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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

- 04 Heifer Project Kick-Off
- 11 Bell's Super Bowl Sub Sale begins
- 18 Ordination/Installation of Officers
- 25 Bell's Super Bowl Sub Sale
- Noon Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCH JANUARY 25 FOLLOWING 11:00 WORSHIP

Community Presbyterian Church's Annual Meeting will be held following the 11:00 worship on Sunday, January 25. We will elect two more for the nominating committee and review the church financial records. The congregational care committee will be providing a chili luncheon with a free will offering. Hope to see you there!

D ear Friends

I hope this note finds you well and coping with the January weather. This is a difficult time of year to write a Chimes article. Today is one week before Christmas and the house is full with 3 excited boys. Tomorrow it will be parties on the last day of school and then 16 blissful days of rest – for the boys. But, I'm trying to think of how I will feel in January when you will be reading this note.

We are likely failing at our resolutions already and it won't be long before we are feeling cabin fever and looking forward to the warmer weather of spring. I always find January a time for considering how the past year has gone. How have I done better and worse than the year before and how I should look at life for the next while?

Cathy has a cousin who was trained as a priest and although he doesn't work as a father he maintains close ties to the Catholic church. He sends out monthly newsletters to a group of friends, family and associates with reflections on life from his point of view. I looked up what he had to say last January and there was a story dealing with reflection and how to live ones life. I reprint it here for your consideration during the coming year.

START WITH YOURSELF

The following words were written on the tomb of an Anglican Bishop in the Crypts of Westminster Abbey:

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country.

But it, too, seemed immovable.

As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realize: *If I had only changed my self first*, then by example I would have changed my family.

From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world." Anonymous

With best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy 2004
George Shields, Elder

While observing over a cup of coffee, looking out from my window at Deer Lake following a recent snow fall, I could not help but think about the coming of a new year. A fresh snow fall reminds me of making new years resolutions. The snow falls and we see the simplicity and beauty of the white blanket of snow covering everything. Then as time progresses, with the snow fall there appears rabbit, deer, human, and other tracks going every which way in the once fresh snow. Later the snow loses it's brightness and whiteness. So it is with New Years Resolutions. Other thoughts, events, and circumstances effect the original new resolution.

I've thought to myself about the future and 2004, what beauty there is in expecting and planning. One way of thinking about the future of a new year is to make new year resolutions. Many times we place such ideas on a note and place it on our refrigerators for all to see, or we make secret lists which we write on the tablets of our minds. As time continues and the new year begins, we find that the new year resolutions resemble a new snow fall. The resolutions are a lot easier to make than they are to keep. The snow comes with all its beauty, but as time goes by, the snow loses its beauty with the traffic of the world. Mark Twain in his Autobiography shares about a revival which came to Hannibal, Missouri. He was sick in bed, and while he was sick a revival came to town. It was a candlelight revival, "all were converted but me," he said, "all sinners again in a week!"

Should we make new year resolutions? I believe so, without them have we lost hope? New year resolutions can be a promise to ourselves about our future even though we know that there is a possibility of not keeping our new years resolution. My question to you following Advent and Christmas is how can each of us live the rebirth of Christ in our lives this year?

Gary Burnett, Interim Pastor

Not too many of our members were sick but we do ask that you continue to pray for Poe Gaalaas and Fred Trappe as he recovers from knee surgery. We also join with Deb Kee and Margaret Fraser as they mourn deaths in their families. We are deeply saddened by the loss of two of our members during this Christmas season, Sair Hawkinson and Ginna Hink. We are comforted in the hope and promise of eternal salvation and look to Christ with great faith. Let us keep their families close in our prayers.

There were some new additions, too. Jane and Scott Cook became new grandparents and Dorothy Brace a new great grandma when Kevin and Sarah had a baby boy, Jasper Cassidy Cook, on November 30. Mathias Ferrell MacKnight, born December 1, joined mother Kirstin Webb and brothers Ray, Keith, Scott and Terre.

