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SUPPORT UNIDOS EN CRISTO #171 AND #172 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 308 WATER STREET, ALBERT LEA, MN – 507-373-2035

Men's Unidos en Cristo #171 will be April 19 – 22, 2001. The weekend scripture is, "Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name." Psalm 86:11

Women's Unidos en Cristo #172 will be April 26 – 29, 2001. The weekend scripture is, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Isaiah 43:1b



The Sunday morning serenades are open to Sponsors only. The Sunday dinner serenades, are 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?

ou might want to assist the Palanca team with prayer support... offer to help cook, serve, or wash dishes for the Kitchen am... assist the 4th Day team in setup/clean-up before/after the Agape dinner, or after the Sunday morning serenade or e Sunday evening Clausura. ** Please contact the appropriate team rector/a to coordinate your efforts with their needs. **

Men's Weekend #171

0	Roger Pickering	(Rector)	763-434-3586
0	Brian Blecker	(Kitchen Rector)	507-377-3956
0	Todd Bakke	(4th Day Rector)	763-535-5640
•	Paul Gladfelter	(Palanca Rector)	507-235-3796

he Men's Kitchen Team has requested palanca of gourmet flavored coffee, 20 bottles Catawba juice, 120 baking potatoes, Chicken ordon Bleu 130 count, 13 dozen dinner rolls, 12 dozen cinnamon rolls, 11 cheese cakes, fresh fruit, 8 dozen muffins.

Women's Weekend #172

0	Linda Sarazin	(Rectora)	952-736-2454
0	Kris Bloom	(Kitchen Rectora)	952-894-3520
9	Lori Lembke	(4th Day Rectora)	507-377-2716
۰	Mary Hacker	(Palanca Rectora)	507-377-0704

ne Women's Kitchen Team has requested palanca of: 20 bottles of Catawba juice, 120 baking potatoes, 120 petite croissants, 10 rtle cheesecakes, fresh fruit, flavored coffee. Please contact Ellie Slack (763-783-8400) to coordinate your palanca of food items.

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 directly to the Weekender Palanca bags.

TECHONS: 135 south to Exit 11 (goes right into town), turn right at the third stoplight, go through two stop lights and turn left at the next corner (Water St.), go two blocks – the church is on the right.

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 #171 or #172.

Address your palanca to:

Men of Unidos en Cristo #171 or Women of Unidos En Cristo #172

Mail to:

Larry Bennett, 8950 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, MN 55317 email: palanca@prodigy.net

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

UNIDOS EN CRISTO MEN'S #171 TEAM ROSTER

Rector

Roger Pickering, Crossroads Evangelical Convenant

Assistant Rectors

Jim Adsem, Excelsior Covenant Larry Bennett, Colonial Church of Heritage Square Larry Lawrence, Promise Congregational Church

Spiritual Directors

Dwight Netzer, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Jerry Merkouris, Salem Lutheran, Albert Lea

Music Director

Jim Grimes, Portland UMC

Rollistas

Don Draayer, Faith Presbyterian Robert Engman, Fairmont Evangelical Covenant John Gliori, Lydia Zion UMC Dick Hamblin, Colonial Church of Heritage Square Gordy Nagel, Colonial Church of Heritage Square

Table leaders

Chuck Bartlett, Trinity Evangelical Free Curt Bocchi, Woodridge Church Richard Carlson, Glendale UMC Morris Eisert, Minnetonka UMC Thomas Glick, Rosemount UMC Rick Hacker, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Jim Kipp, Normandale Hylands UMC

Palanca Rector

Paul Gladfelter, Fairmont Evangelical Covenant

Assistant Palanca Rector

Lyle Merriman, St. Croix Valley UMC

Palanca Spiritual Director

Jim Ross, Faith UMC

Palanca Music

Gary Christian, St. Croix Valley UMC

Palanca Team

Gary Dockter, St. Croix Valley UMC Rod Johnson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Vern Olson, Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Robert Pike, Hope Presbyterian Jon Riggs, First Congregational – UCC Rich Schmid, Minnewashta Congregational Ken Schwieger, First Congregational – UCC Wilbur Zirk, Rochester Convenant

Kitchen Rector

Brian Blecker, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Assistant Kitchen Rector

