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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- April
- 17 Spring Rummage Sale
- 20 Youth Sunday
- 27 CROP Walk

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Dear Friends

One of the things that first attracted our family to CPC was its strong tradition of Mission. To me “Mission” is putting action to your words and intentions. It is following through on what we feel inside. The times in my life when I have helped someone in need have never been without reward. Without exception, the reward has been tremendous. The reward is the way I feel good inside. It is knowing that I have helped make someone else’s life better or to feel better about themselves. It is the way I feel better about myself. I am so happy that CPC will again sponsor youth Mission trips to areas of need. Mary and I have watched as young adults in our church have gone to Mexico and other places and worked hard to help people they do not know. They come back changed inside. I know this because I have spoken to some of them. This is something we have wanted for our children to experience. They were not old enough to go the last time there was a mission trip. Now they are. We are excited (probably more than they are!) that they (and we) will have this opportunity, and we want to say “Thank You” for the generous support of everyone at Community Presbyterian Church.

Elder, Mike Hagley

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FROM THE PASTOR

He is Risen, Risen Indeed!

This is the central truth of our faith. As we moved through Lent, we prepared ourselves for the wondrous proclamation, and yet it comes with a sense of surprise and wonder. After the darkness of Gethsemane comes the light of resurrection. The Joy is Real! I hope this Easter has been a time of renewal and new discovery in all our lives of faith.

Looking back on the Lenten season, I would like to thank the worship committee for all the energy they provided to enrich our journey through the forty days. Thanks to the choirs and musicians for helping with all the extra services. Thanks to the youth for preparing Easter breakfast!

As you are aware, CPC has been considering a remodeling project for our building. The session and trustees are working in preparation for a financial feasibility study to take place in April. There are two informational sessions planned, one on April 13th following worship and the other on April 16th at 6pm. In early April an information brochure will be sent to every household with an invitation to these meetings and an opportunity to comment on the plans. Please plan to attend one of these sessions as you are able.

Grace and Peace,

Dan

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Nursing Homes

Evergreen Terrace: Betty Kauppi

Manor House: Amy Johnson, Beulah Zobel, Dorothy Brace

Grand Village:

Pleasant Seasons: Sylvia White, Mildred Titus, Ed Sparen, Edith Fitzgerald, Warren Anderson

Homestead Nursing Home, Deer River: Ellie and Skip Broberg
River Grand: Win Latimer, Jan Shock

Deaths

We keep these families in our thoughts and prayers:

Don Carlson & family at the death of Carol. Carol's memorial service was held at CPC on March 10.

Dave & Marilyn Hrouda, at the death of Dave's father.

Lee & Po Gaalaas, at the death of Po's sister.

New Member

We welcome new member David Martin, who was received on March 23. Welcome David!

Camp Scholarships

If your child is going to attend Camp Clearwater this summer, please contact Kim by April 5th as we have Presbytery Scholarships to offer.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Adult Education

All adults are invited and encouraged to join in conversation every Sunday morning at 8:45am in the church library:

April 6: ACT; Conversation with Executive Director, Jim Cagle

April 13: Lectionary Study with Kim

April 20: Lectionary Study with Dan

April 27: Lectionary Study with Dan

Preschool-2nd Grade Event

Kris Hamling will lead our young people in an afternoon of bowling! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am on Sunday, April 13 and head to Midway. Lunch will be provided. We will return to the church around 1:30pm. Any parents who wish to join us are surely welcome to do so!

3rd-5th Grade Event

Back by popular demand... Kim will take the 3rd through 5th graders bowling after church on Sunday, April 13. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall AT 11:30am and return at 1:30pm. We will have pizza at the bowling alley. A suggested donation of \$5 will help with costs, but is not required.

Teachers Needed

This may be your year! Many people have enjoyed teaching a semester of Sunday School - we guarantee you will too. The Christian Education Committee is now looking for teachers for the 2008-2009 school year, you can pick a semester or the whole year. Please let Kris Hamling or Kim know if you'd like to help!

Sunday School Survey

During the month of April the Christian Education Committee will be sending a survey to all families with children aged 3 through those in 5th grade. It is our hope to receive honest feed back as we are working diligently to "revamp" our Sunday School program. It is important for us to hear from those families involved as well as those who haven't yet brought their children to Sunday School. If you don't receive a survey, but would like to take part, please call the church office to request one.

YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

Youth Sunday is April 20

All youth are encouraged to attend our first planning session, Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30pm in the Youth Room!

Mark your calendar for all practices:

March 26 at 6:30pm

April 9 at 6:30pm

April 16 at 4:15pm

Saturday, April 19 at 4pm (pizza for dinner)

High School Youth

Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30pm: *Youth Sunday Prep.*

Wednesday, April 16 at 4:15pm: *Youth Sunday Prep.*

Saturday, April 19 at 4pm: *Youth Sunday Prep.*

Sunday, April 20 at 9am: *Youth Sunday!*

Wednesday, April 23 at 6:30pm: *Bowling*

Middle School Youth

Wednesday, April 2 at 4:15pm: *Foolin' Around Town*

Wednesday, April 9 at 4:15pm: *Catch Phrase*

Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30pm: *Youth Sunday Prep.*

Wednesday, April 16 at 4:15pm: *Youth Sunday Prep.*

Saturday, April 19 at 4pm: *Youth Sunday Prep.*

Sunday, April 20 at 9am: *Youth Sunday!*

Wednesday, April 23 at 4:15pm: *The Great Church Scavenger Hunt*

Wednesday, April 30 at 4:15pm: *Destination Unkown*

Youth Mission Trip - Kamp Katrina

What & When

We will travel to Gulfport, MS June 21-29 to help with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Participants

Michael & Sarah Hagley, Courtney Chesness, Sarah Haugen, Paige Cammack, Marshall Anderson, Cabe Mattfield, Justin Carlson, Tamara Simmens, Sorina Larson, Brittany Zahn, Nick Thies, Aaron Marshall, Spencer Meyer, Carmen Haugen, Mike Hagley & Mary Donnellan, Janet Anderson, and Pastor Kim

How You Can Support the Trip

There are many ways actually...

1. Pray for us and for those living in devastation.
2. "Adopt a Kid" Make a monetary donation to a student's account. Make checks payable to CPC, write the name you are sponsoring, and give the check to Kim. You will receive a message from your student while on the mission trip!
3. Come to Mardi Gras! It will be great fun and you will fund our trip at the same time!! It's Sunday, April 20 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have southern food, talent, surprises, and great fellowship. Tickets are \$5 for seniors and adults, \$10 for adults, or \$30 per family.
4. Watch for upcoming fund-raisers and support them!

Dates to Remember (Participants)

Sunday, March 9 at 11:15am: Student Meeting in the Church Library

Sunday, March 23 at 7am: Easter Breakfast Fund-Raiser

Wednesday, March 26 at 6:15pm: Parent & Student Meeting in the Church Library

Saturday, April 5 at 5pm: Mardi Gras Planning & Pizza in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 13 at 8:45am: Mardi Gras Planning in the Youth Room

Saturday, April 19 at 6pm: Mardi Gras Set-up (come early for Youth Sunday prep & pizza)

Sunday, April 20: Youth Sunday and Mardi Gras Fund-Raiser

Join the Mardi Gras!!

Sunday, April 20 at 11:30am

This will be a great afternoon of fun hosted by our youth attending the Mission Trip to Gulfport this June. They will offer delicious Southern Food, Great Entertainment, and Fellowship!

Proceeds to benefit our Youth Mission Trip to Gulfport

Tickets:

\$5 Seniors & Youth

\$10 Adults

\$30 Family

**Come see what they will do
to keep you smiling!**

CHOIR NEWS

TINS ON THE ROAD

The Tintinnabulators have just a couple of weeks to go before they head to the Twin Cities for the High School Handbell Happening. It will take place on Saturday, April 12, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Eagen.

We will rehearse in the afternoon with Michael Glasgow, this year's conductor, have supper and perform in an evening concert.

The choir has learned five new pieces for the festival, some of which you have heard in worship in recent months.

Following the concert, we will attend an overnight gathering for all of the ringers. Activities will include Dance Dance Revolution, Guitar Hero, Wii

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AT CPC

If you haven't yet joined us for dinner on Wednesday nights, you are missing out on great food, conversation, and fun! We gather on Wednesdays at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Here's what's cookin' in April:

April 2: Spaghetti/Green Salad/Garlic Bread & Dessert

April 9: Oven Roasted Vegetables/Chicken Breasts/Rolls & Dessert

April 16: Meatballs/Gravy/Mashed potatoes/Maple carrots & Dessert

April 23: Pulled Chicken Sandwiches/Potato Salad/Carrot & Celery Sticks & dessert

April 30: Create Your Own Salad Bar/Assorted Breads & Dessert

RUMMAGE SALE

The Spring Rummage Sale will be **Thursday, April 17th**. You can start bringing items to Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 14th

Please only bring clean, useable items and please no shoes!

