

Newsletter (without access to publisher!)

Vicar's Notes:

I spent this morning writing up a grant application for a Missional Innovation Partnership grant—a new initiative from The Episcopal Church in MN. They want to fund new ideas in which churches are partnering with other players in their communities to do something around hunger issues.

Beth Kennedy and Suzanne Sherman attended the Episcopal Church in Minnesota's convention in Bemidji a few weeks ago, and came back very excited about possibilities. With their input and the ideas of some others, we've put together a proposal asking for money to hire a Program Coordinator to help get Ruby's Pantry off the ground, to do some reconnaissance work about "food rescue" in Cook County, and to begin digging around involvement with a community greenhouse somewhere in the area.

One of the things this grant asks about is our community involvement as a church with various local partners. As I started listing them, I was impressed! We are involved in many local agencies, as a church or through individuals who are deeply involved— Cook County Health and Human Services, Cook County Food Shelf, Cook County Ministerium, Violence Prevention Center, ISD 166, and Empty Bowls. I'm sure there are others I'm forgetting.

When asked about our strengths, I wrote that 'we know people.' And we do. Sitting at Java Moose with SOTW members I begin to think that there's no one they DON'T know.

Join me in prayer about this grant and the directions in may lead us toward further involvement with this community we love.

On Saturday, October 25th at 2 PM, Peter and Joyce Fergus Moore will be presenting at CCHE: "On the Ground In Palestine: An Eye witness account of Life Under Occupation." Meet them for lunch Harbor Grill at 12:30. Please let Suzanne (387 1536) know if you can join them.

This Sunday:

Leading: Karen Halbersleben

Preaching: Ellen Stubbs

Presiding: Carolyn Schmidt

Music: Karen and Layne

Treats: ?????

(Here's the new plan--if you would like to bring treats please phone Lee and tell her—387 2983.)

Other upcoming events:

On Oct. 24th, there will be an informational meeting about trafficking at the e free church, 6:30-8:30.

Oct. 25th, 2-4 CCHE presentation by Peter and Joyce Fergus-Moore, (see above).

Nov. 2nd, All Saints—bring pictures of loved ones you want to remember

Nov. 9th is stewardship Sunday.

Nov. 16th A forum after church on “Difficult passages of the Bible” by Hillary Freeman

Dec. 7th A forum after church on the book of the year—the Gospel of Mark! Carol Mork