



*inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus*

# inspire!

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## WCC Annual Interfaith Lecture Series

**By Rev. Rustin Comer**

**Beginning May 5, 2017, Wayzata Community Church will inaugurate an annual interfaith lecture series focusing on issues that impact the lived experience of everyday life from theological, ethical, moral, humanitarian, philosophical and religious perspectives.** Our core mission as a congregation is to inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus. WCC seeks to offer the world a much needed example of what it means to live with and to respond to contemporary religious pluralism, and to demonstrate the perspective that inclusivity is the mark of faithful religious life and teaching, while honoring our Christian roots.

We are honored that the heart of our first Interfaith lecture series will be the lives and history of our Jewish Sisters and Brothers who survived the holocaust. Both our traditions are closing our High Holy Days. We are ending our Lent and Easter

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season, and our Jewish brothers and sisters are ending their Passover season. These seasons remind both of our traditions simultaneously of sad and dark times and light and joyous times. These seasons place before us a vision for liberation and the sacredity of human life, yet all around us people continue to die due to hate and violence. Our hope is that this series will inspire us to live as liberated people, liberating others. Our lecture series will focus on the lived experience of the Holocaust and the lessons that we can learn from this darkness.

The themes our series will emphasize are: how sacred texts can give hope and courage in the darkest of times; learning from genocide, so we can keep this experience from ever occurring again; responding to hate and violence as people of faith; and seeing light in the darkness of our own lives.

It is with deep respect and gratitude that alongside the lecture series we have the honor to host the Transfer of Memory Photography Exhibit and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra's concert, *In Times of War*. The concert's concentration will be on works of imprisoned composer Gideon Klein.

**About the Transfer of Memory Photography Exhibit**

This beautiful exhibition illustrates Holocaust survivors living in Minnesota, in their homes, in full color. Each is a story of survival during exceedingly difficult circumstances. As a collection, these images focus on life and hope. From Europe to Minnesota, it was here they fashioned their dreams, their futures, and their families. Their lives are constant reminders about the value of freedom and the enduring human spirit. Transfer of Memory is a program of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

**Interfaith Lecture Series**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL**



**Dr. Robert O. Fisch • "Light from the Yellow Star"**

Dr. Robert O. Fisch was born on June 12, 1925 in Budapest, Hungary. He survived a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. After the war Fisch attended medical school and participated in the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. In 1957, after a death threat, Fisch emigrated to the United States where he became world-renowned for his work in pediatrics, specifically with phenylketonuria.

Fisch is an artist as well as an author. His most notable book is *Light from the Yellow Star*. Other titles include: *Metamorphosis To Freedom*, *Children's Letters To A Holocaust Survivor*, and *Fisch Stories*. Now retired, Fisch spends his time speaking to children about the importance of humanity. Fisch has conceived the exhibit "The Value of One Life" at the Minnesota History Center.

**MONDAY, MAY 8, 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL**



**Rabbi Harold Kravitz • "Hebrew Bible and the Holocaust"**

Rabbi Kravitz joined the rabbinic staff of the Adath Jeshurun Congregation, in Minnetonka, MN, in 1987. He and his wife, Cindy Reich, have three children.

In honor of his spiritual leadership, Kravitz was named one of America's Most Inspiring Rabbis in 2013 by the prominent Jewish newspaper the Jewish Daily Forward. Of the 36 rabbis who made the list, Kravitz is the only one leading a

Minnesota-based congregation.

The Adath Jeshurun Congregation is active in trying to help people in poverty. Kravitz has taken a leading role in that effort, serving as the board chairman for Mazon, a national Jewish advocacy group that aims to eradicate hunger.

**MONDAY, MAY 15, 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL**



**Iris Tzafrir • "Finding Life in Lives Lost"**

Iris Tzafrir was born and raised in the Negev desert of Israel on Kibbutz Mishmar Hanegev, a small agricultural community about 30 minutes west from the Israeli city of Be'er Sheva. She is the daughter of two Holocaust (Shoah in Hebrew) Survivors. Her mother Shari of blessed memory, is originally from Gür, Hungary, and her father Yehoshua of blessed memory is from Krakow, Poland. Following World War II, Iris' par-

ents migrated to Israel, determined to start a new life in the historical Jewish homeland. Growing up in a household of two parents who lost their families and survived the Nazi death camps left strong impressions.

