



White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church
Sunday Announcements
February 19, 2012

Energizing Allies to Defeat the Marriage Amendment TODAY at 12:30 p.m.

Light snacks will be provided. Learn how to initiate conversations with others to persuade them to vote “No” on the amendment. More details in February newsletter and on our website, or contact Jane Bacon (JaneGBacon@msn.com).

Men's Groups Start This Tuesday!

Feb. 21, 10:00 a.m, Parker Room and Feb. 21, 7:00 p.m., Social Hall. These groups are open to all interested men, no signup required. The Sharing Circle model will be followed and discussion about life events or topics of interest will be encouraged. Questions? Steve Kahn at stevekahn@comcast.net or Doug Federhart at dfederhart@whitebearunitarian.org.

Mahtomedi Area Food Shelf – Special Collection next Sunday

On Sunday, February 26th, our special collection will be designated to our area food shelves.

In 2011, the Mahtomedi Food Shelf served 5064 people, gave out 164,135 lbs of food and served 1354 household. This month, our church donated 125 lb of food. Thank-you! With the slow economy, people are really struggling to make ends meet. *The amount of food and money given in March is used to determine what level of assistance the food shelves receive from the state, so please donate if you are able.* We will be setting aside the second Sunday of each month specifically to remember the food shelves. Local food shelves especially need the following items: peas, cold cereal, beef stew, ravioli, peanut butter/jelly, rice, tomato products, pasta, helper meals, tissues, and laundry soap.

Donate Paper Bags for the Food Shelf Students in a 7th grade English class at Mahtomedi Middle School are collecting paper bags for the food shelf as a community service project. You may drop them off near the shopping cart in the Social Hall. Thank you!

Got You Covered Collection

The 7th-8th graders are collecting new, in the package, underwear for kids ages 2-16 who are homeless. Our goal is to completely fill the windowsill of the youth office. Please help out by bringing items to the youth office, now through mid-March. Thanks much!

Art on Exhibit from People, Incorporated

The new artwork in the Atrium and Alcove hallway Galleries comes to us from People Incorporated, a nonprofit organization that promotes and secures independence for people with mental illnesses and other brain disorders. People Incorporated hosts the Artability art show each October to celebrate artists who use creativity in their journey towards mental health. Our show features artists who have shown their work previously in the Artability show. One of them, Gail Harbeck, who has 7 pieces in this show, has been an active visual artist in Minneapolis for over a decade. Harbeck has received many accolades for her work, and has pieces in several permanent collections including, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hennepin County Medical Center, People Incorporated, People in Community Support, and Medtronic. The show runs through March 18, and there will be a reception between services on March 11.

Community Meals

Second Sunday Potlucks from 5:00-6:30, next potluck March 11

Join friends and friends-you-don't –yet-know for a relaxed and easy dinner as the weekend closes and the new week begins. Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring your family, and bring a dish to share! All children and adults are welcome!

Wednesday Supper every week 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. Join us in the Social Hall for a community meal hosted by a rotation of volunteer teams. Children, adults, and youth are all welcome at this mid-week supper for friends and new friends. Do you like to cook or wash dishes in a friendly, lively kitchen? Contact Doug Federhart (dfederhart@whitebearunitarian.org) to join in!

Project Home Volunteer Opportunities at St. Andrew's

St Andrew's Church in Mahtomedi has had a resource center to help families find housing and many other needed services for the last year. Recently, they expanded their services by opening a day shelter for homeless families. They are considered an overflow shelter for Project Home. They are open 7 days a week from 9-6 p.m. The guests spend overnights at local churches. They are in need of the following services on an ongoing basis to help with the day shelter:

- Mondays and Fridays: Child care from 9:00-noon and 1-4 p.m. This will allow the adults to look for employment and take care of other business.
- Saturdays and Sundays: Adult and kids activities from 9:00-noon and 1-4 p.m. This will help families pass the time and have an outlet to other people in the community.
- On-call Moving Team: When a family finds housing they need people to help move their belongings.

To volunteer call Kellie Cardinal (651-762-9153) or WBUUC contact Laurie Wenker (651-247-1629).