

# Quick Notes

2011 7th Edition

2012  
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Theme



## Fun at the St Paul Congregation



At the Eagle Lake Retreat weekend, I was thinking about our Church's Congregational Blessing. I was hearing that we want to

continue to grow individually, as well as together, as a congregation.

I have learned that the best way for me to become stronger, individually and with other people, is to have fun. Thus, I became Co-Social Director with Karen Newcom. We scheduled a morning together at an Apple Orchard and scheduled a Halloween Party.

We had over 20 people, children and adults, and almost everyone was dressed in a costume! We played Bingo and had Halloween-themed snacks. One of our youth, Anna Hill, led all in many rousing songs!

I am certainly blessed to be a part of St. Paul Community of Christ. Truly, laughing and playing together brings us all joy and happiness and a sense of community.

Kathy Palmer

## Season Greetings

### From Wayne Rogers

Dear Friends,

2011 has been a year of many wonderful blessings for the Headwaters Mission Center. We have had wonderful Gathering Ministries that have provided rich opportunities of fellowship, worship, education and experiences that have changed our lives. Many have felt the touch of the Holy Spirit in our gatherings and fellowship. It has been my humble pleasure to see God's guiding spirit work in the lives of so many congregations and individuals this year. I continue to be overwhelmed by God's loving grace.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all those that have served in the name of Christ in our twenty one congregations and in the Headwaters Mission Center in countless ways over the past year. The dedication of our members is what makes all things possible.

I pray for God's richest blessings on you and your families as we share in the beauty of the Christmas Season. Enjoy the Christmas lights that adorn our cities and neighborhoods as you remember that Christ is "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world", John 1:9.

Wayne Rogers

### From Stassi Cramm, John Wight, and Stephen Hatch

*"We Proclaim Jesus Christ and Promote communities of Joy, Hope, Love and Peace"*

That is the Mission Statement of the Community of Christ, which calls us every day to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all we encounter.

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We are further reminded during the Advent season as we anticipate the birth of the Christ child during the four Sundays leading up to Christmas; each focusing on these same elements – Joy, Hope, Love and Peace. We celebrate the miracle of the Christmas season, and the coming of the One whose life was proclaimed by a choir of angels.

As the Leadership Team of the North Central Field we wish each of you the Merriest of Christmases. May the Joy, Hope, Love and Peace of the Christ touch your lives during the advent season, and may you experience God's grace and generosity in the coming New Year.

Let us join our voices in a chorus of proclamation, "Christ is born, Glory to God in the Highest!"

ONWARD!

## From Charlie Curry

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

First things first: Happy Christmas! May the joys of the season fill each of you with hope, love and peace!

Fitting my thoughts and feelings into the short space Murray has allotted is proving to be amazingly difficult. My heart overflows with gratitude and thanksgiving, and simultaneously I'm excited about the opportunities ahead as Pen and I journey into retirement.

Thank you one and all for your kind words and gifts expressed so abundantly at the mission center conference. They were a little overwhelming as I sort of feel that the thanks were flowing in the wrong direction: it is *I* who need to thank *you* for your friendship and support for the past almost eight years. It's been quite a trip and God is not done with us yet!

Some of you might remember Harry Black, who used to say, "I'll see you *on the road*." Now it's my turn to say the same and so it will be.

Grace & Peace, Charlie

## From Gary Elrod

Happy Holidays,

We come once again at the end of another year. As we reflect on the days that have passed we treasure life and the special moments we have shared in together. The events of 2011 has been challenging for many. We have witnessed the love of God reach out to persons from all walks of life because of our actions and deeds given from our families, our friends, our church, and in the communities in which we live, many have received wonderful blessings of God's love.

In our reflections of the one called Jesus the giver of life and love for every man, every woman and every child let us give thanks together and claim his promise of joy, hope, love and peace. The one who calls us by name is the one who desires to be each of our hearts.

May each one of you continue to be blest on your journey of life and offering the gift of yourself to others.