Dealing with the horrors in her family's past were not the only impressions left with Iris. Iris carries a determination to tell her family's story, and to share how she decided to use it as a place for hope for the next generation. It was Iris' journey of telling her family's story that led her to a remarkable discovery about her family.

Iris has a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry and a Doctorate in Plant Biological Sciences and she works in agriculture.

**St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017, 8:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

**"In Times of War"**

*In Times of War* explores music of Jewish composers, featuring *Partita for Strings*, Bartók's *Divertimento for String Orchestra*, and Shostakovich's *Chamber Symphony*. Read more about this concert on page 10 of this issue of *inspire!*



# for the moment

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister

## Are You Saved?

267 times in scripture the word JOY appears in some form or another. More than half are in the older testament, but the New Testament is loaded up with joy as well.

Right out of the gate in Matthew come the words of an angel: "I am bringing you good news of **great joy**... for all the people...". And at the end did you notice on Easter that "...they left the tomb quickly with fear and **great joy**, and ran to tell his disciples". Among Jesus' most memorable declarations in John's Gospel in this statement of purpose: "I have come that my **joy** may be in you, and that your **joy** may be complete."

As a measure of theological importance, we hear Jesus say, "I tell you, there will be more **joy** in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." And as a promise he says, "Very truly, I tell you, you will have pain, but your pain will turn into **joy**." Paul's Fruit of the Spirit include: love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control, and **JOY**.

Given the importance of joy in scripture and in the message of Jesus, I'm struck by the seeming absence of joy in so many Christian contexts and conversations. Too often the question is, "Are you saved?"... when a better conversation could be, "How's your level of joy?"

I confess joy is a complex concept as it is too often confused with happiness, but that's not a good enough reason to seek and celebrate it as central to our expression of Christianity in 2017. Let's join together and echo the voice of an angel from long ago and let our lives say to the world, "We are bringing you good news of GREAT JOY for all the people!"

I'll see you in church,

*John*

Rev. Dr. John F. Ross, Senior Minister

P.S. Philippians is an entire book of JOY! [Rustin Comer will be teaching on Philippians every Wednesday through May 17.](#) Come share in the JOY!

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## Rev. Danielle Hample Jones

Join us on Sunday, May 7 as Rev. Danielle Hample Jones, our new Minister of Congregational Life, preaches her candidate sermon at each of our morning services.

Following the 10:45 a.m. service we will have a Congregational Meeting to formally affirm her ministry among us.

The Search Committee views Danielle as a natural fit for a role that requires a passion for people, as well as an ability to work collaboratively to create multiple pathways for deeper engagement in the life of the church. She is a passionate church leader who thrives on developing caring relationships, building innovative congregational programs, and empowering lay leaders to engage in ministry. She is known as a magnetic, collaborative innovator who loves the church.

Danielle has spent the last ten years in ministry at Colonial Church of Edina, the majority of the time as Minister of Congregational Life and Staff Development. She has a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in California, and an undergraduate degree in Sociology and Psychology from Iowa State University. Danielle, her husband, Brian, and their two daughters, Campbell, age eight (third grade), and Charlotte, age six (kindergarten), live in St. Louis Park.

Please help us welcome Danielle and her family to WCC!

## Director of Operations, Laura Janckila

A new, but very familiar, face has been seen around the WCC offices, especially in the office of the Director of Operations. Laura Janckila has taken the position, which became available with Scott Woolery's retirement in April.

Laura is familiar to many of us. She has been a tireless servant leader here at WCC, having served in a variety of lay leadership roles over the past decade, including Church Moderator in 2015-16, serving on several search committees, as Chair of the Children's Education Board and she spent the past five years on the Church Council.

