

*... All That We Come From*

*... All That We Live For*

# *Heirloom*

*... All That We're Going To Be*



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Average Attendance  
 May: 123

**Happy Anniversary !!**

**June**

- 1 Glen and Nancy Roelofs
- 8 Ward and Mary Ippel-Denaway
- 17 Bob and Lornell Kopp
- 18 James and Patricia Sim
- 20 Don and Joanna Erickson
- 26 Gary and Joan Hanson

**July**

- 12 Dave and Diane Thaelke
- 16 Cedric and Janet Schrankler
- 17 Regina and Les Pitman
- 29 Allan and Lisa Matteson

**Happy Birthday!!**

**June**

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| 1 Jenna Lipman       | 18 Ward Denaway      |
| 2 Rita Cho           | 18 Patricia Sim      |
| 6 Francis Fonji      | 19 Gary Hanson       |
| 6 Raymond Johnson    | 19 Bryce Scherer     |
| 7 Teysia Gilbert     | 19 Josianna Scherer  |
| 7 Clay Passick       | 23 Destiny Beulangh  |
| 8 Clothilde Scherer  | 23 Toni Olotu        |
| 9 Dorothy Holmberg   | 25 Janice Gall       |
| 10 Anthony Velasquez | 25 Diane Thaelke     |
| 12 Amie Pechmann     | 26 Tennie May Elstad |
| 18 Don Karwoski      | 27 Ryan Albright     |
| 19 Carol Beecher     | 27 Brenda Robertson  |
| 18 Lynda Beyer       | 27 Marihelen Miller  |

## Designated Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee has been formed. The following persons have been elected to serve on the committee: Jude Aborungong, Jeanne Anderegg, Dr. Chris Fokumlah, Donna Hampton-Maki, Mary Ippel, Soozie Neubauer, Paul Oppelt, Betty Passick, Mark Pechmann and Abbie Stone. Jeanne Anderegg and Mary Ippel are co-chairs of the Committee. Donna Hampton-Maki is the recording-internal communication secretary and Betty Passick is the corresponding-external communication secretary.

The first meeting of the committee was held on Wednesday, May 27 and the committee will continue to meet weekly until the process is finished. Our first task is to review the Mission Study and to prepare the Church Information Form. We expect to receive dossiers of potential pastor candidates from Presbytery early this fall. We will be working diligently on this process. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the committee

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## Project Home

Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church hosted Project Home during the month of May. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped serve on this project. Many nights we had the maximum number of 21 “guests” in our Fellowship Hall. The question has been raised, “Why do we do Project Home?” Here are some examples -- a family of seven paid their rent on time every month, but their landlord did not use the monthly rent money to pay the mortgage; their house was foreclosed and they had to leave; a family of five slept in their car and were very thankful to have our church to “live in;” a four week old baby’s entire life experience is sleeping in our church basement.

Every month two churches in the St. Paul area house the overflow from the Ramsey County Homeless Shelter. Because of an increasing need for this service, this fall there will be two additional churches each month participating in this important ministry. Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church assisted us this month by providing some volunteers. We will have an opportunity to reciprocate. Stay tuned for future announcements concerning the opportunity to assist our sister Presbyterian Church. Rev. Orr on Pentecost Sunday talked about how we should strive to be more like Christ in our everyday life. Volunteering with Project Home is one way of showing Christ’s love for all people.

# Personnel Committee Update:

You are probably wondering what our situation is regarding pastoral supply during this transition period between our interim pastor (Howard) and our more permanent designated pastor (the DPNC committee to search for this pastor was elected on May 17<sup>th</sup>). We have been blessed to have Rev. Gene Orr agree to be our pulpit supply for the month of May and will be fortunate to have him continue in that relationship following a few weeks off in the beginning of June when he and Muriel will be taking a short vacation.

However, we should point out that Rev. Orr is not our full time pastor or even our half-time pastor in this interim time – he only has time and hence committed to cover the worship services (including a staff planning meeting) and to help out with emergency pastoral needs like funerals, critical illnesses etc. if he is available. Remember, he is gainfully employed by the James Company and therefore his first obligation is to those duties. We have identified potential back-up pastoral care for those instances when Rev. Orr might not be able to help out. Fortunately for us, the summer is a somewhat slow time for the James Company so we will likely be able to continue our rather loose relationship for a few more months.

