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SUPPORT UNIDOS EN CRISTO #163 AND #164

BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*
7200 BROOKLYN BLVD, BROOKLYN CENTER, MN

Men's Unidos En Cristo #163 will be March 30th – April 2nd, 2000. The weekend scripture is,
“*You did not choose me, I chose you.*” (John 15:16)

Women's Unidos En Cristo #164 will be April 6th – 9th, 2000. The weekend scripture is,
“*Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.*” (James 4:8)



The Sunday morning serenade is open to Sponsors only. The Sunday dinner serenade, open to the entire Fourth Day Community, will be at 4:30 p.m. Sponsors please arrive by 4:00 p.m.

Need Palanca Ideas?

You might want to assist the Palanca team with prayer support... offer to help cook, serve, or wash dishes for the Kitchen team... assist the 4th Day team in setup/clean-up before/after the Agape dinner, or after the Sunday morning serenade or the Sunday evening Clausura.

♥ *Please contact the appropriate team to coordinate your efforts with their needs.* ♥

Men's Weekend # 163

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| • Clark Duffey | (Rector) | 715-386-2543 |
| • Mark Heysse | (Kitchen Rector) | 320-230-0735 |
| • Kirk McElhinney | (4th Day Rector) | 651-257-4066 |
| • Bill Gawthorp | (Palanca Rector) | 612-561-0171 |

The Men's Kitchen Team has requested palanca of 26 bottles white Catawba juice; 120 baking potatoes; fresh fruit (any type, any amount); 120 breadsticks; 100 sub sandwich buns; 2 large sheet cakes; assistance with Sunday evening cleanup.

Women's Weekend #164

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| • Cherie Middleton | (Rectora) | 612-944-4064 |
| • Dolores Minkema | (Kitchen Palanca Contact) | 612-557-6878 |
| • Susan Stevens | (4th Day Assistant Rectora) | 612-937-0483 |
| • Linda Heubach | (Palanca Rectora) | 612-931-9006 |

The Women's Kitchen Team has requested palanca of food, more specifically: 96 Idaho baking potatoes, 6 pkgs fudge cake mix; 8 loaves french bread; 8 loaves Byerly's cinnamon bread; 8 pkgs 12oz Stouffers escalloped apples; 27 bottles white Catawba juice; 8 angel food cakes; and 96 Eskimo Pies.

Palanca Note: There will be SIX tables (48) at the Men's and Women's weekend. When sending palanca to the Rollo Room, be sure to include enough for eight at each table, AND eight at the Leadership table. Palanca for the Rollo Room must include enough for all weekenders and team or it cannot be distributed in the Rollo Room, but will go direct to the weekender Palanca bags.

Directions: From Hwy 169 to 94/694 west; take the Brooklyn Blvd exit. At the top of the exit turn left; go through three lights (long blocks). Brooklyn United Methodist is on the corner of Brooklyn Blvd and Upton Avenue. From Hwy 100 go to 94/694 east. Take the Brooklyn Blvd. exit; at the top of the exit turn right, follow above directions.

Attention 4th Dayers !!

Just think about *how many* people support Unidos En Cristo. Hundreds of letters from prisons and other Christian "walks" around the country and the world arrive for each Weekend! Please prayerfully think about the palanca *you* send for the upcoming Weekends. You might write an encouraging note... honor the Weekenders with a contribution to a food shelf, homeless shelter, or favorite charity... *or*, consider enclosing a check with a palanca note to help cover the weekend expenses. Checks can be made out to Unidos En Cristo #163 or #164.

Address your palanca to: Men of Unidos En Cristo #163 or Women of Unidos En Cristo #164

Mail to: Don Harper, 5401 Scenic Heights Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345

Please allow adequate time for mail delivery! Palanca will be delivered in time for each weekend.

UNDOS EN CRISTO MEN'S #163 TEAM ROSTER

Rector

Clark Duffey, St Croix Valley UMC, Lakeland

Assistant Rectors

Craig Carlson, Aldrich Ave Presbyterian
Ralph Fravel, St Croix Valley UMC, Lakeland
Ron Trainis, Christ Presbyterian

Spiritual Directors

Jim Dinsmore, Evangelical Covenant, North Mankato
Del Kurtz, Buffalo UMC

Music Directors

Loren Wolfe, First Presbyterian, Shakopee
Tom Allen, Aldrich Ave Presbyterian

Rollistas

Bob Joslin, Stillwater Evangelical Free
Bob Lee, St Croix Valley UMC, Lakeland
Ron Legg, Peace Presbyterian, St Louis Park
Dick Middleton, Christ Presbyterian
Mike Reichmann, St Croix Valley UMC, Lakeland



