

# ADULT FORUMS 2012

**February 12 – Music in Guyana:** Eric Sayre and his college roommate went to Guyana, South America, to introduce youth to music. In the six months they spent in Guyana, 503 people received musical instruction, about two-thirds under age 18. While 161 learned the basics of the keyboard, and 116 guitars, Sayre and Murchison were seemingly most pleased that 53 Guyanese learned to play a brass instrument. Hear more about his adventure.

**February 19 – Intergenerational event** around prayer and Lent.

**February 26 –“How do you like your media: fairly objective or objectively fair?”** Americans hate their media, they hate their politicians, and they hate the way their media cover their politicians. So an election season is a great time to have a conversation about how well the news media serve our needs. Eric Ringham, a Hope member who spent 30 years at the Star Tribune before going to work for Minnesota Public Radio News, will offer some of his thoughts about media fairness and the pursuit of objectivity.

**March 4 – Alana Butler**, director of Camp Amnicon, will tell more about the camp. This presentation is for adults and children ages third grade and older.

**March 11 – Ed Payne** will speak of the work of the **Bread for the World** organization and ask people to write letters supporting this organization.

**March 18 – Community Sings**, a presentation by Bret Hesla who will explain the historical and current community singing projects--and will also have us singing. Minnesota Community SINGS is working to build the culture of community public singing in Minnesota. Singing together can help us build ties with our friends and neighbors, as we come together to share our songs and stories and learn new ones. See especially:

<http://mnsings.com/upcomingevents.html>

<http://mnsings.com/history.html>

**March 25** – Nancy Rogness presents on the work that **Cherish Our Children** has been doing, and discusses the issue of sexual exploitation of children

April 1 – Stories of Hope

April 8 – No adult forum. Enjoy the Easter Breakfast.

April 15 – Kathy Knudsen – about the Gardens of Hope

**April 22 – “On Inclusion,”** a presentation about the Arc organization. The mission of ARC is “To secure for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families the opportunity to realize their goals of where and how they live, learn, work and play.”

**April 29 – Kris Perry,** from the Synod office, will share more about Nigeria and our partnership with Nigeria and the upcoming trip in fall to Nigeria.

**May 6 – Ann Beane** has a sister who lives in Lebanon. Ann will share about the realities of living in Lebanon.

**May 13 – P.E.A.S.E. Academy,** the oldest recovery high school in the country, has been renting space from the University Lutheran Church of Hope since fall, 1989. Come learn about this unique school and how it impacts the students it serves, by both helping them recover from their drug and alcohol addictions and preparing them to be responsible and productive members of society.

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**May 20 – Craig Wiester,** the former business administrator of University Lutheran Church of Hope, will share about his recent trip to Cuba.