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Dear Friends

Take a moment and think – when are you happiest? I am happiest when I am being creative. It could be at work when I find a new way to think about a problem, it could be as a parent when I make a new connection with one of my children, or even when I whip up a new meal in the “experimental kitchen” at home. But it also comes when I am learning something new, when I am exposed to something I have not thought about before and it forces me to think. (That explains why I spent so much time in school!)

So, what point am I trying to make? Why do I bring this up? Simply this, each year the Elders of Session get a chance to serve on a new committee and this is my first year serving on the Worship Committee. Normally, I do not think of myself as an ideal candidate for Worship Committee. I relate better to tangible things, buildings, repair and maintenance, but to sit with that committee, hear their ideas and listen to them sift through options was new and refreshing for me. It made me think about worship in a new way and I found that I was truly getting something back for what I have given.

There are 14 other Elders on Session and each one of them serves on a committee. I cannot guarantee that each has had the same type of committee experience I have but as your elected Elders, you should feel free to ask them directly.

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Community calendar

March

- 01 Ash Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. Love Feast
- 05 Lent I
- 06 7:30 p.m. Jamestown College Choir Concert
- 12 Lent II
- 19 Lent III
- 26 Lent IV
- Kids’ Ring Handbell Festival (Holy Tollers)

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From The Pastor

March 1 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The Season of Lent follows the 40 days (not including Sundays) that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tempted by the Devil. I encourage us to begin this season by reading the accounts of the temptation of Christ in Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, and Luke 4:1-13.

The season of Lent was originally, in the early centuries, a time to prepare candidates for baptism, and so it focused on the baptism of Christ and what his baptism brought forth. It was a period of mentoring adults who felt drawn to the Christian church. They were instructed in areas of Christian belief and practices, worship, and prayer. This preparation period ended on Easter morning, when their baptism was celebrated. The idea of “giving something up” during the season of Lent stems from these early centuries of preparing candidates for Baptism. (The candidates would observe a time of fasting, and previously baptized Christians often joined them in an act of solidarity.) The point was to enter into a spiritual exercise intended to deepen one’s prayer life and draw anticipation of the celebration of the resurrection (Easter morning).

Lent later became a period of penitence for those who have been baptized. The hope of Lent is that it serves as a time to raise our spiritual consciousness, drawing us to prayer and reflection on the dying and rising of Christ. So the season is a time to do anything that might strengthen you spiritually. Some Presbyterians still give something up as a way of drawing deeper awareness to their lives, others add something to their daily rituals, be it prayer or Bible study. The point is, the season is a time to look honestly at our lives and determine how we are living faithfully as a people who receive a tremendous gift through the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday because it is a day to remember our mortality, the brevity of life, and our need for confession and assurance of God’s pardon. The ash cross placed on our foreheads is meant to remind us of our baptism, We who have died to Christ will be raised with him. So, Lent is the facing up to some hard realities; that we are a sinful people, that our world tempts us, and that we are in need of God’s grace. It is also a time to remember that through the death and resurrection of Christ, we too, are raised above the darkness as we are promised eternal salvation.

Peace and All Good, Kim

News of the Family

Nursing Homes

Evergreen Terrace: Betty Kauppi, Vivian Erickson,
Manor House: Amy Johnson, Beulah Zobel, Dorothy Brace, Lois Slatton
Grand Village: Mildred Rodenz, Clyde Crotteau, Bob Oftelie,
Marie Zasada
Grand Village Lodge:
Pleasant Seasons:, Sylvia White, Edith Mae Carrier

Deaths

David Clusiau, the husband of Carole Clusiau, passed away December 24, 2005 in Sun Lakes, AZ. A memorial service was held at CPC on Sunday, February 26.
Please keep the family of Marilynn and Dave Hrouda in your prayers.
Dave’s mother, Eleanor Hrouda, died February 11th.

Marriages

Ruth Pierce and Dan Versaw were married in the Twin Cities on Saturday, February 4.
We celebrated the marriage of Steve and Connie Fleming on Saturday, February 11 here at CPC.
God bless these wonderful couples in their new lives together.

Church School News

Something Special Sunday

All Sunday School children will gather in the Something Special Classroom 205 on Sunday, March 5 at 10am!

Adult Education

Our *Questions about the Bible* class has ended. Look forward to some new ideas, dates, and times coming in the Fall!