MISSION

FIRST CALL FOR HELP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

First Call has been around for 34 years and has come a long way. However, the one thing that hasn't changed is our continual need for volunteers. If you have been thinking about a way to "give" of yourself, maybe First Call will be your answer. At First Call we offer Active Listening, Crisis Intervention, and Information and Referral Services. Training hours are flexible as to where and when it is done. The duration of training often depends on the individual and how much background experience they have as well as their level of comfort. Individuals volunteering have the unique opportunity to be at home while helping others. Shifts vary in length and are available during the week and on weekends. Any one volunteering has a staff backup available to them if necessary. If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please give us a call during business hours at 326-8565 or 1-800-442-8565.

CROP WALK - APRIL 27

Grand Rapids Area CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, April 27. Registration is at 1:30 Walk and the walk starts at 2:00. The walk starts and ends at CPC. Pick up materials at the Crop Walk table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, or at the church office during the week. The complete walk is 6 miles, but you walk what you are able to.

Twenty-five per cent of money pledged goes to our local food bank, the rest goes to Church World Service.

Because of poverty, people walk. They walk for food, firewood, to escape violence, to seek shelter, to farm their fields, to find jobs, to go to school. Please join the walk and/or donate

FALL MISSION TRIP

Fall Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Reservation: Oct. 11-17th, plus travel days.

This trip is for adults and students age 13 and older. This mission will include work on the reservation including home renovation and repair, clean-up and helping in manufacture and placement of beds in homes. The week also includes immersion into Oglala Lakota culture and life on Pine Ridge Reservation. Some of the educational opportunities are Lakota speakers, craft opportunities and tours, including the Wounded Knee Massacre Site and Mass Grave. The cost is \$350.00 per person which includes meals, lodging and all necessary tools and materials. Contact Doug or Barb Veit, or Dan for more information. Reservations need to be made by the 1st week of April.

DOCUMENTARY "FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO"

A free screening of "for the Bible tells me so", an award winning documentary, will take place on Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the Davies Hall Theater on the Itasca Community College Campus. The film offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity. "It boldly takes on a loaded topic and examines it both intellectually and emotionally; the result may well leave you blinking away a few tears," according to the Seattle Times. Through the experiences of five very normal, Christian, American families - including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson - we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member.

The screening will be followed by a question and answer session featuring Phil & Randi Reitan, one of the couples that appear in the film and four local pastors. There is no admission for the screening which is sponsored by the Itasca Community College Gay Straight Alliance, the Itasca GLBTA Alliance, OutFront Minnesota and the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission.

CIRCLES OF SUPPORT

Did you know that one adult wage earner with two children needs an hourly wage of \$17.00 in order to live in Itasca County with no subsidies? In Itasca County 40% of the jobs pay less than \$10.00 an hour. Too many local families are stuck in low paying jobs and do not have the support they need to move past this stage. There will never be enough state and federal resources to help all of the people in our county leave poverty.

The Peace and Social Justice Committee will sponsor several Adult Education Classes in April to help us all at CPC become aware of this issue and learn how people are being helped through Circles of Support. Circles provides a framework for expanding social networks for people in poverty who are seriously motivated to change their lives. We will be hearing from friends and neighbors in Circles of Support.

Allies and participants will share how their involvement in Circles has enriched their lives and given them an avenue out of poverty. As a participant if you are working hard and still coming up short, joining Circles of Support can give the hope needed to change your life. As an ally, if you can understand what it is like to struggle to make ends meet in our community, your gift of time to others will make a difference in the lives of local residents.

Watch for the dates of these Adult Education Classes in the church bulletin.

IAASA FUNDRAISER

Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault (IAASA) will be holding their annual fundraising event on Monday, April 7th, from 4:30-7pm at St. Joseph's Church in Grand Rapids. The event includes Mexican buffet dinner & ice cream bar, music, fun and games for the children, door prizes, Silent auction and Raffle.

Tickets are as follows:

\$ 7.50 for adults

\$ 5.00 for children 12 and under

\$ 3.00 for those 3 and under

Email or stop by to see me for tickets and come support this great resource in our community!