

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC ZUMBROTA
and
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORONOCO**

June 2015 Newsletter

(O/Z) Peace Camp 2015!!!

That's right, all, it's time to get ready for Peace Camp again!

Dates: Mon., June 15-Thurs., June 18



Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Like last year, this will include dinner from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Place: Covered Bridge Park

Theme: Body, Mind, Spirit Wellness

We're going to be making our own healthy snacks, engaging in all sorts of fun and healthy activities (Zumba, yoga, walking/obstacle course, water aerobics, and a wide variety of crafts and games), and learning about how and why our health is special to God.

Registration Info

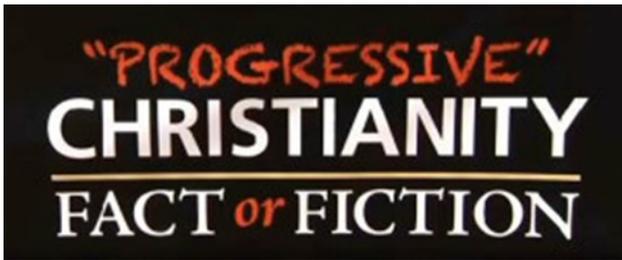
- Fee: \$20 per student (\$40 family maximum)

To register, visit www.oronocochurch.org and click "Peace Camp 2015 Registration form"



Instead of a camp-out this year, we will be finishing off the week with a family friendly pool party! Our "donations needed" list for this year is in this newsletter, in the weekly bulletins, and also posted in each church. And if you're interested in helping out during that week, please contact Pastor Lisa. Thanks!





A little over a week ago, posters, fliers, and banners like the one above began showing up at a number of churches around Fountain Hills, Arizona, a city roughly the size of Hastings and located about 25 miles northeast of Phoenix. An article, various OpEd pieces, and a half-page ad also showed up in the local newspaper. Starting May 17, eight of the local churches began a round-robin preaching circuit with the self-stated goal of pointing out “the vast differences between true, Biblical Christianity and so-called ‘progressive’ Christianity”¹ and only slightly more abstractly at the pastor of the local “progressive” United Methodist church, Rev. David Felten, is the author of a book entitled *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity*.²

Not surprisingly, in this excessively digital age in which we live, this story has exploded across the country through any number of blogs, online news sites, etc.

Now, you may be wondering why I’m talking about a sermon series in a town more than 1700 miles away. I have to admit that when I sat down to write this June 2015 newsletter article, I had at least 3-4 ideas that I started before settling on what’s coming out of my fingers right now. (Don’t worry ... you’ll see those 3-4 ideas later. :)) However, when I was searching for background information for those other articles, I stumbled across yet another posting concerning this story. It was probably the 9th or 10th posting I’d seen in the last week alone, and I decided I just couldn’t ignore it anymore.

For some reason, this country has found itself in a deep, ugly, and uncomfortable rut. We’re becoming more and more partisan, and we’re becoming more and more argumentative. Instead of extending a hand of peace and cooperation and compromise, our default has become a pointing finger or even a fist. This happens in politics, and, even more disappointing, this happens in our churches. The rhetoric flying

back and forth between the Christian left and the Christian right has become more vitriolic, more accusatory, more hateful.

Hateful. *Hateful*.

When did we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, become so bent on seeing what’s wrong in “the other”? When did we become so intent on proving our version of faith as the “right” version, the “only” version? 1 John 4:19-21 says, “*We, though, are going to love - love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first. If anyone boasts, ‘I love God,’ and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won’t love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can’t see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You’ve got to love both.*”

You’ve got to love both.

Both those who understand you and those who don’t ... Both those who agree with you and those who don’t ... Both those who believe you and those who don’t ... Both those who love you and those who don’t.

And as those who choose to bear the name of Christ – the name of the One who came to seek and save the lost – we sometimes need to be reminded that we’ve all been lost at one time or another. We’ve all been misunderstood. We’ve all been excluded. We’ve all been wrong. We’ve all been hurt. In the face of all that, it’s our calling to see the good and the friendly and the valuable above anything else, even when we don’t necessarily see eye-to-eye. We need to be the light in the world for the sake of the light itself, not for the sake of throwing shadows on everyone else.