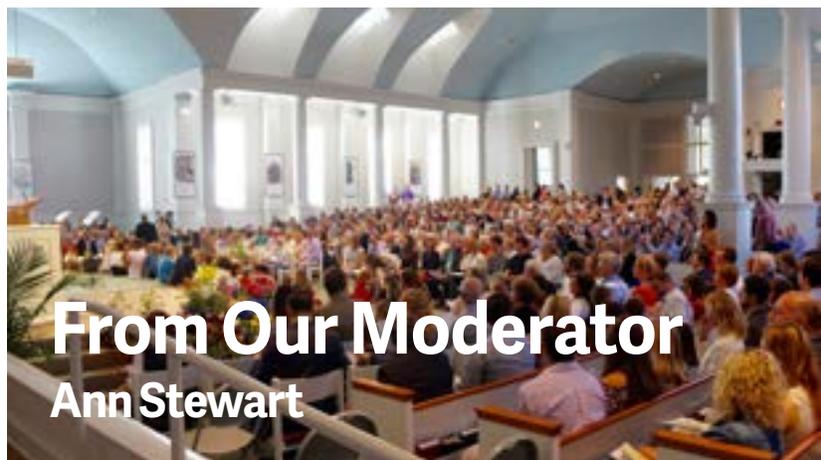


A group of five congregants conducted a regional search resulting in 45 applicants expressing interest in the position. The committee was thrilled with the pool of qualified candidates for this very critical staff position.

Late in February, the committee came forward with its recommendation to hire Laura as our next Director of Operations. Laura impressed the committee with her vast financial and analytics background, leadership skills, boundless energy and deep love of our church. Her desire to serve God is well-matched with her servant's heart.

Laura brings a strong business background to the role, spending much of the past 15 years in financial and business operations roles at General Mills.

Laura officially joined the staff on March 27 and has been working alongside Scott until his retirement, becoming familiar with the many intricacies of our church operations.



## From Our Moderator Ann Stewart

**Have you seen the TV show *Community*?** It's about an adult study group at a community college whose members are all there for different reasons. They come from diverse backgrounds and must work together to get through school. It is hilariously accurate... but maybe I think so because I taught at a community college for years, and saw my own unique set of students successfully navigate similar challenges each year.

The show's writers have created a unique cast: there's a crooked lawyer who is earning a legitimate bachelor's degree; a woman who dropped out of high school; a religious housewife newly divorced and unemployable; a smart and socially awkward millennial; a type-A perfectionist; and a former high school jock. Each week, they work through the trials of being a student in community college. What the show really demonstrates, though, is the power of the community they've created and how each member is lifted by it.

I love it most when they gain insight into each other's lives and realities. First they struggle, but eventually they triumph because of the diverse skills and perspective each brings, not in spite of them. I saw this myself when each fall brought a new group of students into my classroom: I remember Christina, an unemployed single mom who loudly shared her daily struggles about just getting herself to class. I remember Donny, injured in a construction accident and struggling through work-retraining so he could support his family. And, I remember Dwayne and Brian: two 18-year-old naïve, small town kids who lived for months in their apartment without electricity because no one ever told them they had to call someone to have it turned on. I think you get the picture: my students represented an array of backgrounds and experience, and they taught, supported, and encouraged each other nonetheless. As a group, they excelled; the power of community propelled them together and individually. It was fun to watch.

We can do that, too. We can build a strong and interesting church community that draws from all of our differences and each of our life experiences to make us better and propel us forward.

We are a large, diverse congregation. Let's stop assuming that the person next to us in worship thinks and feels the same way as we do about the world, a sermon, or our church. And let's engage in real conversations that allow us to share our opinions, insights and views. We have so much to learn from each other.

## hop

We'll say it again: WE'RE BACK! On August 3rd and 4th, the Wayzata Community Church Rummage Sale will invite literally hundreds of guests through our doors. Be prepared to find new areas and new locations for renewed departments. We will start accepting your gently used and unwanted items on Monday, June 12th.



## skip

So, start collecting your good and useable rummage. The success of The Sale is dependent on RE-MAKING, RE-NEWING and RE-USING the items you no longer need or want. The loyalty of our donors is amazing. As our Rummage Ministry begins a new chapter as a year-round program, we are dependent on you to make items available that can meet the needs of our customers and special needs partners at our "very affordable" prices.

## jump

The Rummage Sale's Mission Statement of SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP and OUTREACH is seen every day as we prepare for the largest outreach effort at WCC. It has been my very great privilege to work with our volunteers these past nine years and with the Sale leadership to reshape and renew this 95 year tradition. I hope that you will find an hour or two to experience "rummage."

— Bill Boulware, Director, Rummage Sale Ministries



Many thanks to our junior builder, Cody Clark, for his hard work building the Lego apartment house. Many hours and a lots of thought went into this great symbol of our theme, "Building a Place to Call Home".

## Community Housing

**Were you aware that there are now more homeless people in the suburbs of the Twin Cities than there are in the urban areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul?** Hard to believe, but it is true. Homelessness, and the lack of affordable housing, are challenging issues everywhere, including the West Metro.

