



Covenant Groups

Join one of the new Groups forming this fall!

From Justin Schroeder, Director of Congregational Development

Covenant Groups are groups of 8-12 people who meet regularly for spiritual reflection and sharing. Each Covenant Group has a trained facilitator and the content for each meeting is based on a theological theme (see box at right). Members of each group make a commitment to share deeply and build connections quickly, to explore one's faith through reflection and deliberate listening, to practice radical hospitality, and to participate in a group spiritual practice. Group members create a covenant (a sacred promise) with one another to abide by their own rules for group interaction.

Radical Hospitality

The term Radical Hospitality originates from the book *Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love*, by Father Daniel Homan and Lonni Gollins Pratt. In it they write:

"When I let a stranger into my heart, I let a new possibility approach me. When I reach past my own ideas, I begin to stretch myself open to the world, and this opening of my heart could change everything."

"It [hospitality] is a spiritual practice, a way of becoming more human, a way of understanding yourself. Hospitality is both the answer to modern alienation and injustice and a path to a deeper spirituality."

Participants in a Covenant Group meet for five months. At the end of the five-months, the group **either ends or agrees to randomly divide and to start two new groups.** In either case, the final meeting allows members to practice "endings," and to hold themselves accountable to saying a "good goodbye" to one another. Forming new groups at the end of each five-month cycle allows Covenant Groups to truly live out the idea of "Radical Hospitality," as they continually make room for the newcomer.

This fall Unity Church is launching new Covenant Groups that will meet in September, October, November, December, and January. Groups will meet for a total of seven or eight, two-hour sessions. There are a variety of days and times Groups are scheduled to meet. Groups will meet at Unity Church.

You can sign up for a Covenant Group at the "Covenant Group Sign Up" table in the Parish Hall following any 10:00 a.m. summer Sunday service. A schedule and forms are also available online at www.unityunitarian.org; simply click on the 'Covenant Group' link on the home page.

I hope you will join one of these Covenant Groups! Your circle of connections and friendships will grow. You will engage in a meaningful group spiritual practice, creating a sacred space for your soul to be nurtured and heard.

Why Spiritual Themes?

Covenant Groups are a form of spiritual practice meant to deepen our self understanding and our understanding of the world so that we grow in wisdom. One of the benefits of the thematic approach is that we have a chance to do some spiritual and personal work on significant theological issues at a time when we are not necessarily in a spiritual crisis.

So often we do not tend to important aspects of our spiritual lives unless we are forced to do so through a crisis brought on by something like death, a diagnosis or grief.

Engaging these themes in a structured way allows us the possibility of facing the issues in less stressful moments in our lives. By doing so, we may become better prepared to confront a spiritual crisis the next time it arises.

One way or another we are bound to encounter these themes in our lives and Covenant Groups give us a format to do so with other free-thinking religious people.

Themes for 2008/2009:

September-January Cycle:

September: Unity
October: Forgiveness
November: Gratitude
December: Repair
January: Resistance

February-June Cycle:

February: Prayer
March: Sin
April: Redemption
May: Blessings
June: Sabbath

Listening, Spiritual Practice, Reflection, Hospitality

THE WHEEL OF LIFE / SUNDAY WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday services are held at 10:00 a.m. during the month of August

Sermon podcasts are available on line at www.unityunitarian.org.

We will return to Sunday service times of 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 4:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, September 14.

The Wheel of Life

In Remembrance

Helen J. Erickson

December 1, 1907 - June 25, 2008

Mother of Martha Hopeman,
mother-in-law to Alan Hopeman,
and grandmother of
Jessica and Nate Hopeman

In Celebration

Sophia Chenault Amundson

born May 1, 2008

daughter of

Erik Amundson and Callie Chenault

Anna Catherine Bellus Penz

born July 2, 2008

daughter of

Kristin Bellus-Penz and Steve Penz

Madeline Anna Brezelton

born July 10, 2008

daughter of

Desiree and Paul Brazelton

Samuel Bernhart Henricksen

born July 8, 2008

daughter of

Jill and Jim Henricksen

**Howard Guthmann
District Honoree**

At the UUA Prairie Star District Annual Conference in April, Unity Church member Howard Guthmann was named as the honoree for the President's Award for Outstanding District Service.

Howard first joined the Prairie Star District Board in 1968, served as Treasurer from 1970-1990 and currently serves on the District's Financial Advisory Committee. In addition, Howard has given over thirty years of service on the board of the Midwest Unitarian Universalist Foundation.

