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Ice Cream
Social Between
services

10 5:00p

Deacons' Sr.
Picnic at
Veteran's Park

Welcome to The Yeazel's

Dan, Monica, Sarah and Adam will be arriving the first week of August. They have bought a home and are anxious to get moved in and start their life here in Grand Rapids and at CPC.

Dan will be preaching August 8 and be in the office starting that week. Be sure and stop by and say hello.

Remember we have coffee every morning at 9:30. It will be a nice time to get to know Dan, renew friendships with the rest of the staff, and visit with the coffee group of the day.

Dear Friends

The Mission Committee, along with the Congregational Care Committee and the Deacons, in keeping with the Gospel to seek ways to bring about justice and equality in God's World, and to help our church community show our commitment to others, are exploring the purchase and use of Fair Trade coffee for Sunday morning coffee and at other events in our church life.

This social/cultural event that we find so important touches the lives of some of the most economically deprived peoples in the world. In no way is this a charity issue, but one of fairness; paying a price for a commodity that reflects its worth in terms of costs to produce and to return a living wage to the producer.

The Committees realize the reality of increased cost, and would ask you to prayerfully explore some possible ways to approach this. We are at this time putting together some use and cost figures, and once this is done proceed to address the added expense issue. We also have talked about having a "sample taste" Sunday for your pleasure, so watch for that upcoming event.

In the meantime, if you have any words of support or concerns please talk to Mary Schnell, Mission Chair, or you can talk to me or note me in my mailbox at the church office.

As your elder, and a member of this Community, I find it so gratifying and exciting that we are always looking at our lives and worship to further God's Kingdom here on Earth. Thank you for that, thank God for that. Happy Summer!

In Justice,
Douglas G. Veit, Elder

What a quick summer this has been! And what an exciting Fall we are certainly anticipating.

June 13th brought The Yeazel Family to CPC, with Dan preaching and being unanimously voted as our Head of Staff Pastor! Dan, Monica, Sarah, and Adam will be moved in and officially join our family on August 8. I know we will continue to welcome them and look forward to meeting them.

The first part of the summer brought many Senior Graduation Parties. CPC acknowledged the graduation of twelve high schoolers, and several College and Grad School graduates. Congratulations to all!

At the Graduating Senior Banquet, the Memorial Committee presented scholarships to Laura Pierce, Katie Helmbrecht, Siri Schweigert, Emily Johnson, Claire Anderson, Tyler Gerling, Robert Horn, Lee Norton, Patrick Hoolihan and Ashley Graupmann.

The last week of June brought a very successful Confirmation Camp for our upcoming ninth and tenth graders. Many thanks to all of our parents and helpers, as well as to member EJ Lugo who came all the way from California to help lead the Camp.

In July, many young folk participated in a fun and faith-filled three days of Vacation Bible School. A great time was had by all!

The Baptism of Aeneas Zaremba was held on July 18th during the first Worship Service. Aeneas is the son of Jana and Will Zaremba, and the great grandson of Win Latimer.

This past July Alan Warner and Margaret Fraser passed into eternal rest. Let us continue to keep their families in our thoughts and prayers.

June, July, and August brought six weddings to CPC. In June, Russ and Lisa Hemphill celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Beth and new son-in-law Sean Riendeau. In July, the Embertson family celebrated the marriage of Dorothy and Josh Gustafson. The Hawkinson family celebrated the marriage of Derek and Alicia (Nichols) Hawkinson. John and Gina also became grandparents that day! Paul and Sunny Hawkinson are the proud parents of Cole Michael. What a great day for the Hawkinsons! The Allen family celebrated the marriage of Sara and Greg Campbell. And the Scherf family celebrated the marriage of Kelly and Andy Shermoen. The first weekend of August the Rutherford family celebrates the wedding of Casey and Alyssa (Flinck). Let us celebrate with these families and keep these newlyweds in our prayers!

Evelyn Reese has notified us that her granddaughter, Elizabeth Derr Schultz has graduated from Princeton Seminary with a Masters in Divinity Degree. Her husband Matt received an award for his outstanding work with Youth.

With all the weekend weddings this summer, it was a great help to have several preachers fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Chris Correia, Margaret Morris, Duane Geisler, Bill King, and Mary Shideler for sharing their messages with us this summer.

Special thanks also to Marilynn Hrouda, our Clerk of Session, for all of her extra work and help around the office this summer. We truly appreciate your dedication!

Peace and all good,
Kim Johnson

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Church School News

Sunday school begins anew this fall.

Sunday school starts in September. This year we will be shaking things up a little with two special Sundays a month, the first and the last. If you have a special talent to share with the children of CPC, please contact Diane so she can put you in the schedule. We are looking for artists, craftpersons, experts in a field of study, any one who loves children and wants to share their passion with the children.

Library Book Reviews

Two new books are available in the library and both have been previewed.

The first one is titled *Journey Through Heartsongs* by Mattie J.T. Stepanek.

