

Palanca+Press

News of Unidos en Cristo Minnesota

CONVENOR'S CORNER



By Kathy Messerli

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Last fall when I became the UEC Convenor, I encouraged you to "come and serve." Sponsor a weekender, serve on a team, help set-up or tear down the Agape Dinner, wash dishes, provide coverage in the 4th Day room, write palanca notes. As the UEC council has grappled with how to strengthen and continue to grow the 4th Day Community, I have been reminded of how our busy lives have impacted our involvement with a ministry we all love. We have fewer weekenders, fewer sponsors, fewer Clausura attendees, fewer active church liaisons, fewer people expressing interest serving on teams and the council. And the consistent response is "my plate is full/I am too busy." This really resonates with me! I vividly recall when I heard God speaking to me during an *Obstacles to Grace* rollo. We were reminded of the Good Samaritan story -the one who had erected a wall of busyness around his life that prevented him from being a 'good neighbor.' Although I don't intentionally build a wall of busyness, I allow busyness to become a barrier from doing what is truly important. As the world's activities swirl around us, we need to remind ourselves that busyness can shut God out of our lives and prevent us from taking the time to be "Jesus with skin on." I hope you will join me as I strive to ensure God is a priority over busyness! I also hope you will take some time to pause and pray about who you might sponsor. Let's all remember to pass the gift of UEC along! Another way people are giving of their time is helping with various projects.



Database Updates

We are continuing to work on updating the database and I ask you to share your updated contact information with us - both phone numbers and emails that may have changed over the past couple of years. Please go to the UEC website to send your updated info to the database team. And, church liaisons, please consider sending an updated list of your community with contact information to us as well. The information will be kept confidential within the UEC organization - in addition to the database team, only council members and team leaders have access as we reach out to the 4th Day community.

Manuals Updates

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Cathy Colman, Teresa Van Batavia and Bonnie Clawson for their amazing gift of time as they are finalizing updates to all the team manuals! Barb Laidlaw will join Bonnie and Teresa as a manuals management team once these revisions are finished. Those who has served recently know how much this will be appreciated by future team leaders!

Please join us as we give of ourselves to strengthen and grow UEC. Christ is counting on you!

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

By Dave Kitchel, Weekend #283 Rector

Each UEC weekend is a new beginning in the lives and spiritual growth of weekenders and team members. Watching the Holy Spirit lead weekenders this new beginning is an eye-opening experience; it's a visible, God-guided and holy progression in our Lord's love, grace and guidance. During those three days, our Lord doesn't change – He never does -- but we are changed as we are offered new lives, new paths to walk. So it was with our Lord's UEC #283. He guided 23 men from different backgrounds and lifestyles to Faith Covenant Church where He showed them the next beginnings of their faith and the first glimpses of their new family – the Fourth Day Community.

Weekender reticence changed to open brotherhood, first among table mates and then with team members as the weekend moved through its progressions. A weekender who wanted to leave on Thursday night fervently regrets doing so on Saturday night due to a work-related problem. Others who hold back words and expressions of affection on Friday develop abrazos impulses, and the rollo room becomes a place of loud talk interspersed with raucous laughter.

Equally amazing is the Holy Spirit's effect on the team. This group of 52 capable, committed Christian men gathered for team meetings from as far as 100 miles away. They became another of our Lord's loving families as they cared and prayed for each other through family crises, lousy winter driving conditions and late hours on dark roads. When UEC #283 kicked off, these brothers were so comfortable with each other and their responsibilities, they sometimes prolonged team meetings with impromptu discussions and late-night joking. Our Lord guided weekenders and team to UEC #283. He helped them begin the next stages of their faith walks, and our Lord showed them how He would help them bring his love to the world. Thank you, Father, for being that lamp unto our feet, that light upon our path.