Table Leaders

Ron Anderson, Stanchfield Baptist
Richard Carlson, Glendale UMC
Jeff Dinsmore, Calvary UMC
Steven King, Arlington Hills UMC
Gary Ouellette, Plymouth Covenant
Bob Pike, Hope Presbyterian
John Tucker, Minnetonka UMC

Palanca Rector

Bill Gawthrop, Brooklyn UMC

Assistant Palanca Rector

David Strong, Brooklyn UMC

Palanca Spiritual Director

Robert Bollar, Shiloh Bethany Presbyterian

Palanca Music

Charlie Strey, Rosemount UMC

Palanca Team

Paul Albinson, Plymouth Covenant

David Gerdes, Hennepin Avenue UMC
Bill Kidder, Church of Peace UMC, Richfield
Greg Kuznecoff, Colonial Church of Edina
Steve Sorenson, Eden Prairie Presbyterian
Brian Vedder, Hennepin Ave UMC
Mike Vedder, Faith Covenant

Kitchen Rector

Mark Heysse, Hope Covenant, St Cloud

Assistant Kitchen Rector

Steve Schirmers, Hope Covenant, St Cloud

Kitchen Team

John Bertram, Grace Church of Edina
Brian Blecker, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea
Gary Blosberg, Brooklyn UMC
Danny Cochran, Wyoming UMC
Doug Edson, Brooklyn UMC
Mark Elliscu, Minnetonka UMC
Lowell Larson, Hope Covenant, St Cloud
Steve Sellnow, Hope Covenant, St Cloud
Bob Smith, Faith Covenant
Phil Touhey, Minnetonka UMC

4th Day Rector

Kirk McElhinney, First UMC, Lindstrom

Assistant 4th Day Rector

Todd Christopherson, First UMC, Lindstrom

4th Day Team

Paul Anderson, Wayzata Community
Bill Bryant, Brooklyn UMC
Jim Krogstad, North Branch UMC
John Lilja, Hennepin Ave UMC
Chuck Odegaard, Plymouth Covenant
Mike Schneider, Hope Covenant, St Cloud
Terry Vereide, Brooklyn UMC
Bob Wolff, Normandale Lutheran

UNDOS EN CRISTO WOMEN'S #164 TEAM ROSTER

Rectora

Cherie Middleton, Christ Presbyterian

Assistant Rectoras

Robin Carlson, Wayzata Community
DeLise Kroening, Christ Presbyterian
Carol Linde, Hastings UMC

Spiritual Directors

Deb DeMeester, 1st Presbyterian, South St Paul
Jeff Lindsay, Colonial Church of Edina

Music Directors

Sue Payne, Christ Presbyterian
Ruth Lawrence, Promise Congregational

Rollistas

Norma Bourland, First Evangelical Free
Judy Cochran, Wyoming UMC
Kathy Downing, Faith Covenant
Lynn Durner, Hastings UMC
Sharon Nagel, Colonial Heritage Square

Table Leaders

Alice Ellison, Brooklyn UMC
Michele Goodale, Wyoming UMC
Lynette Johnson, Excelsior Covenant
Karen Kaestner, Promise Congregational
Wendy LaMar, Minnetonka UMC
Sandy Trudeau
Vi Waitc, Aldrich Ave Presbyterian

Palanca Rectora

Linda Heubach, Wooddale

Assistant Palanca Rectora(s)

Roxi Legg, Peace Presbyterian
Andi Trowbridge, First Presbyterian, Maple Plain

Palanca Spiritual Director

Karen Bruuns, Rosemount UMC

Palanca Music Director

Pam Patton, Riverside Presbyterian

Palanca Team

Cassie Albinson, Plymouth Covenant
Cathy Eckart, First Presbyterian, Shakopee
Gail Hoffmann, Rosemount UMC

Darlene Leinberger, Plymouth Covenant
Herta Pike, Hope Presbyterian
Mari Powell, St Lucas Community
Riechia Ralston, Rosemount UMC

Kitchen Rectora

Dolores Minkema, Wayzata Community

Assistant Kitchen Rectora

Cindy Sharpe, Wayzata Community

Kitchen Team

Patty Christopherson, St Lucas Community
Sharon Doerr, Woodridge of Medina
Vida Dorn, Brooklyn UMC
Diane Doyle, Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free
Nancy Edson, Brooklyn UMC
Bev Elliscu, Minnetonka UMC
Jan Jacobson, Wayzata Evangelical Free
Norma Lund, Rosemount UMC
Kris Miller, Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free
Celeste Scott, Wayzata Community
Nancy Speer, Promise Congregational
Sue Tesarek, Faith Presbyterian
Gloria Wesloh, Brooklyn UMC