Pastor Lisa

1. Referenced in article posted at <http://www.thefountainsumc.org/2015/05/16/campaign-against-progressive-christianity/>.

2. David M. Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy. *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity*. (New York, NY: HarperOne), 2012.

(O/Z) Spare Change Challenge



Between now and the end of Peace Camp (June 18), the OZ congregations will be competing to see who can help our Peace Camp-ers raise the most SPARE CHANGE FOR BIG CHANGE.

In keeping with this year's theme of Body/Mind/Spirit Wellness, the Peace Camp-ers will be raising mission money to purchase something through Heifer International – a gift that will encourage and foster the wellness of another family or even whole other community somewhere around the world.

“So what are we competing for?” you ask. Well ... (and it *pains me* to say this) the congregation that helps raise the most SPARE CHANGE FOR BIG CHANGE will have the joy and privilege of pie-ing your beloved pastor in the face. Yup. After the service on **Sun., June 28**, the winning congregation will get to SPLAT a plate full of whipped cream in my face. **sigh**

The Peace Camp-ers will have the opportunity to choose which congregation's pot they put their spare change in.

(O/Z) #JustKeepDancing

Many of you probably remember the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge from last year. For those who are unfamiliar, the challenge was to have a bucket of ice water dumped over your head in an attempt to raise both money and awareness for ALS research. This challenge became an internet phenomenon, spreading like wildfire through Facebook, Twitter, and all the other social media outlets. It also raised \$115 million for ALS research!

This year, Ellen DeGeneres has started a new challenge inspired by a young boy who is battling brain cancer. Six-year-old Braylon and his parents are dancing their way through his chemo treatments. (Check out a video of Braylon and his parents initiating the challenge at <http://ellentube.com/lists/justkeepdancing/>) In an attempt to raise awareness for pediatric cancer research, Ellen has initiated the #JustKeepDancing challenge. Basically, you record a

video of yourself ... your friends ... your loved ones ... YOUR CONGREGATIONS ... dancing! And then you put it up on Facebook or Twitter (or both!) and challenge others – other people, other congregations, etc.

So we're accepting the challenge! After worship on **Sun., June 21** anyone interested in participating in this challenge needs to do 2 things: 1) Bring a \$5 (or more!) donation that we can send to the Pediatric Cancer Foundation (<http://fastercure.org/>) and 2) Stick around for a few minutes after worship so we can dance! Once we've got our videos posted online, you can challenge family and friends to post their own videos and make their own contributions to this incredible cause.

(Z) Habitat for Humanity Workday



On Wednesday, June 10, on Saturday, June 27, and on Wednesday, July 29, First Congregational - UCC is scheduled to provide a volunteer construction crew to work on a new Habitat home project at 1521 East Avenue in Red Wing. The Wednesday workday goes from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the Saturday workday goes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are looking for a crew of 5-8 volunteers and ask each volunteer to bring a hammer, a tape measure, a pair of gloves, and a pencil. We will also need to provide an evening meal for our crew plus three others (the partner family and the construction manager). Please contact Parker Quammen ([507-732-7761](tel:507-732-7761), [651-327-2195](tel:651-327-2195), gchfh01@gmail.com) if you can help in any way.

(Z) Planters in Memory of the Matchans

Jim Law of St. Paul has once again generously donated plants for the outdoor urns at First Congregational. The planting is done in memory of Jim's first wife, Norma Matchan Law (Dorothy French's sister) and the Matchan family. Thanks to Jim for this wonderful memorial gift, and to Gary Ofstie for taking care of the planting. These flowers will beautify the church entrance throughout the summer. What a joy!

(O/Z) Twins Game Outing

On Tues., Sept. 1, the yellow brick road will lead from OZ to Target Field! We're headed to a Twins game to watch the Twins take on the Chicago White Sox!

Date: **Tues., Sept. 1**

Time: **game time – 7:10 p.m.**

We'll be carpooling up and parking somewhere to take the lightrail to the field. Leave time is TBD.



