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*Suddenly there was...a strong wind blowing, and...  
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:2-3, TEV)*

Weekly Electronic Newsletter of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago  
A patchwork of varied news and announcements  
from our churches, communities, denomination and other organizations,  
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of our region

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## ABCMC NEWS

### *Music Festival*

ALL METRO CHICAGO AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES  
 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ABCMC  
 CHRISTMAS/ADVENT SEASON MUSIC FESTIVAL

DATE: Saturday, December 13, 2008

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Irving Park Baptist Church  
 4401 W. Irving Park Road  
 Chicago



The purpose of this program is to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas/ Advent season through music and song. Each participating church is asked to send a musical component (ranging from a full choir to a smaller number of singers, including duets or soloists, as well as musicians and praise dancers) to participate in this glorious afternoon of musical praise for our Lord and Savior and the Christmas/Advent season. And as happened last year, this year's musical festival will begin with a mass sing-a-long (involving all in attendance) of many of everyone's favorite Christmas carols and will conclude with a mass (unrehearsed) singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus", involving all the participants in the program, as well as willing volunteers from the audience.

Regardless of whether or not your church decides to participate musically, members and friends of Chicago Metro ABC churches are encouraged to attend. Admission is **FREE**. There will be a Free-Will Offering to support ABCMC and its programs and missions.

So mark the date and time (Saturday, December 13 @ 3:30PM) on your calendar, encourage your church to participate, plan to attend, and warm up your voice for the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus"!

Any church wishing to participate is asked to call Lowell Young, ABCMC Mission Support Associate, at 773-804-1655 or 773-370-2003, or e-mail him at [younglowell@aol.com](mailto:younglowell@aol.com).

## ***Festival de Navidad***

TODAS LAS IGLESIAS AMERICANAS BAPTISTA DE METRO CHICAGO ABCMC  
ESTÁN INVITADAS A PARTICIPAR EN EL 2<sup>ND</sup> FESTIVAL DE NAVIDAD

Fecha: Sábado 13 de diciembre  
Hora: 3:30 p.m.  
Lugar: Irving Park Baptist Church  
4401 W. Irving Park Road  
Chicago



El propósito de este programa es celebrar Navidad y la estación de Advenimiento con música y cánticos. A cada Iglesia participante se le pide que traiga un componente musical, puede ser desde un coro, un cantante, dueto o un solo para participar en esta gloriosa tarde de alabanza a nuestro Dios y Salvador en esta Navidad época de Advenimiento. Así como hicimos el año pasado, empezaremos cantando los coros navideños favoritos, para concluir con un coro masivo del “Aleluya,” en donde incluiremos a todos los participantes, voluntarios y la audiencia.

Ya sea que su Iglesia participe musicalmente o no, todas las Iglesias y amigos de ABCMC, están invitados. La admisión es GRATIS. Habrá una ofrenda voluntaria para ayudar a los programas y misiones de ABCMC.

¡Marque en su calendario el 13 de diciembre a las 3:30 p.m., participe, asista y entone su voz para cantar el “Coro Aleluya”!

La Iglesia que desee participar comuníquese con Lowell Young, ABCMC, al 773-804-1655 o 773-370 2003, por Internet [younglowell@aol.com](mailto:younglowell@aol.com).

## **NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS**

### ***Fun Raiser at Irving Park***

If you weren't able to make it to either of the previous musical fun raisers at Irving Park Baptist Church, you really missed a good time. Don't deprive yourself again! The next musical fun-raiser is scheduled for this Friday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago.

### ***Jazz Vesper Service***

All are invited to participate in the November Jazz Vesper service at Everyone is welcome and there is no admission fee although donations are welcome on Friday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m. This monthly event is designed to be spiritually uplifting with some of the area's best jazz musicians adding their musical interpretation to a selection of readings—classic to contemporary—creating a unique experience. For the 2008 – 2009 season, the overall theme is *Living Our Purpose*. This month, Woodside welcomes local jazz artist Richard Schooping to the service where Mary Covington will lead and guide meditation.

