

ACTION REQUIRED! — Palanca Press Mailing List Purge

Phase 1 of our Database Update project — redesign and accessibility — is complete.

Phase 2 is clean-up of the contact information. Our first step in doing this will be to INACTIVATE (not delete) anyone in the database who has not served on a team or contacted us in the last 15 years.

CONTACT US BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2012 if you have not been actively involved in Unidos en Cristo since 1997 and you wish to remain on the mailing list for the Palanca Press. Your record will be inactivated and you will not receive mailings unless you contact us. Submit your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Tell us whether you want to receive paper mail or e-mail (arrives sooner, is in full color, saves money).

ACTION NEEDED! — Submit Contact Information as it Changes

Recent team recruiting has been faced with a new challenge. We have discovered that many of you have disconnected your land lines and are using your cell phone exclusively. We cannot contact you to serve on team if you do not submit a preferred phone number for us to use. This same challenge exists with e-mail. When you make a change (address, phone or e-mail), please let us know. Your contact information is used solely for UEC purposes.

ACTION NEEDED! — Clergy & Church Information

It is becoming more difficult to recruit Spiritual Directors, not because they are unwilling to serve, but because contact information is outdated. If you are clergy and have recently moved, changed phone numbers or changed e-mail addresses, please submit these changes to us so that we can contact you.

All database information can be submitted to Betsie Mills at database@unidosencristo.com.

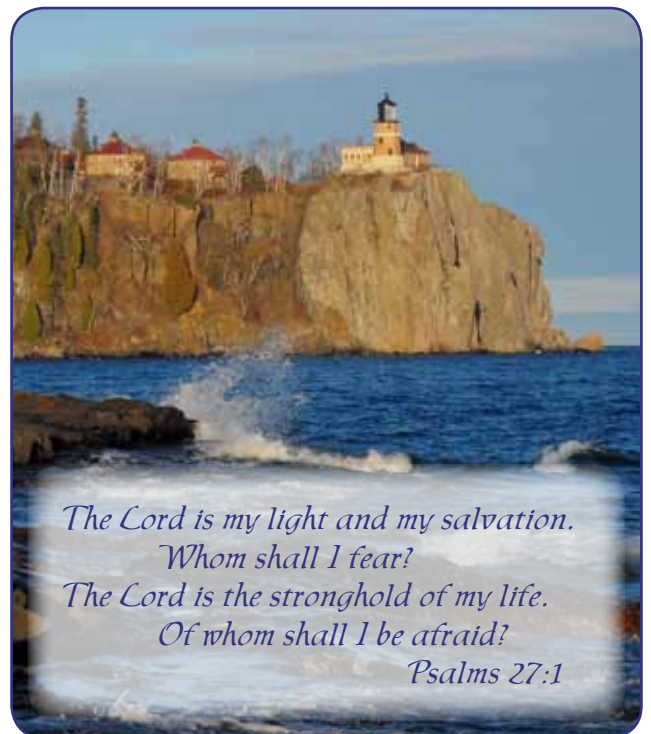
UEC WEEKEND PRAYER VIGILS

The single most important gift of Palanca that you can give to Unidos en Cristo is

PRAYER

Please visit our Prayer Vigil web page at
www.unidosencristo.com
 Click on 4th Day / Click on Prayer Vigil

- ~Sign up to pray during any UEC weekend.
- ~One-hour slots are available.
- ~Prayer tips are provided.
- ~Specific prayer requests are provided.
- ~Sign up for one slot or more.



*The Lord is my light and my salvation.
 Whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
 Of whom shall I be afraid?
 Psalms 27:1*

Support Unidos en Cristo #247 and #248

Peace Reformed Church, Eagan, MN

2180 Glory Drive, Eagan, MN 55122 • 651-454-4542 • www.peace-eagan.org

Men's UEC #247

July 7-10, 2011

"My command is this:

Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

Rector:	Tim Powell	651-251-1837
Kitchen:	Tim Wheeler	651-323-3645
4th Day:	Kerry Quam	612-386-3206
Palanca:	Lee Monson	763-257-5968

Women's UEC #248

July 14-17, 2011

"Love one another as I have loved you."

John 13:34

Rectora:	Norma Lund	952-435-7133
Kitchen:	Lisa Bjerken	952-929-1546
4th Day:	Wanda Wirt	651-322-2331
Palanca:	Jennifer Lee	952-829-7839

Directions / Schedules

Directions: Peace Reformed Church-Eagan

From Hwy. 77 (Cedar Avenue) in Eagan, go east on Diffley Rd. Take the first right onto Nicols Rd. Go about 2 blocks. The church will be on your right. As always, 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!

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

Please contact the appropriate person to coordinate your palanca with team needs.