Ticket cost: **\$8** per person (For those interested, our tickets are in the Field Terrace section, 223-228. Check out a seating chart on the Twins' website: http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com/min/ballpark/seat_view.jsp)

The more, the merrier, so invite family, friends, neighbors, or anyone you like. We've reserved 30 tickets but can get more if we need to (though they may be in another section from the first group of tickets), so **please contact Pastor Lisa by Tues., Aug. 4 with the number of tickets you need.** Thank you.

(O) Presbytery Meeting

The next Presbytery meeting is **Tues., July 14 at 4:00 p.m.** at Associated Church in Owatonna. As always, Presbytery meetings are open to anyone. If you're interested in coming, please contact Pastor Lisa.

(O/Z) All Around the Campfire



In an effort to have more opportunities for fellowship and laid-back outreach, we're starting something new this summer. On Sunday a month, we'll be gathering in the evening on the church lawn. There will be a campfire. There will be lawn games. There will be s'mores. This is a chance for us to spend some fun, relaxed, un-structured time together, and to invite people who may not be as comfortable coming through the church doors for the first time. It's also an opportunity for us to participate in the relationship of the yoke – O people can come to the campfire at Z, and Z people can come to the campfire at O. Bring your neighbors and friends. Bring kids. Let's have fun!

Z dates:

- June 14: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- July 12: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Aug. 9: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

O dates:

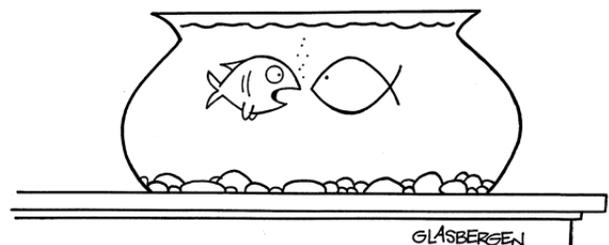
- June 28: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- July 26: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Aug. 23: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

In Our Prayers

Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17

Joanne Schenck, Eunice Markham, Dick Wedge (Jim's brother), Virginia Wendt, Dorothy French, Karen Vallejo, Nick Pahl, Ann Hawkins, Joan Swarthout and Jo Ludington's niece, Angie.

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"Can't we talk about something besides religion for a change?"

(Z) Walking Tour Features First Congregational

A grant from the Zumbrota Community Trust has helped a local group launch a walking tour of Zumbrota that includes First Congregational, along with commercial buildings on Main Street, and other historic structures such as the State Theater. Each site will be marked with a small numbered sign that refers to a printed brochure providing a brief historical note about the site. People will be able to stroll through the downtown area and learn some fascinating facts about the buildings before them.

In addition, there will soon be video available, with links to each stop on the tour. This mobile device app will link the viewer to a 5-minute video presentation about each site, covering much more history than can be included on the printed brochure. Even those who have lived in the area all of their lives will find new information and humorous anecdotes about each site.

Alison Krinke and her Girl Scout troop prepared the information on First Congregational, with assistance from Coleen Johnston in accessing items from the church archives. The Scout troop will also be helping to hand out brochures to visitors during the Covered Bridge Festival on June 20 to bring attention to this new activity.

Committee chairs Linda Smith and Stacy Drenckhahn, and a team of volunteers, have combed back issues of the *Zumbrota News* and other historical documents and have talked with building owners and local historians to help record the history of Zumbrota. Brochures will be available at the church in late May. An announcement of the video app will follow as soon as the videos are completed.



Thanks to Bob Hawley for climbing into the bell tower and getting the photo of our bell. The picture will be used in the video presentation for the walking tour.

(Z) See the Quilts/Help the Hungry It's All at the UCC, June 20



First Congregational UCC will host the Covered Bridge Festival Quilt Show on June 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show is a joint venture between the church, which provides the site and along with treats and refreshments, and the quilters, chaired by Julie Praus and Sue Hinrichs, two area quilters. Also part of this year's show is the All in Stitches Quilt Shop, located in Zumbrota, which will help with promoting the show to local quilters.