August Worship Calendar

**August 3: *All About Eve or The Original Doubting Thomas* — Elizabeth Alexander
*Intergenerational Worship Service!***

A new and unconventional look at the world's first religious questioner, Eve, who changes her whole world with one fateful choice. This worship experience for both youngsters and oldsters gives this ancient tale of free will a lighthearted treatment through story, song, and...well...let's just say a few surprises. Elizabeth Alexander and Worship Associate Hal Freshley are joined by good-natured cohorts Neely Crane-Smith, Karyn Wrenshall, Ty Wilson and Steve Harper. This morning's special music is also "all about Eve," including a new twist on an old jazz standard, as well as (what else?) some "hard luck" blues, sung by our own Rochelle Lockridge.

**August 10: *The Teenage Test Kitchen: Recipes for a Human Life*
— Youth-led Worship**

Come hear from several youth who – in the eyes of their church and community – are turning out to be fine human beings in a generation subject to our doubts. We will explore what ingredients contribute to the growth of a whole person in this moment in history. How are parents, other adults and the youth themselves cooks in the kitchen that is adolescence? Recipes and tasty morsels of young wisdom will be provided by worship leaders from among the youth of the church.

August 17: *Sophie's Insight: Playing With the Moment* — Richard Foushee

At age 6, Sophie discovered that time moves effortlessly from "now" to memory. It's a wonderful insight, but how important is "now?" What does it mean to be in the moment? Why do we live our lives in "future mode" while clinging to the past for guidance? If we are open, we can discover the "now" that calls us to play and to "dance in a spring wind." Then we can realize that "Only this moment is life."

August 24: *For the Bible Tells UUs So* — Kerri Meyer

It's a common question among Unity parents: "What about the Bible?" Do the stories of the Old and New Testaments have a place in the religious upbringing of our children? Why does the Bible elicit a wholly different response from Unitarian Universalist adults than other sacred texts? Drawing wisdom from our liberal religious ancestors, William Ellery Channing and Sophia Lyon Fahs, worship leader and Director of Religious Education Kerri Meyer will frame a possible approach to the Judeo-Christian scriptures, useful to parents and Sunday School teachers and of interest – Kerri hopes – to all.

August 31: *To be announced.*

Chalice Camp a sUccess!

Thanks to the leadership of Camp Director Hannah Eller-Isaacs and Assistant Director Daniel Richman, this year's summer day camp at Unity Church was a true success. Kids ages 6-12 made lasting friendships and learned about our faith's history. Each group's positive experience can be credited to their amazing Senior Counselors, Katie DeCramer and Nolan Filter. Activities included skits about UU heritage, window paintings of the Seven Principles, water play, cooperative games and daily worship. Thanks to the help of our three dedicated Junior Counselors, Shelby Flanagan, Elena Heegaard and Darby Quirk Becker, everyone had a safe and fun week.



MUSIC MINISTRY / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kudos to the Music Ministry

From Bill Etter, Unity Church Board of Trustees



The music ministry at Unity Church, under the direction of Ruth Palmer, continues to reach new heights. Congratulations to Unity Singers - an auditioned 16-voice ensemble. They have been selected to appear at the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) National Convention in March, 2009. I quote from a portion of the announcement letter sent to Ruth in June: "This accomplishment by you and your choir represents an affirmation of the best choral work to be heard in the United States. Your choir was selected by blind audition from a significant number of applicants and from an exceptional representation of choirs throughout the United States and around the world."

As mentioned above Unity Singers is an auditioned group of 16 singers who have been singing together for two-and-a-half years. All are members of Unity Church and four sing in the larger Unity Choir. They all volunteer their time and talent. This was the first time their work was submitted. Ruth stated she felt there was a very slim chance that their audition would lead to the invitation to appear at the ACDA convention. As Ruth told me, "Our primary goal was to get outside, independent evaluation of our work and provide a positive experience for the group." She further stated this success was a "reflection of the joy, warmth, and connection we feel from and with this religious community."

The success of this group is an example of the general quality of the music program at Unity Church. Sunday after Sunday it nourishes and inspires. I can speak from personal experience.

I have been a member of Unity Church since about 1980 and there have been many memorable moments for me including the Sunday when Rob and Janne were called as our ministers. But when asked recently to name one outstanding moment I was quick to mention the Arthur Foote Music Sunday in 2007 when, among other wonderful pieces, Ruth and her musicians and Unity Choir, our 60-voice choral ensemble, performed Beethoven's Choral Fantasy. This was quite a moving performance for me. I attend the early service on Sundays. I'm not in the habit of returning for the second service, but on the occasion of this performance I returned at 11:00 a.m. to hear it again.