It is against this backdrop that the Community Housing Committee joined with non-profit developer Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and Interfaith Outreach, the provider of on-site services, to build a 40-50 unit affordable housing initiative for working families. Approximately 10% of the units will be designated for families experiencing long term homelessness. In order to broaden the reach of community support the West Metro Housing Initiative was formed, currently with six active west metro congregations. After meetings with city staff and elected officials from surrounding communities the city of Plymouth was recommended for the site. Beacon recently signed a purchase agreement on a two acre site near the intersection of Hwy 55 and County Rd. 101. WCC has pledged \$500,000 toward the funding of this initiative.

On March 30th about 100 leaders from the west metro faith community gathered in Mithun Hall to celebrate the public unveiling of initial plans for Cranberry Ridge. However, there is still much work to be done. This summer the Plymouth Planning Commission will hold a public zoning meeting for the site. In anticipation of community resistance, it will be crucial to have as many supportive members of the community as possible at the meeting. Final approval will then need to come from the City Council. If you are able offer your support at the Planning Commission meeting (you do not need to be a Plymouth resident) please contact Mark Bayley at [mtbayley65@gmail.com](mailto:mtbayley65@gmail.com) or Erika Kringen at [erikakringen@gmail.com](mailto:erikakringen@gmail.com).

Each Sunday in worship we repeat the words from Micah: "Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." What does justice look like? A banner hanging outside Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis says it best: "Justice is what Love looks like in public."

## Evan Lephart's Eagle Scout Project

As a candidate for Eagle Scout in Troop 570, I needed a project that I would plan, develop & carry to completion that would benefit the organization I wanted to serve. I decided to give back to the place that has had my back ever since I first joined — Wayzata Community Church.

For the last year I've been working on updating and digitizing an old, but important part of the church —the Piper Library. It had been a simple, paper-and-pencil operated system, where it was hard to keep track of books and get them returned to the library on time.

Now with a brand new system, church members can create an account and check books out using the newly printed barcodes found on each of the 3,000 books. Also with each one checked out, they will receive an email notifying them when they have a book due!

So, come check out the newly updated Piper Library and get lost in a world of books!



## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

 <p><b>The Third Thursday Readers will meet in the Piper Library at 1 p.m. on May 18 to discuss <i>The Lost Wife</i>, by Alyson Richman.</b> If you like to read and discuss books, please join us! Everyone is welcome!</p>	<p><b>1</b> Archives, 9:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Parables Task Force, 6:30 p.m. Board of Fellowship, 7 p.m. Middle School CE Board, 7 p.m. AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b> High School CE Board, 6:30 p.m. Board of Deacons Commissioning, 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons, 7 p.m. Art &amp; Design Committee, 7 p.m. Children's CE Board, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>7</b> <b>Rev. Danielle Hample Jones preaching</b> 8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel 10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary Hillcrest Golden Living Worship, 11 a.m. Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m. Artaria Concert, 3 p.m. (Chapel) Music Association of Minnetonka Concert, 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Archives, 9:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Thimble Bees Inventory, 1 p.m. Camp &amp; Retreat Board, 6:30 p.m. I Am that Girl MS, 7 p.m. I Am that Girl HS, 7 p.m. I Am that Girl Moms, 7 p.m. Transfer of Memory Speaker, 7 p.m. Transfer of Memory Reception, 8 p.m. AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Thimble Bees, 9 a.m. Exec Committee of Council, 5:30 p.m. Adult CE Board, 7 p.m. Personnel Committee, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>14 BAPTISMS</b> <b>Rev. Dr. John F. Ross preaching</b> 8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary 10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel 10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m. Civic Orchestra Concert, 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Archives, 9:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. Music Board, 7 p.m. Transfer of Memory Speaker, 7 p.m. Transfer of Memory Reception, 8 p.m. AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Mission &amp; Outreach Board, 6:30 p.m. Church Council, 7 p.m. Unique Family Ministry Meeting, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>21 MISSION FESTIVAL</b> 8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary Mission Festival, 10 a.m. 10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel 10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary Hillcrest Golden Living Worship, 11 a.m. Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m. High School Senior Night, 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Archives, 9:30 a.m. AA, 10 a.m. I Am that Girl MS, 7 p.m. I Am that Girl HS, 7 p.m. I Am that Girl Moms, 7 p.m. AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Thimble Bees, 9 a.m. CHC Meeting, 4:30 p.m. GenComm, 7 p.m. OA, 7 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>28 Memorial Day Weekend</b> <b>Rev. S. Lindy Purdy preaching</b> 8 a.m. Chapel Communion, Chapel 9:00 a.m. Celebrations Worship, Sanctuary Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m. 10:10 a.m. Parables Worship, Chapel 10:45 a.m. Traditions Worship, Sanctuary Meridian Manor Worship, 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29 Memorial Day</b> Building Closed</p>	<p><b>30</b> Spring Leadership Meeting, 5 p.m. OA, 7 p.m. AI Anon, 7:30 p.m.</p>	
			 <p><b>Soup, Salad and Song Luncheon</b> Led by Rev. Lindy Purdy May 17 • 12:00 noon in Mithun Hall Join us for a potluck lunch for all folks 55 or better, featuring music, games, fellowship and great food! All are welcome.</p>