Mattie has been writing poetry since he was three years old. He has suffered with Muscular Dystrophy and has recently passed away. His struggle with this MD is not evident in his poetry. Most of it is joyful and uplifting, easy to understand but some of it very deep and thought-provoking. Many of the poems are suitable for children and this book became Ian's request for night time reading for the past week. What a gift Mattie has shared with us to be able to touch young and old. This book is easy to find as the cover is bright and cheery covered with purple, pink and orange hearts. Please enjoy! Cathy Shields

The second book is titled *My Life as a Prickly Porcupine from Pluto* by Bill Myers. I read this book and I thought it was extraordinarily funny. It is also an easy read for ages 7 and up. This is the 23rd book of the series.

It is about a clumsy boy named Wally McDoogie who is always getting himself into mischief. Along with the story, Wally is always complaining about the situation he is in, or talking to himself. If you like aliens, funny mishaps and comedy you will like this book. Wally learns a valuable lesson that you can find out if you read the book. It stands alone as the funniest book I have ever read. Graeme Shields

Confirmation Camp Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who helped at confirmation camp in June. Without your help, it would not have been a great success. You are greatly appreciated.

To:

Heidi Henriksen, Kayla Lightfoot, Kevin Meyer, Len and Phyllis Brown, Kirsten Webb, Dick Schnieder, Holly and Mike Newton, Brenda and Mike Johnson, Steve and Karen Benson, Barb and Dave Heinzen, Glenna Alstad, Kristy Vogelgesang, Roy Kjorlein, Karen Noyce, Kathleen Chesness, Bill and Mary Schnell, Barb Meyer, Jim Johnson, Tammy Warren, Sandy and Fred Trappe, Nancy and Tom Horn, Patty Christensen, EJ Lugo, Joan Peterson, Deb Kee, Keith Tok, Judy Nesvold, Sue Pulkrabek, Barb & Doug Veit,
Many thanks.

Kim and Diane

Thanks from Amanda Young

Hello There!

I recently came back from my trip to the Dominican Republic and it was simply a life changing experience. It's amazing how much you can learn from a different culture in such little time. Coming back to the United States took some time to get used to, but I think I am finally back to a normal lifestyle. I appreciate what we have and the opportunities that my parents have given to me. I just wanted to tell you once again that I'm very thankful for the donation so I could go on this trip!

Take Care,
Amanda

Check out our web page to see a picture of Amanda and a couple of children she met. Go to www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com and click on Current Events (you will find it at the bottom of the Menu column).

Worship and Music

Musical Notes From Roy

Fall is fast approaching (sorry to break the news). That means it is time for one and all to consider what organizations in the church would fit their interests. How do you know if Chancel or Women's Choir is a good fit for you? The following dozen questions might help you determine if choir is where you belong.

1. When you sing hymns in church, what is the expression on the faces of the people around you (pleasant, fearful, joyous or concerned)
2. When in the company of others, would they consider asking you to 'start' the song
3. Did your singing lull your children to sleep or disturb them
4. Do you like to hear your own singing in the shower
5. What part does music play in your life (is it of great or little importance)
6. Do you know your voice type
7. When you sing a song do those around you recognize it
8. When in your car can you drive and sing at the same time
9. Do you know the words to more than 10 songs
10. What would your family say about your singing voice (or do they actually deny knowing you)
11. Have you ever sung all of the notes of the "Star Spangled Banner"
12. Do you get along with friendly, gracious, dedicated, generous and supportive people (the end).

You will have to determine for yourself if being part of the music ministry at CPC is for you. I will promise that you will find a very dynamic and exciting way to share your talent. We have a GREAT choir and it will be even better with your participation!

Choir Rehearsal

The rehearsal schedule for the choirs this fall will be as follows

Wednesday

- 3:45-4:30 Holy Tollers (Gr. 6-8 bells)
- 4:30-5:15 Junior Jingers (Gr. 4-5 bells)
- 5:00-5:45 Sonshine (Gr. 7-12 vocal)
- 5:15-5:45 Rainbow Singers (Gr. 3-6 vocal)
- 6:10-7:00 Tintinnabulators (Gr. 9-12 bells)
- 6:30-7:15 Women's Choir (adult women vocal)
- 7:15-8:15 Chancel Choir (adult mixed vocal)

Thursday

- 5:30-6:30 Jubilee Ringers (adult bells)

Worship This Month

- 01 *Triennium Youth will lead worship*
- 08 Communion
A Lively Faith
Luke 12:32-40; Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
- 15 *Give Way to Peace*
Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 12:49-56
- 22 *All Bent Out of Shape*
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 13:10-17
- 29 *Watching Closely*
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:7-14

Leadership of Rainbow Singers to Change

We would like to extend a hearty "Thank You" to our Rainbow Singers Director, Cathy Cleary, who so ably and joyfully lead this wonderful group of enthusiastic young people during the 2002-2004 church years. We enjoyed the delightful music the Rainbows brought to us under Cathy's leadership.

