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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 02 Heifer Project Kick-Off
- 9 & 16 Ordination/Installation of Officers
- 16 Bell's Super Bowl Sub Sale Starts
- 23 Noon Annual Meeting

Dear Friends

A Prayer for Peace

Hope for Peace,
Amen to that.
Pray for Peace.
Pray for lives to be spared.
Yearn in your heart for lives lost.

Never give up hope,
Even when all seems hopeless.
Worldwide Peace is possible.

Young people are fighting for freedom,
Each needs our love and support.
America's prayers go out to them.
Raise the flag and pray for Peace.

Elder, Mary B. Vergin

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCH JANUARY 23 FOLLOWING 11:00 WORSHIP

Community Presbyterian Church's Annual Meeting will be held following the 11:00 worship on Sunday, January 23. We will elect two more for the nominating committee and review reports from committees. The congregational care committee will be providing a chili luncheon with a free will offering. Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

When this newsletter is published, Christmas will be just behind us and we will be wondering about which day to take down the tree at home. We will be wrapping up the decorations that were part of our preparations for Christmas and we will begin to think about the coming new year. As 2004 draws to a close, there is much to look back upon and be thankful for. It has been an exciting year in many ways. It feels good to be going into the new year with a sense of hope and lifting spirits, as well as anticipation of what the year will bring.

I have sensed in all the committees that there is a new energy and hopefulness in our ministries. Many thanks go to our committee members from the class of 2004. Well done! With the new year comes the annual rotation of church officers and trustees. We say a heart felt thanks to:

Elders- Deb Kee, Bill Schnell, Mary Vergin, Kris Johnson and Kristi Vogelgesang.
Deacons- Andy Hagen, Elaine Martin, Sue Pulkrabek, Andrea Tok, Julie Wright, and Kendra Smith.
Trustees- Dick Schneider, Peggy Marshall and Fred Trappe

On a personal note, I've felt like these first five months that I've been here have flown past. I am most thankful for the warm welcome and support I've received as I have settled in to my place within CPC. It is a Joy to serve Community Presbyterian and I look forward to all that is ahead in the coming years. Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace,
Dan

NEWS OF THE FAMILY.

On December 12th we had the joy of baptizing Cole Hawkinson, son of Paul and Sandy Hawkinson and Kaden Pennertz, son of Doug and Rochelle Pennertz. Welcome Kaden and Cole!

CPC received three new members on December 19th. Welcome to Jennifer Peonix, Nora Herell and Monica Yeazel.

Rob and Kris Hamling have a newborn daughter, Taryn. Heaven Hamling is now an older sister! God's blessings to the whole family.

Our prayers are with Royal Oyster as he recovers from knee replacement surgery. Our prayers are also with Joann Libke after her successful eye surgery.

Let us continue to pray for Logan Crowder and his family as he struggles with the healing of a head injury.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

This January the Sunday School children are raising money for a Heifer Project International animal: a goat. Since 1944 HPI has provided more than 20 different kinds of food and income-producing animals in 46 countries to needy families. So why did we choose a nanny or billy? Goats can survive in terrain other animals cannot, require about 1/6 the land a cow uses, and more families around the world drink goat's milk than cow's milk, believe it or not! In addition, goats produce 2 kids a year, fertilizer for crops, meat, fiber, and leather. Each CPC Sunday School child will receive an "ark" bank at the beginning of the month. Our hope is that each child will fill their bank to help a family in need. We'll have a HPI-based Something Special Sunday as well as children's sermon in January to keep the goat giving going!

A MAKE-OVER

Check out the bulletins boards in the hallway by the offices. The three boards outside Dan's office are for Confirmation, Youth News and Events, and Youth Communication. If you need to sign-up for an event you can do so on the "youth communication" board. To find out what's happening around here, check out the "News and Events" board. And for Confirmation requirements and reports, see the Confirmation board. Three bins located outside of Kim's office are for Confirmation hand-outs and in's. Three additional bins are for youth newsletters, medical release forms for events, and any other needed forms.

CALLING ALL READERS!

And listeners too! Thanks to some designated memorial funds, the church library continues its transformation this month with the purchase of many new books, CDs, and books on tape. They will be available for your use soon, after they are catalogued.

The "free pickin's" cart is still in fellowship hall and you may help yourself to anything for "keeps".