Men's Weekend:

50 lbs. lean ground beef, 60 brats, 50 lbs. pork tenderloin, 28 bottles Catawba juice, 23 lbs. chicken, 25 dozen eggs.

Contact Kent Nack at 952-454-1808 or kanack@fedins.com.

Women's Weekend:

Asst. fresh fruit, 10 lbs. each cubed turkey and ham, 100 baking potatoes, 120 croissants, 8 angel food cakes, white Catawba juice, chicken breasts, coffee, cheesecake, 8 doz. eggs, lasagna and vegetarian lasagna. Contact Darla O'Flanagan at 763-439-9693 or darlao@tmo.blackberry.net.

Weekend Activities and Palanca for Eagan & Fergus Falls Weekends

(find Fergus Falls weekend information on pages 4 and 5)

In addition to serving on a UEC team and sponsoring someone to attend a UEC Weekend, there are many ways to be involved!

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 #247 (or #249) or

Women of UEC #248 (or #250)

c/o David Webb, Palanca Coordinator

4737 County Road 101, #218, Minnetonka, MN 55345

webb@unidosencristo.com or 612-385-1441.

Please send Palanca for Fergus Falls weekends by August 1 to assure it's delivery.

Helping Hands Palanca

Offer to 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 clean-up. Host the 4th Day Center anytime throughout the weekend.

Activities

Weekend Prayer Vigil

Prayer is critical. Please sign up to pray during these weekends at www.unidosencristo.com (click on "4th Day" and then "Prayer Vigil"). Tips are provided.

Sponsor Training Meetings

Sunday of the Men's Clausura beginning at 3:00 p.m. Be the best Sponsor you can be by learning about each step of the process from invitation to follow-up. Everyone welcome.

Church Liaison Meetings

Sunday of the Women's Clausura beginning at 3:00 p.m. Network with other Liaisons about ideas for motivating activity in your 4th Day Community. Learn about being a Liaison if your Community does not have one. Attending does not obligate you to become a Liaison. Everyone welcome.

UEC #247 - Men's Team Roster

Tim Powell St. Lucas Community
 Mike Fluegel North Branch UMC
 Warren Porter Hennepin Ave UMC
 Craig Stockel First UMC-Lindstrom
 Clarence Schultz Plymouth Congregational
 Scott Wildenberg True North
 Rob Powell St. Lucas Community
 Dennis Webster Brunswick UMC
 Brian LaLuzerne Faith Covenant

Brian Fogal Bethany Alliance
 Don Slinger St. Mary's Catholic
 Jeremy Snell St. Lucas Community
 Nick Witter St. Lucas Community
 Brad Ziegler Faith Covenant
 Tom Johnson Emmaus Road Covenant
 Mark Koester Eagle Brook
 Peter Nassaf Holy Family Catholic
 Kevin Richardson Eagan Hills Alliance

Lee Monson Brooklyn Evangelical Free
 Nathan Johnson Cornerstone
 Greg Iverson Eagle Brook
 Jon Bjork First UMC-Lindstrom
 Maxwell Boison Faith Presbyterian-Minnetonka
 Larry Brunkman Plymouth Covenant
 Jim Krolnik Discover
 Dwayne Lowman Colonial Church of Edina
 Steve Martin Grace UMC-Burnsville
 Don Mechelke St. Lucas Community
 Jeremy Schweim
 Dal Van Batavia Brunswick UMC

Tim Wheeler Stillwater Evangelical Free
 Kent Nack Colonial Church of Edina
 Mike Bell St. Lucas Community
 Dennis Bowe Grace - Eden Prairie
 Clay Garrick Hastings UMC
 Al Miller
 Kevin Navara Forest Hills UMC
 Curt Nelson True North
 Darrell Skruppy Peace Reformed

Kerry Quam Bethlehem Baptist
 Ed Rarick Peace Reformed
 Dave Dick
 Al Kitagawa Faith Covenant
 Dave Kitchel Rosemount UMC
 Joshua Martin Hastings UMC
 Chad Olinger Faith Covenant
 Dwight Olinger Faith Covenant
 Dareld Quam Harbor
 Brad Roehning Restoration Covenant
 Mike Shanley St. Lucas Community
 Rich Wirt Rosemount UMC

Rector/a
Assistant Rector/a

Spiritual Directors

Music Directors

Technical Assistant

Rollistas

Table Leaders

Palanca Rector/a
Asst. Palanca Rector/a
Palanca Spiritual Dir.
Palanca Music Dir.
Palanca Team

