



United Church of Rogers Park  
United Methodist Church

*Messenger*

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2010

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*What does God require of us? But to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. —Micah 6:8*

*From the  
Heart of  
the Pastor*

Friends, our all-church conference or “charge conference” was held on November 15th with District Superintendent James Preston presiding. As your pastor, this is when I am to share my plan for ministry for the upcoming year. My plan or vision for ministry is, of course, influenced by how I perceive the nature of the church as a whole.

The Church, as a holistic body of Christ, is called to engage in the community through living with the mind and heart of Christ. As a community of faith, I believe God, in Jesus Christ, is calling United Church of Rogers Park to be a beacon of light, love, and empowerment for a community that needs to believe in itself and the transformative power of compassion, justice, respect and reconciliation.

Together, our calling is a calling of the heart, mind and Spirit. Through continuing spiritual formation, Bible study, prayer, passionate-engaging worship, fellowship and intentional outreach to our community and beyond, our church family will be strengthened and nourished and therefore able to strengthen and nourish our community with Christ.

**Ministry objectives for the year ahead:**

1. Strengthen passionate spirituality through spiritual disciplines, small groups & services emphasizing the heart.
2. Nurture loving and respectful relationships that honor differences of opinions and encourage everyone’s participation in our community of faith.
3. Transform meetings into spiritual gatherings that engage in the work of the church as a community of faith grounded in Christ.
4. Increased communication and partnerships both within and beyond the church for ministry and mission.
5. Visible leadership growth and training.

My hope is that as we are deepened in Spirit, we will be known as a community of faith that:

1. encourages and builds up disciples who love God, neighbor and self.
2. lives into the awesome responsibility that comes with knowing God and following Jesus as the one who points the way to a Spirit-filled life of compassionate wholeness.
3. creates a loving, forgiving, supportive, faith environment where individuals are committed to God and have an understanding that faith involves stepping out in trust – faith- *the evidence of things hoped for but not seen.*
4. provides a bridge of understanding and reconciliation in the community.
5. creates a mission/ministry hub where there is a mutuality in service...where those coming into our community to give service, will recognize how they are being blessed by those for whom they have come to serve. “It is in giving, that we receive.”

May we walk with Christ into this New Year remembering these words from Colossians 3:11,

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

*Grace, peace and love,*

*Pastor Catiana*

**CHRISTMAS CHEER FLOWED THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF ROGERS PARK ON DECEMBER 22.**

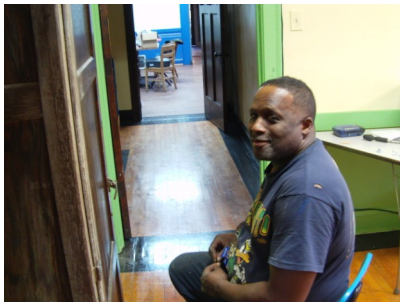
**40 FAMILIES GATHERED TOGETHER FOR THE 2009 HOLIDAY CHEER PROGRAM.**

Mark Bowman and his family cooked a delicious vegetarian meal, and church members mingled and served the food. After dinner, everyone came together to sing Christmas carols and make Christmas cards.

At the end of the night, 86 children received gifts that were generously donated from the angel tree at UCRP and Trinity United Methodist in Wilmette.

Each family also received a gift card for groceries thanks to donations from The Glenwood, Davis-Miller Design in Winnetka, and generous church members.

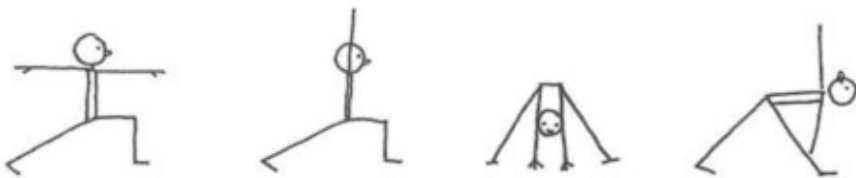
**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!**



A new face has been seen in the halls of the United Church of Rogers Park. He has been painting, fixing, and cleaning. Ryland Beamon (who prefers to be called "Beamon") has come to the church to work as a maintenance person through Central States SER Senior Community Service Employment Program.

His salary is being paid through the stimulus package and so is no cost through the church. This position is to help Beamon gain on-the-job training in maintenance and he has helped out tremendously.

