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**Summer : One Service at 9:30 a.m.**

**D**ear Friends

I came to CPC to continue my relationship with God (OK, my wife might have had something to do with it, too!). I was happy to find intelligent sermons and a wonderful place for my children to learn about the Christian faith.

I found something else at CPC. **Fellowship.** I let ofut is expe Fricety

According to the Webster's dictionary fellowship is "the companionship and comradeship characteristic of group solidarity or the friendly exchange between individuals that springs from shared work, shared religious practices etc (.....communion between church members, etc.)"

Wednesday evening is filled with a number of events for our family. The kids have choir and bell practices, there is the evening meal and then finally youth group. Something for everyone. But it is more than the activities. It is a feeling of fellowship that I enjoy. There is a diverse and interesting group at the church during this time. I can't think of another situation where you could be in conversation with a dentist, a paper maker, a surveyor, a teacher, a veterinarian, a contractor, a domestic engineer, a teenager, a preschooler, a nurse, a forester, a doctor and a Mission Committee on the same table?

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## From The Pastor

We have seriously been blessed by beautiful weather these past few weeks! Thank You, God! What a joy it is to be out walking, to have daylight into the evening, to smell grills cooking, to hear the birds once again, and to open our windows and let the sunshine in! It is easy to be in a good mood this time of year.

There has been a lot of excitement about summer programming here at CPC. The Christian Education Committee is actively engaged in discerning what kind of programs to offer both this summer and next Fall. Confirmation Camp is just around the corner, Vacation Bible School will have an exciting "Construction Zone" theme in the spirit of "Building Character like Christ." We also have some exciting ideas for family events for the entire church, and some interest in offering more Spiritual endeavors such as Taize Prayer once in awhile on nice summer evenings.

The Christian Education Committee is involved in a plethora of activities that would never happen without the dedication and commitment of volunteers. From teaching Sunday school to making reminder phone calls, everyone is an important asset to the ministry that happens here. We hope that each of you will search your hearts and discern whether or not you are able to lend a helping hand in this the 2005-2006 school year here at CPC.

The CE Committee is working hard, they love CPC and sincerely want to offer everyone effective and engaging experiences that draw all ages closer to Christ and our call as Christians. We are always interested in what "you" would like to see offered at CPC - so don't hesitate to talk to me or any other member of the committee with ideas.

Let's all work together and not only live in, but also *share* the Joy of the Spirit.

Peace and All Good,  
Kim

## News of the Family

### Marriages

Bernie Jamsa and Irene Sutherland were married on April 30! Congratulations to the newlyweds!

### Deaths

Myrtle Carlson passed away on April 9, 2005. A funeral service for Myrtle was held at CPC on Wednesday, April 13. Let us keep the Carlson family in our thoughts and prayers.

### Nursing Homes

Evergreen Terrace: Betty Kauppi, Vivian Erickson

Manor House: Charles Armstrong, Joanne Libke, Amy Johnson, Beulah Zobel

Grand Village: Bill Brier, Harvey & Mildred Rodenz, Clyde Crotteau, Bob Oftelie

Grand Village Lodge: Lois Slatton

Pleasant Seasons: Zig & Marie Zasada, Sylvia White, Edith Mae Carrier

### Hospital

*Due to more secure federal confidentiality laws, we will not list names of those who have been in the hospital unless we have been given direct permission from the patient or family. If you would like to be included on the prayer chain when you are ill or having surgery, please let the church office know.*

Teacher Recognition

On Sunday, May 1, during our first Worship Service, we will be recognizing Sunday School teachers. Everyone who contributes to the Christian Education of our young people and adults are an essential part of CPC and we would like to formally show our appreciation for all your hard work in the midst of the entire CPC family. The Christian Education Committee wishes to say a HUGE "Thank You" to the following individuals who have given a semester or two of dedication as a teacher this past school year: Deb Kleinendorst, Kris Hamling, Julie Fedje-Johnston, Cathy Shields, Laura Marshall, Vangie Mattfield, Lori Bertram, Barb Meyer, Kirsten Webb, Anna Johnson, Ray Webb, Will Stark, Barb Veit, Doug Veit, Deb Kee, Roy Kjorlien, Bonnie Henriksen, Art Merrill, Margaret Morris, Mary Schnell, and Bill Marshall, SR. Please help us show our appreciation to these teachers on May 1 at the 8:45 Worship Service.