Longer term, of course we are looking forward to identification and selection of our Designated Pastor. Historically, that process can be shorter than our previous pastoral search processes since for a designated position, the Executive Presbyter is in the loop helping narrow the field of candidates for us to review and interview. Still the process is likely to take from six to nine months or even longer.

Session is anticipating that in the fall we will likely not be able to impose on Rev. Orr as frequently or at all due to increased demand from the James Company. Therefore, the Session has authorized the Personnel committee to investigate alternative options to consider should the DPNC still be in the searching process. We certainly do not want to put any pressure on the DPNC to “hurry” the process because of short term needs. Session will let the congregation know more about possible options as they are identified and/or put in place as necessary.

In summary, we are moving forward and enjoying the calming ministry of Rev. Orr as we begin our search for a more permanent solution. Please respect the limited availability of Rev. Orr and help out as our congregation steps up to meet to the needs of our members. Please direct any questions and or suggestions to your Session members and feel free to share your thanks to Rev. Orr for his ministry. Pray for our continued blessings and guidance for the DPNC as they work hard during these summer months.

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## **Financial Update: April 2009**

General Offerings:	\$11,698
Expenses:	\$24,845

## **Other Receipts: April 2009**

Per Capita:	\$122
Kitchen Fund	\$145
Capital Improvement	\$739

## **Year to Date - Kitchen Status**

Kitchen Loan Balance	- \$33,863
Kitchen Fund Receipts	- \$2,770

## Christian Education Update

### **Upcoming Christian Education Events:**

**June 14 – Graduation Sunday:** CE will honor high school, college, and professional graduates during the Sunday morning service on June 14<sup>th</sup>, with a reception following. If YOU ARE A GRADUATE, please provide the below information as soon as possible to the **church office**, or direct any questions to Betty Brandt Passick, 651-770-6315, [bbpassick@comcast.net](mailto:bbpassick@comcast.net).

- **Photo of yourself** (all photos will be returned promptly)
- **Name of degree, diploma, or certification**
- **Name of high school, technical school, or college**

**“Splash” Coordinator** – Thank you to Brenda Robertson for volunteering to help AHP “welcome” new babies and toddlers (birth to 36 months) to our congregation. She will be contacting parents and signing them up to receive the “*Splash*” (birth to three faith formulation) newsletter – at no cost. This newsletter is a great resource for parents! CE Contact: Brenda Robertson, 651-771-7789, [bkrob@yahoo.com](mailto:bkrob@yahoo.com).

**2009 Eastside Children’s Summer Program (ECSP)** – During June we will begin to distribute the Registration Form for the ECSP that will run from July 15-August 20, Monday through Thursday from 12:00 to 3:30 p.m., including lunch. Also, watch for more information about opportunities to volunteer, especially if you are interested in being a “Reading Buddy.” AHP will also provide the Registration Form on the AHP web site (<http://www.arlingtonhillspresbyterian.org/>); scroll down on the left-hand column to the “Eastside Children’s Summer Program.” For more information, call Sally Narr at 763-218-2904.

**No Vacation Bible School in 2009** – The Christian Education committee has decided AHP will not hold VBS this year in that AHP is without a Children and Family Ministries Coordinator.

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### **Senior High Youth: Graduation Sunday, June 14th**

We are still looking for youth to be involved in Graduation Sunday. We could use a few more volunteers for speaking, reading, and ushering. Talk to Matt or email him at [saintpaul-matty@yahoo.com](mailto:saintpaul-matty@yahoo.com) if you are interested!

# WORSHIP STUDY PROJECT (\$500 Grant)

## -- EVALUATION RESULTS --

In July 2008, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, Minn., accepted applications from churches in the Twin Cities metropolitan area to participate in a **Worship Study Project** designed to help congregations evaluate and enrich their worship. The project, "Creating Significant Worship in Time of Change and Challenge," was underwritten by a Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, MI., with funds provided by Lily Endowment. The cluster groups would explore a wide variety of ways each congregation could enliven its worship life through theological reflection, dialogue and engagement with the arts. Cindi Beth Johnson, Director of Community Programming in the Arts, Religion and Spirituality at United Theological Seminary – and Project Director for the Worship Study Project -- stated, "The goal was to find churches eager to reflect on ways to make their worship relevant and meaningful, who sense they are on the cusp of congregational growth or change."