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>AA, 10 a.m.                  Legacy Planning Forum with Lindy, 10 a.m.                  Soul Sisters Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.                  Joy! Bible Study with Rustin, 4:30 p.m.                  Afternoon Classes, 4:30-6:00 p.m.                  Food for the Soul (Suppers), 5-6:15 p.m.  <b>Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.</b>                  Evening Classes, 7:15-8:30 p.m.                  Joy! Bible Study with Rustin, 7:15 p.m.                  Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.                  Inklings, Theology on Tap, 9 p.m. (offsite)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Women's AA, 10 a.m.                  Faith Bible Study, 10 a.m.                  at Folkestone                  Baptism Stepping Stone, 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>High School                  Retreat Check-in,                  5:30 p.m.                  Transfer of                  Memory Exhibit                  Opening, 7 p.m.                  Transfer of                  Memory                  Reception,                  8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.                  Old Timers' Basketball,                  9 a.m.                  8th Graders to HS Retreat,                  3 p.m.                  AA, 11 a.m.</p>
WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>AA, 10 a.m.                  Legacy Planning Forum with Lindy, 10 a.m.                  Joy! Bible Study with Rustin, 4:30 p.m.                  Afternoon Classes, 4:30-6:00 p.m.                  Parables Young Adult Bible Study, 5 p.m.                  Food for the Soul (Suppers), 5-6:15 p.m.  <b>Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.</b>                  Evening Classes, 7:15-8:30 p.m.                  Celebrating our 8th Graders, 7 p.m.                  Joy! Bible Study with Rustin, 7:15 p.m.                  Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.                  Inklings, Theology on Tap, 9 p.m. (offsite)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Finance Committee, 6:45 a.m.                  Women's AA, 10 a.m.                  Faith Bible Study, 10 a.m.                  at Folkestone                  Library Committee, 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Heritage Council                  Breakfast, 8 a.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.                  Old Timers' Basketball,                  8:30 a.m.                  Parables Respite Care,                  10 a.m.                  AA, 11 a.m.</p>
WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>AA, 10 a.m.                  Legacy Planning Forum with Lindy, 10 a.m.                  Soup, Salad and Song Luncheon, 12 noon                  Joy! Bible Study with Rustin, 4:30 p.m.                  Afternoon Classes, 4:30-6:00 p.m.                  Parables Young Adult Bible Study, 5 p.m.                  Food for the Soul (Suppers), 5-6:15 p.m.  <b>Worship on Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.</b>                  Evening Classes, 7:15-8:30 p.m.                  Joy! Bible Study with Rustin, 7:15 p.m.                  Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.                  Inklings, Theology on Tap, 9 p.m. (offsite)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Women's AA, 10 a.m.                  Third Thursday Readers, 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>St. Paul                  Chamber                  Orchestra                  Concert, 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.                  Old Timers' Basketball,                  9 a.m.                  AA, 11 a.m.</p>
WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>AA, 10 a.m.                  Legacy Planning Forum with Lindy, 10 a.m.                  Parables Young Adult Bible Study, 5 p.m.                  Middle School Leader Dinner, 6:30 p.m..                  Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Women's AA, 10 a.m.                  Bridge, 12 noon</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Saturday Seekers, 8 a.m.                  Old Timers' Basketball,                  9 a.m.                  AA, 11 a.m.</p>
WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>AA, 10 a.m.                  Al Anon, 7:45 p.m.</p>			