Schooping is a singer/song writer from Royal Oak who performs with an uplifting, professional, and powerful sound. His vocal stylings range from Tony Bennett to Josh Groban. He performs a variety of music including jazz standards and inspirational pop. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission fee although donations are welcome. Call 810-767-4911 or visit [www.woodsidechurch.net](http://www.woodsidechurch.net) for more information

### ***Turkey Dinner—Yum!***

The Federated Church of Wauconda, 200 Barrington Road, Wauconda, will host its traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the church on Saturday, November 22. This sumptuous feast will include several birds roasted outdoors on Webber grills. ABCMC's own Tony Rake will work hard as the head turkey cooker. The meal will be served at 6 p.m., and will include all the traditional trimmings. Everyone is welcome.

### ***175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet***

The First Baptist Church of Chicago, the oldest Baptist church in the city of Chicago, is celebrating 175 years of ministry this year. On October 12 they held a joy-filled time of celebration. They're not done yet, though.

First Baptist's 175th Anniversary Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on the evening of Sunday, November 23. The banquet will take place in Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 East 59th Street on the campus of the University of Chicago. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Please call the church office at 773-536-3430 reserve your seats. Evening attire is requested.



### ***Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon***

On Saturday, December 6 the women of the Federated Church of Wauconda, 200 Barrington Road, Wauconda, will host their annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon at the church. There will be lots of great things to buy from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A hot lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your Christmas wish list, and come enjoy a delightful day in Wauconda.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### ***Freedom Museum and Lights***



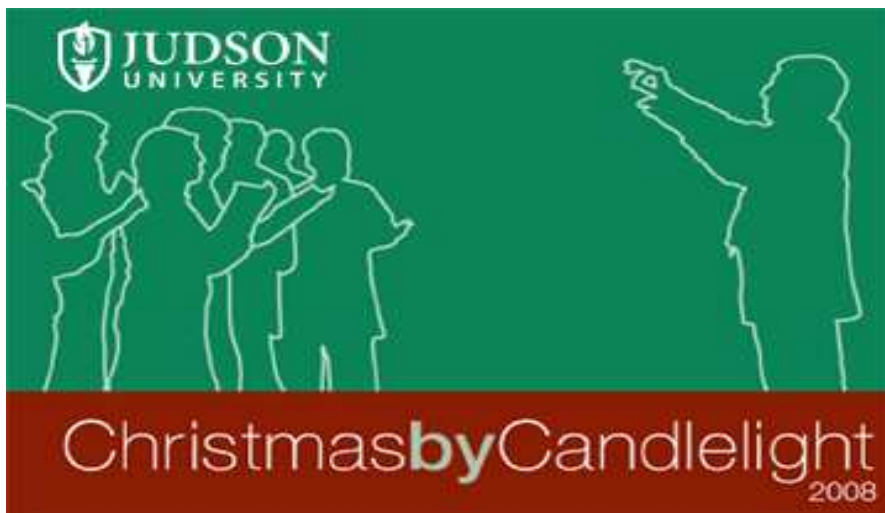
This coming Saturday, November 22, warm your hands and hearts at the Freedom Museum during the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival, and sponsor care packages for deployed troops and their families at home. This holiday season the Freedom Museum and the United Service Organization (USO) of Illinois are partnering to support American heroes and their families through Operation Send Support. Since the McCormick Foundation will match the first \$5,000 donated to Operation Send Support during this event, you can make your gift go farther. Plus, enjoy refreshments and family activities all day, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Freedom Museum, 445 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

## Holiday Theater



Just in time for the holidays, Provision Theater is presenting a world premiere. Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory* & *The Thanksgiving Visitor*, adapted and directed by Tim Gregory, is playing November 5-December 21 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted Street, Chicago. Performances are on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. This is a sweet holiday show that touches the heart. For tickets, phone the box office at 312-988-9000.

## Christmas at Judson University



Celebrate the start of the holiday season with Judson University at our annual Christmas by Candlelight event on December 5 & 6, 2008, in the Lindner Campus Commons. The Christmas celebration will begin with a hearty holiday meal followed by Judson's Concert Choir performing John Rutter's *Gloria* under the direction of Dr. Dale Voelker. Special music will also feature Judson's Handbell Choir!

