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Men's UEC #251

September 29-October 2, 2011

*"God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble."*

Psalms 46:1 (NJV)

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Women's UEC #252

October 6-9, 2011

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his
mercies never come to an end; they are new every
morning; great is your faithfulness."*

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NRSV)

Rectora:	Elma Hamersma	952-657-5158
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4th Day:	Sara O'Keefe	952-933-5319
Palanca:	Becky Folwick	952-470-0891

Directions / Schedules

Directions: Brooklyn UMC, Brooklyn Center

From I-694 (north of the Twin Cities), take Exit 33 at County Rd 152/Brooklyn Blvd. Go North. The church will be on your right in approximately .8 miles. 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!

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.

Paper Palanca

By September 23, send Palanca to:

Men of UEC #251 or Women of UEC #252
c/o David Webb, Palanca Coordinator
4737 County Road 101, #218
Minnetonka, MN 55345
webb@unidosencristo.com or 612-385-1441.

Helping Hands Palanca:

Unable to serve on team? The 4th Day & Kitchen Teams are happy for your help throughout the weekend. Call ahead to learn times of particular need when you might be able to give a couple hours of your time.

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

The lists below are partial. Please contact those listed for details and quantities. UEC weekends are NUT-FREE. Please do not donate any foods with nuts. This includes nut butters and nut flavored coffee creamers.

Men's Weekend:

Ground beef, brats, cheesecake, eggs, catawba juice, bagels, cream cheese, boxed cereal, milk, bacon, breakfast sausage, lunchmeat, sliced cheese, ice cream sandwiches, mild and medium salsa, asst individual yogurt, brat buns, hamburger buns, white bread, wheat bread, croissant rolls. Contact: Charles Rice at 612-702-7192 or by email at Hevster_1212@hotmail.com.

Women's Weekend:

Ground beef, hamburger buns, tossed salad mix, whipped cream, individual bags of potato chips, bagels, asst individual yogurt, eggs, bread bowls, ice cream bars, chicken breasts, corn tortillas, shredded cheddar cheese, tortilla chips, picante sauce, angel food cake, quick cooking oats, breakfast sausage, head lettuce, cooked turkey/ham/chicken, fresh green beans, hard rolls, plain cheesecake, catawba juice, asst danish/muffins, Rhodes cinnamon rolls, croissants, deli sliced turkey/ham. Contact: Cathy Eckart at 612-802-7506 or by email at ceckart@comcast.net.

UEC #251 - Men's Team Roster

Jim Dibley Rosemount UMC
 Dave Serrano Stewartville UMC
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 Tom Mathias Alliance of the Valley
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 David Webb Church of the Open Door
 Mark Yzermans home church

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Rollistas

Table Leaders

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

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



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Who Attends What at UEC?

There has been recent inquiry about who may attend various UEC functions. Here are some guidelines:

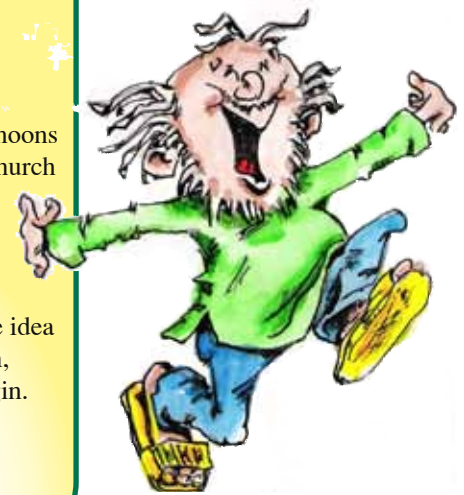
- Sunday morning Serenade:** Only sponsors listed on the Weekender's application may attend.
- Sunday afternoon Serenade:** All Cursillistas from all Cursillo organizations are welcome.
- Rollista Send Offs/Thanksgivings:** Only those who have been personally invited to attend by the Rollista via the Palanca Angel. This includes Rector/a send offs/thanksgivings.
- 4th Day Center / Palanca Chapel:** Any Cursillista can visit the 4th Day Center to drop off Palanca for Team and Weekenders and any Cursillista can visit the Palanca Chapel to pray. Both are open throughout any given weekend.
- Clausuras:** The Clausura is for Cursillistas to gather together, worship God and welcome the new Cursillistas. So, Cursillistas from all Cursillo organizations are welcome to attend Clausuras.
- Weekend Ultreyas:** The manual says that the Weekend Ultreya is a reunion for the Weekenders and the Team. Sponsors may come if their Weekender needs a ride. It is preferable for Sponsors to drop off and pick up their Weekender. Spouses of Team should only attend if they, too, served on Team.
- Children:** Please do not bring your children to UEC functions. If you bring your children throughout a Weekend to drop off palanca or stop by the Palanca Chapel to pray, please keep your children with you at all times.