Kitchen Rector/a
Asst. Kitchen Rector/a
Kitchen Team

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



UEC #248 - Women's Team Roster

Norma Lund Rosemount UMC
 Pat Hamblin Christ Community
 Ann Sample Clarissa UMC
 Mary Jo Savage Normandale Hylands UMC
 Bruce Bjork Council of Churches
 RuthAnn Ramstad Woodbury/Peaceful Grove UMC
 Ruth Lawrence SouthCross Community
 Rory Mattson First Presbyterian-Albert Lea
 Judy Bollar Church of All Nations

Pat Bowe Grace-Eden Prairie
 Laurie Fosburgh Rosemount UMC
 Karen Howard Our Savior's Lutheran-AZ
 Nancy Sundeen Colonial Church of Edina
 Mary West Hope UMC
 Kris Anderson Rosemount UMC
 Judi Carlson Glendale UMC
 Peg Daly Peace Reformed/Mary Mother
 Sandra Dyrstad Emmaus Lutheran
 Darla Lidke Rosemount UMC
 Andee Matter Rochester Covenant
 Jenny Yearneau Evergreen-Bloomington

Jennifer Lee Grace-Eden Prairie
 Lynn Durner Woodcrest
 Phil Schmidt North Branch UMC
 Marilyn Morlock Hastings UMC
 Jill Biatek Albert Lea UMC
 Jen Bowe Grace Church-Eden Prairie
 Sandy Dunleavy Grace-Roseville
 Susan Gilmer
 Cindi Johnson People of Hope
 Sue LeRoy Hosanna!
 Sarah Peterson NewDay Covenant
 Susan Richardson Eagan Hills

Lisa Bjerken Christ Presbyterian
 Marilynn Rarick Peace Reformed
 Gidget Bell St. Lucas Community
 Cheryl Howard First Presbyterian-Albert Lea
 Denice Ingalls-Skruppy Peace Reformed
 Susan Johnson Calvary Lutheran
 June Krogstad North Branch UMC
 Julie Nybakken Restoration Covenant
 Darla O'Flanagan Buffalo UMC
 Audrey Quiggle 4th Avenue UMC
 Mary Scott Colonial Church of Edina
 Lisa Witter St. Lucas Community

Wanda Wirt Rosemount UMC
 Mary Lawrence Peace Reformed
 Chris Bewell Arlington Hills UMC
 Darcy Bodger All Saints Lutheran
 Lori Crandall Peace Reformed
 Susan Ganzer Hastings UMC
 Marian Green Christ Community
 Marsha Kitchel Rosemount UMC
 Charlene Martin Hastings UMC
 Elaine Schmidt North Branch UMC

Support Unidos en Cristo #249 and #250

Grace United Methodist Church, Fergus Falls, MN

1100 Friberg Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN 56537 • 218-739-2269 • www.graceumc.org

Men's UEC #249

August 11-14, 2011

*"Not by might nor by power,
but by my Spirit says the LORD Almighty."
Zechariah 4:6*

Rector:	Scott Stamp	320-251-7673
Kitchen:	Joe Watrin	320-253-4252
4th Day:	Rich Carlson	612-210-1669
Palanca:	Tom Fletcher	320-253-9484

Women's UEC #250

August 18-21, 2011

*"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life ... nor
anything ... will be able to separate us from the love of
God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Romans 8:37-39*

Rectora:	Diane Martin	952-432-4931
Kitchen:	Susan Tesarek	952-934-1757
4th Day:	Kelly Kandals	218-739-2260
Palanca:	Deb Ostlund	320-212-7185

Directions / Schedules

Directions: Grace UMC, Fergus Falls, MN

From I-94, at Fergus Falls, take Hwy. 210 going east into Fergus Falls. Go left at Friberg Ave. Grace UMC is on the right, just past the high school at E. Cherry Ave. As always, 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!

All About Palanca

How many items should I provide?

24 Weekenders are anticipated for each weekend. When sending Palanca for distribution in the Rollo Room, please send 44 items for each weekend.

Food Palanca Requests

Please contact the appropriate person to coordinate your palanca with team needs.

Men's Weekend:

Contact Joe Watrin at 320-253-4352

Women's Weekend:

Contact Susan Tesarek at 952-934-1757 or
sue.tesarek@genmills.com

General Needs for most Weekends:

Asst. juice, asst. dry cereal, baking potatoes, chicken breasts, asst. fresh fruit, catawba juice, cheesecake, asst. bagels and cream cheese, picante sauce.

Unique Ways to Serve the UEC Fergus Falls Weekends

These weekends are unique to UEC. They are operating with smaller teams in a smaller facility outside our normal geographical arena. Here's a variety of ways you may help.