By Esther Zirk, Weekend #284 Rectora

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4 was the theme verse for UEC #284 and my theme as I prepared for the weekend. I accepted the challenge of being Rectora with fear and trembling, knowing God was asking me to do this, but also being very much aware of my hesitation to being in leadership. I learned about 'listening' or being aware of little 'nudges', ideas, God would plant in my mind. It is easy to push right on past those and miss what God is saying. With much prayer support and guidance from past rectoras, I moved forward. God put a wonderful team together who worked marvelously together in preparing for and carrying out their duties on the weekend. God sent the wonderful weekenders He planned for us to minister to and they also ministered to each other. I sat back amazed at how God put the weekenders together at tables when I had no idea who should be where, but God knew. I heard stories from the weekend of how God placed people in the right spot to be where someone else needed them to be, at that exact time to pray with and/or counsel them. When we get out of the way God can and will move in our hearts and lives. We witnessed that in UEC # 284 – the best weekend ever!

UEC Weekends

#285 and #286

Arlington Hills UMC
759 East County Road B
Maplewood, MN 55117

www.arlingtonhillsumc.org

As always, watch for the 4th Day signs directing to the proper entry door.

Men's UEC #285

June 8-11 2017

"Let us not merely say that we love each other; Let us show the truth by our actions."

1 John 3:18

Rector:	Dave Clawson	651-283-0083
Kitchen:	Doug Edson	763-427-2974
4th Day:	Tim Blien	763-557-1411
Palanca:	Eddy O'Brien	952-426-8204

Women's UEC #286

June 15-18, 2017

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you ."

1 Peter 5:7

Rectora:	Teri Powell	651-206-2310
Kitchen:	Jeri Slinger	651-430-0751
4th Day:	Linnea Beckstrom	612-963-3362
Palanca:	Lisa Witter	651-583-4714

WELCOME NEW 4TH DAY MEMBERS

UEC #283 & #284 Weekenders - Faith Covenant

Brieg Anderson, Open Door
Joshua Birch, Life Rebuilders
Kristopher Blanchard, Cross Point
Assembly of God
Gary Boettcher, Evergreen Church
Bryan Bohnsack, Lydia Zion UMC
Elizabeth Breuer
Eunice Burnham, Faith Covenant
Sue Bydzovsky Grace Church
Roger Carlson
Barbara Carmouche
Joseph Conklin, Park Ave Methodist
Holly Corson, Woodland Hills
Keri Crossnoe, Peace Church
Karla Drews, Who's Next

Katie Espy, Church of the Way
Roxy Herzog, Faith Covenant
Kevin Hesler, Life Rebuilders
Stacey Hjelle, Faith Covenant
Jackie Holm, River Valley
Nancy Jankowski, Plymouth Covenant
Erin Kraling, Filmore Free Methodist
Ryan KuKuzke and Heather Lee, True North
Jason Lester, River Valley
Brian Mackenzii, Hope E.F.C.
Hudson Maiers, St John's Abbey
Mandy Marschel, Who's Next
Kimberly Masdolek, Pine Island UMC
Arnold Nagel, Calvary Baptist Church

Brandon and Molly Nelson, King of Kings Lutheran
Albert Nicholson, Purpose
Karen Olesen, Lighthouse Christian Church
Lynn Parkkila-Delarye
Bob and Brenda Popp, Solid Rock Fellowship
Bob and Jeanne Raway, Resurrection United
Karen Rickert, Hope Evangelical Free
David and Michelle Sames, Hosanna
Lisa Schugel, Trinity
Lisa Sedlak, Living Word Chapel
Shirley Vindemeier, Living Christ Lutheran
Ted and Annie Weshall, The Well
Talbert White, Evangelica Covenant
Robert Wright, Church of the Way

IN LOVING MEMORY

We joyfully celebrate the life and resurrection of each friend in

Christ who has entered the Fifth Day: **Jeannie Wagner**

If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her 5th Day, please e-mail information to the Palanca Press Editor palancapress@unidosencristo.com for inclusion in the newsletter. You may also use the form on the website, unidosencristo.com, on the 4th Day Community page and use the 5th Day button. 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 also be mailed to the family. Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press, unless otherwise requested.

Send them to: Unidos en Cristo, 5108 W. 74th St., P.O. Box 390321, Edina, MN 55439

Memorials have been given in memory of: Hellen Kerr

COT DONATIONS

The council would like to say a big thank you to Diane Swaback and all of the UEC community that donated money for additional cots. The council approved the purchase of 50 new cots. Now the entire team as well as weekenders has them available to use. They will be in place for the upcoming weekend.

