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HENNEPIN AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Men's Unidos en Cristo #175 will be August 9 - 12, 2001. The weekend scripture is,
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, don't lean on your own understanding,
In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Women's Unidos en Cristo #176 will be August 16 - 19, 2001. The weekend scripture is,
"And Jabez was more honorable than all his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand would be with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested. *1 Chronicles 4:9-10*



The Sunday morning serenade is open to Sponsors only. The Sunday dinner serenades, 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 rector/a to coordinate your efforts with their needs.** ♥

Men's Weekend #175

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| • Glen Karlgaard | (Rector) | 952-431-1814 |
| • Mark Whims | (Kitchen Rector) | 952-934-6539 |
| • Brian Vedder | (4th Day Rector) | 651-917-7113 |
| • Greg Anderson | (Palanca Rector) | 651-456-0859 |

The Men's Kitchen Team has requested that you contact the Kitchen Team Rector to coordinate your palanca with their needs.

Women's Weekend #176

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| • Judy McElyea | (Rectora) | 763-784-4831 |
| • Jeanie Grimes | (Kitchen Rectora) | 612-861-1001 |
| • Nancy Sundeen | (4th Day Rectora) | 952-903-4893 or 612-871-5303 |
| • Helen McElyea | (Palanca Rectora) | 763-784-4831 |

The Women's Kitchen Team has requested palanca of: 20 bottles of Catawba juice, 12 cheesecakes, one case of frozen pink lemonade, 4 cases canned, unsweetened iced tea, 100 baking potatoes, 10 lbs. each of sliced turkey, ham and salami, 18 lbs. thin-sliced roast beef, fresh fruit and contributions toward the cost of 40 lbs. of pork loin. Contact Jeanie Grimes (evenings—see above) or Erma Scarff at 952-932-0074 (days)*****The 4th Day Team needs several high quality cots. Tear-down and turn-back assistance Saturday or Sunday night would also be appreciated. Please contact Nancy Sundeen if you have a bed or a hand to lend.

Palanca Note

There will be SIX tables (48) at the Men's weekend and the 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 directly to the Weekender Palanca bags.

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 #173 or #174.

Address your palanca to: Men of Unidos en Cristo #175 or Women of Unidos En Cristo #176
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 #175 TEAM ROSTER

Rector

Glen Karlgaard, Eagan Covenant

Assistant Rectors

Archie MacPhee, Hope Presbyterian
John Maddio, Eagan Covenant
Mark Turgeon, Faith Covenant

Spiritual Directors

Carleton Peterson, Excelsior Covenant
Anne Vining Pederson, Excelsior Covenant

Music Director

Don Landin, Eagan Covenant
Loren Wolfe, First Presbyterian, Shakopee

Rollistas

Keith Knuth, The River Church
Rich Schmid, Colonial Church at Heritage Square
Jayson Sundvall, Grace Fellowship
Gerry Vuchetich, Rosemount UMC

Table leaders

John Buffalow, Faith Covenant
Larry Houk, Church of the Open Door
George Lee, Church of the Open Door
Rob Lukin, Peace Reformed
Bob Smith, Faith Covenant
Jason Tharaldson, St. Phillip the Deacon
Jerry Warren, Wyoming UMC
Brad Wing, Church of the Open Door

Palanca Rector

Greg Anderson, Eagan Covenant

Assistant Palanca Rector

Tom Arneson, Hennepin Avenue UMC

Palanca Spiritual Director

Bill Warner, Wayzata Evangelical Free

Palanca Music

Tom Allen, Aldrich Avenue Presbyterian

Palanca Team

Chuck Barnes, Faith Covenant
Mike Coellner, Plymouth Covenant
Gary Dietrich, Eagan Covenant
Steve Holm, Eagan Covenant
Fred Jonasen, Wyoming UMC
John Lowing, First Presbyterian, Shakopee
Steve Holm, Eagan Covenant
Bruce Steadman, Excelsior Covenant
Rick Patton, Church of the Open Door

Kitchen Rector

Mark Whims, Minnetonka UMC

Assistant Kitchen Rector

Jim Moravek, Minnetonka UMC

Kitchen Team

Jim Abbott, St. Michael's Catholic
Jim Berger, Eagan Covenant
Roger Cupp, Plymouth Covenant
Don Lynch, Minnetonka UMC
Jeff Mahon, Hope Presbyterian
Bill Martin, Colonial Church at Heritage Square
Dwight Moore, Church of the Open Door
Don Neal, Brooklyn UMC
Brian Petry, Hope Presbyterian