One of our new Ends statements reads: "The people of Unity Church—Unitarian have a deeply meaningful, transforming, liberal religious experience which includes a rich and diverse worship life that nurtures, challenges and inspires." Our Music Ministry is an integral part in helping us achieve this End. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you, Ruth, and members of all our choirs and instrumentalists who give graciously of their time and talent. You make a difference.

Men's Group

Wednesday, August 20 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This meeting will explore gender differences in the brain using the PBS documentary *He Said, She Said*. Please contact Nels Otto at 651-484-4590 for more information.

Elders Group

Thursday, August 21 • 1:00-2:30 p.m.

The topic will be forgiveness. Contact Priscilla Mac Dougal at 651-224-6121 for more information.

Heart to Heart

A Couples Enrichment Weekend

November 7-9, 2008

Heart to Heart is a program designed to enrich communication and intimacy in your relationship. This will be our 14th annual retreat. All couples committed to their partners and to their relationships are welcome — same-sex and opposite-sex, married and unmarried. Space is limited, so register early. For more information, visit the Heart to Heart website at <http://heart.mn.cx> or call Laurel and Eric Lein at 651-227-0486.

Book Club Update

Unity Church Book Clubs are open to all - even if you haven't read the book!

THE SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, in the Gannett Room. The book they will be discussing is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Each book has a "sponsor," who begins the meeting by presenting a bit about the author and the book. Book for discussion on September 9: *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore.

THE FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, in the Anderson Library. The book they will be discussing is *Chasing Harry Winston* by Lauren Weisberger. The meeting begins with a quick "go-around" to get everyone's thoughts and responses to the evening's book. Bring a question for discussion. Book for discussion on September 23: *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali.

Mark Your Calendar:

Music Ministry First Rehearsal Dates!

Unity Choir – Thursday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Please bring a snack to share and come at 7:00 p.m. to meet and greet your colleagues after our summer away.

Unity Singers – Tuesday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Foote Room.

Children's Choir – Sunday, September 14, at 10:15 a.m. in Ames Chapel

Youth Music Ensemble – Sunday, September 14, at 11:00 a.m. in Ames Chapel

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in the Pathway to Membership at Unity Church please contact Justin Schroeder, Director of Congregational Development, at the Church Office.



Ryan and Lauren Carlson

We have lived in Highland Park for five years. Ryan is originally from the Lake Minnetonka area and Lauren is originally from eastern Washington. Ryan works as a Manufacturing Manager for Seagate and Lauren works as a Chemist for Ecolab. Hobbies include cross-country skiing, camping, traveling, and biking. Ryan also plays tennis. We are interested in joining Unity because we have really found the environment welcoming and open to freedom of beliefs. Lauren has enjoyed her time as an R.E. journey guide. Ryan has enjoyed serving on a Welcome Team.



Mark and Brooke Darst Rice

Mark and Brooke joined Unity after many months of attending services following their introduction to the congregation by Colin Rust and Pam Scott. They were married eight years ago and have finally found a spiritual home in Unity. Brooke recently received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, works at a private practice in Minneapolis, and continues to teach group fitness classes and personally train clients. Mark is working towards his Masters degree and spends his days designing and developing spinal implants for an orthopedics company. They enjoy cooking, triathlon, skiing, mountain biking, and playing with our dog together.



Todd Graham

Todd was raised Unitarian-Universalist. He and his family have been part of UU communities in Jacksonville, Atlanta, and Boston-Cambridge. Todd moved to Minnesota for graduate school in 1994. For several years he attended First Universalist in Minneapolis. Todd, spouse Jennifer, and daughters Zoe and Elena relocated to Holly Avenue in 2005. Nicely surprised to have a Unitarian church in the neighborhood, Todd has been regularly attending most Sundays. During the week, Todd works as a socioeconomic forecaster and research analyst for Metropolitan Council.



Jen Patti

I live in St. Paul with my three kids, Henry, Annie and Kate and have been attending Unity Church for about five years. I'm a sales consultant for a software and analytics company. I work with colleges and universities to help them raise money more efficiently. I love to run, cook, travel and work in my garden.