Any questions or suggestions can be directed to Mary Erickson, Juliet Jones, Monica Yeazel, or Kim Johnson. Happy reading!

Confirmation class of 2005

If you are a current ninth grader interested in taking part in the Confirmation program.. This news is for you.

Ninth Grade Confirmation Classes begin Wednesday, January 5 at 4PM in room 102. Bring your binders to class. Classes will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. If you were not at the informational meeting on December 12, please see Kim or Dan for your Confirmation binder. And don't forget about your requirements.. You need 35 Sundays of church attendance and 8 Worship Notes by October!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Mark your calendars! The Christian Education Committee will be cooking dinner for the church family on Wednesday, January 5! Dinner is every Wednesday night at 5:45PM in the Fellowship Hall. All Members and Friends are welcome and encouraged to come!

JANUARY CHALLENGE QUESTION

Calling all Children under the age of 12!! Watch the Chimes each month for a Challenge Question - have Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, or any other adult help you find the answer to the question - then look for Pastors Dan or Kim on Sunday morning - tell one of them your answer and receive a special prize! Everyone will get one prize each month for participating. Okay, ready? Let's learn more about the Bible!

This Month's Question is...

Ages 8 and under: Who Baptized Jesus?

Ages 9-12: What was spoken from heaven after Jesus was baptized?

Hint: Read Matthew 3:13-17

ADULT EDUCATION

Mary Schnell and Barb Veit will lead an adult education series on mission, starting January 9th. Class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Room off the Fellowship Hall.

New Sunday morning activities for Senior High youth

After much discussion about senior highs and Sunday mornings, the CE committee agreed to continue programming. It would be great to have more youth involved, but the small, intimate group who have been attending have offered ideas for discussion and exploration. This winter's classes will combine activity with lively discussion and bring former senior highs into our midst to share their wisdom. Please join us for any or all of the following Sunday mornings! We need many viewpoints for valuable discussion!

Thank you for helping with the Shoe Box Project

For many, many years it has been my dream to extend greetings from our church to high school graduates who have left our midst. "Our kids" give so much during their high school years singing with Sonshine, playing bells, ushering, caroling, delivering baskets to shut-ins, tying quilts, etc. that it seems important to me to maintain a connection with them as they move into the adventures and struggles of college life and new careers. It is a time when their faith is challenged and questioned and really could use support from "home." This year my dream was realized! Thank you to all who contributed shoe boxes and goodies to fill them with. Thank you to the families who contributed ingredients for baking and to Laurie and Dave Marshall, Cathy and Ian Shields, Janet Anderson, Abbey Meyer, Eric Shark and Katie Henriksen for making dozens of cookies and caramel corn. Thanks too, to the senior highs who packed 25 boxes, under the guidance of Janet Anderson and Karen Noyce, to be sent to our graduates from the last two years. Already some of these students have emailed their thanks and delight for being remembered. They do still feel part of our family!
Bonnie Henriksen

Senior High Sunday School Winter-Spring 2005

January 9: Visit with college students and former CPC grads home on break. What's it like to be away from home, friends and family? What's happening with their faith? Laugh, talk and learn from these old friends.

January 23: Jonathan Henriksen
Trust and Faith Building Games

February 6: Kim Johnson
Scrambled Eggs and Scriptures--Make breakfast at the Manse and get into great Bible study and discussion.

February 20: Jonathan Henriksen
Modern Christian Music—who are the artists? What is the message? We'll listen to a variety of music clips and see what we like! **OR**, if Jonathan isn't able to be in GR this Sunday, Ray Webb will lead a discussion on martyrs, contrasting historical and present day individuals who have put their lives on the line for their Christian beliefs.

March 6: Kim Johnson
Muffins and More Bible Study at the Manse—Munch on muffins and mull over more scripture with Kim.

March 20: Palm Sunday Dan Yeazel
Communion Bread—bake bread together for Holy Week while discussing your knowledge of and feelings about communion.

April 3: Bonnie Henriksen
Questions of Faith---Explore what you and your friends believe: when and where does your faith show up in the world? We'll make collages with magazine pictures to illustrate our individual beliefs.

April 17: Bonnie Henriksen
Continuing discussion of where we see our faith at work in the world and how being part of a church community supports us. We'll share and discuss the collages.