4th Day Rector

Brian Vedder, Hennepin Avenue UMC

Assistant 4th Day Rector

Bill Devine, Mt. Olivet Lutheran

4th Day Team

Lyle Crider, First Presbyterean, Shakopee
Glyn Northington, Hennepin Avenue UMC
Ken Pfipsen, St. Louis Park Evangelical Free
Denny Sultany, Normandale Hylands UMC
Roger Wahldick, Faith Covenant
Paul Wester, Eagan Covenant



UNDIDOS EN CRISTO WOMEN'S #176 TEAM ROSTER

Rectora

Judy McElyea, Galilee Baptist

Assistant Rectoras

Dianne Goette, St. Croix Valley UMC
Gail Weems, Fridley Covenant
Suzann Wright, Grace Church, Roseville

Spiritual Directors

Cindy Gregorson, MN Annual Conference, UMC
Mary Schultz, Summit Avenue Assembly of God

Music Directors

Karen Lewis, Crosstown Covenant
Gail Karlgaard, Eagan Covenant

Rollistas

Cherie Berett, First Presbyterian, Stillwater
Connie Buelow, First UMC, Lindstrom
Patty Christopherson, First UMC, Lindstrom
Lois Langer, Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer
Cay Patterson, St. Therese, Deephaven

Table Leaders

Laura Dille, Rosemount UMC
Donna Gapinski, Arlington Hills UMC
Darla O'Flanagan, Buffalo UMC
Lu Tellett, Hennepin Avenue UMC
Vi Waite, Aldrich Avenue Presbyterian

Palanca Rectora

Helen McElyea, Galilee Baptist

Assistant Palanca Rectora

Beth Henrich, Colonial Church of Edina

Palanca Spiritual Director

Greg Bestland, Riverside Alliance, Monticello

Palanca Music Director

Mary Egbertson, First UMC, Lindstrom

Palanca Team

Edy Barber, Eden Prairie Presbyterian
Mary Glick, Rosemoant UMC
Missy Jensen, St. Lucas Community Church
Sharon Nagel, Colonial Church at Heritage Square
Alice Pickering, Crossroads Evangelical Covenant
Mary Prechel, Colonial Church of Edina
Carole Snyder, Minnetonka UMC
Sandy Trudeau, Rice Creek Covenant

Kitchen Rectora

Jeanie Grimes, Portland Avenue UMC

Assistant Kitchen Rectora

Erma Scarff, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka

Kitchen Team

Wendy Anzelmo, Hope Presbyterian
Kerri Baldwin, Rosemount UMC
Marilyn Brooks, Colonial Church at Heritage Square
Carol Fedora-Myrick, Lord of Life Lutheran
Linda Halvorson, Warrendale Presbyterian
Katrina Ing, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka
Charlene Martin, UMC of Hastings
Deborah Miles, Hennepin Avenue UMC
Elsa Nitz, Cedarwood Church, Apple Valley
Mary Wilcox, Hennepin Avenue UMC

Fourth Day Rectora

Nancy Sundeen, Hennepin Avenue UMC

Assistant Fourth Day Rectora

Wanita Hauger, Watertown Evangelical Free

Fourth Day Team

Pat Allen, Evangelical Covenant
Sabrina Allen, Freshwater Community
Grace Audet, Zion Community, Big Lake
Linda Blakesley, Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka
Mary Caplinger, Hope Presbyterian
Glenda Hjellming, Hope Presbyterian
Marcene Johnson, Hennepin Avenue UMC
Sherry Lee, Church of the Open Door
Kris Torres, Valley Christian, Lakeville

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:

August 11	Cross View Lutheran, Edina	Host: Joan Haley 952-470-8832 or Jim Dibble 952-835-6925
September 8	Augustana Lutheran, West St. Paul	Nancy Peterson 651-224-1912
October 13	Trinity Lutheran, North Branch	Robin Eberlein 651-674-8858
November 10	Maple Grove Evangelical Free, Maplewood	Deb Knox 763-494-9659

PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNIDOS EN CRISTO #173 AND #174
CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EDINA, MINNESOTA