News has reached us that Jim Corcoran has moved from CN&C to the Manor House. Let us continue to pray for her healing.

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WORSHIP THIS MONTH			
04	Communion <i>The Treasure of the Snow</i> Job 38:24	18	Ordination/Installation of Elders & Deacons <i>Equipped and Charged</i> Joshua 1:1-9 & Ephesians 4:7,11-13
11	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> Matthew 3:13-17	25	<i>Going to Arabia</i> Galatians 1:11-24

January in Sunday School

January 4th Something Special Sunday
January 11th Kick off the Heifer project

February 1st Brownie Sunday.

Something Special Sunday will be January 5th. Diane and helpers will have something for all the children preschool through sixth grade. We will start in room 205 where we do music every Sunday. And we'll see where our travels take us, maybe back to Jesus time.

Brownie Sunday is a special Sunday of celebration for children who have regularly attended Sunday School this fall at the beginning of winter. For the children who attended Sunday School 9 times out of 14 between September and January 5th, there will be a BIG brownie for you on February 1st. In May we will celebrate Super Sundae Sunday for the children who attend regularly from January to May.

Heifer Project kicks off this month. What will our project be this year? Julie Fedge-Johnston and Katie Theis are Project coordinators.

We will be studying the life and teachings of Jesus. Check the bulletin board for the Question of the day.

NEW THEME FOR SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The old teacher returns on **Jan 11!** Bonnie Henriksen will resume working with Senior Highs every other Sunday. Spend the winter and early spring exploring "Women of Faith." We'll start with women of the Bible, discuss early Christian martyrs and women immigrants who brought their faith with them to America, and finally, get to know better, women of today and learn what their perceptions of faith are and how that impacts them and us in the world. **January 25th** Niels' sister, Marie Henriksen, will be a guest speaker in class exhibiting and discussing a quilt made by women of her church that depicts stories of many women of the Bible. There will be lots of room for discussion in these classes as well as learning from our early Christian roots. We've talked about all the men for years....now it's time to learn how women impacted the evolution of our faith! Move over Noah! Here comes Ruth, Esther, Mary, Mary Magdalene and Joan of Arc! Cool huh? Hope you join us!

Library News
from the library prowler
New Books_

The Five People You Meet in Heaven, written by the same author that wrote *Tuesdays with Morrie*, Mitch Albom. After the main character dies, he has a fantasy trip to meet some of the people in his past. These folks explain why things during life were the way they were. It sure got me to thinking. Find it in our library today.

The other book the prowler read this month was a companion book to *Green Plagues and Lamb* from last month's reviewer. This one was *Snake in the Grass* and is kid friendly. *Snake in the Grass* is patterned after the *Cat in the Hat* book by Dr. Suess and tells the story of Adam and Eve.

GIFT TO THE LIBRARY

Thanks to Glenice and Clyde Newton for a one year gift subscription to *The Senior Reporter* magazine. Check it out in the library, starting in January.

ADULT EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR JANUARY

Both classes in January will meet Sunday mornings between services. Nancy Horn and Emilie Zasada will be continuing their class on Social Justice. You can count on this class running for a while. They meet in the Parlor. Gary Burnett will be teaching a class on Presbyterian thought and practice. He will be covering the 1990 Brief Statement of Faith and the Presbyterian symbol. Gary's class will be in room 102 in the education wing. They will meet January 11th, 18th and 25th.

The survey for more education classes will be in the January 5th bulletin Please fill it out and return it to the office so that we can structure adult education to your interests and needs. Thanks, Gary, Kim, and Diane

COMMITTEE NEWS

SUPER BOWL SUBS JANUARY 25

Once again it is time to order your submarine sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday (Jan. 25), sponsored by the CPC bell choirs. We will be taking orders after either worship service on January 11 and 18. Payment will need to be made at the time of ordering. The subs will be available for pick up on Sunday, January 25, after each worship service.