Something Special Sunday on May 1st!

Sunday School kids will be putting together May baskets to share with someone they care about. Pentecost brings the holy spirit to the forefront and it is shown in each of us with love, patience, kindness, goodness, fairness, gentleness, and self-control. That's a lot to ask of a May basket, but we're giving it a go!

Help Needed!!

The Christian Education Committee is currently in the process of finding Sunday School Teachers for the 2005-2006 School Year. **THIS COULD BE YOU!** No teaching experience is required, just a desire to reach out to our young people, and our older folks, in Christian discovery. **Anyone can do it!** Materials are provided for you, substitutes are available, fun is guaranteed, and growth for you and your class is inevitable. You could teach a Grade School Class, be involved with the High-School group, or take a month of Adult Education leadership. Please talk to Kim ASAP with any interest or questions!

Last Day of Sunday School

CPC Sunday School Classes will be taking a break for the summer months. The last day of Sunday School will be May 22.

**Calling all Eighth Graders!!** You are the CPC Confirmation Class of 2006 and it is soon time to delve into Confirmation!! If you wish to join the Confirmation Class of 2006, you must attend Confirmation Camp June 13-16 at CPC from 9AM until Noon. On Thursday, June 16 we will stay for lunch and water games (weather permitting) together. We will be done on Thursday around 1:30PM.

**There will be a parent and student meeting  
for all current eighth graders on  
Sunday, May 8 at 10AM in room 102**

**Class of 2005: (10<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2005-2006 School Year)**

Classes continue on Wednesdays, May 4 & 18 at 3:45 in room 102. You are required to attend Confirmation Camp June 13-16 at CPC from 9AM-Noon, On Thursday we will go until 1:30PM.

If you have not yet turned in any Class Response Papers, it is your responsibility to talk to Dan or Kim about making this up. We are willing to work with you, you just need to let us know that you are still interested in being confirmed as a member of CPC this coming October!

## Youth News & Events

### Famine Results

## Attention Ushers!!!!

It's almost summer and we are about to have one service at 9:30 a.m. **The ushers for 8:45 will be the ushers scheduled for the 9:30 a.m.**

In this fast-paced world we live in it is always a good idea to plan ahead. We are already looking toward Fall and will need more ushers for the 11 a.m. service. **We also need SOMEONE, or 2 people to share, who would be willing to be the head usher for second service.**

**Some of the responsibilities of head usher include:** Contacting the ushering team ahead of time, being at the church 25-30 minutes before the service, finding out when the offering is being collected and informing the other ushers what to do, lighting the candles when Darcy begins the prelude and finding people to fill in if there are not enough ushers.

Please take the time to consider doing this for your church to make the 11 a.m. service meaningful and run smoothly for your friends and neighbors. If you think this is your special ministry to do, contact Dan or Kim and they will let us know.

## Bell Choir News

### Kids' Ring

The Junior Jingers will travel to the Twin Cities on Friday, April 29, to attend Kids' Ring. They'll spend the night at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids and then head to Christ Lutheran Church in New Brighton the following morning for their festival.

They are preparing four pieces to play with the other choirs, will play a solo number by themselves and will participate in a variety of classes. Their conductor will be Anne Jeddelloh, a bell director from the Twin Cities.

By coincidence, Anne was the Cohasset music teacher in 1975-1976, the year before Darcy began teaching there.

The ringers will return to Grand Rapids Saturday evening and will present some of their festival songs at the 8:45 worship service the next morning.