Purple fabric creates a "tent" effect, draping over the congregation during lent. "Prayer flags" rise to the cross.

AHP was one of five churches (of approximately 25 that applied) from within a 50 mile radius of the Twin Cities to be chosen to receive a \$500 grant, with the project running from September 2008 to June 2009. Our AHP committee chose to use "fabric" to enhance the worship experience, and our \$500 grant was used to pay for consulting fees, installation of the pulleys, and rolls of gauze fabric that we purchased, dyed – and then draped throughout the sanctuary.

During Advent (2008), the deep blue fabric that began high and from the back of the sanctuary then faded to white as it reached up to the cross, symbolized a journey of darkness into light, culminating at Christmas with the birth of Christ.

During Lent (2009), the overhead hanging purple fabric (and prayer flags of the congregation) represented our ongoing dialogue and prayer with God, culminating on Easter morning with a new vision of individual commitment. God's work in our church, community, and world continues only as each of us is willing to "listen" and to "respond" to God's urging within us -- to act!

We are nearing the conclusion of this project. To aid us in preparing our final report to be presented at United Theological Seminary in mid-June, on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> we asked the congregation to complete a Congregational Evaluation Form to provide us with feedback about the project. The highlights below (and the graphs to the right) show the evaluation results:

### EVALUATION HIGHLIGHTS:

Almost 75 percent of those completing the Congregational Evaluation Form gave either a 5 (highest) rating or a 4 rating to both questions:

Results from Q#1: You said the use of fabric in the sanctuary enhanced your worship experience and spiritual growth.

Results from Q#2: You recommend a similar use of fabric in the sanctuary in the future.

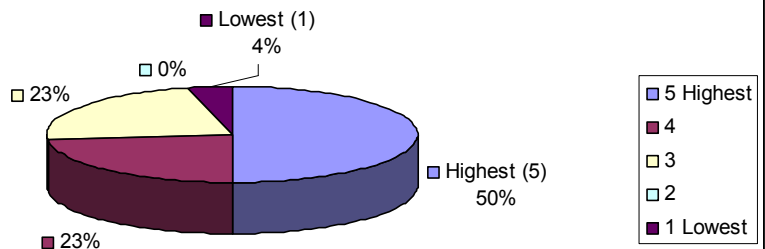
68% of those who completed the form were over 71 yrs., and had over 21 yrs. of membership at AHP.

Thanks to everyone for your feedback and comments!

Worship Committee  
 Clay Passick, Chair  
 Members: Donna Hampton-Maki,  
 Michelle Cerame, Joy Aloh, and Betty Brandt Passick

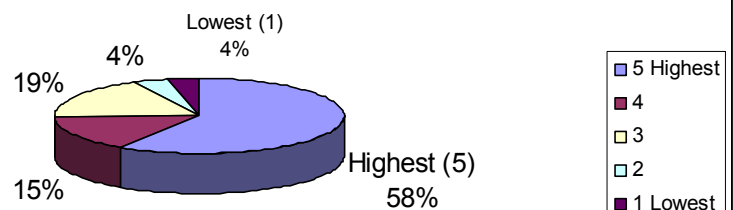
### Question #1: Rate Extent Fabric "Enhanced Your Worship Experience and Spiritual Growth"

(68% of respondents were over 71 yrs. old, over 21 yrs. membership)



### Question #2: Rate How Strongly You Recommend a Similar Use of "Fabric" in Future

(68% of respondents were over 71 yrs., over 21 yrs. membership)



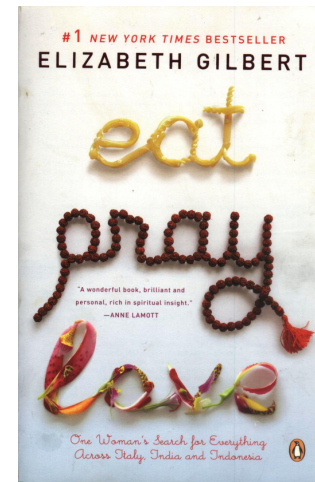
## BOOK REPORT

“Eat. Pray. Love.” by Elizabeth Gilbert (Penguin, 2007)

Betty Brant Passick, [bbpassick@comcast.net](mailto:bbpassick@comcast.net)

I have to admit, I was intrigued *first* by the title. (Mostly, the “eat” part. What did “eat” have to do with “pray” and “love”? I wondered.)

