



# CROSS CONNECTION

The Newsletter of Cottage Grove United Church of Christ  
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*No matter who you are  
or where you are  
on life's journey,  
you'll find a home here!*

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## Farmers' Market

CGUCC Parking Lot  
Opens Thursday June 19  
3:30—6:30 p.m.

- Vegetables, Fruits, Herbs, Breads
- Jams, Jellies, Preserves, Pickles
- Flowers, Plants, Crafts
- Hot Dogs, Brats, Cookies, Beverages
- Bake Sale, Ice Cream
- Children's Activities, Live Music, Drawings

*Eat Healthy—Buy Local*

## CGUCC 150th Anniversary Celebration

August 23-24, 2008

- All-Church Picture  
Banner & Keepsakes
- Picnic, Catered Dinner
- Car Show
- Special Worship



Keep watching for more details, and mark  
your calendar for the weekend of August 23-24.

**LET'S PARTY!!**

## Rev. Bryan Olson Transitional Pastor

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Monday—Thursday  
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### PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Daniel Bies, Bill & Isabel Board, Judy & Ron Bonnevier, Bill Bot-hun, Beth Davies, Bob Fox, Ron & Joyce Fries, Don Hanson, Delores Janke, Leona Perkins, Lucy Spicer, families facing un-employment issues, Rev. Bryan Olson & our church during this time of transition.

Abi Christopherson (Elaine Mitchell's friend); Alan Gausman (Russ Gausman's brother); Todd & Jean Herbst (Jeff & Krisi Jacobs' friends); Trygg Heustad (3-yr-old relative of Russ Gausman); Ken & Nora Krahn (missionaries); Denise Heschke Krech (Marilyn's Heschke's daughter); Ron Lindeman (Diane Davies' cousin); Patti Mogren; Lynsay Nieman (Burt & Doris's granddaughter); Doris Rosenfelt (Kathy Biscoe's mother); Amy Stoker (Jim & Jean's daughter); Nick (husband of Stoker's grand-daughter); our soldiers around the world; all victims of floods, tornados, and other natural disasters.



This past weekend (June 6-8, 2008) the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ held its Annual Meeting at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. Since no delegates were able to attend the Annual Meeting from Cottage Grove U.C.C., I wanted to pass along an update from the Conference on what transpired.

### Annual Meeting Follow-up

We had a spirit-filled Annual Meeting this past weekend at the College of St. Benedict. Almost four hundred delegates and visitors from more than ninety local churches were in attendance. The theme of this year's meeting was "Extravagant Welcome, Evangelical Courage," and featured Rev. John Thomas, President and General Minister of the U.C.C., as keynote speaker. Delegates and visitors from U.C.C. churches throughout the state of Minnesota spent the weekend engaged in discussion of special resolutions and other Conference business. They also participated in vibrant worship and enjoyed a time of fun and fellowship with one another.

Please note that three resolutions were passed at this year's Annual Meeting:

- A Minnesota Without Poverty
- Regarding the State of Minnesota's 150TH Anniversary and the Establishing of Ongoing Relationships with Minnesota Native American Communities
- Earthwise Congregation: A Resolution on Mediating Climate Change (to be forwarded to General Synod XXVII in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 2009).

The resolutions are posted on the Conference website [www.uccmn.org](http://www.uccmn.org). (If you are reading this online, you can access the resolutions by clicking on the hyperlinks above). The Annual Meeting also passed substantive revisions to the Bylaws and revised Clergy Compensation Guidelines. Both will be available soon on the Conference website.

At the Annual Meeting, we honored anniversary churches and clergy and presented the Leysath Award to Rev. Sandy Johnson (First UCC, Northfield). We also said farewell to departing officers and board members and to Karen Gasche, Administrative Assistant to the Conference Minister, and Lynn Jacobson, Administrative Assistant to the Associate Conference Ministers.

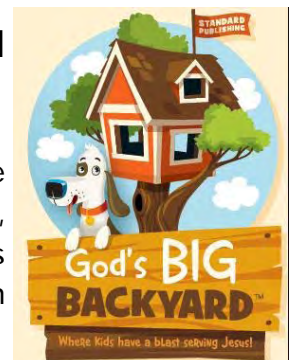
If you are interested in learning more about the ministry and mission of the Minnesota Conference U.C.C., please visit the Conference web site ([www.uccmn.org](http://www.uccmn.org)). If you are interested in becoming a delegate for next year's Annual Meeting (June 2009), please contact me at your convenience.

Blessings to you all as we continue our journey with Christ together. See you in worship!

Peace,  
Rev. Bryan

### Summer Sunday School

June 1—July 27, 9:00 a.m. through Worship time  
Kids from Preschool through going-into 4th Grade  
Children will have their own special time during the summer while parents attend Worship. Come, bring your friends, and enjoy the summer in "God's Big Backyard." (There will be no Sunday School on July 6.)



