

# HAMLIN CHURCH NEWS

MARCH-APRIL 2015



# A WORD FROM THE MINISTER

Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard

Dear Hamline Church Family,

Making little changes can make a big difference in your life — styling your hair differently, buying a new outfit or adding a walk to your morning routine can change the way you see the world, and even change the way the world sees you.

At Hamline Church we're making some changes to our church communications. These changes are intended to streamline our internal and external communications processes, help us be more intentional about communicating with the world outside our walls, and better utilize our staff time and resources.

Perhaps the biggest change is with the publication you are reading right now - **this month we will begin publishing a bimonthly newsletter**. Please read through the list below to learn all about our plans.

Also, we are in the midst of a staffing transition with the upcoming departure of Jay Matchett on March 6th. We thank Jay for his service at Hamline Church and wish him well. I will do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition, and hope to have information to pass along in the very near future about how the communication responsibilities will be handled.

As our communication practices at Hamline Church evolve, we hope these changes make it easier for you to keep up with the many facets of our congregational life, and that they will also help newcomers and the community get a better sense of Hamline Church.

This is a work in progress and we'll likely make changes and adjustments as we go. Thank you in advance for your support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Blessings,

Pastor Mariah



# COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is where you'll find what's happening, when it's happening and where it's happening around Hamline Church:

**Weekly News Email:** Our weekly email can be found in your inbox on Friday mornings. These emails will list time-sensitive news and information briefs, with options to click through to more information on our website. If you are not receiving these emails now, sign up on our website using this link <http://www.hamlinechurch.org/newsletter.html>

**Weekly printed announcements:** The weekly publication distributed with your Sunday worship bulletin will be reformatted to list brief descriptions of upcoming ministry events and other congregational news.

*\*All announcements must be submitted by 9 a.m. each Tuesday to be included in our weekly publications.*

## WEBSITE

Check out our newly updated and reformatted Church Website! This is your one-stop information venue for everything at Hamline Church. News, events, announcements, ministry descriptions, feature stories and our calendar — it's all accessible 24/7 wherever you are and updated on a daily basis. If your group or ministry area has content you'd like to include on the website please contact the office. <http://www.hamlinechurch.org>

## BIMONTHLY PRINTED NEWSLETTER

Our new bimonthly (every other month) publication will go a little deeper than our other communications to feed your spirit. Enjoy feature stories and pictures about the people, history and events at Hamline Church as well as our surrounding community. We'll also offer personal reflections, Christian formation articles and news from around the United Methodist connection.

We will try this new format for the next six months with the following publication dates and deadlines:

<i>Edition:</i>	<i>Submission Deadline</i>	<i>Publication</i>
March & April	February 20th	March 1
May & June	April 20th	May 1
July & August	June 20th	July 1

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram — today's technology gives us many options to spread the Good News from Hamline Church. If you enjoy spending time on social media, please talk to the office about becoming part of our network. You can currently find us:

- [Facebook.com/HamlineChurchUM](https://www.facebook.com/HamlineChurchUM)
- Twitter: Hamline Church Dining Hall @Try\_our\_Hamloaf
- ***Where else would you like to see Hamline Church? Instagram? Twitter?***

## BULLETIN BOARDS & WELCOME CENTER

Find out about upcoming events, get information from various church ministries and find community news on our bulletin boards/strips. Newcomers can find basic church resources and information in the newly created Welcome Center in the commons. If you have something you would like posted, please bring it to the church office and we'll be happy to put it up for you in the appropriate location.

# NEWS AND INFO

## WORD OF THANKS FROM SPRC & STAFFING TRANSITION

Jay Matchett's last day as Hamline Church's Director of Communications and Operations is Friday, March 6th. We thank Jay for his service to Hamline Church over the past year and wish him well in his future. We are grateful for his contribution to our ministry and our church community. Please stop by the office or send a note of thanks [jmatchett@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:jmatchett@hamlinechurch.org) to show your appreciation.

Thank you and many blessings Jay!