Prayer Vigil

Prayer is the most important element of a UEC Weekend. Please commit to prayer by joining the weekend Prayer Vigils. Go to www.unidosencristo.com. Click on "4th Day" and then "Prayer Vigil". You can input your e-mail address and choose a one-hour time slot to pray. You'll receive a reminder e-mail, prayer tips and specific requests from the weekend team.

Church Liaison Meetings

Before every Women's Clausura on Sunday afternoons beginning at 3:00 p.m., Church Liaisons share ideas for making the local UEC community stronger and more active. If you are interested in exploring the idea of being a Church Liaison, this is a good place to begin. **Everyone is welcome.**



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 Cheryl Lecy, Allocations Coordinator to determine if space is available. Send Weekend Registration forms to:

Cheryl Lecy, UEC Allocations • 22603 W. Martin Lake Dr. • Stacy, MN 55079 • lecy@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. Now is a perfect time to submit Team Applications for the January 2012 weekends.

Weekend	Date	Host Church	Rector/a	SDs
#253 Men	January 19-22, 2012	Rosemount UMC, Rosemount, MN	TBA	TBA
#254 Women	January 26-29, 2012	Rosemount UMC, Rosemount, MN	TBA	TBA
#255 Men	June 7-10, 2012	Normandale Hylands UMC, Bloomington, MN	TBA	TBA
#256 Women	June 14-17, 2012	Normandale Hylands UMC, Bloomington, MN	TBA	TBA
#257 Men	October 4-7, 2012	First Presbyterian, Albert Lea, MN	TBA	TBA
#258 Women	October 11-14, 2012	First Presbyterian, Albert Lea, MN	TBA	TBA

Fifth Day

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. A sympathy card will be mailed if you provide the name and address of family. Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press, unless otherwise requested. Send memorials to: Unidos en Cristo, Attn: Council Treasurer, 5108 W 74th Str., P.O. Box 390122, Edina, MN 55439.

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

Pastor Dale Kurtz, UEC 147, Buffalo UMC (Lorraine)
Mabel Pearson, UEC 246, Litchfield UMC
Gail Wheems, VdC 14, Fridley Covenant

Weekender Reviews

"Love ... I can no longer avoid it."

*"When you don't accept the grace God extends to you through others,
you shorten His hand."*

*"I've never had a problem accepting God's love. I have had a problem accepting love from people.
Here, I learned to accept love from people."*

"I have a new job. God has accepted my application."

"I now know what grace means."

Fourth Day

Welcome to the 4th Day! Participant List from UEC #247 & #248 Peace Reformed Church, Eagan, MN

Sal Bass, Truth and Light Christian Center
Jack Blackburn, Eau Claire Wesleyan
Susie Blumberg, Grace Eden Prairie
Marilyn Bower, Evangel UMC
Cheryl Bradford, Shiloh Temple
Felix Brown, Shiloh Temple
Nick and Joy Bueltel, Brunswick UMC
Eddie Clay, Shiloh Temple
Deb Easter, Park Avenue UMC
Gayle Emery, Valley Christian
Herb and Sharon Fish, Shepherd of the Valley
Terrence Frierson, Truth and Light Christian Center
Nikki Gathman, Grace Eden Prairie
Tanisha Gibson, Living Word
Linda Green, Shiloh Temple
Yolanda Guy, Shiloh Temple
Jill Hammer, Rosemount UMC
Shirleen Hilgenberg, Woodbury Baptist
Gabe Hymer, SouthCross Community
Tammy Ingvaldson, Hosanna!
Deb Johnson, Grace Eden Prairie
Doug Mechelke, St. Lucas Community
Nancy Kin, Messiah Episcopal
Korine Krogstad, North Branch UMC
Ken Lewis, Peace Reformed
Kay Lingenfelder, New Life
Rich and Tammy Lough, Peace Reformed