**THANK YOU, GINA CARPENTER** for another adult yoga class schedule for spring 2010:



Sunday, March 7, 1-2 pm  
Sunday, March 21, 1-2 pm  
Sunday, April 4, 1-2 pm  
Sunday, April 18, 1-2 pm  
Sunday, May 2, 1-2 pm  
Sunday, May 16, 1-2 pm

\$9 donation per class requested; \$42 in advance for entire series of 6 classes. Cell: 773.895.6124

**THANK YOU ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR VARIOUS ADVENT, CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AND WORSHIP SERVICES!**

**THANK YOU CHOIR for an amazing Christmas Concert!!**

## A WORD FROM THE DEACON

The last month has been a busy one for the second floor and children's ministries of the United Church of Rogers Park. If you haven't been upstairs to see changes that have occurred, please take some time to visit and see the transformation.



While working on a mission trip at UCRP with her youth group from Downers Grove First United Methodist, Jenny Kirkpatrick felt called to do something more than her week of service. She decided that she wanted to help create a children's library for the children's ministries at UCRP as a part of her project for her Gold Award in Girl Scouting. But, sometimes God has a bigger vision than we can see and soon the project grew from creating a library to helping to renovate the entire second floor of the church. Jenny was able to raise over \$3,000 and acquire donations of computers, tables, and children's books.

Through Jenny's project, new flooring was bought for the blue room, the floors in the classrooms were stripped and refinished, a new computer was purchased, and she cataloged and organized hundreds of books for the children's library.



This all means that the second floor of the church now houses a children's library, an education resource room, a computer lab, a multipurpose meeting room, a large open space, a classroom and a nursery. These rooms are already being put to use and will continue to offer space for children's ministries, meetings, and other uses.



We would like to thank Jenny Kirkpatrick and the youth from Downers Grove First United Methodist church for all their hard work.

### UNITED CHURCH OF ROGERS PARK AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Starting January 18, we will kick off the spring semester of the afterschool program here at the United Church of Rogers Park. We have 35 children registered and many exciting activities planned in the upcoming months.

This spring, **Tim Peebles will teach a Peacemakers Tae Kwon-do** class with all the children. This Tae Kwon-do class teaches the martial art combined with a violence prevention program. We will also continue to hold **music classes with Rev. Carol Corey** once a week.

Finally, we are hoping to make use of the new children's library through a reading buddies program. On Thursdays we will pair up each child with an adult and have them read together.

**If you are interested in being a reading buddy, let Deacon Wes know and we can pair you up.**

## MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH--JOHN BELL FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY IN SCOTLAND** will be with us again to lead the *Worship Alive!* workshop, "Celebrating the Unsung Jesus," from 2:00 to 5:00 that afternoon. Rev. Bell will also preach in our worship service that morning. United Church members and friends can participate in the afternoon workshop at no charge in exchange for helping with hospitality for our guests from around Chicagoland who will come to the workshop. Sign up on the sheet on the information table or contact Mark Bowman (773-728-8274) with questions.



**"A WINTER FARMER'S MARKET IS COMING TO OUR VERY OWN OVERDIER HALL ON SATURDAY, FEB. 20.** Come and enjoy fair trade coffee and a snack at the cafe and peruse the assortment of locally grown foods. The Churches' Center for Land and People (CCLP) is partnering this year with Faith In Place to sponsor indoor Winter Farmers Markets which provide small, local farm producers with additional venues to extend their income beyond the growing season. These markets offer consumers an opportunity to purchase cheese, meat and poultry, soap, syrup, honey, wool, yogurt, raw fibers, vinegars, dried fruits, milled flours, sauces and salsas, preserves, cider, and **fresh produce** as available.....in short, anything that a farm grows or produces from what they grow. (Not all items listed will be available at every market."



### **SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH.....THINK SPRING, PANCAKES & DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS!**

For the 5th year, the UCRP Community Feast will be hosting this fundraising event to not only help support its free, weekly dinner program for our neighbors in need, but also provide a chance for our church family and neighbors to come out of winter hibernation and enjoy a morning together around a HUGE breakfast of fruit or plain pancakes, sausages, and beverages. And then find some wonderful baked goods from our many talented bakers to take home to enjoy! Mark your calendars now!

## PROJECTS CONTINUING INTO THE NEW YEAR...

### **SIGN OF THE TIMES: The Marvyn Womack Memorial LGBTQ Rainbow Project**

A community design competition will be a key feature of a new project to express our church's fundamental belief in inclusion and support for our members and friends in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer communities. With a working title of "Sign of the Times" the **Marvyn Womack Memorial LGBTQ Rainbow Project** aims to replace the pink triangle – a 1960s-era gay pride symbol – nailed to the outside wall of our church sanctuary.

