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Faith Covenant Church—Burnsville

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Men's UEC #235

July 9-12, 2009

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be men of courage; be strong.
Do everything in love." J Cor. 16:13-14

Rector: David Stevens 952-937-0483
Kitchen: Dan Everson 612-866-7606
4th Day: Brian LaLuzerne 952-440-3794
Palanca: Nathan Johnson 612-708-0712

Women's UEC #236

July 16-19, 2009

"Look to the Lord and His strength.
Seek His face always." Psalm 105:4

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Palanca: Janet Blommer 952-891-8150

Directions / Schedules

Directions: Faith Covenant Church—Burnsville

From 35W in the Burnsville vicinity, exit at MN13 going East. At Nicollet Ave, turn right, going South. The church is at the NE corner of Nicollet Ave. and 130th Str. E. Watch for the "4th Day" signs.

Serenades

Agape Dinner: Open to 4th Day and Kitchen Team members and their guests only.

Sunday Morning: Open to Sponsors only.

Sunday Dinner: Open to the 4th Day Community.
4:30 p.m. - Sponsors, please arrive at 4:00 p.m.

Clausura

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Bring your song book!

Church Liaison Meeting - PLEASE NOTE!!!

This time only, the Liaison meeting will be before the MEN'S CLAUSURA on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00 p.m. Church Liaisons share ideas for making the local UEC Community more active. **Everyone is welcome.**

Weekend Prayer Vigil

Prayer is critical. Please sign up to pray during these weekends at www.unidosencristo.com. Go to *4th Day / Prayer Vigil*. Tips are provided.

Helping Hands Palanca:

Offer to help cook, serve, or wash dishes for the Kitchen Team. Help 4th Day Team on Thursday afternoons with set up, on Saturday before or after the Agape dinner, or on Sunday with tear down and cleaning. Volunteer to host the 4th Day Center anytime throughout the weekend.

All About Palanca

How many items should I provide?

When sending Palanca for distribution in the Rollo Room, please send 56 items for each weekend.

Food Palanca Requests

For perishable items, bring as fresh as possible, or frozen.

Men's Weekend:

Fresh fruit/vegies, asst. bagels, milk, asst. fruit juices, breakfast sausage links, beef hotdogs, hotdog buns, ground beef, corn chips, sliced ham-turkey-cheese for sandwiches, boneless chicken breasts, dinner rolls, catawba juice, coffee/tea. Contact: Dan Everson at 612-866-7606 or daneverson@earthlink.net.

Women's Weekend:

NO PEANUTS or PEANUT PRODUCTS, please.

26 bottles white Catawba juice, 140 chicken breasts, 9 doz. croissants, 10 large seedless watermelon, 75 hamburger patties, 100 apples, 100 single serve bags of potato chips, 100 chocolate brownies, 8 bottles Log Cabin Syrup (4 reg., 4 lite), 10 lbs. sugar, flavored liquid creamers, 110 slices Texas Toast (plain). Contact Deeann LaLuzerne at 952-440-3794 or at deeann62@integra.net.

Paper Palanca

Letters arrive for each UEC weekend from around the country and the world! Cash donations can also be given to each weekend. Send Palanca to:

Men of UEC #235 or Women of UEC #236

Gordy Nagel, 514 Del Rio Dr., Chanhassen, MN 55317
E-mail: nagel@unidosencristo.com

UEC #235 - Men's Team Roster

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 Paul Libra Glendale UMC
 Dwight Moore Church of the Open Door
 Tim Powell St. Lucas Community
 Greg Iverson Eagle Brook
 Scott Wildenberg True North Church
 Duke Lunden Colonial Church of Edina
 Mark Magnuson Grace Church Eden Prairie

Kenny Frank Grace UMC
 Dick Hamblin Christ Community
 Michael Peterson Rochester Covenant
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 Mark Turgeon Faith Covenant, Burnsville
 Paul Albinson Plymouth Covenant
 Jim Caldwell First UMC Lindstrom
 Edwin Cortes Faith Covenant, Burnsville
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Palanca Music Dir.
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Kitchen Team

4th Day Rector/a
Asst. 4th Day Rector/a
4th Day Team



UEC #236 - Women's Team Roster

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Prayer Vigil

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7)

Please commit to prayer by joining the weekend Prayer Vigils. Go to www.unidosencristo.com. Go to *4th Day / Prayer Vigil*. You can input your e-mail address and choose a one-hour time slot to pray. You'll receive a reminder e-mail, prayer tips and specific requests from the weekend team.