Len Mathe, Hosanna!
Sandy McGie, Peach Reformed
Mavis Nelson, North Branch UMC
Nikki O'Flanagan, Buffalo UMC
Richard Perry, Shiloh Temple
Lynn Rausch,
Charles Rice, Shiloh Temple
Pendon Rodgers, Shiloh Temple
Ginny Runeberg, North Branch UMC
Barb Russell, Progressive Baptist
Debi Seri, Minnewashta Church
Floyd Skinner, Rosemount UMC
Joshua Snell, Parkview UCC
Andy and Heidi Sprado, Eagle Brook
Faye Strelesky, Faith Covenant
Troy Swanson, Hosanna!
Matti Syrja, Light the Way
Johannes VanderBent, Bridge Bible
Christine Van Dyke, Jacob's Well
Michelle Wang, Stadium Village
Pam Whitcomb, Buffalo UMC
La Donna White, Shiloh Temple
Larry Whittied, Shiloh Temple
Lisa Wilkes, Shiloh Temple
Jeff Williams, Eagle Brook
Leanna Williams, Rochester Covenant
Danielle Wooton, Hastings UMC



*The LORD is my strength
and my shield;
my heart trusts in him,
and he helps me.
My heart leaps for JOY, and
with my song I praise him.
Psalms 28:7*

Unidos en Cristo — Back to the Basics Part 2

Submitted by Mary Marcoux, UEC Clergy Coordinator

This is the second in a series of columns to help us re-examine our UEC roots and get back to the basics. (For full introduction, see the last issue of the Palanca Press).

Through the years, many things have “snowballed” in UEC, not only costing us more money, but—more importantly—the time and energy of Team members, and—even more importantly—it deviates from the ebb and flow of the spiritual nature of the Weekend. In our last PP issue we took a look at “Las Mananitas” or the Morning Serenade. In this issue we take a look at Saturday night’s Agape Dinner.

Original Intention: To feel the love of God and genuine Christian community in an atmosphere of peace and beauty. “Agape” = unconditional, spiritual love—God’s love.

The most memorable Agape Dinner I’ve ever experienced was held in a gym. As we walked in, we immediately noticed the “large table” in the center. There was no mistaking the fact that the tables were placed in the form of a cross. A large, empty chair from the church sanctuary had been symbolically placed at the head of the table. There were no “escorts” nor had the room been sectioned off with dark paper or cloth walls. There was no prom-like atmosphere. If there were candles or flowers, I don’t remember. What I do remember are the eight older women who comprised the entire Kitchen Team. After they served us, they lined up, put their arms around each other and swayed in unison as they sang a couple of gentle Cursillo songs. They used no accompaniment, only their ordinary voices, joyful smiles, and giggles if they stumbled over words or notes. They still had their kitchen aprons tied around their waists—none of which matched because they were simply aprons that each had brought from home. I remember hearing one of the weekenders gasp, “First they prepare and serve us this lovely meal and now they’re serenading us...unbelievable.” People were touched, grateful, and teary.

This is how a 30 year-old sheet of instructions describes the Agape Dinner: One of the high points Saturday evening is the evening Agape Meal. The dining hall is lit with candles, all the banners are put up, the tables are decorated, and the scene is one of peace and beauty. Two things that may add much are (1) having the tables arranged in a cross or other symbol and (2) having the kitchen and palanca teams hold candles and sing two or three slow moving songs to the weekenders as they enter the room. That is all the instruction given for the Agape Dinner.