### Coming Up in June

- **Minnetonka Chamber Choir Concert, Sunday, June 11, 3 p.m.**
- **Middle School Summer Camp Session 1, Sunday, June 11**
- **Worship on Wednesday on the front lawn! Begins June 14**
- **High School Summer Camp Session 1, Saturday, June 17**
- **Children's Summer Camp Session 1, Sunday, June 25**



## Rita Kay Jelinek and Thimble Bees

by Margaret Green



**Seventeen years ago, Rita Kay Jelinek, seeking a new purpose for her life, experienced an “aha moment”.** It came as a distinct call from a higher being that guided her search for an activity that would use her love of quilting and knitting. So began her Thimble Bees ministry of caring and outreach.

Thimble Bees officially began in 2000 with nine women who produced 43 items that year. It has grown to over 50 sewers, knitters, and quilters who meet twice each month. Working together in 2016, they produced over 2,500 items, which they donated to 20 different organizations that promote healing and wholeness, and seek to remedy injustices in our community.

Asked what has been most meaningful to her personally, Rita Kay named specific projects: the cheerful emergency overnight bags for children who are being removed from their homes; the lovely layettes that have inspired so many thank you notes from appreciative new mothers; and the warm knitted hats and scarves for homeless teens.

Also, she says, she is grateful that Thimble Bees has allowed her to walk with many women of the church, often older women who gain a sense of self-worth and pride as they craft lovely, practical, needed items.

More than once, she has heard, “I didn’t feel like getting up this morning, but then I remembered I had Thimble Bees today.”

Rita Kay will turn over leadership of Thimble Bees to Kathy Smith and Karla Litch, but her commitment and presence will remain. She will continue to be a welcome part of the group’s ongoing work, serve on its Mission Selection Committee, make deliveries, and perhaps do a bit of her favorite task: shopping for fabric and yarn.



## Music is Magic!

**Did you know that you had rhythm and musicality before you were born?** Yes, you did, the minute your heart started beating. Also, the part of the brain that retains music, memory and feeling is functioning before birth and is the last to be affected by Alzheimer’s. That makes music and memory BFFs. Music can take us back in time and evoke memories previously lost. Music connects us to our identity. That’s what makes the Music and Memory Program here at WCC such a valuable ministry, bringing personalized music to the elderly and infirm.

After building up a significant music library, the Music and Memory Program was introduced to Meridian Manor’s Memory Care residents and their families. So far, nine residents have been recipients of headphones and iPods. There is nothing like seeing recognition awaken in their eyes and their smiles of joy, as they listen to familiar and loved music.

The Music and Memory program is available for anyone in our congregation or surrounding community who has need of it. For those of you caring for loved ones afflicted with dementia, Alzheimer’s, or other medical conditions, personalized music can keep them stimulated, engaged, and connected to life. Music is magic. Music is love. Music is a powerful tool.

Contact Lindy Purdy or Mary Jane Hochstein to learn more about the Music and Memory Program and how we can meet your needs.



# spring growth campaign

**By Mark Knueppel, Generosity Committee Chairperson**

Everyone knows spring as a time of renewed growth and life. Like spring, our church is experiencing a renewal of life with new programs, members, and growth of our ministries.

**YOUR INCREASED GIVING** helps continue this growth, not just in the spring, but all year long... especially when you join others by increasing your giving to WCC.

### **What does your increase do for WCC?**

- Enhances our vibrant worship through services like WOW and our Wayzata Beach Easter Sunday Service, which over 1,100 people attended
- Supports the addition of talented new clergy members like Rustin Comer and Danielle Jones
- Helps more youth and children attend our youth ministries programs and summer camp
- Provides more respite care for our Parables families through additional staffing
- Expands our adult formation through new ministries such as Soul Sisters and Unique Families
- Extends our outreach work through mission projects that help people in our own community and worldwide

Last fall, over 250 members increased their giving with an average increase of 9.4%! Very soon, we will be sending the **Spring Growth Campaign** information to you in the mail. As you return your response card, we ask that you thoughtfully consider what a small increase can do to support our growing ministries.

**Why not increase your giving today?** Call the church office to expedite your request. Thanks again in advance for your support of what God is doing in and through Wayzata Community Church.

