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Community calendar

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- 01 High School Handbell
Happening (Tins)
- 16 Music Recognition Sunday
- 23 Spring Bell Concert
- 23 Last Day of Sunday School
- Teacher Recognition Sunday
- 30 Service Time Change

Worship Times Change
May 30th
8:30 and 10:00 AM

From the Session

On behalf of the session I'd like to announce that Interim Pastor Gary Burnett will have a final date with CPC of June 15, 2004. Knowing that the Pastor Nominating Committee is coming along well in its' work and is actually ahead of schedule, that we are approaching the slower summer season, and that we would like to give Gary as much time as possible to plan for his future, we have elected the June 15 completion date. We would like to thank Gary for all his work on our behalf since this past September and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Please stop in to see Gary before he leaves to catch up on the news and wish him well.

For the Session,
George Shields

Dear Friends,

I recently read the book entitled *The Four Agreements* by Don Miguel Ruiz. Ruiz was born in rural Mexico to family of tribal healers. His mother was a healer and his grandfather was a shaman. Their tribe embraced the ancient teachings of the Toltec. The Toltec is the embodiment of knowledge and wisdom that prepares and guides a human being throughout their life. The book speaks about the "agreements" that we unconsciously make in our understanding of ourselves and our relationships with others. When we are children, we take on the "agreements" of those who parent and teach us. Though many of these "agreements" are necessary in bringing us to adulthood, Ruiz believes that some of these "agreements" are self-destructive and inhibiting.

It is always interesting and thought-provoking to learn what another culture believes about self-actualization and faith. Ruiz presents four new "agreements" that he feels will help lead us to a more satisfying life: (1) Be impeccable with your word; (2) Don't take anything personally; (3) Don't make assumptions, and (4) Always do your best. There are parts of each of these agreements that made sense to me and are practical for me, but also parts that I didn't see as helpful in my relationships with others and myself.

The First Agreement was the most meaningful to me. Ruiz states that "Be impeccable with your word" is the most important but also the most difficult agreement to honor. He states that your word is the most powerful source you have. Your word is the gift that comes directly from God. The Gospel of John states "In the beginning was the word, and word was with God, and the word is God." Through your words you manifest everything. The word is not just a sound or a symbol; it is a force. It is the way you communicate all your thoughts and feelings. It is not something to be taken lightly.

A person can uplift or devastate another with a few simple words. Ruiz states that the word is like a double-edge sword: your word can create the most beautiful dream or destroy everything around you. Hitler started a world war which cost the lives of millions of people. With a few simple words, he was able to manipulate intelligent people by planting seeds of fear and jealousy. (Continued on Page 6)

As you know, I'm headed for Portugal this month. Four delegates from the Presbytery of Northern Waters are going to the islands of Portugal May 6-17. Our task is to begin relationships with the Presbyterian Church of Portugal, and thus explore the opportunity for a partnership with their churches. Thank you for helping make this trip possible. I know that I will be enriched and when I return, I will be able to share the possibilities for Christian community-building from a much broader and deeper understanding.

Preparing for the journey, I've been thinking about our local church and what it means to partner with Christians around the world. The potential impact of our lives as Christians in the world awes me when I consider the opportunity we have to build a coalition for good - for building up the Body of Christ.

I challenge you to participate with me in your own faith journey. We, here in northern Minnesota, are blessed with the coming of good weather, spring flowers, and open waters. Our spirits have appreciated the winter season and we are now called to reawaken. While we enjoy the peace of our surroundings and the reassurance of God's grace, let us not forget other areas of our universe where the beauty of God's good creation is not as easily recognized.

Why not take time to follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and write a letter of peace and hope to Christians in the Middle East. The PC(USA) Middle East and Europe Office invites us to send email messages to Iraqi Presbyterians during the weeks between Easter and Pentecost. Just log onto www.PCUSA.org, follow the links to Christian coordinators in Iraq and send letters of encouragement to the suffering Christians in war-torn Iraq. A few minutes and words from us can make a difference.

Continue to awaken your spirit to your call as a Christian in the world. Continue to reach out to each other in the CPC family, in Grand Rapids, and be aware that your presence in this world is part of a vast, endless community of God. As the Presbytery of Northern Waters joins hands in partnership with Portugal, let us join hands in partnership with one another. Reach out and share the Good News that Christ has indeed risen and death is no more.