And now the snowball:

- It was not unusual for the music leader to accompany the Kitchen and Palanca Teams when serenading. Gradually, the Kitchen or Palanca members began bringing in a “special” musician or two. Now there are often a good number of more “professional” musicians from the community.
- I am not exactly sure when the decision was made to make a “special room” by initially using expensive photographer’s dark paper, but it was already in use by the early 80’s. The same can be said of the “flowered cross” suspended from the ceiling.
- As the “room” got “fancier”, so did the team’s clothing. People began “dressing up” to serve; gone were the older women with their mismatched aprons. I remember one women’s weekend where the Kitchen Team actually wore long evening gowns.
- Somewhere along the line, members of the opposite sex began doing the serving — spouses of Team members. I know this has on occasion actually been unsettling for recently widowed or divorced weekenders.
- It used to be that the Weekenders walked into the room as a group and experienced the beauty as a whole. At some point, they decided to “escort” Weekenders one by one, which not only takes a considerable amount of time and people, but it often leaves waiting Weekenders impatient and bewildered. More than once [over the years] I have had to accompany a Weekender in myself because they were becoming nervous—even scared—about what was happening on the other side of the door and wondering why it was taking so long.

In the midst of singing for our supper and the fancy decor, the immediate recognition that the tables are in the form of cross or that the chair at the head of table is empty for “our most honored guest” has been diminished. In fact I now often heard Weekenders comment, “Gosh, I didn’t even notice that.” It now takes all afternoon and dozens of people to set up for the Agape Dinner and then serve, not to mention the expense.

A challenge to consider: To return to the simple and loving nature of the Agape Dinner. Do we feel we have to rely on material means and a somewhat magical setting to convey God’s love rather than the loving consideration of a Team serving in God’s name? Is there a way to cut back, simplify, and rely on God love to create “the atmosphere”?

Council Quarters

Convenor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Our community of believers brings me great joy! The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi the following words:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. I am happy because you have joined me in spreading the good news. You have done so from the first day until now. I am sure that the One who began a good work in you will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns." (Philippians 1: 3 – 7)

It is through you that I have experienced the grace and love of God. It is through this beautiful community that many have been able to experience joy, love and grace as never before in their lives. As you have sponsored others on a weekend, served on a weekend, provided palanca or attended a clausura, you have expressed the love of God in very tangible ways to the Weekenders, many of them experiencing for the first time that joy which comes from knowing deep down that they are the Father's Beloved Child. My hope and prayer is that as you share the good news of God's love and grace with others that you will grow in His love and grace as well.

Paul continues in Philippians 2:

"Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

One of the amazing aspects of UEC is that we recognize the parts of our faith that we hold in common. We lift high the name of Jesus and pray that all will be drawn to His name. As we have lifted Him high and put aside all that may divide us, we demonstrate true unity in Christ. It is this unity that will draw others to Him (John 13:35). And that is why we serve on Team and sponsor others to attend a weekend — so they might experience God's grace.

My prayer is that you may experience joy in serving others. As you demonstrate the love of Christ, you will have that unshakable sense of knowing the love of the Father. And in that knowing, be filled to overflowing with joy inexpressible. Together may we commit anew to share the love and grace of our Father with those we know need to experience it. May we stand in unity so that because of it others will be drawn to the Father and His name be lifted high.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13

In His Love,
Janice Knight, Convenor

Database Deadline

DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT ACTIONS REQUIRED TO STAY IN TOUCH! CONTACT US BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2012

If you have not been actively involved in UEC since 1997 and wish to remain on the mailing list for the Palanca Press, please contact us before January 1, 2012. If we do not hear from you, your database record will be "inactivated" (not deleted) and you will no longer receive the Palanca Press. This is an ideal time to ask us to send your Palanca Press via email.

CONTACT US WITH ADDRESS / PHONE AND EMAIL CHANGES

If you change your address, phone # or email address, it is important that you let us know, especially if you want to continue to be called to serve on team or in other areas of UEC. If you have dropped your land line and have, like so many, gone exclusively with your cell phone, let us know. If you are clergy and have moved or been called to a new church ... please let us know on behalf of both churches and UEC.

CONTACT: DATABASE@UNIDOSENCRISTO.COM

Thank You!

UEC Council thanks the 4th Day Community for the way in which you received the news of the cancellation of the Fergus Falls weekends.

It seems that many of us have had the experience of following what we believed to be God's guidance and having things not turn out the way we expected. The best wisdom received was from one of you who said, "Christianity is best experienced when it is not so much about WHAT God's guidance was, but that we were faithful in following it regardless what the outcome would be."

We also want to extend a more public thank you to the teams of Fergus Falls who were obedient, working diligently towards the "best weekend ever" right up to the last second. They are to be commended for their courage and faithfulness.