WEBSITE INFO

www.unidosencristo.com

Weekend Registration Forms, Sponsor Tips, and Team Applications can be found on the *Sponsors and Team* page.

The Palanca Press, Prayer Vigil and Current News can be found on the *4th Day Community* page. Current Calendar of Weekends are posted on the *Calendar* page.

If you click "**Ready to Learn More?**" on the *Home* page, you will find the UEC Brochure, Faith and Mission Statement, and History.

If you see a correction to be made or have a suggestion about the Website, contact Communications Coordinator, Chad Olinger, olinger@unidosencristo.com.

PRAYER VIGIL

Weekends #285 and #286 are coming up quickly with the men beginning their weekend on Thursday, June 8th, and the women on Thursday, June 15th, at Arlington Hills UMC, Maplewood, MN. Prayer is a vital part of a UEC weekend. A prayer vigil by the UEC 4th Day community connects the community to the weekend and strengthens the weekenders, team and the community alike. Prayer connects us to God and to each other. When you sign up either for a specific hour or throughout the weekend, you will receive regular updates for those four days. These updates will act as a reminder to bathe the weekend in prayer and also give a glimpse of what is happening at the moment. Please help blanket both weekends with prayer by following the instructions below.

How to participate in the Prayer Vigil:

1. Log on to www.unidosencristo.com
2. Click on "4th Day" on the bar under "Unidos en Cristo"
3. Click on "Weekend Prayer Vigil"
4. Scroll down to the Sign Up section and enter your name, phone number, e-mail address and then sign up for Weekend #285 or #286.
5. You may choose a one-hour time slot to pray, or select the entire weekend.
6. Click on "Submit Prayer Times"
7. Click on "Prayer Vigil Tips" on the sign-up page for helpful suggestions and Scripture readings

You will receive reminder emails throughout the weekend.

If you have questions, contact the Prayer Vigil Coordinator for the weekend you are committing to pray for. Thank you for your support and prayers.

UEC Men # 285 - Eddy O'Brien, mnwine@gmail.com 952-426-8204

UEC Women #286 - Sarah Beckrich, sarahbelle9726@yahoo.com 320-279-0120

UPCOMING WEEKENDS

Weekend	Dates	Host Church	Rector(a)
#287 Men's	November 9-12, 2017	Rochester Evangel Church	TBA
#288 Women's	November 16--19, 2017	Rochester Evangel Church	TBA

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Weekend registration and Team applications are available online at www.unidosencristo.com on the *Sponsors* and *Team* 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 Del Van Batavia, Allocations Coordinator to determine if space is available. Send Weekend Registration forms to:

Del Van Batavia, UEC Allocations
404 Union Terrace Ln. N.
Plymouth, MN 55441
vanbatavia@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 Terri Eggleston, by e-mail at eggleston@unidosencristo.com to determine if there are still team openings.

PALANCA PRESS INFO

The Palanca Press is being distributed electronically. You may subscribe by emailing your request to: database@unidosencristo.com.

Deadline for submissions in the next issue of the Palanca Press is September 28, 2017.

DATABASE UPDATES

Have you made a change to your email or physical address since the last Press came out? Want to stay connected? Check out the website unidoesencristo.com and make the changes necessary.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not
be shaken.

Psalm 16:8



SUPPORT UNIDOS EN CRISTO WEEKEND #285 & #286

Serenades

Agape Dinner: Open to 4th Day Team members and their guests only.

Sunday Morning: Open to Sponsors only.

Sunday Dinner: Open to the 4th Day Community ... please arrive at 4:00 p.m.

Clausura

Sunday afternoon at 5:00 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 59 items for each weekend.

Please — **NO** nuts or products manufactured in a plant that also processes peanuts.

Food Palanca Requests - Men & Women

The "common" list below are items most often needed on weekends. Since exceptions may occur, please contact those listed for details and quantities. **Please** — **NO** nuts, nut butters, nut flavored coffee creamers, nut extracts/flavorings, etc.