All are welcome to display quilts, either quilts they have made or quilts from their personal collection. If you have a quilt you would like to see in the show, please bring it to the church between 7 and 8 p.m. on Friday evening, June 19, or contact Coleen Johnston (507-843-4719) to arrange a more convenient time. Quilts on display should be picked up immediately following the show.

There is no admission fee, but visitors are invited to make a donation to the Zumbrota Area Food Shelf if they wish. All donations will be forwarded to the Food Shelf as part of this year's mission outreach on hunger and world food supply.

In past years, over 200 people have viewed the quilt show, but the display of quilts is new each year. Quilts are beautiful, inspirational, historical--and they keep us warm! Please come, and bring a friend.

(Z) Kanvas & Kool Aid - Covered Bridge Days

Our Church Life committee has put together a great family-friendly activity during Covered Bridge Days! We're going to set up a free children's art project on our lawn - fun and easy paintings that they can complete and take home! Simple snacks will also be provided.

We need a few people who are willing to help at the table (no artistic ability required!). We also need a few donations:

- acrylic craft paints in any colors
- Kool Aid pouches (powder to mix)
- individually pre-packaged snacks (animal crackers, fruit snacks, etc.)

(O/Z) Peace Camp Donations List

Here's a list of the donatable things we need for this year's Peace Camp.

FOOD:

Sliced fruit (please bring June 15 by 5:00 p.m.)

Hamburger buns

Raisins in individual boxes (25)

Baby carrots

Mini marshmallows

Cheerios (1 box)

Granola

Yogurt-covered raisins

Pretzels

Popcorn

Flax seeds



Baked chips, individual bags (variety)

Apples

Sugar cookies (fairly large)

Lg. containers vanilla yogurt

(1 Greek, 1 regular)

Berries

Kiwi (cut up)

Bananas

Mandarin Oranges

Ketchup (1 bottle)

Mustard (1 bottle)

Popcorn kernels

(to be used in air poppers)

CRAFTS:

Contact paper

Black cardstock



Yarn (various bright, kid-friendly colors)

Potting soil (1 bag)

Vegetable seeds

(kid-friendly veggies, please!)

OTHER:

Paper plates

Forks

Spoons

Cups

Small containers of bubble solution

Sidewalk chalk

Hula hoops (4)

Jump ropes (6)



Thank You!!

(O/Z) Peace Camp Funding

We are overjoyed to announce that we have been given an Ashley microgrant in the amount of \$700 by the Minnesota Conference of the UCC! This grant is designed to help churches fund activities and programming aimed at faith formation and, more specifically, youth and families. As we are creating our own curriculum this year, these funds will go a long way in making this year's wellness-themed Peace Camp an awesome experience for everyone involved - the kids, their families, and those of us who are leading this program. Thank you, MN Conference, for blessing us with your incredible generosity!!

Readings for the Month of June 2015 (O/Z) June Scripture Readings



Sunday, June 7

1 Samuel 8:1-10, 19-22; Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 14

guest preacher, Rev. Tammy Rider

(UCC MN Conference Annual mtg.)

Sunday, June 21

Luke 11:29-36; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Sunday, June 28

Mark 5:21-43; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Birthdays for the Month of June

6/6 Rachel Rand
Michael Rand

6/9 Kay Erdahl
Linda Quammen

6/14 Gabe Langbehn

6/17 Brenda Watkins

6/21 Marjorie Davies

6/22 Patrick Johnston

6/29 Kay Wilshusen
Neal Kylo



(O/Z) Worship Advisory Team

NEXT MEETING: TBD

Just a reminder that the Worship Advisory Team consists of:

Lance Sorensen (O)

Linda Sorensen (O)

Peter Johnson (O)

Connie Hawley (Z)

Hailey Vath (Z)

Sue Wedge (Z)

We are continuing to discuss a number of different things, so if you have any ideas or feedback about

worship, please feel free to share your thoughts with one of these people.

