



Cambridge United Methodist Church

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October '11

ENOUGH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN INTRODUCTION

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty and it seems as though there is no end in sight.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."¹

Join us in worship beginning October 16 through November 13 for a 4-week sermon series entitled ***Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity***. (Sunday, Oct. 30 will be our All Saint's Sunday service and will not be part of this series).

Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

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HARVEST AND HOLLY

November, 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Our CUMC fall fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This annual craft/bake sale and lunch, is a great time for fellowship with our community. Please continue to prepare your: bake sale items, canned goods, craft items, and gently used Christmas items. Lefse will be sold again this year.

This is also a great time to clean out your bookshelves! We need to collect books to be sold at the bazarre. Please bring in your books.....ALL types are needed. We will be storing all book donations in the Youth Room. We need help setting up and could use some folks at the event itself. If you are available and willing to help, please contact Mary Sarault or Jenni Peck.

We have scheduled our next workshop for October 4th at 8:30 a.m. and October 11th at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to join us as we prepare crafts and plan for the event.

This is an exciting event in the life of our Church and people from around the community look forward to visiting CUMC and purchasing the variety of items we have for sale. Thank you to everyone who helps make this a success year after year.



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Musings from Pastor Jean

We have had a good start to our new Sunday School season and the beginning of our Wednesday night programming. With the help of the Education/Youth Task Force, we were able to get enough regular and temporary teachers to fill the slots to start on Sept. 11 and then have the new Superintendent team take over to fill the rest of the teacher slots. We welcome to our staff our new Interim Positions staff people (*see separate article for names*) and know that they will provide valuable leadership and guidance for our children and youth. Thank you to all who stepped up to the plate to fill in.

As you will see as you read the rest of the newsletter, we are beginning our Fall Stewardship Campaign, ***Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity***.

The Finance Committee has put in a lot of time and energy to make sure that we have this opportunity not only to support the church, but

to provide an opportunity for all of us to look at what God has blessed us with and how we look at our resources in all aspects of our lives.

Please read the **Enough Introduction (pg. 1 cover)** elsewhere in this newsletter for a further description of this program. The Finance Committee: Dave Roddy, Rab Anderson, Fred Nolan, Leah Volker, Leo Harp and I have all looked at this resource and see it as something very special. We hope that you will participate and join with the rest of the congregation as we all journey forward spiritually in the next two months.

Please join in one of the small groups that will meet four times from the week of Oct. 16—Nov. 19. People who have done the **Enough** program say the DVD and resulting discussion in the small groups were the most transformative part of the experience.

We have 15 group leaders holding the small groups at different times. Please make sure you're in one of those groups. You'll be glad you did. You can expect a call from one of the hosts.

I would also ask, in a separate note, to please understand that some ways that we "do business" may be different while Sara is out on maternity leave. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

The rest of the newsletter is filled with other information and opportunities. As always, I encourage you to read it from cover to cover and see what diversity of ministries, CUMC engages in on behalf of the whole!

Blessings to all,

Pastor Jean



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VISION RETREAT UPDATE

Do you know what the vision statement of the United Methodist Church is as a whole denomination? We discovered that not every person on the Ad Council knew and figured a lot of you might not know either. It is: ***"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."***

So what does that mean for CUMC? Much like Russian nesting dolls, the vision statement of the whole denomination affects our local vision statement. Our vision statement will be the local vision fulfilling the larger UMC vision. This is no small task. Every church must ask itself: "What needs to happen in **this** church, in **this** community, in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ who will transform the world?" Could you come up with an answer for Cambridge UMC in Cambridge, MN? If you think you have an answer/idea, we would love to hear it.

In the meantime, the Administrative Council, on Sept. 27, spent a large portion of its meeting talking about the life of the church in its efforts of moving the visioning process forward. We will be working with Kay Roberts, who came and worked with us on Aug. 6, as our on-going consultant, but we still have some work to do prior to her working with the Visioning Team. In order not to re-create the wheel, we spent time looking at the report from Susan Nienaber, a previous consultant in 2010, in order to see what has changed, what has stayed the same and what is new. In looking at past reports, the Ad Council realized that CUMC has taken great strides forward in its letting go of the negativity, conflict and depression that has occurred in the past. Our leadership is feeling a new sense of vitality and optimism as we move forward. Additionally, our current fiscal status is far different than even a year ago which also helps us feel good about the future. We know, however, that having a clear and defined vision will help us to not only fulfill our local mission, but also fulfill the larger mission. To do nothing is to make a decision to do nothing. We know that is not what God is calling us to be and to do.