**1. Let There Be Joy! Adult Wednesday Bible Study with Rustin Comer.** Paul's letter to the Philippians is an expression of gratitude and joy. So, what exactly is joy? How does joy differ from happiness? What does Paul teach of this word? Are you hungry for joy in your life? Through May 17, join Rev. Rustin Comer in the Chapel at 4:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. to find out how this letter encourages all who read it to let there be joy!



**2. Bible ABCs!** Bring your kids to spend time learning about the Bible and letters of the alphabet through interactive play. Children will begin the day with lunch, followed by learning a Bible story based on the letter of the week. They will make crafts, play in the Gym or outside on the playground and, if we have time, watch a short Veggie Tale movie to end the day. One class is offered for 3 and 4 year olds, and one for 2 year olds, beginning in June. For more information, visit [www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/bibleABC](http://www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/bibleABC).

## Employee Recognition

**Congratulations to our faithful WCC employees who celebrate their anniversaries in 2017.**

### **5 years**

James (Jim) Benda, *Buildings & Grounds*  
Bill Boulware, *Rummage Sale Ministries*  
Ina Gariuc Jantzen, *Buildings & Grounds*  
Ashleigh Kreider, *Business Office Team*  
Leslie Neugent, *Clergy*  
Bruce Noack, *Buildings & Grounds*  
Lou Vlahos, *Mission & Communications*  
Scott Woolery, *Director of Operations*

### **10 years**

Oksana Billy, *Buildings & Grounds*

### **20 years**

Robin Carlson, *Business Office Team*



## Music at Wayzata: May Concerts

**ARTARIA (CHAPEL) • SUNDAY, MAY 7, 3 P.M.**

Artaria will present *Transfiguration*, with Schubert "Death & the Maiden" Quartet and Schoenberg *Verklärte Nacht*. Guest artists: Ken Martinson, viola, and William Rounds, cello. The concert is free.

**MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF MINNETONKA • SUNDAY, MAY 7, 3 P.M. (SANCTUARY)**

The Minnetonka Music Association will present its annual Welcome Spring concert! The concert is free.

**CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF MINNEAPOLIS • SUNDAY, MAY 14, 3 P.M.**

The Civic Orchestra celebrates 65 years of performing music in our community, under the direction of Cary John Franklin. This concert will feature Cary John Franklin, *The Singing Wilderness* – Premiere; Hector Berlioz, *Roman Carnival Overture*; the MacPhail Center for Music Concerto Soloist; and Ottorino Respighi, *The Pines of Rome*. The concert is free.

**ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA • FRIDAY, MAY 19, 8 P.M.**

(tickets required)

### *In Times of War*

This program explores music born out of the horrors of war. Gideon Klein was a promising young composer and pianist when the Nazi regime imprisoned him in Theresienstadt Concentration Camp, along with many other artists and musicians forced into slavery, and his original Partita for Strings, scored for violin, viola and cello, was performed in the concentration camp and later arranged for string orchestra. Bartók's Divertimento for String Orchestra was written in 1939 while the threat of World War II loomed over his native Hungary. Closing the program is Shostakovich's Chamber Symphony, a powerful statement on war, written in 1960 under the intense scrutiny of Communist censorship. Visit [www.thespco.org](http://www.thespco.org) or call 651-291-1144 to order tickets.

## How Then Shall We Live?

by Rev. S. Lindy Purdy



These words are the title of a book by Wayne Muller that we used for a small group discussion some years ago. And they have been burning on my heart lately, as we are experiencing change all around us, and as we have just been through a very meaningful season of Lent and Easter, new life and resurrection. How then shall we live? For life is what we have been given in this moment, but with no guarantees or expiration dates.

The wise Psalmist proclaims, "Teach us to number our days." (PS 90:12) This reminds me of a phrase I once heard, that has had great meaning for me, "Teach me to count my days, and to make my days count." So how in these days, can we receive instruction for this important lesson?

I have thought of a few ideas that I will share with you, but I am also inviting you to share your ideas back with me. Perhaps the ideas that we accumulate together will find a way into culture here at Wayzata Community Church.

First, I think we must adopt a discipline of gratitude. Gratitude comes easily on some days. But if gratitude becomes a discipline, it must be part of every day. For me, that means that I need to notice more of what is going on around me, and take time to reflect first on what I am grateful for. Maybe keep a journal of gratitude—for me that would be a discipline. In this discipline, we could perhaps learn from our youngest ones. They show their gratitude in wondrous ways and cannot wait to share the amazing things they are discovering about life—every day. If you want to read what the Bible says about this, here is one place to look: 1 Thessalonians 5: 18.