Common Food Palanca List

regular/decaf coffee, asst. tea bags, asst. juice, asst. fresh fruit, eggs, asst. bags/cream cheese, asst. boxed cereal, milk, bacon, breakfast sausage, asst. individual yogurt, lunch meat, sliced cheese, white bread, whole wheat bread, asst. individual chips, tossed salad mix, asst. salad dressing, baking potatoes, ground beef, chicken breasts, hot dogs, hamburger buns, hot dog buns, tortilla chips, salsa, cheesecake, catawba juice

Men's Weekend:

Also need: 30 lbs baby red potatoes, 100 baking potatoes, 35 lbs fresh ground beef, 15 lbs sausage patties, 10 boxes of cheese cakes (12 count per box), 32 bottles Catawba juice, 100 Ice Cream sandwiches. Contact: Doug Edson, 763-229-7124

Women's Weekend:

Also need: Assorted cold cereals, some gluten free (8 boxes), assorted individual fruit yogurt cups (about 60), shredded cheddar cheese (16 pounds), cream cheese (ten 8 Oz pkgs), sour cream (8 pounds), 1 qt maple syrup, avocados (15-20), brownie mix (6 boxes), Andes mints (chocolate candies, 12 bags), pre-made angel food cakes (8). Contact: Angi Harris, angitheginger@gmail.com

ALL UEC WEEKENDS ARE NUT-FREE AND SCENT-FREE

Wall Palanca needed

Do you remember the Wall Palanca during your weekend? All renewal groups, individuals and prayer groups are encouraged to shower these Weekenders not only with our prayers but with Wall Palanca. Wall Palanca can be as simple as a card or a decorated poster. The main thing is for you to express God's love to the Weekenders.

You may send your Wall Palanca by mail to: UEC Palanca Coordinator, Sandy Dunleavy, 2178 Beam Ave., Maplewood, MN 55109 or e-mail: smcelhose@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Dunleavy at 651-207-7999.



The name of the LORD is a fortified tower;
the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10

UEC #285 TEAM MEMBERS

Rollo Room Leadership

Rector	David Clawson	Faith Covenant
Asst Rector	Paul Albinson	Plymouth Covenant
Asst Rector	Thad Early	Home Church Ministry Center
Asst Rector	Kerry Quam	Bethlehem Baptist Church

Rollo Room Spiritual Directors

Bob Kandels	Homestead United Methodist
Tom Biatek	Discovery Church

Rollo Room Musicians

Rob Fravel	Shepherd of the Valley
Samuel Hatman	Shepherd of the Valley

Rollo Room Technical Assistant

Ed Rarick	Peace Presbyterian
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Rollo Room Rollistas and Table Leaders

Nick Folwick	
Larry Westbrook	
Paul Lorenz	Church of the Open Door
Todd Bakke	Brunswick United Methodist
Tom Petersen	
Jeff Kimpton	Plymouth Covenant
Mark Laidlaw	First Baptist Hudson
Jeff Seidl	Grace United Methodist
Mark Heimkes	Faith Covenant

Kitchen Team

Rector	Doug Edson	Northgate Church
Asst Rector	Dan Cochran	Eaglebrook Church
	Jim Krogstad	Main Street Church, North Branch
	Marshal Puls	Hope Presbyterian
	Ted Westall	
	Jeff Clark	East Immanuel Lutheran
	Mike Flugel	
	Jeffrey Rodeck	North Ridge Fellowship
	Matt Hinricks	Grace Fellowship
	Stev-o Butz	Woodbury Lutheran

Palanca Team

Rector	Eddy Obrien	Faith Covenant
Asst Rector	Brad Spear	Grace United Methodist
Musician	Rick Toenniges	
Spir Director	Scott Wildenberg	True North Church
	Jim Boldenow	Faith Covenant
	Dave Dircz	
	Joshua Birch	Life Builders
	Steve Staloch	Hope Presbyterian
	Michael Morales	

4th Day Team

Rector	Tim Blien	Plymouth Covenant
Asst Rector	John Adrian	St Francis of Assisi Church
	Sheldon Manthei	Arlington Hills United Methodist Church
	Mark Ungs	St John the Baptist - Excelsior
	Hudson Meyers	St Boniface
	Paul Rosso	River Falls UMC
	Alex Wiese	Resurrection United Methodist Church
	Dan Fox	