I had been introduced to Elizabeth Gilbert on an Oprah program in 2008, and a couple days later I went on-line and ordered the book (approximately \$11.00 plus shipping from Barnes & Noble, [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)) for myself – plus a copy for my daughter-in-law Adela in Dallas, Texas, and my daughter, Tamara, in Denver, Co. I called and alerted them they’d be receiving the book in the mail. I said, “Let’s form a book club and discuss “Eat. Pray. Love.” as our first book. I promised it would be an easy read and it sounded like something each of us would have fun reading and discussing! (We have yet to “discuss” this book!)



As I initially opened the cover of this 300-ish page book, I realized that all I definitively knew was it was about a spiritual journey. The author, born Protestant of the white Anglo-Saxon persuasion, had written it as a memoir about the spiritual lessons she’d learned during her year-long travels across Italy, India and Indonesia. Against the backdrop of three very different cultures, she examines different aspects of her nature and faith.

Ultimately, I follow Gilbert as she eats her way through Italy, a country known for pleasure – and to India, a land known for devotion, where she spends long days in the discipline of prayer. Then, on the Indonesian island of Bali, she finds a balance between worldly enjoyment and divine transcendence – and she learns how to love freely.

A good book report always includes two points: What did I learn? Would I recommend the book to others?

Spiritually, I really enjoyed this book. I found myself admitting how much I long to be connected with God. I think that is really what is meant when one is on a spiritual journey: looking for and creating opportunities of coming in contact with God in new ways from which one is changed, never the same. I came away with a new peace that has yet to diminish even one little bit.

I do recommend “Eat. Pray. Love.” to you. It is a funny, honest, brave and intelligent look at religion, faith and God. (There is an occasional four-letter word, however.) I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Share your favorite books! Submit your book report to [ahp@usfamily.net](mailto:ahp@usfamily.net).



## The Heritage Corner—A Series

In the beginning, on February 16, 1885, Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church began as a mission Sunday School sponsored by the East Presbyterian Church. Nineteen children and adults gathered in a home on Jessamine near Payne Avenue. Why bring this up now? Because I feel that as a member of this church since 1947, we are forgetting our heritage and should be reminded from time to time as the Hebrew people were in Moses' time. Over the next few months I will give a thumbnail sketch of our church over the past 105 plus years.

The year 1976 was an important one for the U.S. It was the Bi-centennial of the signing of the declaration of independence by 56 delegates of the 13 colonies on July 4, 1776. Our church celebrated by performing a concert I LOVE AMERICA.

The first regular meeting of Session was held January 12<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Polzine moderating and the following elders present: Richard Benson, Erma Derickson, Wm. Goranson, John Hanno, June Hansen, Marilyn Hubin, Lois Johnson, Marlys Johnson, Soon-Kun Kang, Don Karwoski, Warren Langstraat, Frank Martin, Stan Nielsen, Larry Parsons, Norman Rediger, Hal Shane, Robert Visser, and Douglas Hanson excused.

The financial picture for 1975 had been good without any crisis although out of 276 member pledging 102 had given very little. The budget had been approved at \$102,203 with \$109,203 reported as received on the annual report. The General Fund appeared healthy with a balance of \$4,893.93 and a remaining mortgage balance of \$177,942.65 and all bills paid to date.

The first meeting of the year started out with a discussion of setting up a Parish Zone Plan whereby our parish would be divided into geographical zones of 10 to 15 units under a zone leader. The purpose was to get to know our member families better. This was a continuation of efforts made last year for direction toward church growth. An analysis of church membership disclosed a gradual decline in church membership over the past six years. A Task Force had been organized consisting of a PROSPECTORS TEAM to develop new "prospects" for introduction to the church. The AMBASSADORS TEAM to make personal contact with those showing an interest in the church and introducing them to church activities and the GOOD NEWS COMMUNICTORS TEAM to publicize activities through publications and personal contact. Another area was music with Elder June Hansen to chair a committee for that purpose.