Live in the Joy of the Spirit.
Peace and All Good,
Kim

We celebrate with..

Hazel Butts. In February, Hazel became a great-great aunt to Eve Carol Carlson, daughter of Joel and Jill Carlson of Keewatin.

We mourn with..

The families of Al Moody, and Katherine Becker. Norma Bilyeu at the loss of her brother, Francis.

We pray for the healing of..

Kelly Kjolien, Lee Gaalaas, Brian Crosby, Charlotte Babcock, Win Latimer, Reathie McLean, Skip Broberg, Reuben Peterson, and Dan Retka who have been in the hospital.

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Church Education News



May 2nd Flowers and teachers
We appreciate both.

May 2nd brings budding flowers. *Something Special* in May will be celebrated May 2nd. Let's see what kinds of flowers God provides to CPC.

May 2nd will also be teacher appreciation. Teachers, please meet us in the fellowship hall at 10:15. We want to have the opportunity to thank you for a year of teaching and leading. The CE committee will be purchasing teaching aids for classrooms as our appreciation gift this year. Don't you wonder what creative things will be added to each room for next year's teachers?

The CE committee would like to thank the following volunteers for giving their time and talents to enrich our young peoples lives.

Jaci David	Deb Kliendorst
Barb and Chuck Meyer	Laura Marshall
Julie Fedge-Johston	Mary Donellen
Ron Herbig	Deb Kee
Steve Benson	Karen Benson
Bill Marshall	Neils Henriksen
Bonnie Henriksen	Nancy Crow
Maren Hagen	Doug Veit
Lori Jacobi	Art Merrill

The last day of Sunday school is May 10th

Improvements In Sunday School

CE is looking at ways to make Sunday school more effective. If you have ideas, please talk to Diane or any member of the CE committee.



LAVA LAVA ISLAND VBS

VBS will be June 28-30. The theme this year is Lava Lava Island: Where Jesus Love Flows. We want everyone to come and meet Blaze, Sip and Maggie. We want to give each of you *The Daily Challenge*. How does a tropical treat sound? Can I invite you to join me on a Hot Bible Adventure?

There's a big luau scheduled. We hope to see you there. If you are over 12, and want to be in on the party planning, see Diane or Kristen Anderson.

a trip to the woods by mathias Webb
Infant son of Kristen Webb

One Saturday in, I think it was April, my Mom, Ray and I dropped Keith, Scott and Terre off at church, and went to do errands. (Errands, my least favorite thing.) After errands we drove to a house in the woods. Ray carried me into the woods. Guess what? I found my brothers. They had been collecting sap from trees with another boy from church, Cabe. The house belonged to the Heinzen family and the Heinzens were there to help with the maple syruping. There was this really cute girl there. Mary was her name. (I think I'm having my first crush). Anyway I watched my brothers and the other kids roast marshmallows and hot dogs and play by the creek until my Mom took me and rocked me to sleep. (I hate when she does that.) So I missed every thing else that happened.

Hey, did you see me and Grampa Marshall together last Sunday during coffee. Boy does he have a comfy lap! And he doesn't try to get me to go to sleep.

Worship and Music

Choir Notes

April has been a busy month for the musicians at Community Presbyterian. At times such as this, when we have had to prepare for numerous services, I truly appreciate the talent and dedication that the singers have. After all, it is a good time of the year to be humbled. As in the past, I like to highlight one of the anthems that we are working on. I often look for music that has a way of transforming us in mind and spirit. This selection that we are preparing is by one of the most respected choral composers of our age, John Rutter. It is his setting of "The Lord is My Shepherd" or what we know as the 23rd Psalm. Rutter often writes instrumental parts to go with his choral works and in this anthem he has a wonderful oboe part that greatly enhances the mood. Thanks to Kim Young, you will get to hear how beautiful this anthem is and what a wonderful part he has written for the oboe. As spring continues we can all be thinking about 'green pastures'. Thanks to all who have helped to make experiences at CPP so meaningful. God Bless. Roy

Kids' Ring

The Junior Jingers will travel to the Twin Cities on Friday, April 30, to attend Kids' Ring. They'll spend the night at Joanne Kerns, the Kids' Ring coordinator, Friday night and then head to Christ Lutheran Church in New Brighton the following morning for their festival.

