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FRIDAY FILM SERIES

What: The Shawshank Redemption

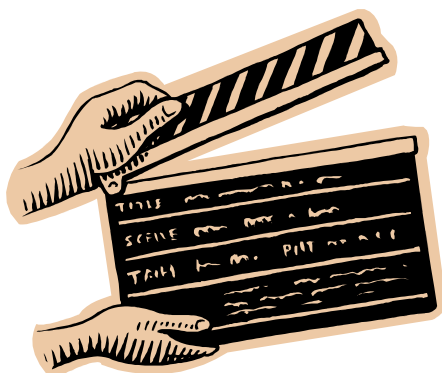
When: October 7 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Where: Movie Room in the CE wing

Why: To share faith and fellowship

Popcorn will be served during the movie and dessert will follow afterward in the Commons.

We strive to be a vibrant Christian community that is loving, nurturing, open, sustainable and renewing, and one that inspires people of all ages to live in the Christian faith and serve the world.



Plot summary: *Andy Dufresne is sent to Shawshank Prison for the murder of his wife and secret lover. He is very isolated and lonely at first, but realizes there is something deep inside your body that people can't touch and get to ... 'HOPE'.*

Andy becomes friends with prison 'fixer' Red, and Andy epitomizes why it is crucial to have dreams. His spirit and determination leads us into a world full of imagination, filled with courage and desire.

This movie is rated R for prison violence and language and is recommended for older youth and adults only.

Childcare could be arranged if that would make it possible for you to attend — please contact the church office.

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"All Are Welcome Here"

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Welcome New Members From FUMC

Gayle and Jack Cooner
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Jack and Gayle have two grown sons, Peter and Jacob. Jack is a building maintenance director at Walker Methodist and Gayle works at Gertens Greenhouse.

Karen and Rich Dippel
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Rich and Karen have three children: Liz is in college, Allison in high school and Becca will be in the eighth grade.



Jodelle and Bob Ista
1413 9th Avenue South
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Jodelle is active in SSP Restorative Justice and the Peace Makers Foundation. Bob enjoys caring for the house and yard and having lunch with friends. Jodelle and Bob have three grown children.

Chris, Katie and Steffi Ross
7227 65th Street
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Chris enjoys music and movies, and is married to Dave. Katie is a student at Inver Hills Community College, works at Petsmart, and enjoys reading, history, theatre and sports. Steffi is in high school and enjoys soccer & singing.

Stewardship Campaign 2012

At the end of every confirmation year we ask the students basically two questions: Are you ready to claim your baptismal identity and why do you want to join this congregation? The answer to the first question is a 'yes' or a 'no'. The answer to the second question could be just about anything and so it requires a little more thought. And yet even with a multitude of possibilities, year after year the answer is almost always the same: "This is my home." To each youth the idea of the church as home means something different: a place of safety, of comfort, of welcome, of risk, of peace and/or of love.

There are numerous reasons why each of us made the decision to join this congregation however many years ago that was. Hopefully, there are even more reasons why we have

decided to stay. Maybe this was the place where your children or grandchildren were baptized. Maybe it is the place where you were baptized. Maybe it is where you said your final goodbyes to a deceased loved one. It has been the place where you have celebrated your joys and been surrounded with love and comfort during times of challenge and sorrow. It is where you have sensed the spirit of the living God most deeply and profoundly in your life.

During our stewardship campaign over the upcoming weeks, please take the time to consider the blessing this congregation has been in your life and the life of your family and then give generously that we may continue to provide all that we do and more so that others may feel just as blessed in the future.

Worship Schedule

October 2, 2011

World Communion / Peacemaking

8:30 a.m. Education For All
10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

October 9, 2011

Baptism

8:30 a.m. Education For All
10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

October 16, 2011

8:30 a.m. Education For All
10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

October 23, 2011

8:30 a.m. Education For All
10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

October 30, 2011

8:30 a.m. Education For All
10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

Adult Education Opportunities

Please join us in the Knox Room each Sunday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. as we continue the theme of peacemaking and peacekeeping.

October 2: Why Does Peacemaking Matter in Ecumenical and Inter-faith Work?