This last area might have been due to the sudden resignation of choir director Bob Anderson just prior to the I LOVE AMERICA concert. Organist Leeanne Bonhus was prevailed upon to do the directing at the last moment. The concert was a success with 50 members participating. Shortly thereafter we hired Peter Hanslep as choir director.

Property was busy during the year. They installed 50 protective plastic windows to protect the colored glass ones facing the parking lot. A number had been broken by thrown stones. The windows are gone now due to remodeling. They installed the dishwasher purchased by the Women's Assoc. and also countertops that they purchased. They removed concrete block walls in the Fellowship Hall as they were deteriorating and loose and replaced them with folding dividers. This then required replacing tile in that area.

The Deacon Board contributed their share by providing refreshments and food at various church functions, church camp, decorating Fellowship Hall and assisting in producing the church photo directory. They assumed the responsibility of chaperoning the residents of the Greenbrier Home including a bus trip to Jay Cooke State Park. The residents of Greenbrier Home were men who need special attention.

Membership at year-end totaled 501 with 276 being female. Sunday School totaled 204 students and a staff of 42. The church attendance averaged 275 over the year.

The Sinh family continued to be more self sufficient with Mr. Sinh now employed at the 3M Co. through the efforts of Dough Hansen and purchasing a home at 652 Sims Street.

(more to follow next month)



## Parish Nurse Notes

As many of you know, I've had some personal experiences with hospice recently during the illness of my Mom. I would like to share with you their purpose and experience which can help tremendously if you have a need for them.

Lori Johnson



There are several organizations in the Twin Cities that offer hospice care and you can be referred to them by your personal physician. When you or a loved one faces the challenge of serious illness, it's time to find out about hospice so that informed decisions can be made. Having information about hospice and palliative care will help patients and families understand the ways they can help. Many families say they wish they had started hospice service earlier than they did. To find out if hospice is right for you and your family and learn about insurance coverage and services, call them and they will come out and discuss this with you.

Hospice care is for anyone with a life-limiting illness and whose life expectancy is determined to be six months to a year or less, if the disease runs its normal course. The hospice team works with the patient and family and determines a place of care based on the patient's goals and priorities. For comfort and symptom relief, hospice covers medications, medical equipment and supplies related to the hospice diagnosis. This is covered under Medicare and many other insurances.

If a patient needs care beyond what can be provided at home, hospice makes arrangement with local contracted hospitals and other facilities where patients may receive necessary and appropriate care.

Culturally sensitive end-of-life care is provided for those of diverse backgrounds. Special concern and interpretive services are available for non-English speaking persons. Experienced teams of professionals from hospice work closely with the patient's doctor to provide coordinated physical, emotional, and spiritual care. The care is tailored to the needs of each patient and family.

The R.N. case manager provides expert pain and symptom management through home visits. A hospice nurse is available by phone 24 hours a day and can make home visits at anytime.

The social worker coordinates community resources and emotional concerns are addressed also.

The chaplain provides spiritual and emotional support in keeping with the patient's personal beliefs.

The home health aide provides personal care, including bathing.

The music or massage therapists provide holistic comfort.

The volunteers share their gift of time with compassion.

The pharmacist, physical therapist and dietitian all provide support for patient comfort.

Bereavement services include grief counseling, support groups, and written resources that are available for caregivers during the patient's illness and the year following the patient's death.

I have found hospice teams to be very helpful and support during this difficult time and hope this information may be helpful to you as well.

I would like also to thank all of you for your wonderful support and love you have shown me during my Mom's illness and death. She and I both think the people of this church are the greatest.

Have a healthy month. Serve God by serving others.

Blessings to you all,

Lori Johnson



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## Lectionary for June 2009

- 7 **Trinity Sunday**  
Isa. 6:1-8; Ps. 29; Rom 8:12-17;  
John 3:1-17
- 14 **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Sam. 15:34-16:13; Ps. 20  
2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17;  
Mark 4:26-34
- 21 **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Sam. 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23)  
32-49 and Ps. 9:9-20; or 1 Sam.  
17:57-18:5, 10-16 and Ps. 133;  
2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
- 28 **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27; Ps. 130;  
2 Cor. 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

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