Erik Olson and Melissa Karch

from Erik: I was raised Unitarian but it's been over ten years since I have been a member of a church – so it feels really good to be joining! I work as a cardiovascular tech while I await the start of nursing school. If you want to

find me during the summer, check the bike path, otherwise I'll be under the hood of an old Volvo, snowboarding with Melissa, or, of course, studying. **from Melissa:** I am very excited about joining Unity! I look forward to discovering more about Unitarian-Universalism and meeting new people. Currently, I work as a high school English teacher and am enjoying my work-free summer. Favorite hobbies include yoga, jogging, snowboarding, reading, and spending time with family and friends.



Joan Seeger

I was a pharmacy technician for 14 years. I live in a historic condo close to church. I am a divorced mother of three adult children and four grandkids. This community encompasses both church and living space. I've gone from cabin life to city life. My passions are traveling - seeing what the world has to offer in all countries. I want to do and see it all!



Katy Taylor

I moved to St. Paul from the east coast in January 2005 to live with my partner, Dave Hall. I am learning the dance of co-parenting Dave's two boys (ages 15 and 9 and 1/2) as an integral part of my life/spiritual practice, which also includes the Enneagram, the Diamond Approach, singing, and participating in this wonderful church community. More about me and my work at www.katytaylor.com.

Sam Eichenberg

I grew up in a small town in Michigan, and now live in St. Paul with my intelligent, handsome, witty, and fun partner in love and life, Joe, who originally hails from exotic Bloomington. We met on a college study abroad trip in Rome, Italy. I am an "engineer by training" and now work for Boeing from my apartment in their research and development business, trying to enCourage change to happen. I love the St Paul Farmer's Market, and getting home to Michigan to see "the folks."



Libby and
Charlotte Starling



Lizz Acosta Pearson, Carl
Pearson, Savanna Pearson

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Mark Your Calendar ~ Religious Education Parent Orientation!

Summer in the Garden: Unity's Kids Nurture Growing Things!

Thanks to the creative leadership of Anna Newton and her daughter, Elizabeth, a garden has sprung up in the greenspace over the summer. Meg Arnosti and her business' staff took Anna's dream of a food- and flower-growing space and made it a reality. Anna and the kids have enjoyed exploring the mysteries of seeds and sun and wind through lots of hands-on activities and beautiful stories. Their work planting, watering and weeding is coming to fruition: be sure to check it out before the harvest has come and gone!

Children can continue to help in the garden during summer worship services from 10:00 – 11:00 on Sundays. Registration is not required, but participation is limited to 20 children. Adult volunteers are always welcome to provide needed supervision – sign up on the classroom door in the Yellow Hallway.

R.E. Registration Continues on Limited Basis

Religious Education starts on September 14! If your family has not already registered for the 2008-09 Religious Education year, please contact Kerri at the Church Office. Several classes have reached capacity and are closed, including:

Spirit Play: preschool-Kindergarten, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. sessions (4:30 p.m. is open)

Youth Music Ensemble: fall and winter semesters

Coming of Age/Our Whole Lives: Grade 9

R.E. forms are available online and can be faxed or mailed in to or dropped off at the Church Office. Families who plan to pay materials fees using a credit card can also register using our online system – follow the link at www.unityunitarian.org.

Enrolled families can expect a confirmation letter and information about the start of the R.E. year. If you have not received a confirmation letter by August 15, contact Kerri at the Church Office.

Boston Youth Pilgrimage Interest Meeting

A meeting for Unity's high school juniors and their parents is scheduled for Monday, August 11, from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. in the Center Room. Join us for information about the life-changing youth trip to the cradle of Unitarian Universalism in North America. Itinerary, costs, and fundraising opportunities will be discussed. Please contact Joseph LaFerla at the Church Office to RSVP for this meeting.

A Special Gift to Unity's Nursery

Thanks to a seed gift from Unity youth, Katherine Allen (made out of her allowance and earnings) and a matching gift from Justin Schroeder and Juliana Keen, the Nursery is graced with a new soft mat flooring appropriate for crawling infants and young toddlers. The total cost of these mats, nearly \$400, was covered entirely by these gifts. Check out the infant room for this new addition!

Religious Education



Parent Orientations

In our growing church, the need for an orientation both to the philosophical spirit and practical workings of the R.E. program is becoming ever clearer. In response, Unity Church is offering R.E. Parent Orientations on Wednesday, September 10, from 7:15-8:15 p.m. and Saturday, September 13, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Both orientations are in conjunction with a meal and fellowship (Wellspring Wednesday dinner on the 10th and Pancake Breakfast on the 13th).