We want to reassure all of you that the Ad Council is talking very seriously the need to make sure we are identifying the needs and ministry areas that should be a part of a vision for our church. This is taking us a little longer than we had anticipated, but the process will be better in the long run for taking this time right now. Additionally, with the **Enough...**stewardship campaign in the works, we do not want to burden our leadership with another series of meetings at the same time.

We are looking closely at the demographics of Cambridge, MN and also seeking out input beyond the results of all of the Meet and Greets as to what seems to be the compelling need(s) in our community.

Please know that we ARE moving forward and we ARE committed to this process. Thank you for our patience and understanding. We intend to do this process right so that we can come to a vision that is compelling, urgent and transformative.

Administrative Council on the Visioning Process

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS....

On behalf of the SPRC, I would like to express our thanks to several members of our church family. I know that when you do this you always run the risk of missing someone or some special group, but we just wanted to show our appreciation.

To our church "staff"—Sara, Mark, Dorcie, and Frank---thanks for everything you do and especially working with Pastor Jean during this time of transition. It was because of you that it has gone so smoothly.

To the group of individuals who responded to the requests of the Youth Advisory Committee—Erika Knight, Jenni Peck, Leah Armstrong, Michelle Ziebarth, Jane, Zurn, Gwen O'Brien, and Shannon Kirkeide-

To those who have volunteered—so far—to help cover the church office during Sara's maternity leave—Leah Volker, Thom and Lois Simmons, Trudy Hervey, Dorcie Larson, and Dede Phillips.

And in general, all of you who help with the operations of the church and its programs---Ushers, Greeters, those in church leadership positions, meals on wheels, shalom shop, IHN,....and on and on and on.

THANKS EVERYONE!!!

- Lowell Becker, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

AD COUNCIL UPDATE

Our Administrative Council met on September 27, 2011. We are meeting with the District Superintendent on October 2, 2011 after the church service. We heard that the financial reports indicate that things are improving for us a church and that people are keeping their pledges of support. Thank you for your generosity and support! We also heard reports that all of the youth interim positions have been filled and that our youth programs are up and running. The "Enough" campaign will begin in a few weeks and we have 15 hosts that will be inviting church members to participate in 4 sessions between October 16 and November 16. The majority of our meeting was looking at the focus group sessions from last December, the Meet and Greets from June, July, and August, and the Visioning Session held on August 6 and creating a road map for developing our vision and mission. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2011.

- Mark Ziebarth, Ad Council Chair

ENOUGH STEWARDSHIP INTRODUCTION CONTINUED.....

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, over the next several weeks, we will be having a church-wide study and worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. You will be contacted by various church members to join one of these small group studies which are a vital part of this whole experience. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays (see the schedule that follows).

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Schedule of Events:

Sept. 25 Introduction: "Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis"

Oct. 16 "When Dreams Become Nightmares" -Small-Group Study Begins

Oct. 23 "Wisdom and Finance"

Nov. 6 "Cultivating Contentment"

Nov. 13 "Defined by Generosity"

Small-Group Study holds its last session

Nov. 20 Consecration Sunday 1

Nov. 27 Consecration Sunday 2

December Celebration Sunday – Results Celebration and Consecration of Next Year's Ministry Commitments

¹"Eight Out of Ten Americans Stressed Because of Economy," by Madison Park, from CNN.com, October 7, 2008; <http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/conditions/10/07/economic.stress/index.html>.

SOUND BOOTH



The church is in need of a small group of people who are willing and able to run the sound, recording, and projector systems on Sunday mornings, at funerals and during other special events. Right now Thom Simmons is the main person, but we need more people who can be trained and become the **Audio Visual Team**. We would like to have a group of people so that all events can be covered by whoever is available. The Sunday morning schedule could be a rotational system or however the group wants it be handled. Interested? Contact the Church office. Questions? Talk to Thom or Pastor Jean.