This project will reach out to LGBTQ artists in the Rogers Park and Chicago community to design a new, permanent, weather-proof, rainbow-themed symbol which we will commission for installation on the church wall. LGBTQs and straight allies are invited to participate in the planning committee. Michael Harrington, chairman of our board of trustees, is leading the project. Contact him at 773-465-6666 or email [michaelharring@gmail.com](mailto:michaelharring@gmail.com).

### **PEACE POLE purchase and dedication for 2010**



[www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)  
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



[www.nccusa.org](http://www.nccusa.org)  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



[www.ilconfchurches.org](http://www.ilconfchurches.org)  
ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

Sunday, January 24, 2010

4:00 p.m.

## 10th Annual Chicago Ecumenical Prayer Service

Community Church of Wilmette

1020 Forest Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque, Pastor

Community Church of Barrington

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### WORSHIP Schedule: January Through Easter 2010

Communion is served on the first and third Sunday of each month.

January 17	Human Relations Day/Martin Luther King Communion	John 2:1-11
January 24	Oneness in Christ (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1/17- 1/24)	Luke 4:14-21 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
January 31	"Calling" Love	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13(or sung), Luke 4:21-30

#### FEBRUARY 2010

#### Discipleship

#### (SATURDAY) FEB 6 ALL CHURCH RETREAT

February 7	"Put out into the deep water..."	"Luke 5:1-11
February 14	John Bell preaching & Worship Alive	
February 17	ASH WEDNESDAY	7 pm
February 21	Lent 1 "Wilderness Companions"	Luke 4-13
February 28	Lent 2 "Encountering the Promise"	Luke 13:31-35

#### MARCH 2010

March 7	Lent 3 "Priceless Grace"	Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8
March 14	Lent 4 "Embracing Love"	Luke 15:1-3, 11B-32
March 21	Lent 5 <i>Making Room for the Future</i>	John 12:1-8
March 28	Palm/Passion Palm & Passion readings	Luke 19:28-40 (Palms)\ Psalm 118:1,2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14- 23:56 or Luke 23:56
April 1	Holy Thursday/April 2 Good Friday/April 4	Easter Sunday

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All are welcome at United Church of Rogers Park United Methodist Church. United Church of Rogers Park's congregation is part of the Reconciling Ministries Network, seeking **full inclusion of all people in the United Methodist Church** in both polity and practice. This is God's house; we are God's children. We do not presume to restrict **whom God may call** to worship and service. Each of us benefits from the unique, God-given characteristics of others. Our diversity reminds us of the richness of God's nature. United Church, therefore, openly welcomes all, regardless of status, including race, ethnicity, age, marital or economic status, ability, gender, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity, to fully participate in its programs, to the service of God and to the kinship of this community. All ministries will be offered to all members of the church. We embrace the radically inclusive Gospel of Jesus Christ. **ALL MEANS ALL.**

*Thanks to Euclid Avenue UMC for this reconciling statement!*

**EACH WEEK**

Sunday	Adult Bible Study	9:30-10:45 AM	Library
	<b>Worship and Celebration</b>	11 AM	Sanctuary
	<b>OFTEN! Discussion Session</b>	<b>after church</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	Community Feast	5 PM	Overdier Hall
	Service of Prayer, Scripture and Song	6 PM	Overdier Parlor
Tuesday	Ibeji Senior Arts	11 AM-2 PM	Ibeji Room (undercroft)
	<i>Children's after school program resumes!</i>	3-6 PM	2nd floor
Wednesday	Small group	10 AM-noon	Library
	<i>Children's after school program</i>	3-6 PM	2nd floor
	<b>Meetings - check office or bulletin</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Library</b>
Thursday	Ibeji Senior Arts	11 AM-2 PM	Ibeji Room (undercroft)
	<i>Children's after school program</i>	3-6 PM	2nd floor
	Choir rehearsal	7:30 PM	Library
Saturday	Ibeji Senior Arts	10 AM-1 PM	Ibeji Room (undercroft)
	N.A. meeting (OPEN)	1-3 PM	Library

**SUNDAY JANUARY 17...but....ongoing!!!****Our Resources and Talents: We Can Be Great Stewards to Lead Church Mission and Growth.**

Michael Harrington will host a session immediately after the church service for our members and friends to brainstorm on stewardship and ways to enrich our experience here. What talents and gifts do you have to share? Bring your ideas on projects, especially fundraising, to help us carry out our mission to serve our community and church. You might hear about something that interests you and decide to get involved!