### FESTIVITIES

#### Gift Bazaar

12 p.m. through the Evening's Activities  
Lindner Campus Commons, Upper Level

#### Friends of Judson Annual Christmas Bake Sale

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Lindner Campus Commons

#### Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

#### Dinner Served at 6 p.m.

Lindner Campus Commons, Dining Hall

#### Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Herrick Chapel

Featuring the Judson University Concert Choir and Handbell Choir

**To place your reservation, visit [www.judsonu.edu/candlelight.aspx](http://www.judsonu.edu/candlelight.aspx)**

Please register by November 17, 2008.

Registrations are finalized when full payment is received.

If you have questions, please call Jaimee Bartha at 847.628.2514.

## ***American Friends Service Committee Event on Israel/Palestine***

Creating Connections & Renewing Commitments  
Celebrating 60 Years of AFSC Involvement in Israel/Palestine

The American Friends Service Committee Middle East Program cordially invites you to join us for an evening dedicated to creating connections and renewing our commitments to Middle East peace.

WHEN: December 4, 2008—6:30 to 9:30 pm

WHERE: Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 North Knox Avenue, Chicago

### **Ticket Prices:**

\$60 per person general admission ticket

\$30 per person student ticket

\$400 for a table of eight

All tickets will be held at the door on the evening of the event.

***RSVP by November 26, 2008***

Please make a check payable to the:

**AFSC-Middle East Program  
637 S. Dearborn Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60605**

If you would like a copy of the invitation through snail mail, please send your address to [mrashid@afsc.org](mailto:mrashid@afsc.org).

For more information call or email Miryam Rashid at 312.427.2533 x18 or [mrashid@afsc.org](mailto:mrashid@afsc.org)

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Featuring:**

#### **Raji Sourani**

#### **Human Rights Lawyer, and Founder and Director of the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights**

Raji Sourani is widely considered the foremost human rights lawyer in Gaza. He is the recipient of many international awards, including the 1991 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award.

Israel routinely denies Raji the right to exit Gaza, but we are hopeful that he will be able to join us for this important event.

#### **Ali Abunimah**

#### **Political Analyst and Co-Founder of Electronic Intifada and Author of *One Country: A Bold Proposal to End the Israeli-Palestinian Impasse***

Ali Abunimah is a writer and commentator on Middle East and Arab-American affairs whose articles appear in major US newspapers as well as the Jordan Times, Ha'aretz and Lebanon's Daily Star. He is a frequent guest on local, national, and international radio and television.

#### **Hedy Epstein**

#### **Holocaust Survivor and Internationally Renowned Speaker**

Born in Germany, Hedy Epstein was brought in 1939 to a safe haven in England as part of a children's transport organized by the AFSC.

Hedy came to the US in 1948 and has been active in civil and human rights and social justice causes for many years.

She has visited the Israeli occupied West Bank five times since 2003 and has most recently worked on the Free Gaza Movement's effort to break the siege of the Gaza Strip.

*The event will also include an exciting Silent Auction, a Light Buffet provided by Hel's Kitchen, and Musical Performance from jazz artist Michael Levin and Friends*

## **Judson University Breakfast: "Post Election Financial Perspectives"**

*This invitation is from Judson University.*



Featured Speaker: Armond Dinverno, JD, CPA, CFP  
Principal and Co-President of Balasa Dinverno Foltz LLC  
**December 4 | 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. |**  
**Tickets: \$20 Community members;**  
**RSVP by December 1 as space is limited**  
847.628.2080; advancement@JudsonU.edu

Join us for a breakfast networking event that will help you see your firm's financial future more clearly. The breakfast's featured presenter Armond A. Dinverno, JD, CPA, CFP, will forecast the outlook of the U.S. economy based on the president-elect's economic policies.

Dinverno, a principal and co-president of Balasa Dinverno Foltz LLC, a wealth management firm based in Itasca, Ill., has extensive experience in the income tax, estate planning, retirement planning, and investment management areas. For three consecutive years, *Robb Report Worth* magazine named Dinverno one of the "Best Financial Advisors" in America, *Mutual Funds* magazine included Dinverno in their list of "Top 100 Planners in the Country," and in *Medical Economics* magazine Dinverno was listed as one of "The 150 Best Financial Advisers for Doctors." He was recognized in the book by Stuart Welch, *J.K. Lasser's Estate Planning for Baby Boomers*, as a top professional advisor in the estate planning area, and received the TEC Organization Emerging Entrepreneur Member Achievement Recognition. In 2006, he was inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame.