NEW INTERIM EDUCATION AND YOUTH WORKERS

With the approval of the Administrative Council and the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the following people have been **hired for the interim positions:**

Junior and Senior High Youth Director: Erika Knight

Kingdom Kids Director: Jenni Peck

Nursery Attendants: Leah Armstrong, Lead; Michelle Ziebarth, Assistant

Sunday School Superintendent: Will be shared between Shannon Kirkeide, Jayne Zurn, and Gwen O'Brien.

Teachers and Youth Leaders for Fall/Winter 2011

Sunday School Teachers:

Preschool: Jan Meier, Jon Wells, Sydney Johnson, Evynne Amsrud

Kindergarten/1st: Lynn Anderson and Gwen O'Brien

2nd/3rd Grade: Penny Messer and Becky Anderson

4th-5th Grade: Dawn VanHees and Karen and Rebecca Hilgendorf

6th, 7th, 8th Grade: Brian Anderson and Art Volker

SS Superintendent Team: Gwen O'Brien, Jayne Zurn, Shannon Kirkeide

Nursery Staff: Leah Armstrong (Lead), Michelle Ziebarth (Asst)

Youth Director (Jr/Sr High)/WNL: Erika Knight

Kingdom Kids Coordinator: Jenni Peck

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MINISTRY OF THIS CHURCH:

Rally Day: Jesse Peck and crew for the Mattress Races, Face painting and games; and the Luther Wesley group for their cooking the hotdog luncheon following church

Making sure SS could begin on 9/11: Leah Armstrong for making sure the SS rooms were set up and supplies were distributed

9/11 - 10 year Anniversary Gathering and Reflection service: Dorcie Larson, for playing an additional service; Frank Wells and the Choir for singing; and the Readers who contributed to the whole service: Ellen Siewert, Jan Wheelock, Jane Benjamin, Jean Knight, Joyce Wallace, Pat Roddy, and Sylvia Fleming.

Youth/Education Task Force: Alex Benjamin, Dawn VanHees, Erika Knight, Jane Benjamin, Laura Meier, Leah Armstrong for their work in not doing the work for getting the Interim Positions filled, but also for making the calls and work to make sure Sunday School got started with teachers.

Thanks to all who provided extra Sunday School supplies!



SHALOM SHOP 30TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 8th

The Shalom Shop will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on October 8th. This will be an all day Open House from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. There will be drawings for various prizes. Please come and help celebrate all the Shalom Shop has done for our community over the past 30 years!



CUMC YOUTH NEWS

KINGDOM KIDS NEWS

Kingdom Kids met for the first time on Wednesday, September 21. We learned about Abraham, Sarah and that God calls us to be a blessing to others. Check out our blessing tree outside the church office. It will keep growing until Thanksgiving.

Kingdom Kids will meet on Wednesday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 19th. The time has changed this year--3:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

- Jenni Peck, Kingdom Kids Coordinator

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We are working our way through some of the great Old Testament stories. We've discussed Noah and the Ark and the Tower of Babel. In October we'll cover the following topics:

Oct 5 - Joseph and His Brothers

Oct 12 - God speaks to Moses

Oct 19 - No Youth Group—Football Game

Oct 26 - Parting of the Red Sea

- Erika Knight, Wednesday Night Live Leader

NEEDED: CONFIRMATION MENTORS

Once again Confirmation has started and we need some Confirmation Mentors to walk with our youth through the next two years as they go through the Confirmation Program. If you would like to be a part of this special ministry, please contact Pastor Jean for more details.

ALL EDUCATION/YOUTH INTERIM POSITIONS ARE FILLED!

While we listed their names and welcomed them in worship, we want all the CUMC family to know the results of our Education/Youth Task Force Interim positions search. Depending upon the stewardship campaign and also the Visioning Team results, the positions will continue in 2012. We welcome the following people who are filling the Interim positions through Dec. 31, 2011:

Jr and Sr High Youth/WLN Leader: Erika Knight

Kingdom Kids Coordinator: Jenni Peck

Sunday School Superintendant Team: Gwen O'Brien, Jayne Zurn, Shannon Kirkeide

Nursery Attendants: Leah Armstrong (Lead), Michelle Ziebarth (Assistant)

GOD'S CREATION

CALENDARS ARE BACK!!

There will be both wall and pocket



sizes available for sale in November.

\$6 each.

FIVE ACRE TWILIGHT

CORN MAZE!!!