**SUNDAY JANUARY 24 ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE following our worship service**  
*-- light refreshments will be served --*

**JANUARY 30 8:30 AM -3:00 P.M. Northwest District Lead 2010**

**Location: Glenview United Methodist Church (727 Harlem Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025) -(CARPOOL)**  
 Workshops: Power Talk & Prayer, Evangelism; Youth Ministry, Leadership 101; Stewardship & Finance; Staff Parish; Missions; Trustees; Reconciling; Young Adult Ministry; Worship and Music; Structuring Your Church for Leadership.

**Call office for registration or talk to Pastor Catiana. We will be carpooling!**

**LAY SPEAKER ACADEMY .....Location: First United Methodist in Park Ridge**

Saturdays in March 6h and March 13...8:30 am - 2:30 p.m. . Interested?

Call the church office 773-761-2500 for more information.

**CONCERT: JOIN REV. VERNETTA C. ROGERS AND FRIENDS** on Saturday, January 30 at 6:00 P.M. for a folk & gospel music concert at Café Ennui (6981 N. Sheridan Rd.).

For more information call 708-417-6209.

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**SATURDAY, FEB. 6: ALL-CHURCH SPIRITUAL RETREAT with Brother Joe Kilikevice.**

Brother Joe will lead us deeper into the spirituality that inspires and sustains a ministry of peace and justice. At the same time, he is an expert at fostering respect and building community among diverse people through many forms of participation including prayer, meditation, dialogue, ritual, dance, and music. Brother Joseph Kilikevice, OP is a friar of the Dominican Order of the Catholic Church who is the Director of the Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality that he founded during the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions. "Shem" is an Aramaic word expressing the radiance and unadorned beauty of the Creator found everywhere in creation, including all God's children. Joe has deep experience with interfaith retreats, as well as male spirituality incorporating rituals for stages of growth, and father-daughter relationships. He has taught in a number of schools including Loyola of Chicago's Institute for Pastoral Studies and Matthew Fox's Institute for Creation-Centered Spirituality in Oakland, CA.

This is a wonderful chance to deepen and broaden the spirituality of our life together at United Church. Detailed directions & sign-up sheets coming soon!

*United Methodist Volunteers In Mission  
North Central Jurisdiction*



*Christian Love in Action!*

**The United Methodist Church Northern Illinois Conference  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Response to Earthquake in Haiti**

By Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Chicago Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church

As we watch the scenes of destruction and hear the pained voices of those who survived the disastrous earthquake in Haiti, our minds have trouble comprehending the scope of this catastrophe. The poorest country in the Western Hemisphere has lost so much. In this time of great need, I urge all United Methodists in the Northern Illinois Conference to lead in their communities and help the people of Haiti.

**There are three ways that you and your church can help today:**

- 1) **Please pray for God's blessing** on those suffering in the midst of this crisis, those anxiously awaiting word of their loved ones and those assisting the victims. Please also pray for the staff and executives from the UM General Board of Global Ministries who are still missing as of this afternoon.
- 2) **Please give money to UMCOR, The United Methodist Committee on Relief.** UMCOR is world-renowned for its work in times of disaster and has a field office in Haiti. You can give directly online at <http://www.umcor.org> or through the Advance #418325. We should be encouraged that this agency of our denomination can help us add helping hands to our prayers.
- 3) **Please assemble health kits for UMCOR distribution.** The Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL will accept health kits. Please follow the specifications listed on the UMCOR website, <http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/>



We need churches to volunteer to serve as drop-off locations for kits, and we need volunteers to drive them to the distribution center. If your church is willing to serve as a drop-off location or you have volunteer drivers and vehicles, please contact Rev. Christina Vosteen at [pastorcls@aol.com](mailto:pastorcls@aol.com). For more information, please see our website, <http://www.umcnic.org>.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Hee-Soo Jung

**SATURDAY, February 6:**

**9 am - 3 p.m.**

**ALL-CHURCH  
SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

*(Free but donations accepted to help cover costs)*

**St Scholastica on Ridge Ave. in Rogers Park**

Please register at church or with Kate in the office.

Need approximate numbers for food. and space.

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**Ministry Team and Staff**

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Catiana McKay

Deacon: Wes Dorr

Pastoral Counseling: Joan Schuitema

Minister of Music: Mark Bowman

Childcare Worker: Stephanie Olson

Lay Leader: Rachel Jacobs

Church Administrator: Kate Setzer Kamphausen

*New to You* Thrift Shop Manager: Margaret Derry

Administrative Support:

Bernice Allison & Phillip Robinson



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