4th Day Rectora

Susan Stevens, Eden Prairie Presbyterian

Assistant 4th Day Rectora

Sandy Janowiec, Hope Presbyterian

4th Day Team

Jeanette Anderson, Eagan Evangelical Covenant
Paula Gaboury, Glendale UMC
Deb Gorrill, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka
Kim Hill, Eden Prairie Presbyterian
Pam Johnson, Plymouth Covenant
Lynne Loewing, First Presbyterian, Shakopee
Diane Martin, Rosemount UMC
Jill Michael, Brooklyn UMC
Judy Odegaard, Plymouth Covenant
Diana Pennington, Brooklyn UMC
Sue Perkins, Eden Prairie Presbyterian



Singles Ultreyas

The Singles Unidos en Cristo Community meets for renewal and fellowship on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Wear your Cursillo Cross, bring your song book, name tag, and a dish to share. Questions please call the Host listed below. Upcoming Ultreyas are:

April 8 th	North Heights Lutheran, Arden Hills	Host: Carol Olsen – 651-535-5061
May 13 th	St Stephen's Lutheran, West St Paul	Host: Jill Bierbaum – 651-552-7200
June 10 th	Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater	Host: Judy Laabs-Foss – 651-429-6762

Summer biking, camping and canoeing trips are being organized, call Lora Lakin, 612-559-7241, for full details.

PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNIDOS EN CRISTO #161 AND #162

Colonial Church of Edina, Edina, Minnesota

Waneta Anderson, 1st Presbyterian, Maple Plain
 Ray and Janae Barriuso, Faith Covenant, Burnsville
 John and Janette Benzen, Stanchfield Baptist
 Carol Brekke, Church of the Open Door
 Vergne and Sharon Brenton, Faith Presbyterian
 Marilyn Brooks, Colonial Church at Heritage Square
 Joe and Cathy Carchedi, North Branch UMC
 Ginny Connors, Hope Presbyterian
 David and Teresa Byhre Deming, St Croix Valley UMC
 Gary and Terri DeVeau, Colonial Church of Edina
 Mike and Cindy Eidem, Christ Presbyterian
 Josh Ewing, Crossroads UMC
 Beth Freitag, Fairmont Evangelical Covenant
 Roger and Karen Gilbert, Evangelical Covenant
 Rick Hacker, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea
 Bob and Cheri Hansen, Stanchfield Baptist
 Lynn and Wanita Hauger, Watertown Evangelical Free
 Steve and Debby Holm, Eagan Covenant
 Wade and Heidi Johnson, Hope Presbyterian
 Nina Katzung, Hennepin Avenue UMC
 Mike Keller, Church of the Open Door
 Bill and Nancy Kerr, LeSueur UMC
 Darrell and Betty Knosalla, Aldrich Presbyterian
 Deb Knox, Woodridge Church
 Deb Laws, Crosstown Covenant

Bill and Jan MacPherson, Eden Prairie Presbyterian
 Jim and Laurie Muehlbauer, Christ Presbyterian
 Dale and Gale Munkelwitz, Stillwater Evangelical Free
 Steven Nelson, Northfield Evangelical Free
 Jenny Noble, Minnetonka UMC
 Dick and Frieda Olin, 1st Presbyterian, Stillwater
 Jeff and Mary Jo Olson, Stewartville UMC
 Merridee Pavlenko, Colonial Church of Edina
 Carol Reed, Peace Presbyterian
 Laurene Rick, Brooklyn UMC
 Andrew and Lori Roos, Evangelical Covenant
 Rusty and Jean Rusterholtz, Church of the Open Door
 Judy Sanford, Faith UMC, Spring Valley
 Greg and Diane Schneider, Faith Covenant
 Jim and Julie Simondet, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka
 Elaine Sommer, 1st UMC Lindstrom
 Erling and Michele Teigen, Hope Covenant, St Cloud
 Beth Thompson, Arlington Hills UMC
 John Titus, Glendale UMC
 Tim and Jessie Trickett, St Croix Valley UMC
 Al and Parker Trostel, Plymouth Congregational
 Kenn Trzcinski, 1st UMC Lindstrom
 Roger Van Haften, Colonial Church of Edina
 George Williamson, Eagan Evangelical Covenant
 Denny and Rosemary Wilson, Cambridge UMC