UEC #286 TEAM MEMBERS

Rollo Room Leadership

Rectora	Terri Powell	St Lucas Community Church
Asst Rectora	Kristin Koester	Eaglebrook Church St Louis Park
Asst Rectora	Lisa Robertson	Hillside Church
Asst Rectora	Sara VanderBent	The Bridge Bible Church

Rollo Room Spiritual Directors

Janice Knight	Westwood Comm Church Mtka
Phil Mather	

Rollo Room Musicians

Rob Powell	St Lucas Community Church
Dennis Webster	Immanuel UMC

Rollo Room Technical Assistant

Karla Flemke	Newday Covenant, Rochester
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Rollo Room Rollistas and Table Leaders

Cathy Eckart	Brookwood Community
Julia Engelman	Crosswinds Community Church
Angela Fox	Resurrection United Methodist Hastings
Colleen Sweet	North Ridge Fellowship
Shannon Watson	Riverwood
Judy Cochran	Eaglebrook Church
Karrie Hamilton-Williamson	South Isanti Baptist Church
Kelly Kandels	Grace United Methodist Church

Kitchen Team

Rectora	Jeri Slinger	St Lucas Community Church
Asst Rectora	Angi Harris	Church of the Way
	Carolyn Anderson	Eaglebrook Church
	Marcy Froemel	Resurrection UMC of Hastings
	Cindy Goetz	Eaglebrook Church Lino Lakes
	Theresa Henning	St Lucas Community Church
	Rebecca Petersen	Living Word
	Linda Schmitt	Crosswinds Community Church
	Rebecca Vetvick	
	Annie Westall	The Well - Apple Valley
	Lynelle Wienke	Crosswinds Church

Palanca Team

Rectora	Lisa Witter	St Lucas Community Church
Asst Rectora	Cyndi Powell	St Lucas Community Church
Musician	Carrie Mammenga	Rockpoint Church
Spir Director	Cheryl Butz	Woodbury Lutheran
	Kris Anderson	The Well
	Sarah Beckrich	
	Jen Bowe	Buffalo United Methodist Church
	Robin Clark	Who's Next
	Terri Eggleston	Unlock Church
	Lori Hubin	Brunswick United Methodist Church
	Debbie McGovern	Eaglebrook Passion
	Mary Taylor	Eaglebrook Passion

4th Day Team

Rectora	Linnea Beckstrom	Berean Baptist
Asst Rectora	Mary Adrian	Guardian Angels Catholic Church Oakdale
Computer	Cyndy Larson	United Methodist Church of Peace
Treasurer	Annette Nelson	
	Elise Adrian	Guardian Angels Catholic Church Oakdale
	Sandy Dunleavy	Grace Covenant Roseville
	Alice Moris	Bethesda Lutheran Dresser
	Marilee Puls	Hope Presbyterian
	Cindy Scruggs	Arlington Hills United Methodist
	Hanna Sweet	North Ridge Fellowship
	Traci Woolard	Resurrection United Methodist Hastings

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CURSILLO FRIENDS

Unidos en Cristo is one of literally thousands of cursillo organizations. All offer the cursillo weekend in some form. Some are denominational, some are not. Some are co-ed. Some meet in churches, some in retreat centers. They all follow the same basic cursillo method.

Unidos en Cristo is "friends" with the following cursillo organizations in Minnesota and you are encouraged to know about them and support them. We all have the same basic goal ... to provide a weekend that is an encounter with God's grace.

Catholic Cursillo: Found active in many of Minnesota's Catholic communities:
www.tc-cursillo.org.

Charis: Cursillo in prison. Once you've attended a cursillo weekend, you can serve on team with Charis. For more information, go to: www.charismn.com.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC): Sponsor a teenager (grades 10-12) to serve as an adult leader on a TEC weekend. Visit www.unitedtec.org (metro) or www.southerntec.org (Southern Minnesota) for more information. There is also a Lutheran TEC.

Tres Dias: An international ecumenical community. Visit www.tresdias.org.

Via de Cristo (Minnesota): Visit www.mnviadecristo.org. Now ecumenical, this began as Minnesota Lutheran Cursillo.

Walk to Emmaus: Sponsored by the Upper Room, information on this ecumenical community, which began in the Methodist tradition, can be found at: www.mnemmaus.org.