Palanca Chapel Kneeling Bench

Colin and Sharon Callister of First Congregational Church in Cannon Falls have provided a Palanca Chapel Kneeling Bench for UEC! They responded immediately to the article in the January Palanca Press and provided the bench in time to be used at the February weekends. Thank You Colin and Sharon!

Hug Ball Necklace Supplies

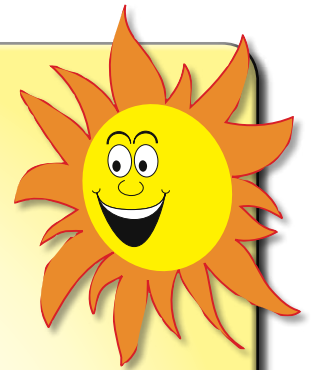
Pat Hamblin has available 40 hug ball necklaces and several skeins of yarn in various colors for making additional necklaces.

Hug Ball Necklaces are a popular Rollo Room Palanca. Pieces of yarn are tied together to form a ball and strung on a necklace. When hugs are exchanged, each person pulls out a piece of yarn from their ball and ties it onto the necklace of the other person. These were often given after the Sacraments Rollo during which “Abrazos” are explained. By the end of the weekend, there are lots of pieces of yarn tied around the necklaces representative of God’s unconditional love shown between friends.

If your church already makes these and would like more supplies, or if your church would be interested, please call Pat at 952-949-0779.

One Pastor’s Response to UEC

Pastor Dan Johnson of Plymouth Covenant Church attended UEC in February. Here is his response as printed in the Plymouth Covenant Church newsletter for his congregation to read:



Do you really understand “grace”? Have you personally experienced “grace”? Would you know how to describe “grace”? Are you ready for a “short course in grace”?

In many ways I have been spoiled by the “grace” shown to me by God and by significant others. I am fortunate to have parents, a spouse and a family “full of grace”. I have been blessed to serve churches and congregations that generously surrounded me with grace (thank you Plymouth Covenant). I have sought to faithfully talk and walk grace on my own personal journey.

Nevertheless, my three day retreat last weekend with Unidos en Cristo was incredible. I experienced grace personally and profoundly. God revealed His presence, His power, His people, His promise and His precious gift of grace to me. I will be forever changed and be eternally grateful to those who made it possible for me to attend.

Let me issue you a personal challenge ...

Are you ready to grow in grace and draw closer to God and to His people? Jesus said it so well in Matthew 11:

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me — watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

If you would like to hear more about my weekend at UEC and/or discuss whether or not a UEC weekend would be right for you, please give me a call.

Let us learn together to walk with Jesus in the

“unforced rhythms of grace”.

Motivate Your Local 4th Day Community

Neal’s church hosted a set of UEC weekends. It was hard work. It took lots of preparation. Know what happened? Neal’s 4th Day Community has become more active, more excited about UEC and more motivated to “pass it on”. Hosting a weekend got them re-excited about how UEC can change lives and churches.

Neal is our Site Selection Coordinator. If this is the kind of motivation your 4th Day Community needs, consider hosting a UEC weekend! Neal has put together a checklist to help you determine if your church would be a good place to host a UEC weekend. You can find this checklist, called “UEC Minimum Facilities Requirements and Weekend Planning Checklist”, at the UEC web site - www.unidosencristo.com under *Leadership / Council*.

If your church meets the minimum requirements and would like to host a UEC weekend, contact Neal at 651-488-9122 or nealpowell@comcast.net.

*"I was praying that my spirit would be rekindled ...
I was not disappointed."*

*"Grace kept pouring so fast that I didn't have the
chance to say, 'no, I'm not worth it' ... then I
learned that because of grace, I am worth it."*

"I have just received a severe overdose of love."

*"I was looking to start a journey with God. This is
where I needed to be to do just that."*

*"I lost a lot of anger and found a lot
of love."*

*"I had Christ in my head ...
now He's in my heart."*



In Loving Memory

*We joyfully celebrate the life and resurrection of each
friend in Christ who has entered the Fifth Day:*

Butch Bartush, UEC 19, Hope Presbyterian Church (Lynda)
Ted Hedrick, UEC 197, Hopkins UMC (Sandy)
Dar Larson, UEC 61, Normandale Hylands UMC
Hank Miller, UEC 99, Hope Presbyterian Church, (Rose)
Allen Roedecker, UEC 61, Normandale Hylands UMC, (Helen)
Bob Weaver, VDC 101, First Presbyterian, Stillwater (Ann)

Memorials Given

In Memory of Ted Hedrick by Sandy Hedrick

If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her 5th Day, please e-mail information to the Palanca Press editor (walker@unidosencristo.com). Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press, unless otherwise requested. Send them to the Unidos en Cristo Council Treasurer: Teresa VanBatavia, 404 Union Terrace Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55441.