There are those in our world who associate religion with violence, noting that those who act out in violent ways often justify their actions as being based on religious ideals. This session will explore the ways that violence and religious conviction intersect and explore the implications for ecumenical and interfaith work in the East Metro Area. Our leader is Patricia Lull, executive director of the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches.

October 9: Budget as Mission Statement

As we prepare to move into our stewardship campaign for 2012, the questions around how our annual budget and the allocation of our financial resources reflects the mission of the congregation should be raised. During this time together,

the pastors and current members of the Session will lead us through a discussion of seeing our budget as a mission statement. Are the two consistent? Has the mission and vision of the congregation changed while the budget has remained the same? Are the ministries we claim to be the greatest significance to us the same ones that receive the finances to support them?

October 16: Fight, Flight or Befriend?: Church Conflict & You

We will look at congregational life from the perspective of family systems thinking and explore the impact of anxiety on the life of a congregation. We'll also look at how neuroscience can help us understand our anxious reaction of fight or flight and how that drives reactivity in church conflict, and what you can do about your response to conflict. John Heinrich is a licensed psychologist and an ELCA pastor.

October 23: The Art of Conflict Transformation

On the path of peace we encounter this challenge from Gandhi: "We

must become the change we seek in the world." This seminar explores peacemaking from the inside out: What skills and strategies can I learn? How can I make a difference wherever I am? Jean Greenwood is a Presbyterian minister, a conflict transformation and restorative justice consultant, trainer, and facilitator, and an adjunct professor.

October 30: Making Peace with the Earth - Becoming an Earth Care Congregation

The Earth Care Congregations program, formed under the Office of Environmental Ministries, encourages Presbyterian churches to care for God's earth. To become certified, churches take the "Earth Care Pledge" and complete activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities and outreach. North Como Church in Roseville has taken steps to be certified. Members of North Como Carole Rust and Jean Hubbell will explain what the program involves and how it has transformed North Como's stewardship and work for eco-justice.

October Senior High Youth Events

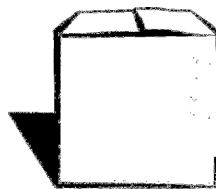
Saturday, October 1: “On The Road Again” Cheese Curds

The senior high youth (9th through 12th grade) will once again be selling cheese curds at this annual South St. Paul event. This fundraiser helps all youth who participate raise money for the mission trip next summer. There are two shifts to sign up for: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please email Libby Huettl at libby.huettl@gmail.com with your shift preference.

Thursday, October 20: Sleep Out, Rock Out, Knock Out Homelessness!

Spend one night in a cardboard box (or tent) to raise much needed funds and raise awareness to knock out family homelessness. A soup kitchen dinner will be provided and there will also be live entertainment by the band Sheltered Reality. The

event is held at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds from 4:00 p.m. on



October 20 to 8:00 a.m. on Friday October 21 (MEA weekend). The event will be

rain or shine ... or snow—the homeless don't have a choice either. Watch your mailboxes for more information and a pledge sheet. If you would like to participate, please let Libby know by October 9.

Friday, October 28 - Sunday, October 30: Senior High Fall Retreat at Clearwater

Mark your calendars now for this annual event at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest and watch for more details coming soon. If you plan to attend the retreat, please RSVP to Libby by October 9.

Middle School Retreat

All 6th, 7th & 8th graders are invited to join with other middle school youth from around our presbytery and state for a fun weekend retreat at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest October 14-16, 2011. The retreat is led by program staff at PCF—we just show up and have fun! We'll leave church between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Friday and return Sunday early afternoon, in plenty of time for you to finish your homework. Cost is just \$75 and includes four meals, two overnights and all the activities.



The theme of this retreat is “*Like ... Follow*” and promises to help us align our *likes* with God’s will for us and explore what it means to *follow* in Jesus’ way. Let us know immediately if you want to go—we need to plan for drivers and cars.

Happy Halloween for Families

We’re hosting a family-friendly Halloween party again and all are invited! The date is Sunday, October 30 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Come in your costumes and help us “haunt” down a good time. The event will include games, crafts, dance music and a simple supper. We have a tradition of tricky treats and ghoulish goodies at this hauntingly-good time, so plan to come and bring a friend or two. Sign up on the kiosk in the Commons or call the church office (651/450-9403) to have your name added to the list, as this will help us plan for enough food and supplies for all. Please note: in an effort to welcome even our youngest children, costumes should not include weapons or depict violent or gory elements for the church setting—thank you for your understanding.