As we go into this time of staff transition (and as Pastor Mariah goes out on maternity leave!) volunteer help is needed to ensure the smooth running our church office, building and communications. If you are able or willing to help out on any level, for any length of time please contact Pastor Mariah [mftollgaard@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:mftollgaard@hamlinechurch.org) or the church office.

Opportunities include (but are not limited to!):

Office: front desk help, office tasks, mailing preparation

Communications: editing, social media, writing content, web updates

Building: small repair projects, help coordinating with contractors

## HOW TO ACCESS HAMLINE CHURCH'S CALENDAR ONLINE

The monthly calendar is no longer being included in the Newsletter. To better serve your needs, see the up-to-date calendar information on the Hamline Church website (<http://www.hamlinechurch.org/calendar.html>)

## MATERNITY COVERAGE FOR PASTOR MARIAH

Pastor Mariah will be starting maternity leave sometime in March. Her due date is March 20th. She hopes to continue to work up until the baby comes, as medically allowed. Once the baby is born, she will be gone for approximately 13 weeks. During that time Pastor Mariah & the SPRC have arranged for the Rev. Mary Keen to provide pulpit supply and emergency pastoral coverage.

Pastor Mary will be leading worship and available to the congregations on Sundays. She will also be working with the staff during the week. Mary will be available by phone, email and for emergency situations. Please contact the church office to reach Mary.

Please contact SPRC Chairs Kent Kruger ([wkkrueger@prodigy.net](mailto:wkkrueger@prodigy.net)) or Jan Bajuniemi ([janbaj43@gmail.com](mailto:janbaj43@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We had a very successful Stewardship Campaign and thank you to all for your continuing support. We received 113 pledges for a total of \$308,500. This represents an increase of \$46,500 over last year's pledges. The 2015 budget was approved at the Church Council's January 20, 2015, meeting. Estimated income in 2015 is \$544,530 and estimated expenses are \$539,800, which reflects a slight surplus for 2015.

# ...NEWS AND INFO

## HAMLIN CHURCH WOMEN/UMW UPDATE

Hamline Church Women/UMW have had a busy start to 2015. We thank all who gave to the Emma Norton Personal Care and Paper Products Drive, and signed valentines the shelter residents.

We will be holding a children's and youth stuff swap April 18 in lieu of the regular tot and kid time that Saturday so watch for details.

One highlight for us was UMW Sunday January 25. Below is **2014 Special Missions Award** winner Barbara Leary's speech honoring 2015 winner Candyce Osterkamp:

*The Methodist Church has benefited greatly through the many talents, energy, time, and gifts that Methodist Women have contributed over the past years.*

*I have the privilege to introduce the Hamline Church 2015 United Methodist Women's recipient of the Special Mission Award. Candyce Osterkamp, a lifelong Methodist has contributed to this wonderful tradition. We as Methodists and as members of this church can be very proud of the contributions made to us as well as to the church as a whole.*

*Candyce has been a member of Hamline Church for over 10 years. She was raised in Unity, Wisconsin, by parents and grandparents who also were Methodists. She is a Mother and a Grandmother.*

*Soon after she became a member, Candyce jumped right into serving and helping wherever she could. She has been a long time Dining Hall Committee member, has contributed the bounty of her garden in the form of jams and jellies sold at numerous UMW bazaars and events. Her crocheted hats and mittens have adorned many of our yearly Christmas mitten trees. She has helped serve Communion and other worship activities. Whenever she has been asked to help, she has reached out and done her part.*

*In addition to Candyce's work life at the Churchill Corporation, she recently took up the taking lessons on her flute after 44 years. She also has owned and worked with horses for a large part of her life and performed in many equestrian events. She contends that since moving to the city, her dog has replaced her horse!*

*When I asked Candyce what she felt motivated her to be such a faithful and helping person, she said, "I really enjoy people and working with them. It is not a chore for me. I want to help and I have a great desire to be of service others."*

This sums up the mission of UMW. Hamline Church is very happy and proud to present this award to Candyce Osterkamp. We believe that she represents the best traditions of United Methodist Women and we value her dedication and service.

