

SUNDAY MORNING

BETHANY

Today 10:30 am, Hearth Room

Bethany welcomes Diana Davies, a breast cancer survivor and author of *From There to Here: A Breast Cancer Journey*, one woman's truthful and courageous story of initial diagnosis and recovery through breast reconstruction and recovery. Insightful words for husbands, family and friends. Diana will have copies of her book available for sale and signing. All are welcome.

ISAIAH IN DEPTH

Sundays starting February 18, 10:45 am,

Fireside Room or take class on-line anytime.

Prepare for Lent! John Westfall will preach on Isaiah during Lent , so start now learning to interpret and appreciate this prophet. Taught by Trace James. Lectures are recorded and available for download along with the written course material. Sign up at the front desk or email AdultEd@ColonialChurch.org. Registration for the on-line class is required. Sneak peek at www.colonialchurch.org/discussions.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Saturday Febraury 10, 9am-noon, Hearth Room

This class is designed to help you explore membership at Colonial, and provides an opportunity to meet our staff and lay leaders. You will also learn about the history and ethos of Colonial Church. Those who decide to "own the covenant," will be received into membership on Sunday, February 25. Contact Mary Werness at 952.224.9522. Childcare is available and registration is required.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DONATE 100% WOOL SWEATERS

Today is the last day to bring your new or old 100% wool sweaters for an upcoming craft/service project. Sweaters can be placed in the box labeled "Wool Sweaters for Women's Ministry" in the church office.

FAMILIES

MEN'S PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Tuesday January 30, 8 pm, Gym

Break out your Ben Gay, high tops, and sports drinks for some pick-up basketball! We play every other Tuesday. Next game, January 30.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday February 9, 6-8 pm, Gym and Lounge

We play floor hockey, basketball and just run around. This is a great chance to burn off steam during the cold months and meet other families with young children. All ages welcome!

DON B! IS COMING SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday February 20, 5:30 pm, Great Hall

Bring the entire family for this laugh-out-loud comedian! A juggler, unicyclist, illusionist, plate spinner and nerd extraordinaire, Don B! is great entertainment for all ages. Bring friends! Bring Grandma! Bring Uncle George! This guy is really funny! Pasta dinner at 5:30 followed by Don B!

ADULTS

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 10-11:30 am, Gathering Rooms II/III

Continues this week with the study of Jacob in Genesis. Come anytime. Gary Klingsporn leads.

DEEPEN YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Thursdays, 6:45-7 pm, Hospitality

7-8pm, Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

Come. Commit yourself to a more meaningful Lenten journey. Using the themes of Lent, we will meditate on biblical passages that help carry us to a more personal, deeper meaning of this time in the church year. If you have not attended one of these evenings, give yourself this gift of coming for the first time. You do not need to prepare yourself in any way to come. Just come.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Night Live Dinner begins at 5:30 pm

A LIFE WORTH LIVING

Wednesdays January 8-March 14, 6:30-8 pm,

Hearth Room

Nicky Gumbel offers practical, encouraging insights for living the Christian life. Based on Paul's letter to the Philippians, "A Life Worth Living" is a nine-week Bible study examining the changed life of a Christian. Presentations followed by small-group discussion. Child care provided. Register by calling Sherry Parr, 952.925.2711. Participants will be charged a small fee for the course manual.

QUARKS, CHAOS & CHRISTIANITY

Wednesdays January 31 and February 7,

6:45-8:00 pm, Gathering Room I

Do you have questions about science and religion and what they have to say to one another? Come for a discussion on *Quarks, Chaos & Christianity*, by John Polkinghorne, theoretical physicist and ordained Anglican priest. Facilitated by Jeanne Aamot, a graduate of Luther Seminary with an undergraduate degree from Purdue University in atmospheric sciences. Books are available in the bookshop for \$15.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HEART OF GOD

Wednesday February 14, 6:45-8 pm, Gathering Room I

It's Valentine's Day – and what a good time to come together to talk about God's heart and growing God's heart within us. Join a lively conversation led by Sally and Elgin Manhard and enjoy some Valentine's goodies, too!