May 1: End of year CELEBRATION.

WORSHIP

MUSICAL NOTES FROM ROY

Happy New Year! I have always liked the thought of starting another year. For me it's kind of the 'clean slate' idea. It seems that I have a lot of places that need improving. I feel that it has been a very good year for our music here at CPC. Anyone involved in the arts, however, is never satisfied. A perfect performance is yet to be found! I still need to strongly encourage those of you who have singing in choir in the back of your mind. Singing feeds the soul at many levels. I actually challenge the whole congregation to consider taking on one more activity this year. Just think what a difference that could make in our ministry here at CPC. Maybe you have never invited someone to come to church with you. Or maybe it will be to join in the fun preparing a Wednesday eve meal. How about volunteering to help usher, run the sound system or work on one of the many projects taken on by our church. All you have to do is ask where you might be needed and someone will guide you. Soon I will finalize plans for a larger work for Lent, - another time of the year when music makes all the difference. I hope that the carols of the season will resound in your hearts and minds for many weeks to come. After all, don't we celebrate a birth for quite a long time? It is only natural! Let us celebrate Christ living among us....Halleluia, Amen!

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

Thank you to everyone who financially supported the bell choirs through the November bake sale and the freewill offering at the December 14 bell concert. The money raised will be used to fund the handbell festivals taking place in the next two years. We are very grateful for your generosity.

Thank you also for your words of encouragement and support throughout the holiday season. It was greatly appreciated by the ringers...and their director!

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

Lectionary Readings

- 02 Communion
*Jer.31:7-14; Ps. 147:12-20; Eph.1:3-14;
John 1:(1-9)10-18*
- 09 *Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43;
Matt. 3:13-17*
- 16 *Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:1-9;
John 1:29-42*
- 23 *Isa. 9:1-4; Ps. 27:1, 4-9; Cor. 1:10-18;
Matt. 4:12-23*
- 30 *Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 15; 1 Cor. 1:18-31;
Matt. 5:1-12*

OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

JANUARY 9TH AND 16TH

On January 9th- First Service and 16th- Second service we will be ordaining, installing, and recognizing church officers.

The new Deacons will be ordained and/or installed. Joining the board this year are Denny Hagelee, Jerrian Barsness, Deb Kilpela, Janet Anderson, and Dorothy Zobel in the Class of 2007. Carol Morrill will be ordained to the Class of 2006.

The new Elders will be ordained and/or installed. The new Elders are Andy David, Gwen Litchke Ray Webb, Steve Wright, and Ken Hanson in the Class of 2007. Ray Webb will serve in the Class of 2005. Kris Johnson has agreed to stay on for another term.

The new Trustees also recognize the ministries of Chris Peterson, Clint Erickson, and Lowell Pittack as Trustees.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED, THANK YOU

It is always with much gratitude that we give thanks for those whose terms have come to an end after years of faithful service to the church. Completing terms as Elders are Deb Kee, Bill Schnell, Mary Vergin, and Kristi Vogelgesang; as Trustees are Dick Schneider, Peggy Marshall, and Fred Trappe and as Deacons are Andy Hagen, Elaine Martin, Sue Pulkrabek, Andrea Tok and Julie Wright.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEACONS

Please be sure to attend our January 18th Meeting. We will be filling out the duty roster for the next six months.

TRUSTEES

ELEVATOR USE

Our elevator is a unit of fairly complex equipment designed to provide transportation between floors in the sanctuary for those requiring assistance. We have recently learned, once again, that repairs to this unit are very expensive. The Trustees request that use be limited to those needing this assistance. Elevators are great fun for children to ride on, however, improper operation soon results in more major repair bills and pulls much needed money away from CPC programs. We should also all be aware that there are significant safety concerns when children play in the elevator. Thank you for your help on this matter.