## SILENT AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS!

Special thanks to the families, area businesses, and other volunteers who made our auction possible. There were 142 items donated. Thank you to everyone who made a donation, made a bid, or became the top bidder. The continued support of our own church family is amazing and makes events like the auction fun. With everyone's support, our auction was successful. Over **\$3900.00** was raised. Please show your gratitude by patronizing our local businesses and to our own church families that made donations. More details next month about the results.

**SCRIP GIFT CARD NEXT ORDER** will be **March 8**. Please see Virginia Anderson for gifts cards or to submit an order that day or the following Sundays.

## TO REFLECT UPON THIS LENTEN SEASON

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now." The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one has ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us." The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

The first said: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist." To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

-Written by Útmutató a Léleknek

## CHILDREN AND GOD

Godly Play is not a new curriculum—it is deeply rooted in Christian theology and storytelling—but it approaches children's learning styles in a way that is new to many churches. The foundation of Godly Play is the belief that children don't want to know about God; children want to know God. Children need to be able to get inside the stories of our Christian faith and use all of their senses to make them real and meaningful enough to cherish and hold onto throughout their lives.

## CHILDREN AND GODLY PLAY

Godly Play encourages children to do more than just learn about the stories of our faith. Godly Play provides a way for children to deeply enter the stories Christians know and love—creation, Noah, the flood, the ten best ways to live, Jesus' parables and the story of his own life, and so many more.

Through Godly Play, children are encouraged to use their God-given gifts of creativity and imagination to explore the stories of the Bible and make them their own.

Children already know the language of the culture. Godly Play helps children learn the language of faith in ways that are real and meaningful to them.

Godly Play helps children learn how to build community as they live and work with each other in the classroom environment.

# ...KIDS & FAMILIES

## DATES TO KNOW

### TODDLER TUESDAYS

*Mar 3, Mar 17, Mar 31, 930-11 in Fireside Room*

Bring your 0-5 y/o to play in a safe, welcoming, warm place! Get the large motor play and wiggling room that is much needed here in the Minnesota winter. Kids can play while adults can develop community with other adults.

### LENTEN CONVERSATIONS: RAISING (SPIRITUAL) CHILDREN

*In the parlor from 11:15am to 12:15am*

- *March 1st* - How Do I Talk to My Kids About Racism?
- *March 8th* - Practicing our Faith by Faithing our Lives
- *March 15th* - How Do I Nurture My Spirituality?
- *March 22nd* - Questions about Death
- *March 29th, Palm/Passion Sunday* -Continuing Death Discussion to include Resurrection.

### SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd:** Special Family Worship Service with food in Fireside Room
- **Easter Sunday, April 5th:** Traditional Worship Service with an Easter Egg Hunt

## LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER!

### GET YOUR GARDENIN' ON

Are you interested in planting food and flowers? Are you looking for a way to pass along your knowledge of creation to youngsters of all ages? If you are, please contact Amy Schultz or Heather Grantham - they creating opportunities for families and folks of all ages to enjoy digging into the earth this summer!

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

This year, we are melding our vacation bible school with our S.P.R.O.U.T Garden to create a program about creation care, food justice, and God's call to us to be stewards of the environment. We are in search of volunteers and kids to participate in this fun activity. We will continue the tradition of offering one evening a month this summer to accommodate everyone's schedule. Please take note of the following dates: Tuesday, June 16th; Wednesday, July 22nd; and Thursday, August 20th.

### CAMP MSP (MISSION, SERVICE, PURPOSE)

This is a day camp on August 11th, 12th and 13th for kids entering 5th through 7th Grades. We will go as a group down to Lake Harriet UMC with other 5th-7th Grade Methodists within the Minnesota Conference of UMC. We will have fun serving neighbors, meeting new friends, and changing the world by working on various service projects throughout the Twin Cities. Let Heather know if you want to attend and we will register as a group.