- Read how the Fergus Falls weekends came to be (January 2011 Palanca Press). "Catch the Vision" — See article on page 8.
- Serve on Team! Sponsor a Weekender! As of 6/1/2011, team is not full and many more Weekenders are needed.
- Helping Hands Palanca! See page 2. (Set up, take down, 4th Day Room, Kitchen needs).
- Be a part-time team member. Contact the Rector/a. Find out if they have need for you for one day or offer to complete a pre-weekend task such as organizing the rosters in Excel for the Leadership, assisting with shopping for the Kitchen team, laminating all of the nametags for the 4th Day team or organizing foot washing supplies for the Palanca Team ... the ideas are endless.

ATTEND THE CLAUSURAS!

There is concern that because Fergus Falls is a "little" further away than our normal weekends, there will be lower attendance at the Clausuras. Take a moment to remember your weekend and your Clausura. Make these weekends just as special by attending!

CARPOOLING HAS BEEN ARRANGED!

We tried to charter busing ... too expensive! However, carpooling has been organized:

- **North Metro: Plymouth Covenant Church.** Meet in the North parking lot at 1:30 p.m. to leave by 2:00 p.m. (4300 Vickburg Lane, Plymouth, MN 55446 - www.plymouthcovenant.org). Expect to leave Fergus Falls by 8:00 p.m. and return by 10:30 p.m.
- **South Metro: Faith Covenant Church.** Meet at 1:00 pm to leave by 1:30 p.m. (12921 Nicollet Ave. S., Burnsville, MN 55337 - www.faithcovenant.org). Expect to leave Fergus Falls by 8:00 p.m. and return by 11:00 p.m.

Each site will have an "organizer" present to help everyone form carpooling groups, register cars for the churches, etc. For more information, contact Kathy Walker at walker@unidosencristo.com or 612-483-6151.

*"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never
walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."
John 8:12*



UEC #249 - Men's Team Roster

Scott Stamp Riverside Evangelical
 Mark Johansen Riverside Evangelical
 Don Primley Riverside Evangelical
 Brad Stamp Redeeming Love
 Paul Logan
 Rick Townsend-Anderson Prsby Church of Master
 Dan Everson Hope Presbyterian
 Deb Johansen Riverside Evangelical

Don Caplinger Hope Presbyterian
 Mark Heysse Hope Covenant
 Victor Jones Litchfield UMC
 Neal Powell St. Lucas Community
 David Webb Normandale Hylands UMC

Ryan Armstrong Plymouth Covenant
 Dean Ohland Litchfield UMC

Tom Fletcher Riverside Evangelical
 Bob Pike Hope Presbyterian
 Robert Bollar Church of All Nations
 Glen Karlgaard Hosanna!
 Archie MacPhee Hosanna!
 Angelo Marasigan Hope Presbyterian
 Mark Olson Riverside Evangelical

Joe Watrin St. Wendelin's
 Mark Skaj St. Francix Xavier
 Doug Brown Litchfield UMC
 Bob Eddy Litchfield UMC
 Harlan Halbersma Litchfield UMC
 Wade Hicks Litchfield UMC

Rich Carlson Glendale UMC
 Steve Schirmers Hope Covenant
 Darrel Armbrust Hope Covenant
 Dave Higgin Litchfield UMC
 Scott Richards Living Waters Lutheran

**Rector/a
Assistant Rector/a**

Spiritual Directors

Music Directors

Rollistas

Table Leaders

**Palanca Rector/a
Asst. Palanca Rector/a
Palanca Spiritual Dir.
Palanca Music Dir.
Palanca Team**

**Kitchen Rector/a
Asst. Kitchen Rector/a
Kitchen Team**

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

UEC #250 - Women's Team Roster

Diane Martin Grace UMC-Burnsville
 Carol Ann Brekke Hosanna!
 Barb Laidlaw First Baptist-Grove City
 Sharon Nagel Christ Community
 Bob Kandals Grace UMC
 Juliann Sturm Holy Name of Jesus
 Gail Karlgaard Hosanna!

Beth Pukal Church of the Open Door
 Jan Reinke Rejoice Renewal
 Deb Shaffran Normandale Hylands UMC
 Susan Weestrand Woodridge

Maria Hartle Grace UMC-Burnsville
 Mari Powell St. Lucas Community

Deb Ostlund Crossroads Community
 Stacey O'Brien Crossroads Community
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR NEEDED HERE
 Joanie Meyer Bethlehem Lutheran-St. Cloud
 Sarah Beckrich Braham Covenant
 Marilyn Brooks Christ Community
 Elizabeth Seigh St. John's Episcopal
 Kathy Schmid Christ Community

Susan Tesarek Faith Presbyterian-Minnetonka
 Marsha Muir Faith Presbyterian-Minnetonka
 Eileen Dahl Hope Lutheran-Fargo
 Lois Meiners Bethlehem Lutheran-St. Cloud
 Phyllis Neuenfeldt Faith Presbyterian-Minnetonka
 Val Solyntjes

Kelly Kandals Grace UMC-Fergus Falls
 Stacy Bezanson Church of the Open Door
 Bonnie Booth
 Jenette Lener Braham Covenant
 Dori Woodburn Faith Covenant

Weekender Reviews

"My table companions were hand-picked, by God, especially for me."