Church Staff

Organist: Katha Johnson
Secretary: Sue Johnson
Custodians: (O) Sue Johnson
(Z) Debbie Floan
Pastor: Rev. Lisa Johnson

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Coleen Johnston, Deacon
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Ted Midthun, Deacon
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Gail Rucker, Deacon

People of the Church

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Joanne Schenck, Secretary

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June 2015 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Monday, June 1

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Deut. 11:13–19
2 Cor. 5:11–6:2
Luke 17:1–10

Tuesday, June 2

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Deut. 12:1–12
2 Cor. 6:3–13 (14–7:1)
Luke 17:11–19

Wednesday, June 3

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Deut. 13:1–11
2 Cor. 7:2–16
Luke 17:20–37

Thursday, June 4

Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Deut. 16:18–20; 17:14–20
2 Cor. 8:1–16
Luke 18:1–8

Friday, June 5

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Deut. 26:1–11
2 Cor. 8:16–24
Luke 18:9–14

Saturday, June 6

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Deut. 29:2–15
2 Cor. 9:1–15
Luke 18:15–30

Sunday, June 7

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Deut. 29:16–29
Rev. 12:1–12

Matt. 15:29–39

Monday, June 8

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Deut. 30:1–10
2 Cor. 10:1–18
Luke 18:31–43

Tuesday, June 9

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Deut. 30:11–20
2 Cor. 11:1–21a
Luke 19:1–10

Wednesday, June 10

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Deut. 31:30–32:14
2 Cor. 11:21b–33
Luke 19:11–27

Thursday, June 11

Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Song of Sol. 1:1–3, 9–11, 15–16a; 2:1–3a
2 Cor. 12:1–10
Luke 19:28–40

Friday, June 12

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Song of Sol. 2:8–13; 4:1–4a, 5–7, 9–11
2 Cor. 12:11–21
Luke 19:41–48

Saturday, June 13

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Song of Sol. 5:10–16; 7:1–2 (3–5) 6–7a (9); 8:6–7
2 Cor. 13:1–13
Luke 20:1–8

Sunday, June 14

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Exod. 6:2–13; 7:1–6
Rev. 15:1–8
Matt. 18:1–14

Monday, June 15

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
1 Sam. 1:1–20
Acts 1:1–14
Luke 20:9–19

Tuesday, June 16

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
1 Sam. 1:21–2:11
Acts 1:15–26
Luke 20:19–26

Wednesday, June 17

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
1 Sam. 2:12–26
Acts 2:1–21
Luke 20:27–40

Thursday, June 18

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
1 Sam. 2:27–36
Acts 2:22–36
Luke 20:41–21:4

Friday, June 19

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
1 Sam. 3:1–21
Acts 2:37–47
Luke 21:5–19

Saturday, June 20

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98
 1 Sam. 4:1b–11
 Acts 4:32–5:11
 Luke 21:20–28

Sunday, June 21**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113
 1 Sam. 4:12–22
 James 1:1–18
 Matt. 19:23–30

Monday, June 22

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 1 Sam. 5:1–12
 Acts 5:12–26
 Luke 21:29–36

Tuesday, June 23

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 1 Sam. 6:1–16
 Acts 5:27–42
 Luke 21:37–22:

Wednesday, June 24

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 1 Sam. 7:2–17
 Acts 6:1–15
 Luke 22:14–23

Thursday, June 25

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 1 Sam. 8:1–22
 Acts 6:15–7:16
 Luke 22:24–30

Friday, June 26

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 1 Sam. 9:1–14
 Acts 7:17–29
 Luke 22:31–38

Saturday, June 27

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 1 Sam. 9:15–10:1
 Acts 7:30–43
 Luke 22:39–51

Sunday, June 28**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 1 Sam. 10:1–16
 Rom. 4:13–25
 Matt. 21:23–32

Monday, June 29

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 1 Sam. 10:17–27
 Acts 7:44–8:1a
 Luke 22:52–62

Tuesday, June 30

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 1 Sam. 11:1–15
 Acts 8:1b–13
 Luke 22:63–71

**UCC Annual Meeting Coming Soon**

You are hereby called to the Minnesota Conference 53rd Annual Meeting, June 12-14, 2015, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota. The theme of “Going Deeper: Trusting in Sacred Conversation” comes out of a resolution adopted at last year’s annual meeting, “Dismantling Racism and Creating Diversity in the Minnesota Conference”. The resolution called the Conference to intentional anti-racism dialogue and training, including at Annual Meeting. An appointed task force has worked hard to create a program to fulfill our commitment to provide high-quality anti-racism training resources and discussion during plenaries and workshops. Our sacred conversations together will be grounded in Luke 5:1-11, where Jesus invited the disciples to ‘go deeper’, trusting in God’s presence. This will be our commitment together as well.