UNITED TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (UTEC) is an opportunity for teenagers (grades 10-12 recommended) to share their faith with other teens in a way patterned after Cursillo/Unidos En Cristo. If you would like to serve as an Adult Leader on a weekend — as a Table Leader (ATL); an Adult Leader for the Kitchen, Wheat (TEC's prayer warriors) or Support (TEC's 4th Day) team, please call:

UTEC Convenor	Gary Andren	952-884-6861	31-Mar – 2-Apr	TEC #47	Wayzata Community
Weekender Apps	Kathy Turgeon	952-891-1428	21-23 Jul 2000	TEC #48	Stillwater First Presbyterian
Adult Team Apps	Rex Cooper	952-833-8984	3- 5 Nov 2000	TEC #49	St Croix Valley UMC
Youth Team Apps	Brad Wing	952-474-0786	Jan/Feb 2001	TEC #50	To be determined

Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas may be sent to the Unidos En Cristo Council Treasurer and will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press. Please send memorials to: Roger Roth, Treasurer, 5201 Scott Court, Minnetonka, MN 55345. If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her *Fifth Day*, please call Marie Wilson, Communications Editor (612-835-0301) for names to be included in the Palanca Press. Others in the Fourth Day Community may have no other way of knowing special friends in Christ have now entered His glorious presence.

Decolores brothers and sisters in Christ!

After being involved with the Cursillo movement for several years now, I realize how truly blessed I am with getting to know the many dedicated fellow Christians with which I have had opportunities to work. They inspire me with their willingness to do whatever it takes, through their home church or on a 'weekend', to help others to know how much God loves them and to become more devoted followers of Jesus. They show me how vast are the ways that we can serve Him. They spur me on to try new things. They love and love and then love some more. They walk their walk not just talk it. They do the right thing even when no one is looking. They honor God by their actions as well as their words. They exhibit true PIETY.

Every now and then I need a shot in the arm and finding an inspiring friend to talk to or observe in action can help me get back on track. How about you? Have you taken time to look around to see where God's love is shining through in your church, your neighborhood, your workplace or your family? Is it shining through you? In our busy lives it is all too easy to plow ahead and not think about our motivations. How do we spend our free time and our money and where are our thoughts taking us? Through God's grace may we all live a life that is honoring and bringing pleasure to our glorious creator.

Walking with you on this journey,

Colleen Bocchi, Convenor

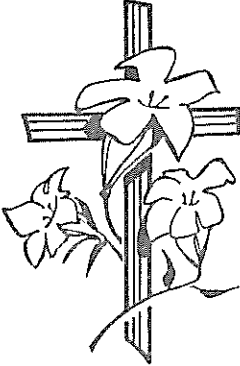
Did you know?

- Applications for Council positions are due at the end of March. Please submit requests for consideration to: Colleen Bocchi, Convenor, 415 Plymouth Road Minnetonka, MN 55305
- We always need help cleaning up the host churches at the end of each weekend. Please volunteer a few minutes to assist the team (who by that time is pretty tired!) so we can leave each church in good shape. Our goal is to leave the facilities in better condition upon departure than upon arrival.
- "The work of the Cursillo aims at Christian Renewal." According to the Unidos en Cristo Manual , we are not set up to give a "quick fix" to a troubled life, be a marriage encounter weekend or convert anyone to Christianity. Our purpose is to help Christians become more dedicated to living the life of grace through their own environments and churches.
- "Suggested ratio for team is 30% experienced (not including Leadership) and 70% new to the teams. People in leadership should have previous team experience." Unidos en Cristo Guidelines 5/27/97

Unidos en Cristo Supply Trailer

The Council is in the beginning stages of investigating the possible replacement of the Supply Trailer. The current trailer has become more difficult to move to each weekend church location because the tractor needed to move the Unidos Trailer is small and less available to Unidos en Cristo. At this point the Council is looking for input from the 4th Day Community and/or possible discounts or donations toward a replacement. The replacement trailer would need to be larger than the current, somewhere in the 40 or 50 foot range. Ideally, making this change in late summer or early fall is the preference. Please contact Dick Mickelson (dickmick@juno.com or 612-545-1181) if you are able to offer any assistance.

