints Baseball Game  
Midway Stadium  
Saturday, August 21  
5:30 PM tailgating, 7:05 PM first pitch  
Saints v. Lincoln Salt Dogs  
We have 20 seats in section A  
\$12 per ticket

Bring your lawn chairs!  
Bring your favorite tailgating food!  
Bring your glove!

The Board of Community Life is organizing this "have-some-summer-fun" event. Please sign up at the Kiosk.

For more information, contact Sara Quinn, 651 487-1301 or [mquinn@bitstream.net](mailto:mquinn@bitstream.net).

## **PRAYER CHAIN:**

### **NEW LEADER! NEW PRAY - ERS?**

After several years of faithful service, Gwen Bacheller has stepped down as the leader of the church's Prayer Chain. We are so grateful for her ministry to and on behalf of the congregation.

With Gwen's "resignation," Lee Heilman has stepped forward to be the new leader – praises be!

Would you like to become part of the prayer chain? If so, your name and phone number would be added to the phone tree. As prayer requests come in, you would be informed and asked to include the person or situation in your

personal prayers – on your own time and in your own way.

Are you interested in this ministry of prayer? If so, please let Pastor Victoria know.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY 2010 – 2011**

It is time once again to produce our annual SAPUCC Directory of Members and Friends.

If you were included in last year's directory, please let me know if:

- you have any family members you would like *added* to the new directory.
- you would like any family members *removed* from the new directory.
- you have had a change to your address, phone number, or email address.
- you wish to *not be listed* in the new directory.

If you were not part of last year's directory and wish to be added, please send me your name and the names of your family members. Please include your address, phone number and your primary email address. Please submit all changes via phone, mail, or email by Monday, August 9th.

Thank you for your help.

~ Linda Dobosenski

## **OFFERING ENVELOPES GOING “GREEN”**

The Board of Stewardship, in consultation with Pastor Victoria and the Council, has decided not to order pre-printed offering envelopes for 2011. Many people do not use their box of envelopes at all, others only use one envelope per month or per quarter. Therefore, to reduce waste and cost, we will no longer order boxes of pre-printed offering envelopes.

Going forward, you get to choose!

- 1) You may put your check in the offering plate, without an envelope.
- 2) You may seal your check inside your own envelope and put it in the offering plate.
- 3) If you contribute cash, please insert the cash in an envelope and write your name on the envelope – otherwise we have no way of tracking your contribution.
- 4) You may request personalized envelopes from the church office. Linda Dobosenski, our Office Manager, will gladly make the number of envelopes you request for the 2011, be it weekly, monthly, or quarterly.

How will we make this change? An “envelope request card” will be stapled to the pledge card in this fall’s stewardship campaign mailing. If you decide to make a pledge for 2011, we ask that you indicate at that time if you’d like the church office to provide envelopes for you. Thanks very much for supporting these efforts to reduce waste, increase efficiency and go green.

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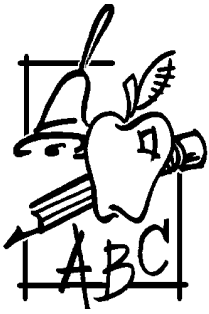
## **GODLY PLAY WORKSHOPS**

Godly Play – What’s it all about? What’s a “door person”? What is the desert box used for? How does this curriculum invite children into Biblical stories? Why is there “work time” and “the feast”?

Here’s your chance to find out. There are two opportunities to attend Godly Play introductory workshops. We hope to send a group of people from the congregation, and SAPUCC will pay all registration fees.

- Saturday, August 14  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at St. Clements Episcopal Church, St. Paul
- Saturday, August 28  
9:00 AM – Noon at University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis

Please let Pastor Victoria know if you’d like to attend.



**SCHOOLS TOOLS**

Back-to-school is approaching fast. Once again our congregation will be collecting back-to-school items for Schools Tools, a program of the "Gateways to Service" of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches.

We will be collecting items on four Sundays: August 8, 15, 22 and 29, and also during the week. Items will be delivered to the Council of Churches on Monday, August 30.

Suggested items for donations include but are not limited to:

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| Backpacks                               | Calculators                |
| Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)           | Kleenex                    |
| 3-ring binders                          | Pencils                    |
| Pens                                    | Erasers                    |
| School boxes                            | Crayons (8-10 ct or 24 ct) |
| Scissors                                | Colored pencils            |
| Markers                                 | Folders                    |
| Rulers                                  | Pocket dictionaries        |
| Pencil sharpeners & highlighters        | Paints (watercolor)        |
| Glue (sticks & bottles)                 |                            |
| Loose-leaf paper (wide & college ruled) |                            |

If you prefer, cash donations are also greatly appreciated; make checks payable to SAPUCC with "Schools Tools" in the memo line. Your donations will help nine different organizations that provide educational support services to families in need. In these tough economic times, the number of families who need support is higher than ever. Let's help make the first day of school a positive one for children and teenagers who come from families with lesser means.



**NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?**

St. Anthony Park UCC has a Diaconate Fund that exists to assist members, associate members and friends of the congregation who are facing financially tough times. If you are in need, or know of someone who is in need, please contact Pastor Victoria. Your request for financial assistance will remain confidential, and the monies distributed are an out-right gift, not a loan.

## **GREEN ON THE SCREEN**

Arranged by the *Energy Resilience Group*, a subcommittee of the Community Council's Environment Committee. If questions, contact Marilyn Benson or Tim Wulling 651-644-6861.

### August - Environment & Energy: What can be done about Peak Oil?

Learn from Cuba's experience 20 years ago with the DVD "The Power of Community: How Cuba survived Peak Oil."

Monday, August 23, 7:00 PM, at South SAP Recreation Center or Tuesday, August 24, 7:00 PM, at SAP United Methodist Church.

## **DEPRESSION ALLIES**

The Depression Allies is a support group, providing a time to gather with other SAPUCCers who are living with depression. The group offers a safe place to be heard, to listen, to offer and receive empathy, to offer one another "tools" for living with depression, to share personal stories, and to be fully oneself in the context of this community of faith. The group is open to any adults in the congregation who are living with depression. It meets once every 6-8 weeks. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Pastor Victoria.

## **PAULA SWANSON IS WALKING THE "BREAST CANCER 3-DAY"**

Paula Swanson is walking in the Breast Cancer 3-Day again this year. Imagine, 60 miles in 3 days and she's going to do it again! Breast cancer personally affects 1 in 8 women & 1 in 1,000 men. The walk is in August and she is hoping to raise \$2,500. If interested in helping Paula reach her goal, and helping to put an end to breast cancer, you can find more information on the kiosk, at [www.the3day.org/goto/paulaswanson](http://www.the3day.org/goto/paulaswanson) or ask her.

## **VACATION DAYS**

Pastor Victoria will be on vacation from Monday, August 16 through Sunday, August 29.

Pastoral coverage will be provided by two of her clergy colleagues:

August 16-22  
Rev. Jeanine Dorfman 612 824-1213

August 23-29  
Rev. Donna Martinson 651 646-4859

If you have a pastoral emergency, please do not hesitate to contact Jeanine or Donna during Victoria's time away.

# Women

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship will meet again in the fall on Tuesday, October 19, 11:00 AM. Johanna Circle will host.

**JOHANNA CIRCLE** will meet on Friday, August 6, 11:00 AM at Café Biaggio, 2356 University Avenue, near Raymond.

**LUCY COMINGS CIRCLE** will gather again in September.

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL LIFE**

The Women's Spiritual Life group meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:00 AM in the Parlor. In August, the dates are the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all women.

Contacts: Ronna Smitherman 651 481-7255 or LaVonne Souther 651 646-6879



**CAREGIVER GROUP**

Participants in the caregiver group listen and share updates about loved ones as well as exchange ideas and resources for how to practice self-care in the midst of all the demands of caregiving.

The group, co-led by Ted Bowman and Victoria Wilgocki, offers support for people who have a loved one who is experiencing a decline in mental and/or physical health and well-being.

The Caregiver Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 9, 10:00-11:30 AM in the Parlor. Newcomers are always welcome.



September LINK deadline:

Wednesday  
August 18  
9:00 AM

Cream Sheet deadline:

Wednesdays  
9:00 AM



Remember we have an active **Prayer Chain**. If you have joys or concerns call Lee Heilman, the Pastor, or the Church Office.

### **COPE & HOPE**

Support group for people living with cancer or in remission.

Cope & Hope meets bi-monthly.

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Questions?  
Call Marilyn Benson at  
651 644-6861.

### **PASTOR'S HOURS & MORE**

I work Sunday through Thursday; Friday is my day off. I am available for appointments during the day or early evening. Please note that in an effort to keep a clear boundary between my work life and home life, I do not check E-mail or voice mail from home. If there is a pastoral emergency, please do not hesitate to call me at home: 612-722-9411. Also please note that, as a clergy person, I am a mandated reporter of neglect or abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

~ Pastor Victoria

**THANK YOU TO:**

- Julia Leitzke and David Leitzke for organizing and hosting the Sanctuary Choir potluck party honoring long-time choir members Gwen Bacheller, Marjorie DeBoer, and Edna Mae Hughes
- Bruce Evans for installing window unit air conditioners in the church office and pastor's office
- Jim Snoxell, Phillip Snoxell, Mike Smith and Tim Wulling for coming to the rescue after heavy rains flooded the downstairs
- The nine people who participated in prayerful "Examen" during the month of June
- Rick Prescott for trouble-shooting and consulting on numerous computer issues
- Mark Scott and his co-worker Mary Moos, who donated office furniture to the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries office
- The Women's Fellowship for funding the carpet cleaning of the Parlor, Coat Room and Library; and to Gaye, Dan and Joshua Larson and Eileen Evans for their efforts in preparing for the cleaning (moving all the furniture)
- All who provided hospitality as part of the Clayton Mullin service.