"We found a safe place here — we were able relax, become vulnerable and to accept the gift of grace."

"God Loves You and You Are Worthy have entirely new meaning."

"God was here."

"I am a changed person because I was shown God's love."

Fourth Day

Welcome to the 4th Day!

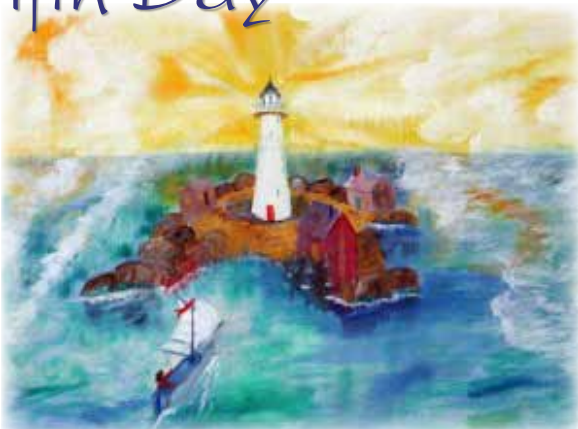
Participant List from UEC #245 & #246

Excelsior Covenant Church, Excelsior, MN

Ryan Armstrong, Plymouth Covenant
Jen Bakke, SouthCross Community
Jesse Bassett, SouthCross Community
Byron & Beth Bailey, Southmetro Vineyard
Ted & Sarah Beckrich, Braham Covenant
Mike & Gidget Bell, St. Lucas Community
Karrie Bies, Osceola Community
Mike & Ruth Blalock, Braham Covenant
Theresa Boettcher, Lydia Zion UMC
Larry Brinkman, Plymouth Covenant
Sharon Bullford, Minnetonka UMC
Denyse Brown, St. Michael's Lutheran
Linda Browning, Brunswick UMC
Gerry & Jan Butcher, Plymouth Covenant
Rob Chvatal, Hosanna!
Lori Crandall, Peace Reformed
Nancy Fleming, Plymouth Covenant
Sue Ganzer & Doug Swazer, Hastings UMC
Jeani Gephart, Hosanna!
Marian Green, Christ Community
Andrew Hagen, Brunswick UMC
Jim & Charlene Harper, Woodridge
Kate Hunter, River of Life
Vinette Jensen, Atonement Lutheran

Alan & Mary Johnson, Plymouth Covenant
Tom Johnson, Emmaus Road Covenant
Scott Johnson, Christ Presbyterian
Kristin Koester, Eagle Brook Church
Tom Lee, Living Word
Bert & Jeanette Lener, Braham Covenant
Sue LeRoy, Hosanna!
Craig & Betty Lindvall, North Isanti Baptist
Angie McGinnis, Hastings UMC
Michael & Lynn Olkives, Church of the Open Door
Mabel Pearson, Litchfield UMC
Tom & Liane Petersen, Excelsior Covenant
Chris Rode, Peace Reformed
Phil & Elaine Schmidt, North Branch UMC
Ellen Schuldt, Normandale Hylands UMC
Harlen Seri, Minnewashta Church
Jackie Swedeen, Harris Covenant
Peter & Tara Taves, Church of the Open Door
Dodie Taylor, Faith Covenant
Brad Thompson, St. Joan of Arc
Austin & Calli Walker, Hastings UMC
Ruth Ward-Gross, Colonial Church of Edina
Candy Weller, Our Savior's Lutheran
Matt & Pam Wilkens, Peace Reformed

Fifth Day



In Loving Memory

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

Richard Miller, St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Anne)
Warren Larsen, UEC 79, North Branch UMC (Jackie)
Betsy Slapnicher, UEC 16, Hastings UMC (Joe)
Max Orr, UEC 177, Minnetonka UMC
Duane McConkey, UEC 91, Minnetonka UMC (Marcia)
Nancy Lee Sherder, UEC 80, Rochester Covenant
Leigh Jewell, St. Croix Valley, UMC, (Jim Joyce)
Carolyn Aitchison, UEC 200, First Presbyterian-Albert Lea
Kathryn Jordahl, UEC 192, First Presbyterian-Albert Lea

Gifts were received in memory of Leigh Jewell, Duane McConkey and Max Orr.