In Loving Memory

Hopkins United Methodist Church has also entered it's Fifth Day.

After much prayer and consideration, Hopkins UMC closed it's doors on Sunday, May 24. Members of Hopkins UMC — you are in our prayers as you seek new churches and grieve the loss of the place you called "home".

Fourth Day

Welcome to the 4th Day!

Participant List from UEC #233 & #234 — Excelsior Covenant Church

Bonnie Abrahamson, Excelsior Covenant
Cherech Allam, West Lakes AOG
Rachel and Rick Anderson, First UMC Lindstrom
Kathy and Mike Arnold, Discovery UMC
Mickie Bailey, Fridley Covenant
Jan and Steve Balfanz, Harris Covenant
Stephanie Balfanz, Harris Covenant
Marcia Blackburn, People of Hope
Donnie Borchers, Plymouth Covenant
Helen Burzer, Crossview Covenant
Colleen and Mike Bush, First Presbyterian Shakopee
Mel Carlson, Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka
Mark Copperthite, Westwood Community
Edwin Cortes, Faith Covenant Burnsville
Peg and John Daly, Peace Reformed
Claire and Dan Farm, Autumn Ridge
Kenny Franzen, SouthCross Community
Chuck Gerold, Heritage UMC
Sharon and David Goebel, Faribault Evangelical Free
Barbara Goode, Hope Presbyterian
Harlan Halbersma, Litchfield UMC
Marissa Hanus, Plymouth Covenant
Inga Harris, Trinity Evangelical Free
Gwen and Dennis Howard, Faith UMC Spring Valley
Jana and Jeff Jarvis, Christ Community
Dan Johnson, Plymouth Covenant
Clarence Jones, Active Faith Christian Center
Kelly Keith, Plymouth Covenant

Wayne Kisner, Buffalo UMC
Valerie and Bill Koski, Harris Covenant
Kathy and Jason Mau, Fairmont Evangelical Covenant
John Meyer, St. Teresa Catholic
Karen Mikkelson, Calvary Lutheran
Laura Mills, Faith Covenant Burnsville
Bev and Rick Modlin, First Presbyterian Shakopee
Diane Montgomery, Wayzata Evangelical Free
Terri Morgan, Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka
Marsha Muir, Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka
Shanon and Odie Odegard, Plymouth Covenant
Cynthia Oknick, Christ Community
Curtis Partin, Hope Presbyterian
Doug Pearson, Litchfield UMC
Helen Pollard, Active Faith Christian Center
John Powers, Litchfield UMC
Priscilla Robinson, Homestead UMC
Sue Robinson, Autumn Ridge
Suecarol and Gerry Schuler, Rochester Covenant
Kim and Kerry Simenson, Christ Community
Denice and Darrell Skruppy, Peace Reformed
Mardell Sluka, Faith Presbyterian Minnetonka
Lynn Sonia, Hosanna! Lutheran
Daniel Steeter, Church of the Open Door
David Stein, Church of the Open Door
Dianne Weibel, Harvest Community
Rachel Wyatt, Bethany Fellowship
Jan and Donnie Zimmerman, Autumn Ridge

Weekend Watch

Upcoming UEC Weekends are listed in the table below. Weekend and Team Applications are available from your Church Liaison or online at www.unidosencristo.com on the *Resources / Forms* page.

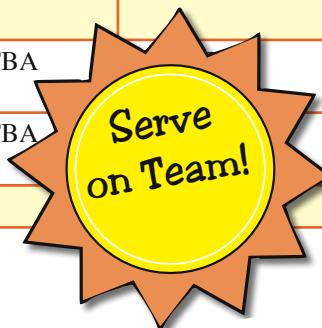
WEEKEND APPLICATIONS will be accepted at any time for any weekend if the weekend hasn't filled. If you wish to submit a weekend application within two weeks of an upcoming weekend, ask your Church Liaison to contact Audrey Mondelli, Allocations Coordinator to determine if space is available. When this issue of the Palanca Press went to print, **there were still Applicant openings for the July '09 weekends at Faith Covenant Church, Burnsville.** Send Weekend Applications to:

Audrey Mondelli, UEC Allocations • 2630 Boulder Way • Burnsville, MN 55337 • mondelli@unidosencristo.com

The Weekend Application fee of \$30.00 per Applicant should accompany the Weekend Application.