Dinverno has served as part of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Institutional Advisory Board, which meets with the organization's top management to discuss what initiatives the company should focus on for its clients. He also testified to President George W. Bush's Advisory Panel on Tax Reform about the impact of the tax laws on taxpayers' decisions and their behavior.

## **ABCUSA NEWS**

For additional articles from the American Baptist News Service, please visit <http://www.abc-usa.org/whoweare/newsservice.aspx>.

### ***There is a Balm in Gilead***

*ABC missionary Bill Clemmer recently wrote of his visit to the war ravaged area of eastern Congo:*

Goma is a city where American Baptists have centered much attention on in past years; not on mineral resources but on human suffering. Through gifts such as White Cross, One Great Hour of Sharing, and support from American Baptist Women, we have supported local church partners and initiatives. One program is Heal Africa, a 200-bed holistic care facility which takes in the women victimized by the conflict, operates on their wounds, listens to their woes, respects their dignity, removes their stigma, and in the end provides care for their orphans.

I was back in Goma last week; this time, again in the midst of conflict. All commercial flights into the city had been canceled as the newest rebel troops were as close as three kilometers from the city's borders, fanning out on two fronts, sporadically (I was told) lobbing mortar shells into populated areas. The UN peacekeeping troops within the city had a mandate to hold the line. I was able to hop onto one of the 3-hour UN troop reinforcement flights from the capital city of Kinshasa to Goma along with two footlockers of surgical supplies requested by Dr Jo Lusi, Medical Director of Heal Africa, who was in Goma with his staff carrying on, unfettered by the threats around them. "I'll send a jeep with a flag to pick you up at the UN air base" Jo told me over the telephone, ".....and can you find me an electric drill with some long bits and screws?" The number of orthopedic cases from bullet and shrapnel wounds had overwhelmed their

stock of orthopedic surgical supplies. How would 'TSA' react if I was carrying this hardware through a US airport, I wondered, as overworked UN security forces just waved me and my heavy metal-laden foot-lockers onto the clearly marked , white with bold black letters, UN plane.

The city was calm despite events around it but I was told that even a single gunshot could send the population in panic as happened three days ago when there was a rumor that rebels had taken the airport. There are over a quarter of a million refugees outside of the city who fled their villages when fighting erupted. Some of those had made it into town, some were in the surgical wards that I visited with Dr Jo Lusi, but most were in camps outside the city or worse, were hiding in the forest, exposed to rain, insects, temperature extremes, and lack of food or water. If things were uncomfortable for me inside the city, I wondered how they were for the hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons outside. I also had a ticket back to Kinshasa a week later, one of the 'lucky ones' whose physical time in Goma and the surrounding area would be short and temporary. I would be as always, shaken by the horrific stories, but moved by the faithfulness of those who lived lives of temporal misery with eyes focused on an eternal promise.

The latter part of the week, I took a boat across the lake and rendezvoused with our partner, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, who then flew me and members of our medical team to other villages, hospitals, and clinics...a little less than 50km away from the active fighting but close enough to the misery. The nights, we were told, in the surrounding hills are full of horror. Soldiers from any one of the many ethnic groups, break into houses in the middle of the night...raping, killing, pillaging. I spoke to a man who was struck by a machete in the head and left for dead...when he awoke his wife and children were amongst the corpses by his side. Our driver told the story of his neighbor whose house was raided by soldiers during the evening who threatened to kill her children and husband if she didn't hand over all she had. She did...and five were killed none-the less, a boy age two, girls ages five and six...senseless, maddening, discouraging. People go to their fields to work during the day but retreat into the towns at night and sleep in clusters next to schools, churches, buildings.