Whether you've been involved with Unity for years or months, you'll benefit from this hour-long introduction to the staff and lay leaders as well as information on the following topics:

- Unity's theological framework for R.E.
- Sunday routines
- Overview of the church year
- Information about age-specific fellowship opportunities
- The congregation's commitment to families
- The congregation's expectations of parents
- Behavioral expectations of children
- Tips for positive worship experiences with kids
- Basic faith development stages

Time will be reserved at the end of the session for questions and answers. Childcare will be provided for up to 60 children per session; only one parent need attend. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to meet other R.E. parents and acquire information that will help your family make the most of your connection to Unity Church.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Faith Float cruised along the 25th Annual Rondo Days Parade route on Saturday, July 19, 2008. Faith Float churches included: Camphor United Methodist, St. Clement's Episcopal, House of Hope Presbyterian, St. Paul Reformation Lutheran, Morning Star Baptist, UNITY Baptist, New Hope Baptist, and Unity Church-Unitarian. To learn more about this outreach ministry visit www.raisingourvoices.org.



The Unity Church CVT Ministry Team supports the Campaign to Ban Torture

On the eve of June 26 - International Day in Support of Victims of Torture - the Center for Victims of Torture, along with the National Religious Campaign Against Torture and Evangelicals for Human Rights, launched the Campaign to Ban Torture: American Voices for American Values.

The Campaign calls on the President to issue an Executive Order that unequivocally rejects torture and cruelty. Respected faith, military, foreign policy and national security experts have endorsed the *Declaration of Principles* for a Presidential Executive Order on Prisoner Treatment, Torture and Cruelty, which urges the President to support six core principles of humane treatment (the full *Declaration* is available at: www.campaigntobantorture.org):

The "Golden Rule." Do not employ any interrogation methods that would be unacceptable if used against Americans.

One national standard. Adopt one national standard for treatment of prisoners.

The rule of law. Acknowledge all prisoners to our courts or the International Red Cross. Allow prisoners to prove their innocence through a fair and just process.

Duty to protect. Do not transfer any person to countries that use torture.

Checks and balances. Allow Congress and the courts access to information necessary to provide oversight of our detention and interrogation policies.

Clarity and accountability. Hold accountable all U.S. officials who authorize, implement, or fail in their duty to prevent the use of torture.

We urge you to join us by signing the *Declaration*. Look for the CVT Ministry Team in the Parish Hall following worship on Sundays to sign the *Declaration*.

From the Green Sanctuary Ministry Team

Northwest Earth Institute Discussion Groups

The Green Sanctuary Team is excited to again organize discussion courses developed by the Northwest Earth Institute based in Portland, Oregon. Each of the eight courses is set up to be a self-facilitated group to be completed over a seven week period. Groups typically meet once per week for approximately 1½ hours. A Green Sanctuary Team member will be available to introduce the group to the course materials and get the group started. Individual course topics include:

- Voluntary Simplicity
- Exploring Deep Ecology
- Discovering a Sense of Place
- Choices for Sustainable Living
- Globalization and Its Critics
- Healthy Children-Healthy Planet
- Global Warming: Changing Course
- Menu for the Future

The courses provide a unique framework for exploring personal values, attitudes, and habits in a supportive small group environment. They also provide opportunities for community building and inspired action, reminding us that gathering in small groups is a profound vehicle for personal growth, as well as social change.

Please stop by the Green Sanctuary Team table in the Parish Hall following worship on Sundays for more information or contact Joan Laux, Green Sanctuary Team member, at joanmarielaux@yahoo.com or 651-331-8416.

Green Sanctuary Ministry Team — Wins Grant!

Congratulations to the Unity Church Green Sanctuary Outreach Ministry Team for receiving a Community POWER grant from the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board for this 2008-2009 church year!

The grant in the amount of \$9,080 (one of 23 grantees, out of 63 Twin Cities applicants) was awarded to Unity Church-Unitarian as part of the outreach work of the Green Sanctuary Ministry Team. The grant money will be used to reduce household organic waste by encouraging congregation members and neighboring residents to engage in yard or worm composting. This project will address composting options for all types and sizes of households.