Friday, October 28th. \$10 for Admission, we'll meet at church and carpool to Windmill Acres Pumpkin Patch. Sign up on the bulletin board by the office. Jr and Sr High Invited!



WORLD VISION 30 HOUR FAMINE

Cambridge UMC Youth will be hosting at 30 hour planned Famine for the Big Waters District on Dec 2-3. Youth and parents are invited to a brief informational meeting on Sunday, October 9th at 11am in the Youth Room. Students can pick up their pledge packets at that time. The world vision 30 hour Famine is designed to teach youth about what it's like to go hungry and to raise money to support children and youth in areas of famine.

- Erika Knight, Youth Leader

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

We'll be going bowling at noon on Sunday, October 9th. Bring \$\$ for bowling and shoes.



UPDATE ON 2011, AND LOOKING TOWARDS 2012

By Fred Nolan, Finance Chair and Acting Financial Secretary

THANK YOU to the 158 families and individuals who contributed \$140,880 to the general fund, missions and activities of the Cambridge United Methodist Church for the first seven months of 2011. While the 57 pledging givers need to be acknowledged for providing 68% of the total income, all givers, individual gifts and donations—even for coffee and rental fees are needed to pay our bills, salaries, maintain the church building, and carry out the missions of the CUMC.

All contributors to the church should have received a giving statement in September that that reflected giving through August 31, 2011. If you did not receive one, please call the church at 763-689-2071. This will be the last statement that will be sent in 2011 until after the end of the year. If you want to know the status of your pledge before then please call Sara at the church office 763-689-2071.

“Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis” was the kick off DVD to the *Enough* program which we saw in worship on September 25th. If you were there, I’m sure you found it as compelling as I did. The *Enough* program is dedicated to help all of us experience the life God wants us to live and to have the kind of relationship with our money that God wants us to have. I hope you can attend all four Sundays (October 16 & 23, and November 6 & 13) to hear Pastor Jean’s messages; and say “Yes, I will attend” a series of small discussion group sessions held during those weeks when you are called and invited by one of your friends and fellow parishioners.

In the November Newsletter I will outline the proposed budget for CUMC for 2012. Pastor Jean, the Ad Council and I are finalizing the proposed budget and putting it together in a narrative format which allocates the expenses of our church across our three ministries:

To provide meaningful, life changing worship every week of the year.

To nurture persons in their faith journey:

To witness to our faith in service beyond ourselves:

It is my hope that this narrative budget will provide transparency and a rationale for the expenditures necessary for a vibrant CUMC congregation and ministry. A final budget will be presented for approval by the Ad Council in December following the *Enough* Stewardship program which will conclude with Consecration Sunday, November 20th and 27th.

MISSION ALERT

Isanti County Food Shelf is in dire need for: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Tuna, and Macaroni and Cheese. Continue to bring these items plus any other food donations to share and place in the basket each Sunday. The Ag-Grad table is waiting for donations of produce to be purchased. Also, checks can be made to the Church and designated for Ag-Grad or Isanti County Food Shelf and placed in the containers in the cart or on the Ag-Grad table. We currently have raised \$225.00 for the Isanti County Food Shelf and \$109.00 for Project Ag Grad. Every little bit helps relieve hunger locally and provide scholarships for students from third world nations to study agriculture in the U.S. and return to their homeland to better food supplies for their people. So let us all give until it helps. God Bless!

- Marlys Schluck, Mission Committee

PASTOR JEAN NOW HAS A PERSONAL VOICE MAILBOX AVAILABLE



In order for you to leave a secure private voice mail message for Pastor Jean that no one else can access, we have added a new feature to the church phone system. Pastor Jean now has a separate voice mail box available when you call the Church and no one is available to answer the phone. We felt this was a needed option at any time, but particularly when Sara Gilbert, our Admin. Asst. is out on maternity leave and we have volunteers answering the phones. Just follow the prompt when you hear the initial message.

NEW IN FAITH WE SING HYMNALS

Dear United Methodist Friends,

In August Fred and I noted the one-year anniversary of the deaths of both our mothers. This was a time of looking at their lives and also at our own.

Ellen's mother Elsie played the piano and sang in the church choir. She gave up things to be sure both Ellen and her sister had piano lessons. When the public schools added an orchestra program, Elsie convinced the girls that the violin would make an entirely different kind of music, and that became the next activity on their agenda.