Our keynote speaker for this Annual Meeting is Dr. Jennifer Harvey, Associate Professor of Religion at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Her book “Dear White Christians” is a provocative look at how justice-committed white Christians think about race. She will keynote during the Saturday morning plenary and train leaders for continuing small group work; Dr. Harvey will also offer a workshop Saturday afternoon.

The Annual Meeting will be rich with vital worship experiences, opportunities to meet new people and reconnect with old friends, and in particular this coming June, sacred space in which to share our varied perspectives and experiences with racism in our lives, communities, and nation. All we do and share together will re-invigorate our faith and stir our hearts.

Registration will open at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 12, and all are asked to arrive for the opening plenary session at 2:00 p.m. that day. We will conclude with Sunday worship. There will also be exhibits to visit, entertainment to enjoy, and workshops to resource us. Come, let’s be Church together!

Delegates from Zumbrota will be Parker Quammen and Hailey Vath. A full description of annual meeting activities can be found at <http://www.uccmn.org/annualmeeting>. All are welcome to attend.

(O) Clearwater Forest Summer Camp!



THE FUN HAS BEGUN! Camp has started! Bring on the Games! Water sports! Amazing games! Hikes! Fish! Worship! Laughter! Fun! Triumphs! Songs! Skits! and Adventure! And it is not too late for you to be a part of it all! Experiences for campers, grades 3rd-recent graduates are still open. Check out www.clearwaterforest.org or give the office a call at 218-678-2325 to find out which camps are still open. Don't let the opportunity to see what God can do in a child's life slip through your fingers and register them today!

Never been to Clearwater Forest? Are you a little nervous about having your child away for the week? Ask around the congregation to find out what it is all about, come up for Friends and Neighbor Day (June 13) or call 218-678-2325 with questions.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

O/Z) Peace Camp Mission Focus Heifer International



This year, we have decided to focus our Peace Camp mission component on raising money for Heifer International. As you've hopefully seen already, the theme for this year's Peace Camp is wellness - body, mind, spirit, and relationships. Along those lines, Heifer International works for the elimination of hunger and the promotion of food safety for individuals, families, and communities around the world. At its core, this is both a wellness issue and a justice issue.

For those who may not be familiar with Heifer International as an organization, here's a bit more information about them:

Heifer International is a nonprofit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty and caring for the Earth. Heifer currently provides livestock, trees, seeds, and training in environmen-

tally sound agriculture to families in 30 countries, including the United States. We work with smallholder farming families and communities because we believe they are key to feeding us all. Our holistic approach is designed to help communities become the drivers of their own change by cultivating the following: income and nutrition, improving the environment, women's empowerment, social capital, and passing on the gift. Since 1944, we have helped more than 22.6 million families, in more than 125 countries. By 2020, we aim to end hunger and poverty for 4 million families in the communities where we work.

More information can be found at <http://www.heifer.org>.



Synod School, an annual midsummer ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is . . .

- learning
- worship
- music
- fellowship
- relaxation
- spiritual growth
- affordable
- fun for all ages

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July 26-31, 2015

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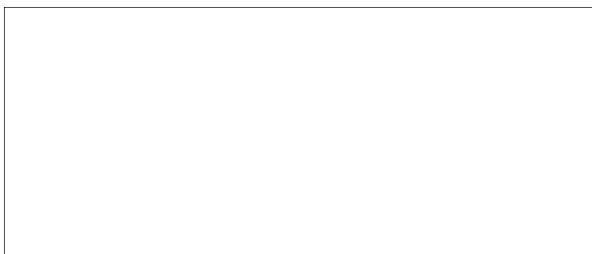
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