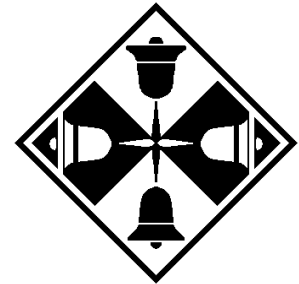
## A Weekend of Ringing

On Sunday evening, May 22, all four of our CPC handbell choirs will be presenting their annual spring concert at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert will feature a wide variety of music, both sacred and secular. A few surprises are always in store for the audience.

Graduating seniors, Katie Henriksen and Johanna Schnell, have been members of the Tintinnabulators this year and will be honored at this concert.

Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the concert. A freewill offering will be taken, with the proceeds going towards upcoming festival expenses.

We hope to see you there!



## Musical Notes from Roy

It is my intention to delve into a slightly different topic this month. I am going to focus on the church music program and particularly the choir portion (although I think that this applies to numerous ministries in the church). If you have not already figured this out, musicians are an unusual breed. Because we should always strive to improve, we tend to be critical of musical things around us. We place a lot of responsibility on ourselves. If the choir does well it is because of the singers efforts and if the choir does poorly the blame shifts to the director. It sounds kind of harsh but I don't think that it is very far off the mark.

I get the sense in all the organizations that I am involved in that there is a great 'competition' for time. It seems harder and harder to get that deep commitment from members. We can certainly explain it as a sign of the times. I think most of us involved in organizations are really overworked and called to do too many things. Then comes the hardest thing of all and that is to prioritize! Where is it that we are most needed?

As I have stated before, you are blessed with a wonderful music program at CPC. Certainly that is what attracted me to this position. Choral music is a VITAL part of the worship experience. I have witnessed the loss of choirs at churches and it is nearly impossible to get it going again. It seems to be a real sign of loss in vitality for a church. I hope that you truly appreciate what you have. We can certainly be pleased with our music programs but by all means cannot afford to be complacent. I think that is the way in which we lose ground in our ministries.

This brings me to the point of all this ranting. Support the music in our church in any way that you can! Let the directors know what is standing in the way of your participation if you would be a candidate to be part of our program. Reading minds was not in my job description. I am certainly willing to consider finding ways to accommodate schedules. For example: is rehearsal too late, do you need a baby sitter, is Wednesday a bad day for you, maybe you have a thing against choir robes and so on.

It is a privilege to sing in a choir but even more than that it is a necessity for some of us. In a choir we share in an extremely valuable ministry and share also in a highly spiritual experience. Add to that the chance to use our voices (God's gift) and develop skills that we can carry with us. Learning new music, performing 'old' favorites and sharing with the congregation all add to the value of being a choir member. The rewards far outweigh the effort. I am dedicated to make your participation as worthwhile as possible. Bless us with your participation.



## Congregational Care

### College Graduates

Please let us know what you are doing! If you are among the graduates, let us know - call 1-888-326-8515 or e-mail us at [churchoffice@communitypresbyterianchurch.com](mailto:churchoffice@communitypresbyterianchurch.com)

### Spring Luncheon



Calling all members and friends 55 and over... The Board of Deacons would like to invite YOU to attend the annual Spring Luncheon, which will be held on Sunday, May 1st, at 12 noon in the Church Fellowship Hall. The Deacons will provide the delicious meal - all you have to do is come for great food and fellowship!

Please let us know if you need a ride!

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

### Spring Rummage Sale

Thanks to all who helped with the Rummage Sale –setting up, sorting, pricing, selling, clean-up and those who contributed. We raised \$728.00.

### New Kitchen Stoves/Ovens

Next time you are in the Fellowship Hall, be sure and check out the kitchen. You will see two new gas stoves. They were purchased through gifts to the Memorial Committee.

### Circle 2

Circle 2 will meet at First Class Café on May 19 at 1 p.m.

## Mission Committee

### Community Café

Have you been wondering how you can get involved in community service? Let me suggest a few hours a month at the Community Café.

The Community Café began several years ago to meet the needs of people in this county who are often in need of a nutritious meal and some socialization. This work is supported by grants, donations, and the Second Harvest Food Bank. Suppers are served each Tuesday and Thursday evening at the Itasca Resource Center.

