

# **News at Peace**

**December 26, 2010**

**Sunday Education Hour:** There is no Adult Education Hour this morning. We will resume on January 9.

**Our hospitality** this morning is provided by Jon and Anita Young, and Marcie Horner and Mark Nelson.

**Sunday Morning Hospitality:** Fellowship is an important part of our Sunday morning ministry here at Peace. If you would be willing to host and provide Sunday morning treats, please sign up at the information desk.

**Offering Envelopes:** Please pick up your 2011 offering envelopes today in the Narthex.

## **Mission and Service**

**Food Pack-a-thon:** We were snowed out in November so we have rescheduled this activity! We need **55 people** to help us package food on **Saturday, February 5, from 9-11am**, with the Kids Against Hunger organization. Meals will be shipped to Haiti where over 1-million remain homeless and in desperate need. **This is our chance to make a difference.** We'll car pool from Peace at **8:20am** to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior. Children under the age of 10 are not allowed to operate the heat sealers, but can certainly help package the food. A GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY!!! Sign up at the information desk or call Dave Dynneson for more information, 952-829-9317. We'll return by 11:30am.

**Loaves and Fishes:** We will next serve **Tuesday, February 15** at Creekside Community Center, 98th and Penn Ave So. Arrive at 5:15pm and serve at 5:30. Sign up at the information desk. Contact Dave Dynneson for more information—952-829-9317.

**No Peace on Wednesday (POW) on December 29.** We will start up again on January 5.

## **Children and Youth**

**No Sunday School** this morning or January 2. Sunday School will resume on January 9.

**9th-12th Grade Sunday nights!** We will start up again on January 9 at Peace House. All 9th -12th graders are welcome to join this group!

**Generation Change** is a financial literacy workshop with a Christian perspective for teens. In this 4-week series taught by Dave Ramsey of Financial Peace University, students will learn sound financial principles, deconstruct the lure of consumer debt and explore the value of giving. Each week begins with a 1-hour video followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

Karen and John Noltner will be hosting the series at their home in Bloomington for **10-12 graders** on Wednesday nights beginning January 12. Join us at 5:15 for pizza. Video starts at 6pm and we should be done by 7:30. Come join us for this series and learn how to control your money so it doesn't wind up controlling you!

Cost will be \$5 per student. The fee includes course materials and a t-shirt. Please sign up with Lori Thomson so we know how many are interested, and tell her your shirt-size for ordering. Please sign up no later than 1/2/2011 to reserve your spot. Call John Noltner with questions: 612-865-9519.

### **Summer Trips**

It's hard to believe with all of this snow, but it's already time to look at summer trips for the youth. We have two trips planned this summer for students (currently in) grades 7-12:

**7th & 8th graders** will be taking a trip down to Kansas City, MO through YouthWorks **July 24-29**. While there we will get the opportunity to help out with children's programs, visit individuals in nursing homes, serve at soup kitchens or homeless shelters and help at thrift stores. Cost is \$325

**High schoolers (9-12)** have the opportunity to attend Christikon Bible Camp, an adventure camp located in beautiful Montana. Dates are **July 13-19**. Campers will get to choose between staying onsite (only one night away from camp) or participating in a backpack session where the whole week is spent away. Cost is \$425.

Friends are welcome for both trips! But please limit one friend per Peace member. Any questions? Interested? Contact Miranda at [miranda.andersen@peacebloomington.org](mailto:miranda.andersen@peacebloomington.org), by phone (605.254.3281) or look for her on Sundays or Wednesdays.

**Registration deadline is January 23.**

### **Fellowship**

**Journey Stories:** On **Wednesday, January 12**, join us as we head to the see *Journey Stories*, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, at the Carver County Historical Society in Waconia. *Journey Stories* is the tale of mobility in American history. Be it the story of the Native Americans who first inhabited the land, or the recent waves of immigrants, everyone has a story to tell. Meet at Peace at 10:30am. We will have lunch at Lola's Lakehouse on Lake Waconia at 11:15am. We will tour the exhibit at 12:45pm and return to Peace by 3:15pm. Tour is free. More details are available on the

sign-up sheet at the information desk.

**Book Club:** Our next book is *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave, a book about an unlikely friendship. The Hennepin County library has several paperback (2010) copies. We will meet from 7 – 8:30 pm **Thursday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** at church. Feel free to join us when you can! For questions, please contact Jane Sandness at 952-944-8471. New members welcome!

**Ya, Ya, Yarn Sisters:** Have a interest in knitting or crocheting? Come to Peace House on **Saturday, January 15**, for an open house from 1-5pm and join other Peace members and friends and share your skills and projects! If you have always wanted to learn to knit or crochet now is your chance. Contact Joy Kjeldahl with any questions you may have at 952-943-1146.

**Kitchen Windows:** We had so much fun we are doing this activity again! Is taking a gourmet cooking class on your list of "things to do?" Are you looking for a unique gift to give your spouse for Christmas? Then sign up with other Peace adults to cook a dinner on **Thursday, Jan. 27**. Our private class will be taught by a chef at the Kitchen Window in Minneapolis. We will work together to prepare the meal and then enjoy the result while seated at linen covered tables. You'll also get copies of the recipes and a 10% coupon to shop at the "Kitchen Window." Cost will be \$85. Complete menu is available at the information desk as well as a sign-up sheet. Sign-up deadline is **January 9**.

**Women's Retreat:** Peace Church Women, please join us on **February 12, 2011** for an uplifting half-day retreat. The retreat will be held at Minnesota Valley Country Club from 8:15 - 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch and materials. This mini-retreat is a wonderful combination of music, prayer, laughter, small-group discussion and quiet reflection. Give your spirit time to rejuvenate. Information about Jane Leyden Cavanaugh, who will be leading the retreat, is available at [www.thevineyardforwomen.com](http://www.thevineyardforwomen.com). Sign up at the information booth, located in the narthex.

**And the Oscar Goes To.....:** The Academy Award nominations will be announced in January. So what better time than February to go to the movies?!?! At noon on Tuesday, Feb. 8, join other Peace adults for an afternoon at the Eden Prairie Movie Theater. We'll meet at Peace around noon, enjoy lunch at the mall food court, and then break into a couple of groups to see "the movie you're itching to see" at the theater. More detailed information about times and movies will be provided the first week of February.

## **This Week at Peace**

◆ **Sunday: December 26-First Sunday of Christmas**

9:30am      *Worship-Carol Sing*

◆ **Tuesday: December 28**

9:30am      Quilters

7:00pm      Ministry Team Night

High School Ski Trip to Duluth -through 12/31

◆ **Wednesday: December 29**

7:00am      Bible Study

9:15am      Women's Bible Study

11:00am     Women's Faith and Life

2:00pm      Staff Meeting

◆ **Thursday: December 30**

10:00am     Folders

10:00am     Scrapbooking

◆ **Sunday: January 2-Second Sunday of Christmas**

9:30am      *Worship-Carol Sing and Holy Communion*