I arrived back in Kinshasa three days ago and lingered longer than usual when Ann greeted me at the door with a hug. I have a list of things that beckoned my attention while I was away...a pile of memos on my desk, a labor dispute, a diverted shipment of medical supplies. There is a leak in the porch roof and I misplaced the biopsy report of a skin lesion that I wanted to send to a colleague in the States. I have over 140 e-mails that I have not opened including one from our retirement account that cautions shareholders from 'making rash decisions in these uncertain days.' Somehow all my problems seem trite in the wake of the tragedies of the world. I will cling to the same promise, the same hope, and apply the same balm ... as these, our Christian brothers and sisters on the other side of this country; on the other side of this world. There is a Balm in Gilead. It is soothing, and healing and yes redeeming... because of a promise, of a hope, of a savior named Jesus, who is desperately needed, as always in our world today.

## ***ABCUSA Biennial***

### **Are you ready to be challenged? Then come to the Pasadena Biennial!**

If you are a new (or maybe even a seasoned) American Baptist, you may not have heard about the Biennial. Every two years, we gather to worship, learn, celebrate, grow and set direction for our lives as God's people. "Serving as the Hands and Feet of Christ" beautifully captures our servant heart. That theme will guide us throughout our time in Pasadena, California, June 26 to 28, 2009. We are experimenting! This Biennial will offer new experiences:

- **Mission Summit Experience**—Take advantage of "People on the Edge," including workshops and Bible studies, and see how American Baptists are joining Jesus in ministry with people on the edge.

- **Mission Fair**—Spend time at our exhibit area that is designed to be interactive and downright fun! Dialogue with missionaries; grab a cappuccino with friends; enjoy live music; and, yes, find books and bargains.
- **Discernment Sessions**—Attend fast-paced plenaries that will move and inspire you. Gifted speakers/ teachers; world-class Christian music, heart-moving videos and informative presentations will send you forth strong in faith and Christ's hands and feet.

ready to serve as o work for Christ.

- **Mission Projects**—Experience hands-on mission projects to put your hands and feet t
- **Learning Opportunities**—Attend workshops that will grow, inform and challenge you. st
- **Decisions**—As a Delegate, participate in significant decision-making around a 21st Century structure for ABCUSA.
- **Young Adult Ministers**—Come and enjoy a dinner planned especially for you!

And as always, enjoy seeing lifelong friends and making new friends; new ideas for ministry; inspiring preaching; and international and ecumenical guests.

## ***ABCUSA Sends Bylaw Changes to 2009 Biennial Delegates***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 11/19/08)** — The General Board of American Baptist Churches USA met November 14-15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, PA, and affirmed a continued denominational commitment to "serving as the hands and feet of Christ". ABC President Mary Armacost Hulst reinforced that message by reminding the Board members that, "Christ has no hands and feet but yours."

The hearts of the Board members were revealed in the first hour of the first plenary session, as the meeting began with an offering received for the Millcreek Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Earlier this year, the church held a special program to encourage area residents to turn in unregistered guns in the hopes of reducing the number of deaths and violence in the local neighborhood. Those participating were offered coupons for groceries and other incentives. General Secretary A. Roy Medley encouraged the Board to give generously, saying, "We want to come alongside this congregation and its pastor and support them in their calling to be the hands and feet of Christ."

The collection totaled \$1,072 and included a contribution from the Office of the General Secretary. The Board then moved on to its main business for the session, as members were charged to hear, raise concerns about, and vote on, a second reading of revisions to the ABC Bylaws for recommendation to the 2009 biennial delegates, who will then vote on adoption of the Bylaws as revised.

The Bylaws are considered "living documents"; open to revision and clarification over the course of time. Hulst reminded the Board that the document has been three years in the making, and needs a yes or no vote to send it to the biennial. Hulst observed, "With the amazing pool of wisdom in the room, we can focus on our mission of being the hands and feet of Christ."

The most significant approved changes in the second reading include a member from each region serving on the Board of General Ministries; the Directors of the Board of General Ministries comprising the corporate members of the American Baptist Historical Society; and the term of office for the General Secretary consisting of four-year terms, with evaluations every two years.

If the Bylaws are approved, the delegates at each subsequent Biennial will re-elect At-Large Directors. Each region will nominate five people who represent the diversity of their region.

"The intent here," said Medley, "is to preserve and maintain ABC's gift of diversity and to mirror God's intent for the church."