TEAM APPLICATIONS will be accepted after the Final TEAM AP DATE in the table below if the team is not yet full. NOW is the PERFECT TIME to apply to serve on the October weekends. Leadership is just beginning to fill these teams.

Weekend	Date	Host Church	Rector/a	Spiritual Directors	Team Ap Window
#237 Men	October 1-4, 2009	St. Lucas Cmty. Lake Elmo, MN	Tom Mathias	TBA	April 1 - July 1, 2009
#238 Women	October 8-11, 2009	St. Lucas Cmty. Lake Elmo, MN	Patty Christopherson	TBA	April 1 - July 1, 2009
#239 Men	January 28-31, 2010	Colonial Church of Edina	TBA	TBA	July 28 - October 28, 2009
#240 Women	February 4-7, 2010	Colonial Church of Edina	TBA	TBA	July 28 - October 28, 2009
#241 Men	June 17-20, 2010	4th Ave. UMC Faribault, MN	TBA		December 17, 2009- March 17, 2010
#242 Women	June 24-27, 2010	4th Ave. UMC Faribault, MN	TBA		December 17, 2009- March 17, 2010



UEC Friends

Singles Ultreyas (all Cursillo communities):

Held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. For more information or if you can host a Singles Ultreya at your church, contact Judy Laabs-Foss at 651-429-6762.

Charis: Serve those in prison. Go to: www.charismn.com

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC):

Sponsor a teenager (grades 10-12) or serve as an Adult Leader on a TEC weekend. Visit www.unitedtec.org (metro) or www.southerntec.org. (Southern MN) for more information.

Via de Cristo (Minnesota):

Visit www.mnviadecristo.org. Now ecumenical, this began as Minnesota's Lutheran Cursillo.

Tres Dias:

An international ecumenical community that is new to MN/WI. Visit www.tresdias.org.

Walk to Emmaus:

Sponsored by the Upper Room, information on this ecumenical community, which began in the Methodist tradition, can be found at www.mnemmasus.org.

Web Watch

www.unidosencristo.com

It's Your Web Site YOU are Invited to Contribute

www.unidosencristo.com is not only the best place to get information about Unidos en Cristo, download forms, applications, brochures and keep up on the latest UEC news ...

It is also a place to share and receive inspiration. The "Moments with Jesus" page is meant to be a place you can come and be inspired to refocus on Christ. The articles there have been contributed by people in the 4th Day Community.

Do you have an inspirational story that has changed your life? Would you be willing to share it with your fellow sojourners in Christ? Send it to me at walker@unidosencristo.com. It can be a story, a scripture, an inspirational picture, or a piece of artwork.

I'll be watching for your e-mail!

Council Quarters

Convenor's Corner

It seems timely to do a broad overview of what the UEC Council has been working on for the past several years. The process started with the commissioning of a Long Range Task Force to identify the strengths and weaknesses of UEC, and suggest ways to improve it. Additional input was sought from members of the clergy and 4th Day Community. These recommendations were then prioritized and actions taken to refine and implement changes that strengthen UEC's ability to spread the message of God's unconditional love for his people. To improve UEC's image and to more effectively communicate, the Palanca Press was given a new look. A promotional DVD was created and distributed containing testimonials of 4th Dayers and clergy. The UEC web site is in the midst of a make over. The database is being updated. Measures have been taken to make the allocations policies less restrictive. Additional promotional materials are being developed. As change continues to occur, you can keep informed by reading the Palanca Press and visiting the UEC website.

The UEC Council operates in a manner very similar to a weekend team. Everything is girded in prayer. Piety, study, and action are underpinnings of the council structure. Grace is freely offered and regularly demonstrated. At every meeting palanca is given and received; cards, letters, and prayers are given; food, beverage, and sometimes chocolate are received.

We encourage all members of the 4th Day Community to keep informed and stay involved. Form or rejoin a renewal group. Serve on a team. Sponsor someone through a weekend. Support the weekends through prayer, service, and palanca. If you need prayer support, contact the council liaison. We have a very active 4th Day prayer chain that is willing to hold you up in prayer.

We thank you for caring and sharing in God's work.

God Bless You! — Dick Hamblin, Convenor

UEC Volunteer Opportunities

Database Team Forming

“UEC is in the process of moving our database to a secured server and updating the format. We are forming a Database Team to help with this project and provide future support. The user (front-end) piece will be Microsoft Access 2007. Support will involve occasional help with a new query/view. We are looking for a couple of people with Access input experience to manage address changes, roster updates, etc. (less than one hour per week). We are also looking to identify those in the Community that have Access / MySQL programming proficiency who we could call when needed in the future. If interested, contact Kathy Walker.