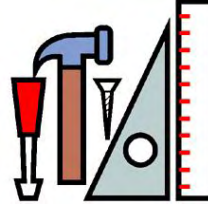
## Sundae Sundays at CGUCC

We have a tradition in this church of having a special Sunday during each of the summer months when we serve ice cream sundaes and other treats. The free will offering from these "Sundae Sundays" goes to support our local Friends in Need Food Shelf. The area food shelves are serving record numbers of families during these difficult economic times, and it's extra hard when children are not receiving breakfasts and lunches at school during the summer. Please give generously for a good cause when you enjoy your ice cream on June 19, July 20, and August 17. Thanks for your support, and thanks to Judy and Ron Bonnevier for coordinating this effort.



## Member Helping Member Directory

Would you like to be able to call a church member when you need to hire someone for a task around your house, garage, or business? Steve Miller has come up with the idea of compiling our own members' business directory, listing who does what within the congregation, so if you need work done, you know who you can call. Good idea? If you would like to be listed, please talk with Steve after worship, or call him at 436-3007.



We have our first listing:

Ken Huber, Home Building Services Inc., does architectural design, plans for new homes, additions, remodeling, kitchens and bathrooms. Ken can be reached at (651)459-7545, or at [homebuildings@aol.com](mailto:homebuildings@aol.com).

May we list you? Please call Steve or the church office to list your business.

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

Whispering Gardens, greenhouse and gift shop, is offering a special during the month of June for members and friends of Cottage Grove United Church of Christ. Take in the attached coupon, and you will receive 20% off your purchase of bedding plants, hanging baskets, potted flowers, or vegetables. Whispering Gardens is located across 70th Street from the church, at 11180 70th Street S in Cottage Grove. Their hours are Monday-Saturday 9-6, Sunday 11-5. Their phone number is 651-459-8080.



As you are shopping at Whispering Gardens, you can pick up your tickets for the annual South Washington County Garden Tour, held on Sunday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$10, or \$15 on tour day. Proceeds from the annual tour benefit the South Washington County Youth Services Bureau.

### WHISPERING GARDENS

11180 70th Street S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016, 651-459-8080

**20% OFF** Bedding Plants, Hanging Baskets,  
Potted Flowers, Vegetables

*Cottage Grove United Church of Christ*  
*expires June 30, 2008*

## Coming Up in Worship

### Sunday, June 15

#### **Graduate Recognition**

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

### Sunday, June 22

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship  
with Baptisms  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Tailgate Party  
12:00 p.m. Twins Game  
3:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony

### Sunday, June 29

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship  
with Baptism  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

### Sunday, July 6

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship  
**NO Sunday School**  
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

### Sunday, July 13

9:00 a.m. Summer Worship  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship



If your birthday is in the church records, it will appear here. If yours does not appear, please let Becky in the office know when your birthday is and we will get it in next year. And please call if your birthday is wrong so we can get it right.

## JUNE

- 1 - Krisi Jacobs  
Donna Ryan
- 4 - Roberta Arntzen  
Alexis Resendez  
Patty Sorensen
- 5 - Anna-Marie Larsen  
Mike Roberts
- 6 - Jason Ernster  
Tim Power
- 7 - Karen Banazewski
- 9 - Deidra Murr
- 10 - Emily Christianson  
Braden Hanson
- 11 - Katie Weiby
- 12 - Matthew Lindeman  
Tim Mohrlant  
Kathy Warner
- 14 - Greg Eshom
- 18 - Danyll Mills
- 20 - Emily Biscoe
- 21 - Claude Schmuki
- 22 - Derek Rasmussen
- 25 - Jessica Marty
- 26 - Corrie Kropelnicki  
Susan Weiby
- 27 - Amanda Marty
- 29 - Jean Bloomquist  
Ira Mitchell IV  
Liz Youngquist
- 30 - Troy Madsen  
Bryan Olson  
Joan Thyren

## Register for Cottage Grove Area Sports Camp

Our congregation, along with St. Luke's Lutheran and St. Rita's Catholic Church, will be hosting the second annual Cottage Grove Area Sports Camp on August 11-14, 2008, from 9-11:30 a.m. each day.

**Lamar Park** will be the host site for this camp. The camp is specifically designed to help children in K-6<sup>th</sup> grade to strengthen their faith as well as their athletic abilities. The camp is run entirely by church staff members and volunteers from the three Cottage Grove congregations. Adult chaperones from each congregation will be needed to provide supervision.