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) for inclusion in the newsletter. Others in the 4th Day Community may have no other way of knowing that their friends in Christ have entered His presence. If you provide the name and address of family, a sympathy card will be mailed to the family. Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press, unless otherwise requested. Send them to the Unidos en Cristo Treasurer: Teresa VanBatavia, 5108 W 74th Str., PO Box 390122, Edina, MN 55439

My weekend was UEC 246. As soon as I heard about this program I wanted to attend. I desperately wanted to experience God's grace in my life. From a child I knew Christ as my Savior, but it was all head knowledge, it never fully got into my heart. I couldn't bear to let someone in all the way just to get hurt again. I came to the weekend wanting that to change. The Father and I had already been working on breaking down the walls around my heart and getting the door open even more.

Thursday night set the stage. Then the, "Random Acts of Kindness" started, the Palanca, the prayers that were coming in from people we didn't even know. Friday night, a "friend" spent time with me after Stations of the Cross. I was well primed for the Dinner on Saturday night. That Dinner!! My hand was over my heart as I was escorted around the table, stopped at the Head of the table, then taken to my seat. My heart was completely broken as I read the invitation and I knew, finally, without a doubt, that God truly loved me and I was worthy of His love. The last of the walls became as dust and the door was torn from it's hinges as the Father made Himself at home in my heart!

He daily has confirmed that He meant what He said, that His Spirit bears witness with my spirit that I AM His child, I AM Loved and I am Worthy of His Outrageous Love!

UEC 246 was truly a Spiritually Life changing weekend and I will ever be thanking the Father for sending me!

*Outrageously Loved by God!,
Marian Green*



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 Cursillo-like weekend. Visit www.unitedtec.org (metro) or www.southernmec.org. (Southern MN) for more information.

Via de Cristo (Minnesota):

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

METRO-WIDE ULTREYA JULY 17

SEE WEB SITE — UEC WELCOME TO ATTEND

Tre 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.mnemmas.org.

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 REGISTRATIONS will be accepted at any time for any weekend if the weekend hasn't filled. If you wish to submit a Weekend Registration form within two weeks of an upcoming weekend, contact Audrey Mondelli, Allocations Coordinator to determine if space is available. When this issue of the Palanca Press went to print, **there were still openings for Weekenders for the July 2011 weekends at Peace Reformed Church in Eagan and for the August 2011 weekends at Grace UMC in Fergus Falls.** Send Weekend Registration Forms to:

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

The weekend registration fee of \$40.00 per Weekender should accompany the Weekend Registration Form.

TEAM APPLICATIONS may be submitted at any time for any weekend. Submission of a team application does not guarantee placement on a team. You may contact Don May, Leadership Training at 651-437-6905 or dongmay@comcast.net to determine if there are still team openings. **As of June 1, 2011, team openings remain for the August 2011 weekends in Fergus Falls, MN.**

Now is also a perfect time to submit Team Applications for the September/October 2011 and January 2012 weekends.

Weekend	Date	Host Church	Rector/a	SDs
#251 Men	Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2011	Brooklyn UMC, Brooklyn Center, MN	Jim Dibley	Greg Bestland Phil Mather Rick Ormsby
#252 Women	October 6-9, 2011	Brooklyn UMC, Brooklyn Center, MN	Elma Hammersma	TBA
#253 Men	January 19-22, 2012	Rosemount UMC, Rosemount, MN	TBA	TBA
#254 Women	January 26-29, 2012	Rosemount UMC, Rosemount, MN	TBA	TBA

Community Page

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16*



CATCH THE VISION!

Yes, we have three sets of weekends closer together and over the summer, which is not the “norm” for UEC. Yes, one could argue that this spreads thin those who serve. Yes, Fergus Falls is a longer distance to travel than the metro (as are Faribault, Albert Lea and Rochester).

As someone close to me has said, “it’s all about perspective.” Some Cursillo organizations in the world hold weekends monthly, some only yearly, some with teams of 80 to serve 24 Weekenders, some with teams of 40 to serve 40 Weekenders, some in humble churches, some in prisons, some in resorts.

Cursillo is not about the building, the number of people, the location. It is about being guided and directed by God and following Him. When we become stuck in our ways, it is more difficult for God to work His way through us. When we “expand our territory” as Jabaz did (I Chronicles 4:10), when we follow God outside our comfort zone, when we sacrifice so that someone can experience God’s grace ... this is when God can freely bless.

We need your help and involvement with all three upcoming sets of UEC weekends. We especially need your involvement with the Fergus Falls set of weekends. The teams are not yet full. We have only one (1) Weekender Registration. Sponsors — where are you?

We did not, out of the blue, decide to have a set of weekends in Fergus Falls. God directed us to do so. If you have not yet heard or read the story of how this occurred, please go to our web site and download the January 2011 issue of the Palanca Press and read the article. From three unrelated sources, God showed us a need for a Fergus Falls UEC. The UEC Council has chosen to follow God, outside our “norm”, beyond our comfort zone, expanding our tents. We believe He will bring the team members and Weekenders to these weekends that have been on His list for many many weeks. Are you one of those team members? Are you one of those Sponsors?