*Light shines on the righteous and
joy on the upright in heart.
Psalms 97:11*

Thank You Retiring Council Members!

The UEC Council would like to say **THANK YOU** to the following retiring Council members for their service to UEC and the years of effort and sacrifice they have given.

Neil Bonkoski (Clergy Coordinator)
Kelli Mathias (Leadership Training)
Audrey Mondelli (Allocations)
Robin Redman (Leadership Training)
Rick Townsend-Anderson (Clergy Coordinator)



Welcome New Council Members!

We would also like to invite the 4th Day Community to **WELCOME** new Council members:

Allocations Coordinator: Cheryl Lecy

Cheryl and her husband, Scott, attended UEC 227/228 in February 2008 and have both served on several teams. They attend First UMC in Linstrom where they are UEC Liaisons. They were married in 2001 and enjoy spending time with family and friends, riding motorcycles and traveling. Together they teach Sunday school, Cheryl is also a church Trustee and serves in music ministry where she sings with the worship band and choir.

Clergy Coordinator: Trace James

Trace and wife Karen attended UEC 109/110 in 1994. Trace has served on UEC and Charis teams, including serving as Rector in 2002. Having since received ministry licensure, he has also served as SD. They have three (3) grown children and six (6) grandchildren and attend church at Faith Presbyterian, Minnetonka. Trace is author and administrator for "Studies in Grace", an intensive and ongoing Bible study taught in the prison community and the Christian community at large.

Clergy Coordinator: Mary (Schultz) Syrja

Mary attended UEC #164 in 2000 and has served on numerous teams since. She is ordained with the Assemblies of God (recently retired). Her passion is to teach both adults and children and to mentor others in ministry. She married Matti Syrja in Feb, 2010 and is currently enjoying newlywed life in Cottage Grove, MN where they attend Light The Way Church. Matti recently attended UEC #247. He is also very glad to support Mary in UEC.

Communications Coordinator: Lisa Boldenow

Lisa, and her husband, Jim, attended UEC 215/216 in May 2006. They live in Burnsville with their three sons and one daughter and attend Faith Covenant Church. Lisa has served on several UEC teams. She volunteers with many ministries, leads women to the Boundary Waters, facilitates women's Bible studies, started and served as the Chair of the Faith Covenant Food Outreach and serves as mentor/support for an intern pastor. Lisa stays home during the day, home schools one son and teaches math at Metropolitan State university at night.

Leadership Training: Carmella Anderson

Carmella and her husband, Charles, attended United Cursillo #33/34 in 1986. Carmella served on several teams including serving as Rectora in 1994. Charles and Carmella have been married for 45 years and are mostly retired, although Carmella is still active as a part time travel agent, specializing in cruises. They are members at Messiah UMC where Carmella plays in the bell choir and serves as membership secretary. She is also active in her renewal group which has met weekly since 1987.

New Church Coordinator: Kathy Messerli

Kathy attended UEC #124 in April 1996 and served on her first team that fall. She served as Rectora in 2010 after serving on several teams. She attends Plymouth Covenant Church. During the day, Kathy works in the membership and education area of a medical association. She has a son who is a junior in college.

Treasurer: Julie Dulac

Julie attended UEC in November 2003. She has served on several teams, usually once per year. Julie is an accountant who spends her spare time with her nephew and two nieces. She also has four four-legged companions (2 cats and 2 dogs). She trains her dogs in agility for fun. Julie is part of the UEC community at Faith Covenant Church.

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October 6-9

Men #251 Brooklyn UMC, Brooklyn Center
Women #252 Brooklyn UMC, Brooklyn Center

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Jan. 19-22
Jan. 26-29

Men #253 Rosemount UMC, Rosemount
Women #254 Rosemount UMC, Rosemount

June 7-10
June 14-17

Men #255 Normandale Hylands UMC
Women #256 Normandale Hylands UMC
Bloomington

Oct. 4-7
Oct. 11-14

Men #257 First Presbyterian, Albert Lea
Women #258 First Presbyterian, Albert Lea

4th Tuesdays September - June: UEC Council Meetings are held at 6:45 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church.



Until now you have not asked for anything in my name.
Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

John 16:24