**Monday, June 8th** – Join Methodists from around the state to watch a Twins game!

**Friday, August 7th** – Join Hamline families at a St Paul Saints game (complete with fireworks)



## FOUR HAMLINE YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN INTERFAITH

This past President's Day, Jack Molter, Dorothy Hendrickson, Amanda Bluem, and Martha Young participated in the Saint Paul Area Council of Church's Interfaith Youth Day of Service. This was a day long event where Hamline Youth were able to participate in workshops on other faiths, complete service work, and meet teenagers of other faiths.



We had a spectacular time. As a part of the day, students can choose workshops to attend on faith, leadership, and service, and they are assigned service projects in the afternoon. Our four confirmation students chose to do workshops on Judaism and Buddhist Meditation, and were able to meet and chat with

another youth group from an Islamic Center in Brooklyn Park. The keynote speaker was a well known Minneapolis Hip Hop Artist, Brother Ali, and our four confirmands helped with communications at a relief organization, and helped clean up the facilities at a day shelter for homeless families.



Opportunities like this are a very important way that we live out our faith at Hamline Church. Our Christian faith calls us to serve others, and to live in honest relationship with our neighbors. Part of living in that honest relationship is by being a dedicated member of the wider community of faith in our city of Minneapolis/Saint Paul. And now, our city is a city of many, many faiths.

In a time when we are constantly bombarded by religiously motivated violence, all throughout the world, coming together to serve others helps us to break down the rifts between us. Service activities allow people the opportunity to connect and talk over a common purpose.

All our faiths call us to work for the betterment of the world. When we stand together, many faiths and one common purpose, we combat the disconnection and hatred that fuel the violence we so often hear about. We protest the murder of three Muslim college students in North Carolina. We protest the violent terrorism taken on in desperation across the world. We protest the hate that keeps us apart, and we fulfill the call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Christians in our day and age have a call: a call to work alongside people of other faiths in honest service and authentic understanding. The four youth that participated in the Interfaith Youth Day of Service scrubbed kitchen counters alongside Muslim senior high school students, stuffed envelopes together with youth leaders from Jewish congregations, and ate alongside new friends of other faiths, and in these actions they took on that call. Next time you see them, tell them thanks—and maybe ask them about their experience.

*For Parents: Interfaith Youth Day of Service happens every year on President's Day. Mark your calendars today to participate next year. Adults interested in participating can contact Maggie Nancarrow at [mnan-carrow@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:mnan-carrow@hamlinechurch.org).*





# CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

## SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Co-Chair Anne Thompson convened the Church Council meeting.** Pastor Mariah gave an opening prayer.
2. A few committee reports were received. **The minutes of the November 18, 2014 Church Council meeting were approved.**
3. **Pastor Mariah presented a Staff Update which detailed her upcoming 13-week maternity leave** and Rev. Mary Keen providing pulpit supply and other services during this period. The Annual Conference will cover Pastor Mariah's replacement during the leave.
4. **Mark Krueger (Finance committee) presented the 2015 Church operating budget.** Income was projected at \$544,530 and vs. expenses of \$539,797. Coupled with the 2015 operating budget are the recommendations from the Paulson Bequest Task force for distribution of the \$184,529 bequest to HCUM, with \$25,000 (\$15,000 to fund Children and Youth Ministry positions and \$10,000 to bridge the 2014 deficit) toward the 2015 budget. Appreciation was expressed to the members of the Bequest Task Force (Heidi Brezinka, Peter Theisen, Diane Krueger, Amy Schroeder Ireland, and Pastor Mariah) for their efforts in a very busy time period and to Harry Paulson for his generosity and thoughtfulness. (SEE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE SET OF PAULSON BEQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS.)