Eleven other revisions were noted, while seven other talked-over revisions were not included. Some of the discussions and comments focused on the need to have the voice of the minority heard in public witness statements; the necessity to have a clear process put in place to minimize unintended interpretations; and the perception that the document seems too top down without sufficient emphasis on hearing the voice of the local congregation.

David N. Knipel, Esq., Legal Counsel, led the reading. Questions and requests for clarification were raised by members after the review, and their concerns were discussed. The Board then approved the proposed Bylaws as amended and forwarded the recommendation for adoption to the 2009 biennial delegates.

## **HEALTH CARE NEWS**

### ***Support Paid Sick Days***

You shouldn't have to choose between taking a sick day and keeping your job. We are all invited to a public forum on the Illinois Healthy Workplace Act (HB 5320), a bill that would guarantee workers a minimum amount of paid sick days for their own or a family member's health need and for medical appointments. The discussion will include Health Care for America Now!, a national grassroots campaign focused on winning a guarantee of quality, affordable health care for all.

The event will take place this coming Monday, November 24 at Countryside Church, 1025 Smith Road, Palatine, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come share your story about the need for paid sick days with your elected officials.

To respond, call 224-678-6188. To learn more about the Illinois Paid leave Coalition, go to [www.SickDaysIllinois.org](http://www.SickDaysIllinois.org).

This event is sponsored by Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist Adult Faith Development Council, Citizen Action Illinois, Working Families Win and NOW.

### ***Campaign for Better Health Care 2008 Annual Meeting***

The Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care, an advocacy organization for improving the quality and availability of health care in our state, will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, November 25 for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The gathering will take place at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza in Chicago.

The morning program will present a panel discussion featuring a number of leaders from state government. They will discuss the role of states in health care, and what the federal government can do to help and support states in moving forward in securing health care for all. The afternoon will see a panel discussion by leaders of different advocacy organizations, who will address health care reform on the national level.

Tickets for the meeting are \$60. To order yours, please go to [www.cbhconline.org](http://www.cbhconline.org) or contact Kathleen Duffy at 312-913-9449 or [kduffy@cbhconline.org](mailto:kduffy@cbhconline.org).

## PEACE NEWS

### *Baptists and Burma*

Burma is dear to the hearts of Baptists because of our mission history there. The first American Baptist international missionaries, Adoniram Judson and his wife Ann Hasseltine Judson, first brought the good news of Jesus to that nation. Christians in Burma trace their faith back to the ministry of these missionaries in the early nineteenth century.

Burma (now called Myanmar) is struggling under an oppressive regime that especially targets ethnic groups such as the Karen, with whom the Judsons had their greatest success. Baptists today are ministering with Karen and other refugees fleeing Burma for the United States. Read the November-December 2008 issue of *Baptist Peacemaker* to learn about the work of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is doing with Burmese refugees.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray for newly elected leaders, as well as those leaving office, during their times of transition.

Please hold the people of India in prayer. Pray that the government will have the courage and wisdom to deal with the sectarian violence there.

Please pray for the people of the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo. Please remember in prayer ABC missionaries Ann and Bill Clemmer, who are serving there.

Please pray for peace in Darfur, and for all the people there who are suffering from violence and starvation. Please pray as well for the aid workers who are endeavoring to help them.

## CALENDAR

**November 22**—Thanksgiving Dinner, Federated Church of Wauconda, 200 Barrington Road, Wauconda, 6 p.m.

**November 24**—Forum on paid sick days, Countryside Church, 1025 Smith Road, Palatinge, 7-8:30 p.m.

**November 25**—Annual Meeting, Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care, Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 West Mart Center Drive, Chicago, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Kathleen Duffy at 312-913-9449 or [kduffy@cbhconline.org](mailto:kduffy@cbhconline.org) for more information.

**November 27**—Thanksgiving Day

**December 4**—Breakfast Program at Judson University, Elgin, 7:30-9 a.m. **RSVP by December 1 to** 847.628.2080; [advancement@JudsonU.edu](mailto:advancement@JudsonU.edu)

**December 4**—AFSC Event, Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 North Knox Avenue, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**December 6**—Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon, Federated Church of Wauconda, 200 Barrington Road, Wauconda; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. bazaar, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. luncheon.

**December 13**—2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ABCMC Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 3:30 p.m.

**December 20**--Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

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