Unidos En Cristo Weekend Watch

Weekend: Date: Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director Application Dates:		# 166 (Women) June 22 – 25, 2000 Faith Pres, Minnetonka Victoria Horner April 25 – May 18	#167 (Men) August 10 – 13, 2000 Wayzata Evangelical Free May 30 – June 27	#168 (Women) August 17 – 20, 2000 Wayzata Evangelical Free May 30 – June 27
Weekend: Date: Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director Application Dates	#169 (Men) November 2 - 5, 2000 Crosstown Covenant August 22 – September 19	#170 (Women) November 9 – 12, 2000 Crosstown Covenant August 22 – September 19	#171 (Men) February 2001 To be determined To be determined	#172 (Women) February 2001 To be determined To be determined

Weekender applications should be sent to:

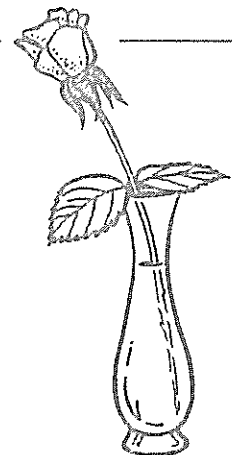
Jackie Hall (507) 367-2515
P.O. Box 205
Oronoco, MN 55960

ATTENTION All Church Liaison(s): *If you have not already done so*, please forward your church liaison contact names, current Pastor(s), and full church address/phone to Jackie at the above address or via email to gandjhall1@juno.com . UEC is attempting to update this information, so even if no change has occurred recently, please send the current information as a confirmation.

Lost/Misplaced ... some key items are missing from the Unidos Supply Trailer. It is believed they have simply been 'put away' after a weekend at one of the churches over the past year. If your church has hosted an Unidos weekend in the past year, please take a look around for ... Christ Chair, Large Rollo Room Bible, and the three legged stool. Please contact Dick Mickelson (dickmick@juno.com or 612-545-1181) if you locate any of the items to coordinate their return to the Supply Trailer.

In Loving Memory

We celebrate the life of our sister and brother, Mildred Tuckey (#10) and Stanley Croissant (#159) who have entered their *Fifth Day* and are in our Lord's glorious Presence.



Unidos En Cristo Team Request Form

Use this form if you are interested in serving on a Unidos En Cristo team or would like to suggest another Fourth Dayer
(One name per form only – Please feel free to make copies)

Team Covenant - Unidos En Cristo

As a team member I enter into a covenant with other team members to provide a grace-filled experience of Jesus Christ for the participating weekenders. Therefore, I pledge to the best of my ability and with God's help:

- to model a Christian lifestyle, using God's word as my guide,
- to maintain a team spirit, and
- to prayerfully support the leadership of the Rector/Rectora and Spiritual Directors during the months of preparation and the weekend itself.

I understand that the focus of Unidos En Cristo weekends must be on the weekenders so I am willing to set aside my individual preferences for the good of the team and for a weekend that gives glory to God.

Please identify request type: Volunteer Self Fourth Dayer Suggestion

Name: Rev. Dr. Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. (Circle one) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____

Weekend Preferences (Date and/or Team #) _____

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|---------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Team Preference(s): | <input type="radio"/> Table Leader | <input type="radio"/> Rollista | <input type="radio"/> Kitchen Team |
| | <input type="radio"/> 4th Day Team | <input type="radio"/> Palanca Team | <input type="radio"/> No Preference |
| | <input type="radio"/> Spiritual Director | <input type="radio"/> Men's / Women's Weekend | <input type="radio"/> Singles Weekend |

Date / # of your Cursillo/Unidos En Cristo: _____

Previous team experience: _____

Date of most recent team experience: _____

Musical talent: _____

Name / Location of your church: _____

Other comments: _____

Please fill out this form and mail to: Dennis Lund
12074 Gantry Lane
Apple Valley, MN 55124

This form does not guarantee you will be asked to serve – it simply means your name and this information will be passed on to weekend team leaders. **REMEMBER** teams are formed 2-4 months prior to the weekend. If you have not been called for an upcoming weekend after submitting this form or have had to decline serving on a team when called, *please send in a new completed form* as they may not be carried forward from team to team. (10/99)

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15144 Everleigh Circle
Rosemount, MN 55068

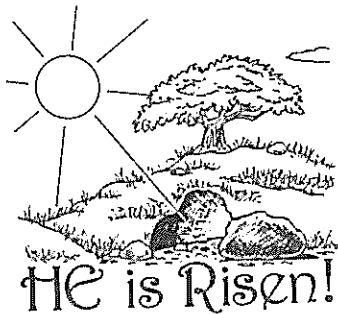
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Correct and Current Information Needed

Send correction form to:

Unidos En Cristo
Lee Peterson
15144 Everleigh Circle
Rosemount, MN 55068

or

Call: (651) 423-3718

Name _____

Old Address _____

Old Phone # _____

New Address _____

New Phone # _____

Present Church Membership _____

Date new info will be in effect _____

Signature _____