<p>Lisa Anderson, Albert Lea Assemblies of God Joan Andrew, Colonial Church at Heritage Square Jim and Joann Arneberg, Hope Presbyterian Chuck and Jane Barnes, Faith Covenant Pat Bengé, Hosannah Lutheran Larry Berg, First Congregational Sarah Blenkush, Wayzata Evangelical Free Julien Boayue, Brooklyn UMC Abbie Brooks, Hope Presbyterian John and Jackie Buffalow, Faith Covenant Matt and Theresa Buley, Eden Prairie Presbyterian Chuck and Kathleen Erickson, Oakridge Community Church Steffanie Erickson, Grace Evangelical Free Steve and Diana Erikson, Valley Christian Church Ray Foslid, Our Lady of the Lake Jim and Sheryl Freeman, Normandale Hylands UMC Chad Hague, Zion Community Church Paul and Nancy Harris, Stillwater Evangelical Free Marj Heggstad, Hennepin Avenue UMC Susan Holladay, Valley Christian Church Kris and Bambi Johnson, Faith Presbyterian Wade Johnson, Christ Presbyterian Steve and Vikki Joseph, Faith Presbyterian Jon and Ann Kilgore, Minnetonka UMC</p>	<p>Gini Kirscht, Colonial Church Pete and Chris Lindquist, Grace Evangelical Free Deanna Lindquist, Eagan Covenant Rick Lindquist, Wayzata Community Church Lisa Livingston, Church of the Open Door Domi Maghanga, Twin Cities House of Prayer Dan Marchetti, Crosswinds Community Church Susan Morlock, Hastings UMC Rowena Nepomuceno, First Congregational UCC Glyn Northington, Hennepin Avenue UMC Linus Nyambu, Twin Cities House of Prayer Francisco and Stephanie Ramos, Evangelical Covenant Church Willie and Diane Sather, Wayzata Evangelical Free Cal and Joyce Schadel, Normandale Hylands UMC Bev Smiley, Wayzata Community Church Susan Spindler, Christ Presbyterian Church Marilynn Steiner, Faith Presbyterian Roger Stodola, Hope Presbyterian Janice Strunk, King of Kings Lutheran Church Kathy Testa, Cross Winds Community Church Dan and Jennifer Theis, Woodridge Church Jeff Thompson, Church of the Open Door Jan Zuleger, Colonial Church at Heritage Square</p>
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Unidos en Cristo is on the Web

Check out our web site at www.unidosencristo.net . The new password is 8888888. Watch the October issue of this newsletter for changes that are going to be made to the 4th DAY PAGE (primarily the way the data is accessed).

Web Page Updates: The Weekender, Lay/Clergy Forms and Sponsor Duties have been added to the 4th DAY PAGE. Also, the Team Request Form has been moved to the 4th DAY PAGE. Note the new address for submitting Team Request Forms.

Under the CONTACT US you will see UEC Local Church Affiliations. Is the web site for your church listed? If not, please send an email to unidosencristo@mm.rr.com so we can add it.

Check out the PALANCA button—you can email your commitment of prayer for the weekends to the Palanca Contact for each weekend.

2001 – 2002 Unidos en Cristo Council

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Unidos en Cristo Weekend Watch

Weekend:	#177 (Men)	# 178 (Women)	#179 (Men)	#180 (Women)
Date:	November 1 – 4, 2001 Evangel UMC Rochester	November 8 – 11, 2001 Evangel UMC Rochester	January 24 – 27, 2002 Colonial Church Edina	January 31 – Feb. 1, 2002 Colonial Church Edina
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director		Julie Olson		
Application Dates:	August 21 – September 18	August 21 – September 18	November 13 – December 11	November 13 – December 11
Weekend:	#181 (Men)	#182 (Women)	Church Liaison Meeting Hennepin Ave. UMC Sunday Aug. 12, 2001 2:30 p.m.	
Date:	April 18 – 21, 2002 Wayzata Community	April 25 – 28, 2002 Wayzata Community		
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director				
Application Dates:				
			#184 (Women) June 6 – 9, 2002 St. Croix Valley UMC Lakeland	

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

UTECH

UNITED TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (UTECH) 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 (TECH's prayer warriors) or Support (TECH's 4th Day) team, please call:

UTECH Convenor	Rex Cooper	952-454-9379	20-22 Jul 2001	TECH #52	Hope Presbyterian
Weekender Apps	Sue/Ron Trainis	952-996-9474	26-28 Oct 2001	TECH #53	Arlington Hills UMC
Adult Team Apps	Dave Dederichs	952-929-3317			
Youth Team Apps	Brad Wing	952-474-0786			

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 our sisters in Christ, Judy Cheeley, Michelle Hernandez (#128) and Jean Taylor (Lutheran #66), who have entered their *Fifth Day* and are now in our Lord's glorious presence.