MUSIC & ARTS

WINTER ROMANCE

Sunday February 11, 7 pm, Meetinghouse

The lush music of Johannes Brahms will warm your winter-worn soul in the beautiful setting of Colonial Church's Meetinghouse. Brahms' trio for Violin, Horn and Piano will feature the Minnesota Orchestra's Milana Reiche, our own Ellen Smith and the University of Minnesota's master pianist Alexander Braginsky.

WOMEN'S WINTER

WARM UP!

It's cold outside! Warm up with the Colonial Women's Ministry at these fun and simple craft classes.

Wednesdays January 31 & February 7, 6:45 pm

Treats and hot cocoa will be provided. Reservations are required and can be made at the Women's Ministry table in the Common or call Renee Sesterson at 612.385.2974. A \$5 materials fee for each class will be collected at the door.

FELTED WOOL MITTENS

Wednesday January 31, 6:45 pm

Learn how to make cozy mittens from an old or new wool sweater. This is a simple project and the mittens are great for kids and adults. Let's all plan to make an extra pair to be donated to people in need this winter. Please bring a pair of scissors.

SIMPLE PAPER CRAFTS

Wednesday February 7, 6:45 pm

Just in time for Valentines Day! Join us and learn to make Valentine gift bags, cookie cutter cards, and an envelope accordion organizer. This will be a great opportunity to make something inexpensive and thoughtful for the ones you love. Please bring a pair of scissors and several of your favorite cookie cutters.

OTHER WOMEN'S STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY

Mondays 9:30-11 am, Gathering Room IV

This warm, welcoming study group resumes this week with a study of the book, *Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality* by Donald Miller, a fresh and original perspective on life, love, and redemption. Women ages 20-80+ are welcome.

WOMEN'S RENEWAL GROUP

Thursday February 1, 7:30 am, home of Gail

Lewis, 17496 Frondell Court, Eden Prairie.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday February 20, 2007, Library

The Book Club's next selection is *The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck, a literary classic.

BECOMING A NEW CREATION

Saturday March 17, 9 am-1:30 pm

Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina

Don't miss this incredible event with author Betsy Lee and recording artist Mary Beth Carlson. Discover the power of God's transforming love to give you new freedom, new hope and a new beginning. In Christ you are a new creation! Cost is \$35 with early bird discount (\$30) and a special group rate (\$25 for 5 or more) before March 1. For information call 952.942-9016 or visit www.prayerventures.org.

OUTREACH & YOUTH

Friday & Saturday, February 2-3

COLONIAL'S OUTREACH & YOUTH MINISTRIES JOIN TOGETHER FOR A CAN'T-MISS WEEKEND:

WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE & TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT

Colonial Church has a long tradition of participating in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine. This year, our support goes to care for the people of Usi, a tiny village in Peru. This Sunday is the last week to sign up, so please visit the table in the Common to sign up for all or part of the weekend or call Sherry Parr at 952.925.2711.

WORLD VISION 30 HOUR FAMINE

The 30 Hour Famine experience involves fasting for 30 hours while raising money for the needy in Peru with many opportunities to serve in various projects around the city on Saturday. You may participate in the fast or support someone who is fasting. You may also volunteer your time or supplies.

TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT — FEAST AND FAMINE

Friday February 2 & Saturday February 3

This wonderful multi-sensory experience will educate you about Colonial's current and future outreach opportunities and inspire you to find ways to reach out to others in our world. Saturday evening will begin with a hearty soup meal shared with those involved in the 30 Hour Famine. Childcare is available (0-2nd grade) with pre-registration only. Contact Sherry Parr in the church office.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Preschool children can be dropped off and picked up in the Nursery/preschool Hallway. Elementary kids can be dropped off in the Gym and picked up in their shepherd home rooms as noted on the divider outside the Youth Office.

Nursery

Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am services.

Babies/toddlers (Birth-2 year olds)

Stepping Stones

Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am services.

Preschool kids (2-5 year olds)

FaithTrek Sundays

Sundays during the 9 am and 10:45 am services.

Elementary kids (K-5)

CELEBRATION CHOIR

Today, 10-10:45 am, Gathering Room I.