Thank you for taking the time to pray about how you might be involved, what sacrifice you might be privileged to make ... and then for acting on what God impresses you to do. See page 4 for suggestions for how you might serve.

Yes, you might have to drive further. Yes, you might have to give up a couple extra days. But, you will be a conduit of grace and an instrument of God for someone who needs to meet Him in a special way.

Catch the Vision! Join us in Fergus Falls!

Visiting a Weekend

When stopping by a weekend to visit, pray, attend a Rollo send-off, etc. please remember:

- Park in the 4th day designated area (watch for “4th Day” signs).
- Keep an eye on your belongings and your children.
- Remember we are guests at the host church.
- Bring your songbook, cross and mug.
- Stop by the 4th Day Center and write a Palanca note to someone.
- Give a team member an Abrazo.
- If you bring a snack, remember “no nuts.”

See you soon!

Clausura Etiquette

The Clausura is primarily a worship service and an opportunity to hear from and welcome the Weekenders to the 4th Day community. Clausura attendance should be limited to people who have attended a Cursillo weekend (UEC, Via de Cristo, Walk to Emmaus). TEC participants may also attend. It is inappropriate to bring small children and infants as the worship service may be long. Recorders, cameras and video cameras are not allowed. Cell phones and pagers should be set to ‘silent’ or ‘vibrate’. Thank you for respecting those around you by following these guidelines.

Gluten-Free Communion

At all team meetings and on UEC weekends, as well as at all Clausuras and weekend Ultreyas, there will be a gluten-free communion station available. We do not want anyone to skip this important sacrament due to gluten allergies or intolerances.

4th Day Market

The 4th Day Market will be open before every Clausura with the following items for purchase:

**Songbooks \$20 Crosses: \$5
Renewal Cards FREE**

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Unidos en Cristo — Back to the Basics

Submitted by Mary Marcoux, UEC Clergy Coordinator

It seems to be a given in our society: Make it bigger and better or add a little something extra.

I have been involved with UEC in one form or another (Cursillo, then United Cursillo, and now UEC) since 1979 and I have watched it evolve into the movement and form that it is today. I have seen a lot of “little something extras” added so that in a sense we’ve indeed made it bigger, but have we actually made it better?

I recently shared with our UEC Council that I believe we are drifting away from our Cursillo roots. I described what it was like in 1979 compared to what it’s like now. Within any faith organization there is always a tendency to mix current culture and trends with faith and belief. I fear we may be doing this with UEC. I know I am not the only one who has noticed this trend. After discussing this at UEC Council, we decided that it may be helpful to revisit our roots. Therefore, this is the first in a series of columns requested by the UEC Council to re-examine our roots and get back to the basics.

Many things have “snowballed” in UEC through the years not only costing us more money, but—more importantly—the time and energy of team members, and—even more importantly—deviating from the ebb and flow of the spiritual nature of the weekend. “Las Mananitas”, or the Morning Serenade, is a prime example of this.

Original Intention: For team members to gently awaken the Weekenders with song.

Initially it was solely the team who would awaken the Weekenders with song. They would simply get up shortly before the Weekenders and, while still in their pajamas, would quietly awaken them with song and then invite them for breakfast in “that much” time.

Gradually musicians were added to the mix, usually a guitar or two...then a small group of the 4th day Community (usually musicians or singers)...then Sponsors. Still, people would simply come and “sing them awake” and then leave--no 4th Day Community contact with the Weekenders whatsoever, not even a wave.

Somewhere along the line, Sponsors began bringing a single rose (then later some even brought bouquets and gifts). Rather than a quiet awakening, there was now a din of conversation and laughter—and sometimes disappointment and bewilderment for those whose Sponsors were unable to attend. Team members no longer sang in their pajamas, but gave up sleep to be dressed and ready when the 4th Day Community began arriving.

Eventually a glass of orange juice was added to the rose (which eventually was changed to a carnation)...then a carnation, a glass of orange juice and a glass of water...then the glass of water needed a slice of lemon...then a breath mint...so the morning serenade now often includes a carnation, a glass of orange juice, a glass of water with a slice of lemon, and a breath mint--most of which goes untouched and is immediately followed by breakfast. The simple morning serenade has turned into an early morning party and I have seen Kitchen Team up as early as 4:00 a.m. to slice lemons! Some have also felt obligated to provide coffee and doughnuts for the 4th day Community.

It’s easy to see how the cost, the work, and Sponsor responsibilities of the morning serenade have increased (while the hours of sleep for team members--and the 4th Day Community--have decreased). Gone is the gentle awakening and the comments such as, “I can’t believe all those people got up so early just to sing to us!” It seems to have become more of an interruption in the flow of the weekend.