A question was raised whether the recommendations met the criteria established at the November Council meeting. One criterion stipulated "Able to leverage savings and investment." Mariah spoke to the 3R (Reach, Renew, Rejoice) plan for Congregational Development of the Minnesota Annual Conference. Churches are asked to make a 'tithe' of their annual budget over a five-year period. A Paulson Bequest recommendation is to use \$20,000 for a 3R Conference Capital Campaign—this would be a matching drive, with congregants being asked to match that amount through pledges over the five year period. Thus HCUM would be contributing \$40,000 to aid the Conference in establishing new churches and revitalizing others (including our own). Signage improvements outside the church--a new lighted one on Minnehaha, and possibly updates on the one on Englewood are also included in the recommendations (at \$15,000).

**A motion was made that Church Council approve the Harry Paulson Bequest Task Force Recommendations** as presented in the January, 2015 report, along with the recommendation that biannual reports should be made to Council, which will redirect any unspent funds. After seconding, the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Council approve the Task Force recommendation that \$20,000 be available to match individual pledges made by HCUM members during a February, 2015 pledge drive.

**A motion was made that the 2015 HCUM operating budget be approved as presented by the Finance committee.** After seconding, the motion passed by voice vote. Appreciation was expressed to the members of the Finance committee.

5. **Co-Chair Amy Schultz spoke about the September 27 visit by Bishop Ough**, which coincides with the 135th Anniversary of Hamline University and the former Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church. HU personnel are working jointly in the Celebration planning. The new bread oven should be available at that time, and could play a role in the annual "welcome back" for HU students. A joint work-day between HU and HCUM was proposed. A Task Force involving representatives of Worship, Missions/Social Justice, and other relevant committees was proposed along with a theme of "Celebration: Past and Future."

6. **Pastor Mariah gave an update on the tensions between Hamline University's expansion plan** and the desire of some residents of Hamline Village to preserve historic homes. City Councilman Russ Stark is working with the MN Office for Collaboration and Dispute Resolution to facilitate a collaborative problem solving process. HCUM space has been offered and we are an invited party in the assessment phase.

# ...CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

7. **A preview of the Communication meeting** to be held on January 27 was given. A Skype Dialogue will take place with Rev. Cameron Trimble of the Center for Progressive Renewal and persons interested in communications.
8. **The Trustees are reviewing all external groups using the church**, in an effort to standardize needs, setup and security issues, and charges. Hamline University's historic usage of the church is also part of this review.
9. **The meeting adjourned** with Anne Thompson giving a closing prayer.





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# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2015 EASTER OFFERING

United Methodists respond to civil and natural disasters in over 80 countries, including the United States, through UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. The Easter offering for One Great Hour of Sharing, OGHS, underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business". It allows UMCOR to keep its promise that 100% of any gift to an UMCOR project will go directly into relief supplies and personnel and not to administrative costs. For example, UMCOR has responded to the Ebola crisis in Western Africa and the Syrian refugee crisis in Turkey. In the U. S., UMCOR provided disaster relief to victims of floods in Colorado and tornadoes in Oklahoma. By supporting UMCOR, OGHS provides the underpinning for the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering around the world. Please give generously.



# EVENTS

## **SPEAKING LIKE LIGHT: EVENING OF SPIRITUAL POETRY FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

During the season of Lent, we turn inward and contemplate the inner journey and the meaning of our spiritual lives. Join us in the sanctuary at 7 pm on Thursday, March 5th for a candlelit reading of contemplative poems from around the world, touching on universal themes of presence, silence, mindfulness, unity with nature, and others. Contact Ross at [rhackenmiller@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:rhackenmiller@hamlinechurch.org) for more information.

## **HIGH SCHOOL LENTEN DISCUSSIONS**

Each Sunday in Lent, 9th-12th graders are invited to dinner, discussion, and fellowship over the one thing everyone has too much of: homework. Eat, talk, and get work done together from 6:30-8:30 pm. Meet in the kitchen.

## **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS SYNAGOGUE VISIT MARCH 13**

The confirmation class is invited to visit, tour and worship with Mount Zion Temple on Friday, March 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in order to learn about the Jewish Faith. Confirmands and interested parents please RSVP to Maggie by Wednesday, March 11 at [mnancarrow@hamlinechurch.org](mailto:mnancarrow@hamlinechurch.org).