Second, maybe we could all strive to generously share affirmations for all that is good and right and lovely. A word of affirmation can turn-around another's whole day, maybe even their outlook for the future. Think about how good it feels to receive an affirmation from a family member, friend or colleague. Well, the truth is, it feels just as good to share an affirmation with another. Check out: Ephesians 4: 29.

Third (this is a plea and a bit of an advertisement), PLAN YOUR LEGACY. By that I mean, communicate what is important to you, to those you love—even the hard stuff. Plant seeds that you may never see the fruit of—knowing that another generation will profit from your efforts and the world just might be a better place. Live the values you hope to see in your kids and your kids' kids and their kids. Plan for the worst, and pray for the best. Count your blessings and share them. And Oh, by the way, we are talking about LEGACY on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Colonnade. (See the schedule on page 11.)

And remember, you are blessed—to be a blessing. I am grateful for the greening of this season and I love this community of faith. —Lindy



## Legacy Planning with Rev. S. Lindy Purdy

Rev. S. Lindy Purdy continues to lead a series of forums on Legacy Planning, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Colonnade/Chapel. Upcoming topics:

- **Legacy Planning, Part 3 (May 3)**  
*Planning a funeral*
- **Legacy Planning, Part 4 (May 10)**  
*New directions in grief care, finding the new normal*
- **Legacy Planning, Part 5 (May 17)**  
*Ethical wills and Re-Membering*
- **Legacy Planning, Part 6 (May 24)**  
*Summary Session*

You are welcome to attend any or all of these classes. Registration is not required.



## Parables

**Sundays from 10:10-10:40 a.m. in the Chapel**

The Parables worship service is an interactive, hands-on, "special-needs friendly" service open to anyone and everyone, led by Rev. Leslie Neugent, September through June. Parables embraces all people, those with special needs and those without. All are welcome!



# celebrations & transitions

We would love to hear from you when you have a new baby or grandbaby, so we can share the good news with your church family.

### BIRTHS

- Theodora Marie Watkins on February 22. Parents are Corey Watkins & Alisha Kauffman; grandparents are Jeff & Lenore Watkins.

### BAPTISMS

- Benjamin Finn Gavin, son of Sam & Tamara Gavin.
- Sophia Alexandra Borchartd, daughter of Tanja Borchartd & sister of Nick Crumley.

### CARES

If we can be helpful before or during your hospital stay, please call our Pastoral staff at the church, 952-473-8877.

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Mary Agnes Smith  
Tom Rutter  
Sven Nyberg  
Bob Doan

### CONDOLENCES

- Karen Gill and family on the death of her mother, Judy Eckstrom, on March 24.
- Jeff Schulte and family on the death of his father, Jim Schulte, on March 31.
- Gina Carlson and family on the death of her mother, Catherine "Kitty" Heyen, on April 1.
- Family and friends on the death of Ralph Feldhaus, on April 1.
- Josh Velner and family on the death of his great-grandfather.
- Kelly Lewis and family on the death of her brother, Chris La Belle, on April 8.
- John Adams and family on the death of his mother, Marge Adams, on April 12.
- Rev. Rustin Comer and family on the death of his grandfather, Jack Comer, on April 15.
- Family and friends of Barbara Churches, on April 16.

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## **Mission Festival: Living in Community**

**Sunday, May 21 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

As we celebrate a program year that has been filled with lots of learning and service, we will begin in worship with music by our children's choirs, skits, guest speakers and more.

Following the 9 a.m. service, head down to the Gym, West Entrance and outside parking lot where you will find one-of-a-kind community themed carnival games, auction baskets donated by the boards and committees, a raffle, and yummy food.

This church-wide event is especially fun as we work together for a great cause! This year we are focusing on a local mission: Building a Community Room at the Kimberly Meadows Affordable Housing Complex right up the road in Plymouth.

In addition to our monthly Adopt-a-Neighborhood food, fun and fellowship events with the residents of Kimberly Meadows, our partner IOCP (CONNECT) offers an after-school homework club and all kinds classes to help adults and children thrive. Having sufficient physical space to hold these community programs is a critical element that is missing at Kimberly Meadows. Our Mission Festival focus this year will bring awareness and raise funds to help build a large space for activities at Kimberly Meadows. We hope all will join us in this end of the year celebration!