Confirmation 2011-2012

The Confirmation program is going to be taking a one-year break from its more typical Sunday morning class format. As with Life itself, the size of our classes tends to ebb and flow. Comprised of our seventh and eighth grade students, the Confirmation class in the past has been somewhere between 10-15 youth in size. This year we have an ebb of three eighth grade students and two seventh grade students, followed closely by the flow of nine sixth grade students.

For the coming year we will be using a curriculum that assigns a member of the congregation to mentor one of our five confirmands through the core Christian beliefs and how to incorporate them into their own faith journey as they prepare to confirm the vows that

were made on their behalf by their parents at baptism. They will still meet together every so often as a group with the pastors and have the opportunity to attend retreats at Clearwater Forest, participate in various service projects and have fun together at different fellowship activities. While we are sure that the disappointment of not being at the church every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. to spend an hour with Pastors Tom and Katie will be overwhelming, we trust they will get over it and maybe even gain a greater depth of character in the process.



CROP Walk 2011

The annual CROP Walk takes place on Sunday, October 9th starting at 1:00 p.m. The walk is scheduled for a new area this year



CROPWALK

that most of us would like to lose a few pounds and yet that we are a

that puts us in the shadow of the State Capitol. Isn't it ironic

nation with the label "Obese"? Yet hundreds of thousands in our world are plagued by extreme starvation through no fault of their own. Climate changes, political oppression and outrageous power struggles are causing incomprehensible refugee situations making life a living hell for children, their mothers and their fathers.

One small way to help is to walk on October 9 and/or ask for sponsors to share in your efforts. We had nine walkers last year and

raised \$920. Can we do better this year? Let's try! A few hours, a few miles (good for our health) can impact lives. As usual, 25% of funds raised support local needs through the St. Paul Area Council of Churches and Second Harvest Food Bank. An additional 25% is designated for long-term recovery for families affected by the tornado that struck North Minneapolis. The rest is used by Church World Service as they continue to meet the needs of those whose lives are minimal at best. Sign up in the Commons.

Book Club

This month the Book Group will meet on Saturday, October 15, at 8:30 a.m. Please note that the move to the third Saturday of the month is for October only. In November we will return to the second Saturday of the month.

This month's selection is *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. When the pilot of a small, two-person plane has a heart attack and dies, Brian has to crash land in the forest of a Canadian wilderness. He has little time to realize how alone he is, because he is



so busy just trying to survive. And learning to survive, to plan on food not just for a day but until and if he is rescued, only begins when he stops pitying himself and understands that no one can help him. He is on his own, without his divorced father, whom he was to visit, or his mother, whom Brian saw kissing another man before the divorce. This is a heart-stopping story: it seems that at every moment Brian is forced to face a life-and-death decision, and every page makes readers wonder at the density of descriptive detail Paulsen has expertly woven together.

Limited number of copies are available in the church office.

Fall Clean-Up

It's time once again to gather at the church on a Saturday morning to get the church grounds and building ready for winter. Please mark your calendars now for October 29.

We'll start at 8:30 a.m. with a light breakfast in Fellowship Hall and then get to work raking leaves, trimming bushes and sprucing up the place. There will be work available both inside and outside.

Bring work gloves and rakes if you can. Your help is really needed and will be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Andy Tourville or the church office.



These members and friends of FPC have had surgery, been hospitalized or ill in recent weeks: Willard Lee, Pam Davenport, Bona Faye Venburg, Ed Nelson, Maureen Kutz, and Bill Nelson.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lynda Voge and her family on the death of her father, Jim Lindell.

Thank you for your prayers for my surgery and recovery and also all the meals that were provided.



They were much appreciated.

~ Georgieana (and Bill) Nelson

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For events taking place in November 2011

Union Gospel Mission Thanksgiving Food Drive



Grocery bags with requested items will be distributed on Sunday, November 6. Shop for the items listed on the bag (only those items, please) and return the bag to the church on Sunday, November 13.