***Church Member Update***

Muriel Widmer has moved to:  
Sholom Community East Campus  
730 Kay Avenue # 213  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Muriel recently celebrated her 85th birthday, and has moved into a one-bedroom apartment on a memory care floor at Sholom Home in Highland Park. She is living with advanced Alzheimer's disease.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- Those who grieve the death of Clayton Mullin, who died at the age of 101 on May 24
- Marjorie DeBoer as she regains strength and mobility after hip replacement surgery
- Sharon Creamer as she regains strength and mobility after knee replacement surgery
- Gwen Bacheller as she continues to heal from hip replacement surgery
- Rev. Charlene Johnson who serves as a military chaplain at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma
- Muriel Widmer, who has moved to a new home, and her daughters, Linda and Wendy, as they cope with the effects of their mother's Alzheimer's disease

## **GENEROUS, BIG HEARTS**

When people ask me to describe the congregation I serve, I almost always start by saying, "They are incredibly generous, big-hearted people." And it's true. All of you -- the men, women and children who are St. Anthony Park UCC -- give of yourselves in many and various ways. One way is through four special offerings each year.

It's important to acknowledge and appreciate the scope of this congregation's giving. To that end, here is a tally of the 2009-10 offerings:

Neighbors in Need	October 2009	\$ 337
The Christmas Fund	December 2009	\$ 664
One Great Hour of Sharing	April 2010	\$1,052
Strengthen the Church	May 2010	\$ 336
Total special offerings =		\$2,389

By receiving the "Strengthen the Church" offering in May, we are now a 5 for 5 congregation! That is, we give to the five offerings through the United Church of Christ, and this is a big deal. Our fifth offering is Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) -- the amount we pledge to the Minnesota Conference UCC every year, a third of which is passed along to the national UCC headquarters in Cleveland.

Everyone in this congregation has their own financial priorities, limitations, and commitments. There certainly is no requirement or expectation that you give to any or all of the special offerings throughout the year, but rather there is an open invitation to give as you discern. As we have prayed in our Offertory Prayer throughout the summer, "Receive our offering, O God, given in response to your offerings." ~ Victoria



## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ  
2129 Commonwealth Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

### Church Council

July 20, 2010, 6:00 pm

Minutes of regular meeting

**Council members present:** Beth Magistad (Moderator-Elect), Carole Smith (Treasurer), Tim Wulling (Clerk), Chris Jacobson (At-large), Wendy Berg (Christian Education), Charlotte Osborn (Community Life), Ronna Smitherman (Diaconate), Paula Swanson (Mission & Witness), Leslie Amundson (Stewardship Board), Jim Snoxell (Trustees), Gaye Larson (Women's Fellowship).

**Ex officio members present:** Pastor Victoria Wilgocki.

**Others present:** None.

**Council members absent:** Mark Scott (Moderator), Dan Larson (At-large), Steve Magistad (Church Growth).

**Meeting was called to order** (Beth, in Mark's absence).

**Agenda** was set.

**Meditation** (Ronna).

**Minutes** of May 18 regular Council meeting were approved with the following correction: Women's Fellowship hasn't committed at this time to cleaning the furniture.

The Council did not meet in June.

**Treasurer's report** was given by Carole.

### *Current business*

- 1. Christian Education - staffing** (Beth): Lauren Davis is unable to continue on the Board. The Council appointed Barb Billington to the Board of Christian Education.
- 2. Next Council meeting date.** The Council will not meet in August. September Council meeting might be held a week earlier to compensate. A special Council meeting is likely for approving a new Director of Children and Youth Ministries.

### *Board reports*

**Trustees** (Jim). Recent rains overflowed the rain gutters and flooded through two different window wells on different occasions. New, larger rain gutters will be considered next year. The bowed wall under the rose window is a concern and is being monitored. A Ministry Team led by Gaye will sort out things in the storage room.

**Community Life** (Charlotte). Como Park picnic was successful.

**Christian Education** (Wendy). An additional Sunday School class is desired to accommodate the large number of children; this requires two more teachers. Two candidates for Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries will be invited to do a children's time during worship.

### *Staff reports*

**Pastor's report** was given by Victoria.

**Social gathering for recent visitors and new members** (Beth). Beth and Steve Magistad will host the first gathering on Aug. 1. Gaye and Dan Larson will host another.

**Adjournment** at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by Tim Wulling, clerk.

**BUDGET ACTIVITY as of May 28, 2010**

	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Pledges	\$ 83,880	\$ 75,427
Other Income	<u>\$ 17,835</u>	<u>\$ 15,453</u>
	\$101,715	\$ 90,880
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
Total Expended	<u>\$ 94,044</u>	<u>\$ 94,402</u>
<b>NET:</b>	\$ 7,671	\$ -3,522

**BUDGET ACTIVITY as of June 30, 2010**

	<u>Current YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Pledges	\$ 94,077	\$ 90,512
Other Income	<u>\$ 18,235</u>	<u>\$ 20,457</u>
	\$112,312	\$110,969
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
Total Expended	<u>\$108,182</u>	<u>\$113,073</u>
<b>NET:</b>	\$ 4,130	\$ -2,104