Marlon Attig, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Kitchen Team

Ben Cerney, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Dan Everson, Hope Presbyterian Keith Eyler, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Brian Fredrickson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Steve Jarnberg, Hope Presbyterian Randy Johnson, St. Dominick's Catholic Church John Loewing, First Presbyterian, Shakopee Dennis Lund, Rosemount UMC Scott Sauter, Rosemount UMC Gary Schultz, Colonial Church of Heritage Square Steve Staloch, Hope Presbyterian

4th Day Rector

Todd Bakke, Church of the Open Door

Assistant 4th Day Rector

Paul Lorenz, Church of the Open Door

4th Day Team

James Balk, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Jim Barber, Eden Prairie Presbyterian Glenn Dowd, Faith Presbyterian Ray Fosburgh, Rosemount UMC Dave Kahn, St. Agnes Catholic Church David Lembke, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Paul Mullen, Peace Presbyterian Don Nolander, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Steve Twiss, Valley Christian Church Blair Weimer, Aldrich Presbyterian



UNIDOS EN CRISTO WOMEN'S #172 TEAM ROSTER

Rectora

Linda Sarazin, River Hills UMC

Assistant Rectoras

Cathy Gladfelter, Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Jackie Hall, Evangel UMC Ardie Osterberg, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Spiritual Directors

Duane Sarazin, River Hills UMC Sandra Tonsing

Music Directors

Darcy Netzer Rory Mattson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Rollistas

Karyl Chase, River Hills UMC Merrilee Olson, Hope Presbyterian Barb Paul, Faith UMC Terry Riggs, First Congregational UCC Judie Springer, First Baptist

Table Leaders

Roxanne Attig, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Gloria Blakeslee, Faith UMC Helga Egeler, Aldrich Presbyterian Marilyn Forstrom, First Congregational UCC Laurie Harkness, Evangelical Covenant Kathy Holland, Evangelical Covenant Jennifer Moore, River Hills UMC

Palanca Rectora

Mary Hacker, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Assistant Palanca Rectora

Paula Merkouris, Salem Lutheran, Albert Lea

Palanca Spiritual Director

Lee Freshour, Albert Lea Assemblies of God

Palanca Music Director

Marti Schultz, St. Lucas, Lake Elmo



Palanca Team

Linda Applegate, Albert Lea Assembies of God Linda Balk, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Carol Cerney, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Gretchen Hoppe, Fairmont Covenant Julie Kellen, Fairmont Covenant Deb Linnes, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Kathy Lucas, Faith UMC, Spring Valley Karen Smed, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Kitchen Rectora

Kris Bloom, Victory Vineyard

Assistant Kitchen Rectora

Beckie Blecker, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Kitchen Team

Sue Erlandson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Tammy Freshour, Albert Lea Assembies of God Nancy Hockenberry, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Becky Johnson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Tana Kelly, Northfield UMC Jan Mattson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Kathy Oothoudt, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Ellie Slack, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka Brenda White, Evangel UMC

Fourth Day Rectora

Lori Lembke, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Assistant Fourth Day Rectora

Joann Nolander, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

Fourth Day Team

Gayle Brownlow, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Kory Everson, Hope Presbyterian Julie Eyler, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Barb Osmundson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Darlyne Paulson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Sue Peterson, First Presbyterian, Albert Lea Diane Schneider, Faith Covenant, Burnsville Val Solyntjes, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka Bernice VanNostrand, Northfield UMC Nancy Walstrom, Hope Presbyterian

Singles Ultreyas

The Singles Community meets for renewal and fellowship on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Wear your Cursillo cross and name tag, bring your song book, yellow book and a dish to share. Questions — call the host listed below. Upcoming Ultreyas are:

April 14 May 12 Oak Grove Lutheran, Richfield

Calvary Lutheran, Golden Valley/Crystal

June 9 Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater

Host: Pam Lindquist – 651-452-0854 Host: Pat Menevin – 651-552-7200

Host: Judy Laabs-Foss – 651-429-6762

Unidos en Cristo Weekend Watch

Weekend:	#171 (Men)	# 172 (Women)	#173 (Men)	#174 (Women)
Date:	April 19 – 22, 2001 First Presbyterian Albert Lea	April 26 – 29, 2001 First Presbyterian Albert Lea	June 7 – 10, 2001 Christ Presbyterian Edina	June 14 – 17, 2001 Christ Presbyterian Edina
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director	Roger Pickering Dwight Netzer Jerry Merkouris Jim Ross	Linda Sarazin Duane Sarazin Sandra Tonsing Lee Freshour	Brian Rodeck Greg Swopes Tim Olsen	Audrey Mondelli Deb DeMeester
Application Dates:	February 6 – March 6	February 6 – March 6	March 27 – April 24	March 27 – April 24
Weekend:	#175 (Men)	#176 (Women)	#177 (Men)	#178 (Women)
Date:	August 9 – 12, 2001 Hennepin Avenue UMC Minneapolis	August 16 – 19, 2001 Hennepin Avenue UMC Minneapolis	November 1 – 4, 2001 Evangel UMC, Rochester	November 8 – 11, 2001 Evangel UMC Rochester
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director		-		
Application Dates:	May 29 – June 26	May 29 – June 26	August 21 – September 18	August 21 - September 18

Weekender applications should be sent to: Jackie Hall, P.O. Box 205, Oronoco, MN 55960 (507) 367-2515; email: gandjhall1@juno.com

WANTED: PALANCA ANGELS and PRAYER WARRIORS – Churches, large and small groups, renewal groups and all individuals with a loving heart and a willingness to pray are needed to help provide palanca for our sister Cursillo communities across the country and around the world. Become a "Palanca Angel" and adopt a Cursillo community. All you need to do is support their weekends with prayer and written palanca. All the information you need will be sent to you when you contact Larry Bennett by email at palanca@prodigy.net or write to him at 8950 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, MN 55317.

Did you attend United Cursillo #1 through #10? Do you still have a team or weekender list from one of the these weekends? Will you share it? Over the years the team and weekender lists from these first few weekends in the United community seem to have been lost. We are trying to find copies. If you have one, please share it by sending it to the corrections address on the back page of this Palanca Press (U.S. mail, email or FAX).

New Churches to Join Unidos Community

A new church does not have Fourth Day support from its own congregation. Please remember these special weekenders with your prayers and palanca.

Clergy Lay Couple Clergy

Clergy

Lee and Joyce Scheumann Hale and Diane Hedlund John and Carrie Hendrickson Kent and Cathy Otterman Oxlip Evangelical Free Church, Isanti Oxlip Evangelical Free Church, Isanti First Congregational Church, New Richland Living Word Christian Church, Albert Lea



From the Council . . .

Web Page Be sure to visit Unidos en Cristo on the WEB at www.unidosencristo.net. Please send any feedback to unidosencristo@mn.rr.com. You will see that the 4th Day button is password protected – this is where Team and Lay/Clergy Application Forms will be posted as well as 5th Day notices and other specific information for the 4th Day community. The password will be changed periodically and published in the Palanca Press. The current password is 44444444. Under the Contact Us you will see UEC Local Church Affiliations. Please check to see whether your church's web page is noted. If not, please send an email so we can add it.

Unidos en Cristo Database Changing We are converting the 4th Day Community database to newer technology. Our goal is to mail the June Palanca Press from the converted database. With a database numbering 8,000, this is a huge time commitment and a very labor-intensive effort that has been in the works since August 2000. We wish to thank our Via de Cristo and Unidos en Cristo brothers and sisters in Christ who have been our mentors and have diligently worked toward this goal. We will make every effort to not lose anyone in the changeover; however, if you do not receive your JUNE Palanca Press by June 1, please contact us. You may use the correction form on the back of any Palanca Press or you may contact us via the web page.

20th Anniversary Celebration An estimated six to seven hundred people came together on February 3 to praise God for what he has done over the past 20 years through the Unidos en Cristo/United Cursillo Community of Minnesota The goal was to give Him honor and glory and it was beautifully met. We were blessed to have members of the TEC Community perform *The Champion* –a musical drama that is a part of the TEC Weekends—as a part of the celebration. Many thanks to all who put so much time and effort into that day—your efforts showed in the details and in the results.

UTEC

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) team – please call:

UTEC Convenor Rex Cooper 952-454-9379
Weekender Apps Sue Trainis 952-996-9474
Adult Team Apps Dave Dederichs 952-929-3317
Youth Team Apps Brad Wing 952-474-0786

April 19-22, 2001 TEC #51 Minnetonka UMC July 20-22, 2001 TEC #52 Hope Presbyterian

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, 7528 Mariner Drive, Maple Grove, MN 55311. If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her *Fifth Day*, please call Sheree Johnson, Communications Editor (952-944-7244) 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.