A talented chef plans the meals and supervises their preparation and serving. Churches and service groups in the county assist with preparation and serving. CPC members help prepare and serve the meal the second Tuesday of each month. The prep cooks arrive at 2:30 and the servers at 4:00 p.m. On a recent Tuesday, CPC helped prepare and serve 187 meals.

This service is sponsored by your Mission Committee. If you are interested in being involved in this important community service, call Anne Amundson at 326-2609.

### Food for Thought

*I planned an ultra-modern home  
when my income increased,  
but an Afghani woman whispered,  
“I have no home at all.”*

*I dreamed of a country home,  
a place of luxurious weekends,  
but a refugee child kept saying,  
“I have no country.”*

*I decided on new cupboards  
right now. . .  
but a child in Africa cried out,  
“I have no cup.”*

*I started to purchase a new  
washing machine,  
but an Indian woman said softly,  
“I have nothing to wash.”*

*I wanted a freezer for storing  
quantities of food,  
but across the ocean came the cry,  
“We have no food.”*

*I ordered a new car for the  
pleasure of my loved ones,  
but a war orphan murmured,  
“I have no loved ones.”*

Adapted by Annabel Hartman, CROPWALKER for over 20 years, Indiana

## ACTION through CHURCHES TOGETHER

### Winter update to ACT churches

ACT has planned, organized and carried out many activities concerning social and economic justice in the past few months. The fourteen member churches, representing over 10,000 people, have become a strong moral voice in Itasca County. It is recognized that the goal of ACT is not evangelism, but social justice. Individuals not associated with a congregation, as well as community agencies and organizations, have become involved to work together for the well being of those without a voice.

### Recent Events

**St. Nicholas Dinner** – was another successful social and fund-raising event at United Methodist Church early in December. Jamie Perrington of Wyld Tyme catering served a gourmet meal for 170, and donations amounted to \$4200.

**Covenanting Ceremony** – more than 80 people assembled at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church late in January to make a promise of their time and talents to provide justice for those without a voice in our community. Representatives of community agencies joined ACT members and other individuals to address three specific needs: a homeless shelter, a plan to ensure housing for all income levels, and legislative issues that affect housing for the most vulnerable.

**“I walked into St. Andrew’s Church eager and full of hope... What can I do to prevent this from happening? How can I make a difference? Why are people still in a position of hopelessness, homelessness and hunger? When will this end? So many questions ... Are they willing to give their time, talents and energy to this worthy cause? Do they truly understand the commitment needed to end this war of homelessness, joblessness, poverty and hunger? I composed myself and began looking around at each face trying to glimpse their intentions. I saw compassion and willingness, and began to pray to God, thank you...”**

Catherine Basten

**“Day on the Hill”** – twenty three people from eight churches and Circles of Support made the annual trip to the State Capitol on March 1 to be part of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition’s lobbying effort for social and economic justice.

**Grant funding** –the final installment of a three year start-up grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has been received as well as a new sustaining grant from the Blandin Foundation.

### Upcoming Events

**Homelessness and housing** – meetings are being held, research is being done, and plans are being made. Watch your bulletin for meeting times, or call the ACT office at 327-7248. This is a great opportunity to make a tremendous difference.

**Congregational “inreach”** – coordinated conversations in member churches will strive to build community and discover passions and commitments to address unmet needs.

### CPC Web Site

Visit our Web Site at [www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com](http://www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com)  
Here are a number of links you will find

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	Mission Program	CPC "Breaking News"
Weekly Calendar	Bridges-Kinship	Session Information
Annual Calendar	Mentoring	
Worship and Music	Itasca Habitat for	Chimes Newsletters
Annual Worship	Humanity	Northern
Music Groups		Lights Presbytery
Current Sermon	Volunteer Schedule	Newsletter
Previous Sermon	Greeters	
	Ushers	
Education	Nursery &	
Sunday School	Enrichment	
Adult Education		

Dear Friends (continued from page one.)