And, we are excited to welcome Janice Burch as the new director of the Rainbows. We have been blessed to have Janice as our Informal Worship Leader since 2001. Her exceptional talent at the piano has helped make our informal worship services come alive and has provided worshipers with many inspiring musical moments. Janice will use her musical gifts and her experience with young people in this new position with our Rainbow Singers.

Many thanks, Cathy and welcome, Janice!

Bell News

Successful Duluth Festival For Bell Choirs

The Jubilee Ringers and Holy Tollers had a great time at their festivals in Duluth in June. It was exciting to ring under the direction of outstanding conductors, known internationally for their work with handbells.

Both groups performed a solo number for the other choirs and their pieces were well-received by the other ringers and directors.

"Bwana Asifiwe", our commissioned piece, was performed by the Jubilee Ringers. Music vendors had copies of the piece available for purchase following the concert. One vendor sold out of all of the copies on hand and was taking orders for more. It was exciting to see that other choirs will also be ringing this special song in the future.

The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, so there were a number of opportunities to celebrate that event, along with other special occasions that happened 50 years ago. One of those was Darcy's 50th birthday, which fell on the last day of the festival. What a way to celebrate that special day!

Thanks to all of the bell families and the members of the congregation for your financial support of our handbell program, as well as your words of encouragement throughout the year. It means a great deal to all of us!

Think Spring in September

After a long, cold Minnesota winter, it's always a treat to see those first spring flowers appear out of the ground. The CPC bell choirs would love to help you enjoy your own spring flowers.

We'll be sponsoring our annual fall bulb sale in September. Check the September Chimes for more specific information.

Trustees and Endowment

Endowment Fund *Silent Auction* Returns!

This fall CPC's Endowment Committee will host a Silent Auction with proceeds dedicated to the Endowment Fund. Until then we are looking for good unique donations to auction such as hand crafted items, jewelry, maple syrup, handmade furniture, honey, pies (yum!) or perhaps certificates redeemable for a cord of cut/split/delivered firewood, a gourmet dinner for four, a one hour scenic plane ride, a guided 1/2 or full day of fishing or hunting, or airfare for two to anywhere. Your imagination is the only limitation.

Wondering what to do with that old Scrimshawed Whale Tooth, that 25 year old jar of spare loose change, that extra ruby ring or that \$5 gold piece that is gathering dust? Donate them! Did the Lord give you a talent to carve wood, quilt, brew, bake or run an ASV? Here is your chance to share that talent. Your contribution is tax deductible and will help grow the Endowment Fund for funding future grants.

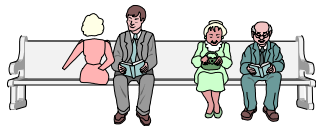
Think about it. Pray about it. If you have donations, or wish to help seek donations for the auction, contact Mark Johnson of the Endowment Committee. (home 327-0234, work 327-1103, email mdibjohn@paulbunyan.net)

Trustee Update

At its July meeting, the Trustees approved a proposal from Hawk Construction, Inc. to cover all of the fascia and bell tower siding with steel material that will match the brown gutters and down spouts. As you have probably noticed, the current siding/fascia is deteriorating and must be repaired. The work will be completed by fall and will be funded from existing budget and an Endowment request has been submitted.

A study continues on our stained glass windows. They are in need of major repairs. There are several options being considered along with their estimated costs. Stay Tuned!!!!

Your Trustees continue to pursue many smaller projects at the church, manse and on the grounds.



Dates to Remember

Check out our web sight to see upcoming happenings at CPC. www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com

Remember that every fourth Sunday is Food Shelf Sunday

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Nancy Roth Director of Mentoring Ministry
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Medical Equipment Available

Folding walkers, wheel chairs, crutches and a n electric lift chair are available to members on a loan basis. Some of this equipment is new, donated by Globe Drug, and all of it is in good condition. Keep us in mind and call us - if you need help for a weekend or half a year.

Stock Gifts

Community Presbyterian Church has received an increasing number of stock gifts as a way for people to fulfill their annual pledge. This has great advantages for you and your taxes and we are pleased to assist you. You should call and ask for instructions from your broker AND tell us what stock you are transferring to our account. Normally, we will not know the source of stock gifts unless you tell us. We want to make sure we can credit your statements.

Getting in Touch With Us

Of course, you can easily get in touch with your church by phone or by stopping by - the door is always open to you. But in our new age of communications other options are available:
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Articles for the September Chimes are due by August 18th

From the Treasurer

Report as of June 30, 2004

	June Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Last Year
Total Revenues	\$16,720.36	\$148,422.84	\$161,490.08	\$149,418.74
Total Expenses	<u>\$22,656.48</u>	<u>\$161,056.57</u>	<u>\$169,758.64</u>	<u>\$159,076.45</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	<u>(\$5,936.12)</u>	<u>(\$12,633.73)</u>	<u>(\$8,268.56)</u>	<u>(\$9,657.71)</u>