Terri Burnor, Unity Church and Green Sanctuary Team member, will serve as project manager while other members of the ministry team will contribute time and first-hand knowledge of composting to the project. Stay tuned for updates and educational programs highlighting this exciting new earth ministry.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

August Sunday Offering Recipients

August 3 — Wilderness Inquiry: Wilderness Inquiry (WI) brings together people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities for affordable outdoor adventures ranging from one day to one month. In 2007, 45% of WI's 9,903 participants were people with disabilities and chronic illness. Through shared experiences participants discover that people's perceived differences are far less significant than their many similarities. Several members of Unity Church are regular supporters of Wilderness Inquiry including Howard and Betsy Guthmann who nominated WI as a Sunday offering recipient.

August 10 — Family Place: The Family Place is a daytime center located in Saint Paul, providing intake and assessment services to homeless families with children. The center opens when the evening overflow church shelter closes and other drop-in shelters for single adults are not appropriate for children. Meals are offered three times a day, seven days a week. Families receive assistance in life skills, educational and vocational training; referrals to community resources and services and support for families to move into transitional housing or to maintain permanent housing. The Unity Church Evergreen and Affordable Housing Outreach Ministry teams support the work of Family Place. Our yearly Project Home shelter guests are also served by Family Place.

August 17 — Discapitados Abriéndose Caminos (DAC):

Discapitados Abriéndose Caminos. D.A.C., which loosely translates as "finding our own way," was created in response to the need for Spanish-language materials and services for Latino families with special education needs in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. D.A.C. provides home visits, sight translation of documents, and referrals to other community resources, as well as information interpretation services, a 24-hour hotline, orientation for Spanish-speaking families with physically or mentally challenged children as well as for service providers, a family support group, and mediation and advocacy for Latino families in the school system. Unity Church member Linda Kjerland serves on the DAC Board of Directors.

August 24 — Neighborhood House Food Shelf

Neighborhood House received the 2006 Outstanding Food shelf award from Emergency Food Shelf Network, a statewide organization of food shelves. The Neighborhood House is unique because it stocks culturally appropriate food, allowing patrons to choose their own food, respecting the dignity, cultures, and preferences of participants. Unity Church member Andrea Bond serves on the Neighborhood House Board of Directors.

August 31 — Pro-Choice Resources (PCR): PCR is a grassroots organization committed to offering education, advocacy, financial assistance and outreach services in reproductive health for women. The mission is supported by four programs: the Bird and Bees Project, an education site for teens; the Hersey Abortion Assistance Fund; the Abortion Provider Expansion Project; and Emerge: After-Abortion Support. Several members of Unity Church volunteer at PCR.

Evergreen Quilters Win Yellow Ribbon!

In the last newsletter, the Evergreen Quilters announced Dianna Diers as the winner of the *April Showers* quilt raffle. Again, thank you for your generosity as more than \$5,000 was raised for the projects that the Evergreen Quilters support, including: meals at the Ramsey County family shelter, Sharing Korner food shelf, The Family Place day center for homeless families, and the Jeremiah Program.

Some of the Evergreen Quilters got a big thrill when they went to the Minnesota Quilters 30th Annual Quilt Show and Conference at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN. Not only did they get to see the quilt hanging among other amazing quilts, but they got to see it with a big yellow prize ribbon pinned next to it. The quilt won 3rd prize in the category *Group Quilts*!

Thanks to Martha Eaves for encouraging the quilters to enter the quilt and to Kathie Simon-Frank for chauffeuring the quilt from and back to Dianna Diers and getting the entry to the judges!

If you would like to be a part of the creativity with the Evergreen Quilters call Michelle Hill at 651-264-0884. The quilters are always planning something new and enjoy sharing what they have sewn, knit, beaded, baked, or thought up.

From the Sustainable Agriculture Ministry Team



Whole Farm

Buy meat, cheese, produce and much more from local, sustainable farms and pick it up right at Unity Church from Whole Farm Cooperative. For this month's pickup, place an order at wholefarmcoop.com or 320-732-3023 by Friday, August 8.

Orders will be delivered to Unity Church on Wednesday, August 13. Pay by sending a check, with the invoice enclosed with your order, directly to Whole Farm.



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All Congregation Worship and Celebration!

Sunday, September 7, 2008 • 10:00 a.m.
Harriet Island, St. Paul

Join the whole Unity Church congregation for our *Merging of Waters* worship service followed by a picnic lunch and celebration.

All on the banks of the Mississippi River!

Musicians: Peter Mayer and the Eclectics! • Bring the whole family!
Nursery care provided during worship. • Handicapped accessible.

This is a special opportunity for the entire Unity Church congregation to worship together and will be the only service on September 7. Watch for details or contact the Church Office for more information.



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