Cost of the camp is \$40 per child. *Each child that registers for the CG Sports Camp will get a free ticket to the Minnesota Twins game on Saturday, August 16, 2008, at 2 p.m.* Parents and friends can purchase additional tickets to the game for just \$12. Partial camp scholarships are available upon request. To secure your child's spot in the Sports Camp, please complete the pre-registration form below and return it to the church office by **July 1, 2008**. Please contact Rev. Bryan if you have questions about the camp or how to register.

Want to see a slideshow from last year's sports camp? Then logon to the CGUCC website at [www.cgucc.org](http://www.cgucc.org) and click on Sport Camp Slideshow.



### Sports Camp Pre-registration Form

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Interests (check all that apply):

Basketball  Soccer  Softball  Arts/Crafts

Cheerleading/Dance  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Women's Fellowship on Thursday, June 19

Women's Fellowship will be meeting on Thursday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Lounge. Bev Gross will be the hostess. On the agenda will be discussion regarding holding a food safety training for faith-based organizations, the pressure system recently installed by John Perkins, and other items. Anyone involved with food preparation at the church is encouraged to attend to help decide about having training.



## Now Save Your Paper Rolls

Gratitude Group is in need of toilet tissue and paper towel rolls, and both paper and Styrofoam egg cartons for use in the Kids' Korner at the Farmers' Market. Please bring the rolls and cartons to church and place them on the shelf above the coat rack in the gathering room. Thanks!



## We Have a Wedding Coordinator

Doreen Barta has offered to be our new coordinator for weddings and other outside events scheduled at our church. This will involve meeting with folks who want to use the building, and coordinating efforts of our staff and teams to help make events run smoothly. In her new position, Doreen is now working on polishing the large altar candelabras used for special occasions. Many thanks, Doreen.



## Notice of Revisions to the General Synod Standing Rules

Pursuant to Rule 50 of the Standing Rules of the Twenty-seventh General Synod, you are hereby advised of significant changes to those rules governing the administration of the meeting. The Standing Rules of the Twenty-seventh General Synod, as approved April 14, 2008 by the Executive Council, are available online on the UCC website <ucc.org>.

Of particular note, you will find many of the dates and deadlines for submission of business items have been changed. An effort has been made to highlight all deadlines set forth in the Standing Rules. Please also note a change in rules requiring that all proposed business items, including Proposed Pronouncements, Proposals for Action, Resolutions and Other Formal Motions, all reports required of or to the General Synod, petitions for Voice without Vote and any and all other business must be submitted electronically to the Office of General Ministries at <synod@ucc.org>.

Questions regarding the rules or questions about the submission of business items may be addressed to the United Church of Christ, Attn: Mr. Lee Foley, Minister for Governing Body Relations, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115, or <foleyl@ucc.org>, or 216-736-2192.

April 24, 2008

Lee Foley, Minister for Governing Body Relations

## Pathways to Better Health Program

HealthEast's Cottage Grove Clinic is sponsoring a program **Pathways to Better Health: Managing Ongoing Health Conditions** for those who are facing a long-term health problem. Individuals with diabetes, arthritis, pain, heart or lung disease, cancer diagnosis, or any ongoing health condition and their family members or caregivers are invited.

### **Managing Ongoing Health Conditions**

Wednesdays June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6  
9:00-11:30 a.m.

HealthEast's Cottage Grove Clinic  
6936 Pine Arbor Drive S, Summerhill Professional Building  
\$40 for 6 classes, snacks, and reference book

For more information, please see the poster on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room, or contact (651)326-2273. Please call (651)326-2273 to register.



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Submit articles via e-mail at  
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them off at the office. Thanks  
for all the information you  
submit to share with the con-  
gregation! Keep it coming!  
Becky Graff, Editor

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letter, please call or send an e-mail, and we  
will take you off our mailing list. Thanks!

**STOP!!**

## Y.A.H.O.O.'S to Hang at Valleyfair

The Y.A.H.O.O. youth group will be heading to Valleyfair Amusement Park on **Tuesday, July 15, 2008**, for a day of roller coasters, rides, and water park fun! All youth (entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade through graduated high school seniors) are invited to spend the day at Valleyfair and bring their friends. Young adult and adult chaperones are also invited and encouraged to join the fun! The cost of the trip is \$30 per person for ticket and transportation. If we have a group of 15 or more we can get special discount pricing so get on the horn and call your family, friends, and relatives and ask them to come along!



To arrange for tickets and transportation, please **RSVP** for this event with Rev. Bryan by no later than **July 2, 2008**. You may e-mail him at [olsonbw@hotmail.com](mailto:olsonbw@hotmail.com), call him at 651-261-7125, or sign-up on the Valleyfair sheet in the church Gathering Room. Come to meet new friends, hang with old friends, and ride some sweet rides!!!