When we went to New Jersey for the memorial service for Fred's mother Frances, the organist at the First Presbyterian Church reminded us that Fran's mother and brother had been the only organists there for a total of 64 years. Fran came from a solid musical background. The last few years of her life, Fran was in the skilled nursing section of her residence. There came a time when she seldom recognized even Fred. The women who took care of Frances would push the button on her CD player, which was filled with piano music by Mozart and Chopin. Fran's face, by now either immobile or confused, would relax in a smile for the time it took to get through the five hours or so of recorded music.

When Pastor Jean started including more from the "Faith We Sing" hymnal, we thought we had found a good way to memorialize the love that our mothers had for music. Providing one more copy for each hymnal rack would spread the joy they both felt. If folks occasionally think of their own mothers when singing, that would be a fitting memorial.

Ellen Siewert and Fred Nolan

TRUSTEES REPORT

Now that the huge roof project is completed, the Trustees have turned their attention to other areas. In the next several weeks we will have the **carpets cleaned** and the **bus repaired** so that it can be used not only by us, but also by Cambridge Lutheran Church which uses it on several Wednesdays to bring their elementary children to their program. In exchange, they provide us with a donation which helps offset the cost of its upkeep. This joint usage also helps keep a warm relationship going between the two congregations.

Also, we welcome **Warren Schluck as the new Chair of Trustees** filling out the 2011 term of Steve Ritchart, who resigned at the beginning of September. We thank Steve for his many extra hours of work on the whole roof project, among other Trustees issues, and thank him for his leadership. Steve had stayed on to make sure the roof was complete.

D.S. REV. PAM SERDAR VISITING CUMC

Sunday October 2

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Pam Serdar, is coming for Site Visit on Sunday October 2. She will attend and participate in worship, then meet with Leaders and Members of CUMC following worship to celebrate our ministries. She will also briefly meet with the Staff Parish Relations Committee and have a potluck lunch with SPRC members.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 WILL BE

ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY

Please join us for a very special worship on Sunday, Oct. 30, when we will celebrate an All Saint's Sunday service and remember those who have died during the past year. This is a moving service and we hope that you will join us to not only remember those of our congregation who have died, but to also support those who mourn their passing.

ARTICLES FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DUE BY OCT. 10TH

Since we believe that Sara, our Admin. Asst. will be out on maternity leave beginning Oct. 17, we are asking that articles for the Nov. newsletter be in by Oct. 10 so that we can try to get a head-start on the Nov. newsletter. Given our staffing situation, we are unable to guarantee that it will arrive by the beginning of November. Please bear with us during the time that Sara is gone.

HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Be sure to stop in the Fellowship Hall after the Church service and join in the fellowship and fun. If you are able to provide treats on Sunday, these are the open dates:

October

2nd-Mary and Bob Sarault
9th-
16th-Jerry and Annie Ferrier
23rd-
30th-

November

2nd-
9th-
16th-
23rd-



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Birthdays

Matthew Andres

October 2nd

Tyler Johnson

October 2nd

Kaia Kirkeide

October 5th

Laura Meier

October 6th

Lance Olson

October 8th

Jeffrey Anderson

October 9th

Shannon Kirkeide

October 11th

Phil Anderson

October 14th

Madeline Droubie

October 14th

Karen Hilgendorf

October 14th

Annie Lindsay

October 14th

Janelle Ritchart

October 14th

Alexis Anderson

October 16th

Bailey Bakken

October 19th

Jana Amsrud

October 22nd

Wayne Hall

October 23rd

Grant Volker

October 26th

Joyce Kardell

October 27th

Becky Bakken

October 28th

Sherri Holmen

October 29th

Jennifer Olson

October 29th

Anniversaries

October 2nd

John & Barb Harry

October 5th

Randy & Joyce Wallace

October 8th

Brian & Lisa Anderson

October 8th

Lloyd & Iona Oosterhuis

October 17th

Dan & Sarah Baxter

October 17th

Skip & Brenda Strandberg



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER NEWS

Your November Newsletter will most likely arrive sometime within the first or second week of the November due to Sara's maternity leave. Please send in any articles for the November Newsletter by October 10th so Sara can get a head start on the publication before she leaves.

Thank you for being flexible!