Choices of subs are:

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

OPTIONS FOR ALL: lettuce, tomato, onion, mayonnaise

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 February 2 - - For further information call Sandie Trappe at 326-2576 or the church office 326-8515, and watch for that sign-up sheet!

ADVOCATES FOR FAMILY PEACE

As a community of caring members of CPC, we hope to extend compassion to others. And because life is full of challenges, the Mission Committee continually takes interest in pursuing ways we can reach out to those who are in need, whether it's a health, relationship, or economic issue. Through the help of Advocates for Family Peace, an agency which promotes peace, safety, and equity in personal relationships, we now are hoping to gain resources to help those in abusive relationships. We hope to open our doors to those being haunted by domestic violence and learn how to most effectively support women and children as they strive to enjoy lives free of violence or abuse. Three members of the Mission Committee will receive training on these issues in January. If any other church members are interested in this training, please contact Kim by January 10th.

OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED JANUARY 18TH

On January 18th we will be ordaining, installing, and recognizing church officers.

At the 8:45 AM service, new Deacons will be ordained and/or installed. Joining the board this year are Judy Brown, Kendra Kee, Joan Peterson, Gail Schaar and Deb Vergin

At the 11:00 AM service, new Elders will be ordained and/or installed. Susan Gerling, Carmen Haugen, Jim Johnson, Mary Shideler, and Doug Veit are the new Elders.

At the 11 AM service, we will also recognize the ministries of Len Brown, Keith Tok, and Jim Rudnick 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 Bud Germ, Marilynn Hrouda and Ruth Pierce; as trustees are Fred Trappe and Jim Marshall, and as deacons are Rhonda Axtell, Nancy Crow, Denny Hagelee, and Emilie Zasada.

And we are also grateful for those who have agreed to stay for another term of office: Elders Jim Johnson and Mary Shideler, Deacon Joan Peterson and Trustee Len Brown

HELP NEEDED TAPING SUNDAY WORSHIP

Thank you to those that have been volunteering to do our video taping each month. There are many homebound members that watch and are grateful for that service.

We are in need of someone to coordinate the taping of our worship services. The volunteers are there, but we need someone to coordinate the monthly schedules. This person would also learn the routine of video taping to help any new volunteers that would be willing to join this ministry.

If you have any questions or want more information, talk to Patty or Gary for more details.

2004 ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2004 are available in the hallway by the parlor. Please be aware that new numbers have been assigned to everyone.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February, 2004

01
 08 8:45 Heifer Project Dedication
 22 Youth Sunday (?)
 25 Ash Wednesday
 29 Lent I

March, 2004

07 Lent II
 14 Lent III
 21 Lent IV
 28 Lent V

**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 for 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
Total Revenues	\$25,207.56
Total Expenses	<u>\$25,453.44</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	<u>(\$245.88)</u>

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH OFFICERS

Marilynn Hrouda Clerk of Session
 Dick Schneider Moderator of Trustees
 Andrea Tok Moderator of Deacons

CHURCH STAFF

Gary Burnett Interim Pastor
 Kim Johnson Associate Minister
 Diane Meyer . . . CE & Youth Ministry Coordinator
 Patty Murray Christensen Parish Assistant
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 Roy Berg Director of Vocal Music
 Janice Burch Informal Worship Leader
 Niels Henriksen Sonshine Director
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MISSION WORK WE SUPPORT

Nancy Roth Director of Mentoring Ministry
 Kazadi Ntambue Presbyterian Church, Congo

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 next *Chimes* are due
 by the 20th of the Month**

REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2003

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Last Year
	\$268,462.75	\$290,064.71	\$247,937.95
	<u>\$283,939.09</u>	<u>\$291,218.56</u>	<u>\$270,610.53</u>
	<u>(\$15,476.34)</u>	<u>(\$1,153.85)</u>	<u>(\$22,672.58)</u>