Create PowerPoint Slides of UEC Music Lyrics

UEC is looking for people who have beginner or better experience with PowerPoint to create slides of the lyrics of songs that are common to UEC. The goal is to have slides that look appealing, clear, and easy to read with creative and/or scenery backgrounds. If you are interested in helping, call Brian LaLuzerne at 952-440-3794.

Bulletin Board Crew

Are you the creative type? Would you find joy in creating UEC Bulletin Boards for some of our local 4th Day Communities? If you would be interested in being a part of the crew, please call Kathy Walker.

Promotional Materials Help Needed

The Long Range Task Force (2005) made the recommendation that UEC update it's promotional materials. We have two new brochures, a DVD, and various sponsorship packets. Help is needed to manage these materials. Requires storing of materials, packet stuffing and mailing materials upon request. For more information, please call Kathy Walker.

Inspiration

Learning to Fly

Sometimes I feel that my life is a series of trapeze swings. I'm either hanging on to a trapeze bar swinging along or I'm hurtling across space in between bars. Most of the time, I feel carried along at a steady rate of swing and feel in control of my life. But once in a while, I look ahead of me into the distance, and what do I see? I see another trapeze bar swinging toward me. It's empty, and I know, deep in my spirit, that this new trapeze bar has my name on it. It is my next step, where God wants me to go. I must release my grip on the present to go where He wants me, where He will use me.

Each time, I am filled with fear. It doesn't matter that in all my previous hurtles across the void between bars ... I have always made it. Each time I am afraid I will be crushed on the unseen rocks in the bottomless chasm below. But I do it anyway. THIS IS FAITH. I know God carries me across the void to the next bar. So, for an eternity that can last a microsecond or a thousand lifetimes, we soar. Me and God.

God can truly change us only when we totally let go and surrender ... and when we are hurtling through a void, we have no choice but to rely on God. This is when I grow. This is when He teaches me, prepares me, when He has me in the palm of His hand. We are focused on moving from one place to another, from one calling to the next. But the real transition is that of moving from fear to TRUST. Hurling through the void, God is teaching us to fly.

If we don't soar with Him to the next bar, He cannot use us for His work, to futher His Kingdom ... and this is what it is all about. So don't be afraid ... Trust.

Anonymous

Unidos en Cristo Policy Change Spouse Attendance Recommendation

(approved by UEC Council—April 2009)

After over a year of prayer, research, discussion, prayer (and did I mention, prayer?) your UEC Council made the decision in April to NOT require couples to attend a pair of UEC weekends together. The new policy reads:

“For married couples, it is customary and strongly recommended that both husband and wife attend UEC together on a set of weekends.”

Publications such as the Weekend Application, “UEC and the Married Couple” brochure and the document “Allocations Policies & Appeal Process” have been updated to reflect the change. All are available at the web site.

It is the responsibility of the Sponsor to communicate this recommendation to couples seeking to attend UEC. This can be accomplished by sharing with them the brochure “UEC and the Married Couple.”

Thank you for your dedication to God and UEC and for your prayers over the past year and as we become accustomed to this change.

New Churches

Join us in welcoming the following New UEC Churches:

Active Faith Christian Center—Minneapolis
Bethany Alliance—St. Peter, MN
Brunswick UMC—Crystal
Eden Prairie AOG
Grace UMC—Burnsville
Westwood Community—Excelsior

Help a church become a UEC Church!
Contact the New Church Coordinator,
Darla O’Flanagan.



Your Generosity Funds UEC

The UEC Community values all contributions, large and small, financial and otherwise, as ALL go towards growing God’s Kingdom and spreading God’s grace.

The largest portion of UEC finances goes towards weekend supplies—Bibles, crosses, songbooks, flowers, candles, food, etc. The average UEC weekend costs approximately \$7,250. A small portion of this is covered by the suggested donation of \$50 from each team member, while most is covered by the JOG offering at Clausuras.

Here are a couple more ways in which you can donate to UEC.

Memorials may be sent to the UEC Council Treasurer and will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press. Make your check out to “Unidos en Cristo” and mail to Teresa VanBatavia, UEC Treasurer, 404 Union Terrace Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55441.

You may also give through **United Way**. When you fill out your contribution form, find the location to designate funds to a 501(c)(3) organization. List the name of the organization as “Unidos en Cristo” and list the address as 404 Union Terrace Lane N., Plymouth, MN 55441. These donations will be tax deductible.

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*“For the Lord God is our sun and our shield.
 He gives us grace and glory.*

*The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.”
 Psalm 84:11 NLT*