In the grace and love of Jesus! Gary Elrod



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## 2012 Calendar (Subject to Change)

### January

- 01 New Year's Day
- 06 Epiphany
- 07 2012 Summer Gathering Directors' Meeting  
Location: Sparta
- 12 HMCC Teleconference – 7-9 pm
- 16 Martin Luther King Day
- 20-22 Congregational Leaders Retreat  
Director: Wayne Rogers  
Guest: Stassi Cramm, Stephen Hatch

### February

- 06-10 MEADS, CPI  
Location: Independence, MO
- 16 HMCC Teleconference – 7-9 pm
- 17-19 Ski Retreat  
Location: Oak Hills Campgrounds  
Director: Stacy Corless
- 20 President's Day (USA)
- 22 Lent Begins (Ash Wednesday)
- 24-25 Junior High Ski Retreat  
Director: Kevin McCollor

### March

- 02-04 HMCC Face-to-Face – Twin Cities Cluster
- 04 World Hunger Emphasis
- 30-31 Workshop -  
Location: Madison  
Director: Krista Binnicker  
Guest: Dale Luffman

### April

- 01 Palm Sunday
- 06 Happy Birthday, Church!!
- 08 Easter
- 15 President Veazey's Annual Address Webcast
- 19 HMCC Teleconference – 7-9 pm
- 20-22 CSM Training  
Location: Independence, MO

### May

- 05-06 HMCC Face-to-Face Meeting  
Location: Central Cluster
- 18-20 Camp 101  
Location: Eagle Lake Campgrounds  
Director: Karen Hill
- Date TBD  
Graceland University Commencement
- 28 Memorial Day (USA)

### June

- 03 Special Offering – World Mission Tithes
- Date TBD  
Twins Baseball Outing & Picnic  
Location: Twin Cities Cluster
- 21 HMCC Teleconference – 7-9 pm
- Date TBD  
Golf outing (Eastern Cluster)
- 24-30 Sr. High Camp  
Director: Paige Warner  
Guest: Stassi Cramm

### July

- 04 Independence Day (USA)
- 07-13 Summer Gathering  
Location: ARC-Osceola, WI  
Director: TBD  
Guest: Stassi Cramm
- 22-28 Spectacular  
Location: Graceland University, Lamoni, IA  
Director: Sandy Newcom
- Date TBD  
Brewers Baseball Outing  
Location: Milwaukee-Wauwatosa, WI

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### August

- 05-08 Junior/Junior High Camp  
Location: Eagle Lake Campgrounds  
Directors: Liz Trinkle and Donna Bernstrom
- 06-10 MEADS  
Location: Independence, MO
- 10-12 HMCC Face-to-Face  
Location: Peanut (SW WI) Cluster
- \*12 Annual Float Trip & Picnic  
Location: Soldiers Grove, WI
- 17-19 CSM Training (Independence, MO)  
Date Junior/Junior High Camp  
TBD Location: Oak Hills Campgrounds  
Director: Alison Woods

### September

- 01-03 Labor Day Holiday (USA)
- 02 World Hunger emphasis)
- 08 Workshop – Spirit-Led Leader  
Location: Apple Valley  
Director: Krista Binnicker  
Guest: Tim Geoffrion
- \*15 Lela’s Annual Picnic  
Location: Red Wing
- 16 Heritage Day
- 20 HMCC Teleconference – 7-9 pm
- 24-28 Leadership Meeting  
Location: Independence, MO

### October

- 12-14 Fall Gathering and Conference  
Location: Twin Cities Cluster  
Manager: Joel Trinkle
- 14 Children’s Sabbath
- 22-25 NC Field Meeting
- 26-28 Peace Colloquy  
Location: Independence, MO

### November

- 15 HMCC Teleconference – 7-9 pm
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday (USA)  
Date Visit to Mitchell Park Domes  
TBD Location: Eastern Cluster

### December

- 02 First Sunday of Advent
- 25 Christmas

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