Celebration Choir is now rehearsing for a spring musical. New members welcome! Questions? Contact Kris Henderson, 952.944.9326.

PABLO IS GETTING FULL!

Pablo, the Peruvian Guinea Piggy Bank is fed by the children of Colonial, and so far, our kids have bought 15 guinea pigs (at \$5 each) for the people of Usi, Peru. Pablo is located next to the live guinea pigs in the Peruvian village outside the youth offices. Children are encouraged to do extra chores to earn money to serve others in need. Pablo will be available for feeding through the 30 Hour Famine, February 2-3.

SERVE ONE ANOTHER

Wednesday February 7, 6:30-8:00 pm

Children's Ministry is sponsoring a night of serving others! Kids, grades 3-5 will pack food at Feed My Starving Children. Permission slips available at the Children's Ministry booth. Parent chaperones needed; please contact Kristin Johnson. Kids grade K-2 will go on a "Helpful Pirates Treasure Hunt" at Colonial Church with JPF guides.

YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNING GATHERING (SMG)

Today 9-10 am, Pond Room

SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sunday 6:30-8 pm, Pond Room

Come one, come all! 9th-12th graders meet tonight!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (JPF)

Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, Pond Room

Students grades 6-8, come for fun, time with friends, and lessons to help learn more about being a Christian. Hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION (CONFO)

Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Spiritual Formation

Center

SUPPORT

CODA CO-DEPENDENCY

ANONYMOUS GROUP FOR WOMEN

Wednesdays 12 noon-1:30 pm, Fireside Room

12-Step Group.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis-large or small-and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Ministers. They are ready to care for you in a confidential manner. More information is available at the Kiosk in the Common or at www.colonialchurch.org.

JOB TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays 7-9 pm, Great Hall

This group is for those going through job loss.

Contact Sherry Parr at 952.925.2711. No pre-registration.

WEDNESDAY AA GROUP

Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 pm, Fireside Room

12-Step Group.

THE EDINA COALITION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT

Thursdays January 4-March 29, 4:30-6 pm,

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church,

5017 Eden Avenue, Edina

Group is open to all who are grieving the death of a loved one. No pre-registration necessary. For more information, call Terry Naugle, 952.937.5933.

SUPPORT FOR STEPMOTHERS

February 6-March 13, 2007, 6:30-8 pm,

Center for Spiritual Formation

A six-week stepmothers' education/support group is being offered at Colonial for a cost of \$125. Led by licensed psychologist, Ann Orchard, Psy.D., who is a stepmother herself, the group is for both stepmothers and stepmothers-to-be. \$10 discount for Colonial members. For information call Ann at 952.848.2297, or email ann@drorchard.com.

FRIDAY AA GROUP

Fridays 7:30-8:45 pm, Gathering Room II

Open speaker meeting.

ALANON ACA GROUP

Saturdays 9:00-10:30 am, Library

12-Step Group.

OTHER

LOOKING FOR THE BEAN SOUP MIX?

The old favorite, Colonial's Bean Soup Mix, is back. The Bean Soup Mix made by the Martha-Virginia Circle is now available in the bookshop and costs only \$3 a bag (or two for \$5). All proceeds are used for kitchen supplies and equipment.

AND THE GATHERING BEGINS!

The Annual Colonial Spring Sale will be back in 2007 and we want your contributions. As you clean out closets and prepare your homes for the new year, you don't have to wait till spring to bring your donations. Items may be brought to the church beginning immediately – but by appointment only please at this early date. To schedule an appointment, contact Jennifer Jensen at jjensen@colonialchurch.org or call 952.224.9517.

DON'T TRASH YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGE OR CELL PHONE!

Your used ink or toner cartridge or cell phone can be recycled to raise money for Colonial Church. This donation is simple to do, doesn't cost anything, and means more money for the ministries of Colonial Church (and fewer items in the waste stream). Simply bring your used cartridges or cell phones to church and leave them in the box provided in the reception area. We'll send them in to be recycled. Contact Sherry Parr at 952.925.2711.

BUTTON BAGS!

Complete sets of the *Fruit of the Spirit* buttons continue to be available in small bags for a \$5 contribution. Inquire in the bookshop to get additional sets!