And, with this group you might be discussing hunting, poker, work, camping, cooking, sailing, quilting, current events, knitting, church happenings, the upcoming scavenger hunt, pets, tree genealogy, fishing, etc.

This is a terrific way to get to know your church family in an informal, relaxed way and to enjoy a meal.

You can also learn about our future leaders, the youth of the church. They come and go from hand bells, choir, youth group or a quiet time doing homework or visiting with friends. I’m constantly impressed with the youth of CPC. It has been a privilege to spend some time with the youth for a few events the past couple of years and I feel that the leadership they will be providing in the coming years will be sound and better than I can provide today.

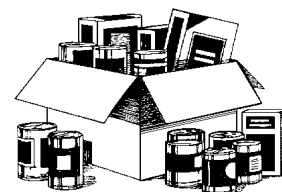
For whatever reason, the church seems to be a place where the barriers between adult and youth aren’t so tall and wide – there is an opportunity for real dialog with the youth. I’m sure it must have something to do with the familiarity that the regular Wednesday dinner provides and the secure place that the church has become for many of us.

If you are struggling to feel more connected with the church or would just like to share in good fellowship with great people, why not try attending a few Wednesday evening dinners. I know that you will be welcome. I’d love the chance to break bread with you and learn more about you!

Elder, George Shields

### Food Shelf Donations Fourth Sundays

Remember that we receive donations of food and money for the Grand Rapids Food Shelf every fourth Sunday. We ask that food brought on the fourth Sunday be given to an usher so that he or she can place it in front of the communion table



Community Presbyterian Church  
Church Staff

Dan Yeazel ..... Pastor  
 Kim Johnson ..... Associate Pastor  
 Patty Murray Christensen ..... Administrative Assistant  
 Darcy Reich ..... Director of Music  
 Roy Berg ..... Director of Vocal Music  
 Janice Burch ..... Informal Worship Leader  
 Niels Henriksen ..... Sonshine Director  
 Janice Burch ..... Rainbow Choir Director  
 Sue and Charlie Pulkrabek ..... Custodians  
 Phyllis Brown ..... Treasurer

Community Presbyterian Church  
Officers of the Church

**ELDERS ( Moderator - Dan Yeazel Clerk - Marilynn Hrouda)**

<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Ray Webb	Susan Gerling	Kris Johnson
Clyde Newton	Carmen Haugen	Andy David
George Shields	Jim Johnson	Gwen Litchke
Duane Geisler	Mary Shideler	Ken Hanson
Mary Erickson	Doug Veit	Steve Wright

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<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Dorothy Hall	Judy Brown	Denny Hagelee
Betty Jones	Andy Hagen	Jerrian Barsness
Dorothy Moe	Gail Schaar	Deb Kilpela
Verla Stabe	Deb Vergin	Janet Anderson
Joyce Spawn	Carol Morrill	Dorothy Zobel

**TRUSTEES (Moderator - Len Brown Staff - Dan Yeazel and Phyllis Brown)**

<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Norma Bilyeu	Len Brown	Chris Peterson
Carole Erickson	Keith Tok	Clint Erickson
Denny Schaar	Jim Rudnick	Lowell Pittack

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:

Fax 326-2407  
 E-mail [churchoffice@communitypresbyterianchurch.com](mailto:churchoffice@communitypresbyterianchurch.com)

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Dates to Remember

June, 2004  
 13-16 Confirmation Camp  
 27 - July 1 Vacation Bible School

July, 2004  
 05 Summer Concert Series  
 09 Summer Concert Series

**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	Report as of March 31, 2005			
	March Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Last Year
Total Revenues	\$26,531.53	\$74,590.67	\$84,234.87	\$80,521.85
Total Expenses	<u>\$28,904.41</u>	<u>\$88,041.87</u>	<u>\$88,979.82</u>	<u>\$85,977.11</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	<u>(\$2,372.88)</u>	<u>(\$13,451.20)</u>	<u>(\$4,744.95)</u>	<u>(\$5,455.26)</u>