We live in a materialistic society. We seem to have forgotten how to give of ourselves without including something material or wanting people to know that it came from us.

A challenge to consider: To return to the simplicity and spiritual nature of the Morning Serenade; allow team members an adequate night’s sleep; and wait until Sunday evening before the Weekenders have any contact with the 4th Day Community, thus allowing them the weekend to separate themselves from the outside world, avoid distraction, and focus on God.



Council Quarters

Convenor's Corner and Inspiration

Dear Friends,

You may notice throughout this issue of the Palanca Press that our calling to be light by following Jesus, the Light of the World, is subtly emphasized.

As I put this issue together, I realized that over the last year, God has led us in two directions that may seem opposite.

First, He led us to expand. He brought us, clearly, to Fergus Falls. Following this leading has been more complicated than you might imagine. Some of you have embraced it, some have not. Practical planning for such an expansion brought minor obstacles — nothing God cannot and will not handle.

Second, a keen awareness is emerging on Council of our need to simplify, get back to the basics and to remove “fluff”. God’s intention is simple. Humans manage to complicate things. God opens our eye and we return to His way of simplicity.

If we look further back, over the last ten years, we see the complicated (now complete) process of restructuring our organization — a healthy, periodic process for any ministry. This involved redesigning our image, taking a deep look at what was working and what wasn’t and then changing accordingly. This process was not without its own set of obstacles. However, because of this process, we can now, more simply, bring the unique gift of a Cursillo weekend to more people.

It was on a UEC weekend, while serving on team, after an apostolic hour, that I deeply saw what a gift God has given us in Cursillo. I saw HOW this works and WHY this works. I saw UNITY amongst people who believed differently, SOLIDARITY amongst new friends and I saw lives PROFOUNDLY TRANSFORMED. I saw the embracing of God’s calling to go out into our environments and be a light to the world. I saw women given the tools to fulfill what God was asking them to do and a community of support. I’ve had a personal relationship with Jesus and have been involved with lay ministry most of my life. This was remarkably different.

Jesus’ ministry was complicated, yet simple. He went through a more complicated process than we have the ability to imagine, for our redemption. But the outcome was simple. He loves us. We accept His love and are free.

As I began pasting lighthouses everywhere in this issue, I realized they, too, are complicated simplicity. They are complicated mechanisms, placed in difficult-to-build places, facing storms all the time. Their purpose remains steadfast and simple ... to be a light to the world.

UEC is not better or held higher in God’s eyes than other ministries ... but it is a tools that gives us a unique opportunity to be a light. All we have to do is say YES to praying, say YES to sponsoring, say YES to serving on team, say YES to sending Palanca, say YES to serving on Council, say YES ... even if it might complicate our schedules, our lives, our summer vacation.

God’s grace is the light that will shine through our complications and bring His children to safe harbor.

Abrazos!
Kathy Walker, Convenor

*You, Lord, are my lamp.
The Lord turns my darkness into light.”
II Samuel 22: 29*

Thank You for Your Generosity!

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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.

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I'm a Sponsor.

My Weekender attends a church unfamiliar with cursillo. Do I HAVE to get my Weekender's pastor to fill out the Pastor portion? Why?

Yes, even though we no longer "require" a pastor's signature for someone to attend a UEC weekend, we want you, as Sponsor (or your Weekender) to have the Weekender's pastor fill out the Pastor portion of the Weekend Registration form.

Why? Two reasons:

1. This is our opportunity to introduce UEC to a new clergy member and an entire church. With the information in the Pastor's section, we can contact them personally, send a packet of information to them, invite them to attend a UEC weekend and consider UEC as a tool for strengthening their congregation.
2. This is the pastor's opportunity to pray for their parishioner as they seek God while attending a UEC weekend. We don't want to take that opportunity from the pastor.

You don't have to "sell" UEC to the pastor unless you want to. The change in the Weekender after their weekend will do that. The UEC Council will make contact with the pastor with more detail. You just need to ask the pastor to fill in the information.

What if the Weekender is a Christian and does not attend an organized fellowship, but instead attends a house church or other Christian gathering regularly? Then, have the leader of that group fill in the pastor portion. As a last resort, have your pastor complete this section and commit to helping your Weekender integrate into your own local 4th Day Community after their weekend.

What about the Liaison Section? Is it Required?

My church doesn't have a UEC Liaison.

Again, the Liaison section is an opportunity for communication between UEC Council and a local 4th Day Community. If your church does not have one, consider becoming one. It's not difficult and can be a lot of fun! Contact the Liaison Coordinator for more information.



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*Jesus said,
"I have come into the world as a light,
so that no one who believes in me
should stay in darkness."
John 12:46*