Unidos en Cristo has received a memorial in memory of Charles Wheeler (#29).

I'm sitting here on our screen porch on one of the most beautiful days of the year preparing to write my last Convenor's Comments. I am looking over the same back yard I described to you last winter as so pristine with the trees all white after being covered first with rain and then with snow. Well, that same back yard has been totally transformed. Spring came and for the first time in a few years brought with it more rain than we really wanted. But have you noticed that even though we didn't want it, the trees and plants thrived—actually, they exploded into lushness like we haven't seen for some time. I don't know about you, but I probably wouldn't have chosen to have all that rain this spring. Good thing I wasn't in control of that!

As I reflect over the past three years of serving on the UEC Council, what keeps coming to mind is the people that God has put in my life in the years since I became involved with UEC—first as a Weekender, then serving on various teams, and then the past three years on the Council. Many of these relationships I will value for the rest of my life. One of these relationships has developed into not only a wonderful brother in Christ, but also a person who is very much like a real brother and best friend to me. This is truly a blessing.

But some have a hard time in life—they don't make friends easily, they feel that life hasn't dealt them a very good hand, they focus not on the good things but on the not so good. We all hope for the best in life. We want to achieve a certain amount of success in our careers. We want to enjoy good health and a measure of physical comfort in life. We hope for the best. But life in this sin-filled world is hard and we don't always get the best. Sometimes we get the worst. Illness, financial difficulties, rebellious children, broken relationships, the death of a loved one—any number of things can conspire to keep us from seeing our hopes fulfilled. I ran across this quote the other day: "What life means to us is determined not so much by what life brings to us as by the attitude we bring to life; not so much by what happens to us as by our reaction to what happens." (To have a friend, first you must be a friend.)

The other day I was telling a friend that I was struggling with what to write in these Convenor's Comments and that for the first time nothing was coming to me to write about and the deadline was near. He gave me permission to use some of his story about his struggles with balancing his Christian beliefs with his schedule. I know about his time issues running a company, the travel that's involved, the stress of many things being put on his shoulders, and constantly being attacked by a self-imposed belief that he has to be the one to do whatever needs to be done. And in most cases, it is true. All this has created a huge tug-of-war for him between spending quality

time with his family or spending the time at work. It could be said that these time struggles are a little like sin—there is never a point of satisfaction. Do you ever feel "under the gun"? There is just so much you want to accomplish that just needs to get finished? Wanting to spend time with your family, yet there are a million and one other things needing to be done. And soon the schedule will get crazy again! And everything always takes longer than you think it will. It's always push, hurry, rush, work, run . . . you know the feeling. But God doesn't. You see, God has a tremendous advantage over us. He's eternal! God has always existed and he always will exist. So to God time is nothing.

Anger seems to be reaching epidemic proportions in our society. Why? Because of "too much." We live in a fast-paced society in which we have too much to do, where there is too much competition, where we are overwhelmed with too much information, and there is constantly too much change. In our world, life is too expensive and things are too complicated. We have too many choices. Even the little things get to us—like too much voice mail. We see evidence of this epidemic in road rage and in discourtesy between clerks and customers. We see it in violent outbursts in the workplace and even in our schools. What is the answer? We probably can't do much to change the world we live in, but we can change our attitude and our strategies for living in it. We can turn down the pressure a little by adopting an attitude of contentment that doesn't demand that we continually strive for more and more. An attitude of contentment not only handles the competition to get ahead by being satisfied with what we have—we don't need to own everything the neighbors have—it also teaches us that we don't need to cram every factoid into our brains that we could possibly absorb. We don't need to participate in everything we could possibly experience. Satan knows that all he has to do is steal our time and keep us busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy our minds. Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done that the devil keeps throwing up in your face (lying, debt, fear, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.), whatever it is, you need to know that Jesus was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you. (All reports are in: life is now officially unfair. Some days you're the dog and some days you're the hydrant!) Are you feeling that life is a little "too much" today? Listen to the Lord as He whispers in your ear, "be still and know that I am God."

Darrell Sykes
952-988-9931

Church Liaison Meeting - Hennepin Avenue UMC

Sunday, August 12, 2:30 p.m.

Church Liaisons/Application Coordinators—plan to attend this meeting to meet our newly elected Allocations coordinator, have your questions answered, concerns addressed and share ideas on how to invite others to experience spiritual growth and renewal through Unidos en Cristo.

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Send correction form to:

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