## **MINNESOTA RECONCILING CONGREGATIONS ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 14**

The 2015 Spring Gathering of the MN Reconciling Congregations takes place Saturday, March 14th, from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm, in the Community Room of Prospect Park UMC. It begins with a potluck lunch at 11:30 am. Afternoon topics include a presentation on the Minnesota Annual Conference Study Guide on Homosexuality and a look forward to the 2015 Annual Conference and the 2016 General Conference. We hope for a great showing from Hamline Church! ([www.mnrcumc.org](http://www.mnrcumc.org))

## **REACH \* RENEW \* REJOICE**

Reach Renew Rejoice - Thank you to everyone who has already contributed toward Hamline Church's contribution for the Reach, Renew, Rejoice Initiative with the Minnesota Annual Conference of the UMC. We need your help to reach our \$40,000 goal and invite you to make a personal pledge to support this initiative. Through a generous donation, every dollar raised by Hamline Church individual donors will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$20,000. Please prayerfully consider your donation and turn in a pledge card to the offering plate or the church office today. Pledges may be paid over the next 3 years. Pledge cards are available in the pews, commons and narthex. For more information: <https://minnesotaumc.org/our-ministries/reach-renew-rejoice/>

## **BREAD OVEN SUNDAY MARCH 15TH**

Hamline Church was recently awarded a grant to build a community bread oven on our front lawn. We are already dreaming of pizza parties and fresh bread! During worship on Sunday, March 15th we welcome the Rev. Bryce Johnson from White Bear Lake United Methodist Church to share about his church's bread oven ministry. After worship there will be an informational session to learn more, share construction plans, and opportunities to sign up to participate in this exciting new ministry!

## **TODDLER TUESDAYS, MAR 17, MAR 31 - 9:30-10:45AM IN FIRESIDE ROOM**

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## **LAY READERS AND GREETERS NEEDED**

We are in need of Lay Readers and Greeters. Serving as lay reader is a great way to participate in worship services. Whether you have been a lay reader in the past or are new to this role, we encourage you to sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0544aeaa2ca5fb6-worship>

# EVENTS

## **HAMLIN CHURCH WOMEN/UMW OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMP**

Thanks to the Growth Grant and fundraising, Hamline Church Women/UMW have financial assistance available for any church children who want to go to summer day or sleepover camp. Camp information is in the commons. Deadline is March 27. Email: hamlinewomen@gmail.com

## **2015 HAMLIN CHURCH MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATE CARDS**

Hamline Church is in the process of updating member contact information. Having switched to a cloud-based record management software, members will soon have the ability to maintain their own membership information and utilize a fully searchable online directory of Hamline Church members. To launch this service, it is important the office have correct email addresses and primary contact information to begin with. Once we have updated records, members will receive an email asking to set up an individual password for their online profile. From there, they can manage their contact and personal information, view and change giving, and eventually track their attendance. Members will also have the ability to upload a photo of their choice for their profile. If you have not already done so, please fill out and return the Directory Update Card located in the pews and watch for future updates!

## **NEW ICE CREAM FLAVOR FOR STATE FAIR DINING HALL**

We need help coming up with a catchy name for a new Izzy's Ice Cream flavor to be served this summer at our State Fair Dining Hall. In years past, we have had "Church Elderberry," "Mini Donut Batter Crunch," and "Jello Salad," but now it's your turn to pick a name. Be creative! Please send your suggestions to jajakel@aol.com or neurermolter@gmail.com by March 15. The winner will bring home enough of the new flavor for their entire family!

## **9:00 AM SUNDAY STUDY GROUP TO BEGIN ITS NEXT BOOK SELECTION MARCH 15**

The 9:00 am Study Group begins a new book, Christ of the Celts: the Healing of Creation by J. Philip Newell, on March 15th.







An intimate Christian community, witnessing to the larger dimensions of life in Christ, in ministry, on the inward and outward journey



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