In Loving Memory

We celebrate the lives of those who have entered their *Fifth Day* and are in our Lord's glorious presence: Owen Manthei (#133) and Jim Sackett (#151).



Unidos en Cristo has received memorials in memory of Owen Manthei (#133), Roberta Chadwick (#34) and Marlene Hanson, mother of Cursillista Kathy Nelson.

Convenor's Corner

DeColores Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was up early this morning. One of my favorite things to do in the morning before I am ready to face the day is to sit in front of the big picture window with my morning cup of coffee and look out over our backyard. As my thoughts wandered, I remembered how pristine it looked out there a couple of times this winter after it had rained and then snowed on top of the frozen rain-everything was covered with a beautiful white. Don't you feel a little sorry for all those snowbirds who go south for the winter and never get the pleasure of witnessing such a spectacular creation that God painted for us to enjoy? Speaking of beautiful creations, God also created you and me to be just as beautiful in his eyes as the pristine white snow in my backyard. You see, in God's eves we are all created different, just as each snowflake is different. No two are alike. Yet we humans choose to look at others that are not just like us and judge them - sometimes in not such beautiful terms. In Matthew 7:1-2 it says "Do not judge others, so that God will not judge you, for God will judge you the same way you judge others, and he will apply to you the same rules you apply to others." Do you think all those snowflakes look at each other and say, "you're not as pretty as I am"?

I had the unfortunate experience of witnessing some outbursts of anger between people recently. One incident involved a man at the airport who was behaving in a less than flattering way. He was screaming at his female companion (she was probably wishing she wasn't his companion). Anyway, the lady behind me said, "looks like he could use a course in anger management." Another incident involved a woman berating her husband unmercifully. While I was remembering those two incidents along with a couple of other displays of anger I witnessed, I started to wonder about what causes us to be so impatient with others that we become that angry. Perhaps it has something to do with judging each other and placing expectations on them that are unrealistic. Or do we put higher expectations on ourselves than we can ever live up to and then look to others to blame?

One morning last summer I parked my car and started walking toward Caribou Coffee. I was in a hurry and not Watching my step when I stepped on a crab apple that was

lying on the sidewalk. My foot slipped as I squashed the apple under my shoe and I almost fell. In my anger I thought, why don't they get rid of those messy trees? Every year during late summer the crab apple trees along Lake Street in Wayzata drop their fruit. Every day the sidewalks must be swept. You have to continually watch your step. It's a mess! Then I thought, what would this street look like without those trees? They provide lush shade in a small amount of space. Their rich green color dotted with tiny sparks of red makes the street beautiful. And in the winter when they're decorated with little white lights they add bright cheer to the cold, dark days. All in all, I'd say it's worth putting up with the crab apples.

Sometimes we react to the people in our lives the same way I did to those trees that morning. When we experience the "fallout" from their sins we have a tendency to think, why can't I just get rid of this person? When we take that attitude we miss all the beauty that person has to offer. We fail to see the blessing they are in our life because we're looking only at the mess their sin has made. Instead we need to look at them through the eyes of love because love covers a multitude of sins. When Jesus died on the cross, his loving sacrifice paid for all our sins. Now God looks at us through "rose-colored glasses" stained with the blood of Christ and he sees only beauty. But you and I need to remember that regardless of how God sees us, others have to step around our sin fallout from time to time. We need to put on those same rose-colored glasses that God wears when we look at the people around us so we don't focus on the fallout from their sins but rather on their real beauty and the blessing they are to us and to others. Then we can be patient with them as we occasionally have to step carefully around the mess they've made because of sin. We need to let love cover over that multitude of sins and appreciate all the other blessings of the sometimes-messy people in our lives.

Enjoy the love of God in your day, every day.

Darrell Sykes 952-988-9931



Bolivia Connection—This summer Shel and Sharon Groff will serve as the rector and rectora of the first Via de Cristo weekends in Bolivia. Please pray for them as they seek to bring God's message of grace to the communities they've befriended in Bolivia. You may email them a note of encouragement at ssgroff@mail.megalink.com and/or support them financially by sending a check payable to Via de Cristo to: Via de Cristo, 10815 Thomas Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55431 (write "Bolivia" in the memo area of your check.) Your contribution is tax deductible and will be multiplied many times as the "Way of Christ" is experienced by the Bolivian people.

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	O Fourth Dayer Sug	Fourth Dayer Suggestion		
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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. (3/01)

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