Confirmation Class of 2006

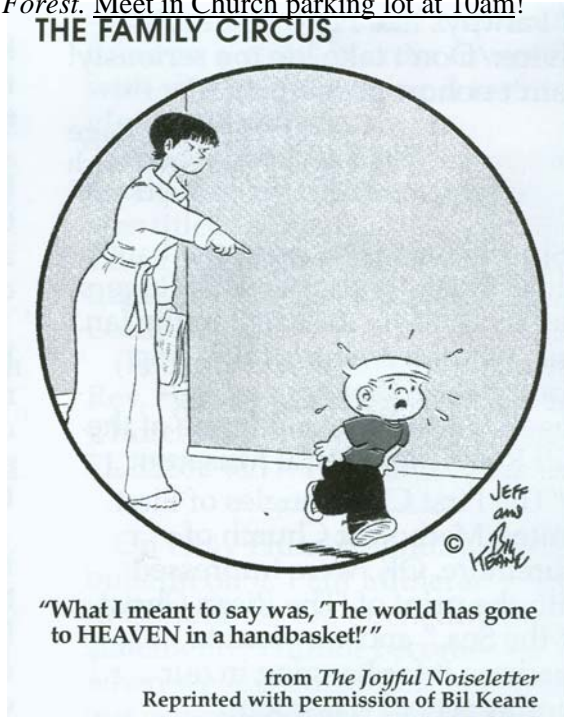
Wednesday, March 1 at 4pm in room 102: *Class*

Wednesday, March 1 at 7pm: *Ash Wednesday Service*

Wednesday, March 15 at 4pm in room 102: *Class*

Wednesday, March 15 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall: *Covenant Buddy Dinner*

Friday, March 24-Saturday, March 25: *Confirmation Retreat at Clearwater Forest. Meet in Church parking lot at 10am!*



Youth News & Events

Middle School Youth

Wednesday, March 8 at 6:15pm: *The Snow Blast*; bring boots and snow pants or long johns!

Wednesday, March 15 at 6:15pm: *Bowling*

Wednesday, March 29 at 6:15pm: *Games & Fun*

High School Youth

Wednesday, March 22 at 6:15pm: *Destination Unknown*

Calling all youth ages 10 and up to Look Ahead....

All youth ages 10 and up will be serving the Easter morning breakfast at church on April 16. Mark your calendars now!

A Laugh for you!

After Sunday School one morning, a mother asked her three-year-old son what they had learned in class. "We talked about Lent," the boy replied. "You know, Lent is that stuff between your toes after you take your socks off!"

March	
Wednesday night meal schedule :	
1 -	Ash Wednesday - Love Feast
8 -	Worship Committee
15 -	Deb Kee and Janet Anderson
22 -	Pot luck - Kendra and Allan Smith
29 -	Need Someone

Worship

Worship This Month *Lectionary Readings*

- 05 *Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15*
12 *Gen. 17:1-7; 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25;*
Mark 8:31-38
19 *Exod. 20:1-17; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22*
26 *Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107: 1-3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10;*
John 3:14-21

Ash Wednesday
March 1 at 6:00 P.M.

The Love Feast follows in the traditions of the very first Christian churches. On Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00 PM we will begin the season of Lent, gathering together as a church family. Children of all ages are welcome. We will gather at tables, share fruit, sweet bread, coffee and juice. We will then go upstairs for a brief worship and Communion Service.

If you are coming
Bring either fruits or sweet breads. Last names beginning A through M are asked to bring sweet breads; N through Z are asked to bring fruits. Deliver them to the kitchen earlier that day or when you arrive for the Love Feast and the Deacons will prepare it for the tables.

Looking ahead
April 12 - Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner

Community Presbyterian Church celebrates Maundy-Thursday with a Seder meal at 6:00 p.m. ---- This will be a full meal with ritual liturgy. Please sign up for this special service by calling the church office.

Lent 2006

Held at United Methodist Church
Service 12:10 - 12:30
Soup Lunch 12:30

“The Attributes of Lent”

March 8 “Repentance”

Presiding Church/Pastor: Christ Episcopal Church/Gretchen Pickeral
United Methodist

Dialogue: Peter: Jerry Weiss
David: Mike Carlson

March 15 “Sacrifice”

Presiding Church/Pastor: St. Joseph Catholic Church/Father Jerry Weiss

Dialogue: Hannah: Gretchen Pickeral
Mary, the Mother of Jesus: Lynn Ronsberg

March 22 “Humility”

Presiding Church/Pastor: Zion Lutheran/Rev. Lynn Ronsberg

Dialogue: Moses: Dan Yeazel
John: Keith Bertram

March 29 “Commitment”

Presiding Church/Pastor: Community Presbyterian Church/Rev. Dan Yeazel

Dialogue: Ruth: Marva Jean Hutchens
John: George Gilbertson

April 5 “Service”

Presiding Church/Pastor: St. Andrew’s Lutheran/Rev. George Gilbertson

Dialogue: Mary of Bethany: Vicki Taylor
Rahab: Kimbrel Johnson

All Services are at Grand Rapids United Methodist Church followed by a Bread and Soup Luncheon. Free will offering given to Grace House.