NEWS FROM THE MINISTRY FACILITY TASK FORCE

The Task Force has met several times. We are in the process of visiting other churches in the area who have gone through a similar process in evaluating their own structure and deciding what direction to take after the evaluation. We're hoping to learn from them. It has been fun visiting other churches, taking a tour and talking to a minister and/or a member of the congregation--something I don't think any one of us gets to do without this kind of incentive! The Trustees have asked a structural engineer to do a formal evaluation of our physical structure and tell us what has a good foundation and what does not so we are in the gathering and waiting stage--gathering information from both our members and other churches and waiting for a report from both the structural engineer and our own people doing the inreach study. We hope to have ideas/information/recommendations to the session and the congregation early in the new year. If you have ideas or thoughts you want to share, be sure to catch one of us--this process concerns us all. The members of this task force include: Deb Kee, Keith Tok, Mary Vergin, Jim Rudnik, Len Brown, Keith Anderson, Dan, and Kim

MISSION

The community of Grand Rapids is invited to a discussion on the Minnesota Human Rights Act. The new Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission has invited Velma Korbel the State Commissioner of Human Rights, to our community on January 5, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers. She will talk about the importance of local government's involvement and the role of human rights in Itasca County's future prosperity.

ENDOWMENT AUCTION UPDATE.

Donations for the endowment auction are gradually accumulating. A few of the items contributed are hand crafted walking sticks, canes and stools, an original painting, autographed books, home-brewed libations, wonderful gift certificates, pledges for home baked items and more. But, we do need more.

Your unique contribution will greatly help this fundraiser in building the corpus of the endowment (the corpus is the portion that remains invested and earns interest year after year for extra-ordinary projects such as building repairs at CPC).

For CPC to have an endowment fund is a rare blessing. But, for the endowment to have the financial impact that it was meant to have, it must continue to grow far beyond where it currently is. That is the reason we hold and ask you to consider giving to the endowment auction. Whether your gift is an item to auction, or a gift of money, stocks, bonds, real estate or some other transferable asset, the Endowment fundraiser is an excellent opportunity to unveil your contribution.

One more consideration: the opportunity of "matching funds" to one's contribution often creates great incentive for others to give. If you are interested in providing a modest contribution of "matching funds," your contribution could be the key to enticing others to contribute as well. Or, if you would like to pledge a match of 25%, 50%, or 100% of this years endowment auction proceeds, please contact the church office or Mark Johnson (327-0234 or mdibjohn@paulbunyan.net).

Your contribution can make a lasting impression!

MOVEABLE FEAST SIGN-UP NOW!

It's Moveable Feast time again! This always popular group will be "re-grouping" again in February. In case you aren't familiar with this "feast format" it goes something like this: groups of 6,7, or 8 folks meet for dinner approximately once a month. The group can decide to meet in member's homes, at a restaurant, for a picnic, etc.... meals can be totally host provided, pot-luck, dutch treat and so on. The main purpose is to sit down and share a meal and get to know the folks in your group. Sign up by January 31 - - For further information call Sandie Trappe at 326-2576 or the church office 326-8515, and watch for that sign-up sheet!

DATES TO REMEMBER

February, 2005

06 8:45 Heifer Project
 09 Ash Wednesday
 13 First Sunday in Lent

March, 2004

06 Lent IV
 20 Palm Sunday
 24 8:00 Maundy Thursday
 25 8:00 Good Friday
 27 8:00 Breakfast
 9:15/11:00 Easter Sunday, No Sunday School

**Remember that every fourth Sunday is
 Food Shelf Sunday**

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.

FROM THE TREASURER

	November Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Last Year
Total Revenues	\$17,414.97	\$273,958.64	\$294,931.68	\$268,462.75
Total Expenses	<u>\$24,184.91</u>	<u>\$298339.92</u>	<u>\$302,965.10</u>	<u>\$283,837.09</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	<u>(\$6,769.94)</u>	<u>(\$24,380.36)</u>	<u>(\$8,033.42)</u>	<u>(\$15,374.34)</u>

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

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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 February *Chimes*
 are due the 19th of the January**

SUB SANDWICH SALE

Once again it is time to order your submarine sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 6), sponsored by the CPC bell choirs. We will be taking orders after each worship service on January 16, 23 and 30. Payment will need to be made at the time of ordering. The subs will be available for pick up on Sunday, Feb. 6, after each worship service.

CHOICES OF SUBS ARE:

- JINGLER: 1 hearty serving with 1 meat and 1 cheese \$4.00
- JUBILEE: 1 hearty serving with 3 meats and 2 cheeses \$6.00
- FESTIVAL: loaf size to serve 3-4 with 3 meats and 2 cheeses \$12.00