Musical Notes from Roy



I am convinced that a formal choir is a vital part of the well-balanced church. As I see more and more churches losing choirs over either lack of interest and support or making a decision to opt for strictly a contemporary music style I can't help but feel that much has been lost. Nadine and I just watched a movie that was originally aired on Showtime and written by Garrison Keillor called "Sandy Bottom Orchestra". It was for us one of those movies that say what you have been thinking right along. It takes place in the small Wisconsin town of Sandy Bottom. The family featured in the movie does not seem to fit in to the simple life in this community. Status quo seems to be holding the townsfolk back. The wife directs a church choir that is overwhelmed by what she is trying to teach them. They seem to be happy to do the same few hymns over and over again (badly mind you). The orchestra portion of the movie involves fulfillment of the husband's dream. Nadine and I have taken on projects that seemed overwhelming at first but people came to love. We started a local opera company in Hibbing and did a handful of productions. Children then took over our creative energy. We can grow and develop by the challenge that music can offer. I have never chosen to be stagnant in music. I have to push forward and share this vast experience that music offers. As we grow in our experience and skill we can feel more vital and alive. In parallel with this is our potential for spiritual growth. We strive to get inside the music and project the meaning of the text. What a truly enriching experience that can be! This is all missed with the loss of a choir. Sharing all of our talents in this way we can be part of a ministry that touches mind, heart and spirit. We become immersed in the glorious gift of music that our creator has inspired.

Successful Handbell Choir Fundraising Events

Thanks to those of you who purchased all of those jars in January. The bell choirs raised over \$300 which will be used for upcoming festivals. Thanks also to everyone who purchased a Habitat for Humanity CD last fall which included performances by the Tintinnabulators. We received \$117 from those sales.

Congregational Care

Easter Lilies

For Easter Sunday the sanctuary will be decorated with lilies. **Cost will be \$6.00.** Please call the church office (326-8515) by **March 30th** if you wish to order a Lily in memory or honor of someone.

Drivers needed

Our vehicles are so important in our lives that we sometimes take them for granted. Now imagine that vehicle was no longer in your garage and you have a Dr. app't, or need prescriptions picked up. Oh, oh, no wheels!

This provides an opportunity for you! We need to find who would be willing to help CPC members when this occurs. It doesn't mean you would be called every day or even every week. It is time consuming to start calling everyone we feel could help.

One other way to help is providing meals at home following a funeral, hospital stay, etc. I have also taken a meal to a new mother on her arrival home after a C-Section. There are many ways our "hands, feet & wheels" can be utilized. Won't you help us please??

You can either call me, Betty Jones at 326-5034 or Patty at the church office at 326-8515. As the commercial says won't you pick up your phone right now and call?

Thank You !

Thank You

Words cannot express the heartfelt thanks we wish to extend to our friends at CPC. During our daughter Teresa's recent battle with breast cancer, the prayers, hugs and words of comfort that were given to us will never be forgotten. God Bless!! Andy and Sharon Hagen

Senior Gathering Group

Mission

Senior Gathering Group Celebrates those who have been members of CPC for more than 60 years!

On March 28th at 11:30 am the senior gathering group will honor those members of Community Presbyterian Church who have seen over sixty Christmases here. Please bring your brown bag lunch and there will be cake and ice-cream provided. This will be a fun time remembering or trying to remember, memories of CPC's past. There will be trivia questions and a lot of sharing of..."I remember when" and do you remember when....?" Have any old pictures? bring them along to share.

Hope to see you there!

Jamestown College Choir Concert

We are privileged to have the Jamestown College Choir in concert at Community Presbyterian Church at 7:30 PM on the 8th of March. It will be a homecoming for Bill and Mary Heinzen who will be returning to their home church for this concert. Jamestown College is one of 70 colleges affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. Please make every effort to support the students participating in this program. The students will be joining us for the Wednesday meal and also be staying in homes Wednesday night.

Dear Friends (con't)

The current Session members and their committees are: Mary Erickson, Endowment Committee, Sue Gerling, Personnel Committee, Duane Geisler, Personnel Committee, Sharon Hagen, Congregational Care, Mike Hagley, Stewardship Committee, Ken Hanson, Church Growth Committee, Carmen Haugen, Stewardship Committee, Kris Johnson, Nominating Committee, Gwen Litchke, Congregational Care Committee, Abby Meyer, Christian Education Committee, Mary Schideler, Nominating Committee, Doug Veit, Mission Committee, and Steve Wright, Memorial Committee.

I hope all of you find a moment of happiness each and every day.

Sincerely,
Elder Andy David