They are preparing five pieces to play with the other choirs and will participate in a variety of classes. Their conductor will be Kevin Shull, the director of bells at Bethel College. Kevin has worked with a number of our high school and adult ringers in past years.

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.

Worship Time Change

On Sunday, May 30, our summer worship schedule will be in effect. Worship times will be 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Worship This Month

- 02 Communion
Pearl of Parables
Luke 15:11-24
- 09 *Little Sisters of Galilee*
Mark 6:1-6
- 16 *Five Finger Exercise*
Matthew 6:7-8
- 23 *Presbyterian Heritage Day*
Psalm 97; John 17:20-26
- 30 *The Day of Pentecost (Wear RED!)*
Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:14-17

A Weekend of Ringing

On Sunday evening, May 23, all five 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. Eleven graduating seniors are members of the Tintinnabulators 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!

A Thank You from the Worship Committee

On behalf of the Worship Committee, I want to thank all of the actors who shared their time and talents in the drama productions on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. Both services were made more meaningful by your efforts--please know that your help is much appreciated!!

The participants were: Roy Berg, Duane Geisler, Scott Gerling, Kris Johnson, Bill Marshall, Dave Marshall, Chuck Meyer, Jim Schneeweis, Johanna Schnell, Laura Schnell, Cliff Schroeder, Fred Trappe, Doug Veit, and Kim Young. Thanks also to Carol Morrill for helping at rehearsal.

Bill Schnell, Elder

Mission

Blood Mobile at CPC on May 11th

You can work miracles by donating blood. It's safe, it's simple, and it saves lives. Our CPC Mission Committee is again sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 11th from 8 to 5 in the church parking lot. Did you know that area patients need over 350 units of blood every week? The only source of blood for these patients is volunteer blood donors. Donating blood is safe, simple, and relatively painless. So if you are at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, are in good health, consider giving this year. Call the church office and leave your name, sign up in the fellowship hall on a Sunday morning, or call Biz Peterson (326-4645) People are counting on you.

Think Mother's Day !!!!

The new SERRV order has arrived and lots of wonderful new hand-crafted items are currently on display in the SERRV cabinet in the library. The cabinet will be open for sales on Sunday, May 2, between services. Don't let Mother's Day catch you unprepared. Take this opportunity to eliminate the middle man and buy direct from the craftspeople and farmers of the world. Dedicate the day to sharing your wealth with those who have less opportunity. Do your shopping at SERRV in the morning and walk with CROP WALK in the afternoon.

One great hour of sharing

During the first two weeks of May we will continue to encourage giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. Monies received will be used to help

Disaster Assistance

Hunger Relief

Self-Development of Peoples



Congregational Care

College Graduates

It is our tradition at CPC to recognize post-secondary graduates. This year we will be honoring them on Sunday, May 23.

If you are among the graduates, let us know - call 1-888-326-8515 or e-mail us at churchoffice@communitypresbyterianchurch.com

Keep an eye on bulletins and in future *Chimes* for information on the 6th Annual *Old Fashioned Fun Filled Picnic* and *The Ice Cream Social*.

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 \$955

The Congregational Care Committee invites our graduating high school seniors to a dinner in their honor.

The banquet will be on Wednesday, May 26, 2004

Pictures and social time at 4:45 p.m.

Followed by dinner at 5:30

Please RSVP to church office by May 19 with number of family members attending

A black and white line drawing of a graduation cap (mortarboard) and a rolled-up diploma tied with a ribbon. The cap is on the left, and the diploma is on the right, partially overlapping the cap's base.

Dear Friends (con't from page one)

On a smaller scale, we can destroy people's self-esteem and self-love with only a few ugly words. Ruiz speaks of the devastation that gossip generates. This is an easy quagmire to jump into. Gossip is very common. We want to feel we know something others do not and sometimes share inaccurate or hurtful information with others for our own satisfaction. The power of our word is immeasurable. A simple "I love you" or "I care" can nurture and sustain a person for a long time; conversely, a quick "get lost" can damage a person for some time.

This is a simplification of Ruiz's ideas, but I believe it behooves us all to make a mental check on how we use our "words" to make this planet a better place to live. I am making a commitment to myself to be aware of what and how I say things to others. Remember, the "word" is with God and the "word" is God.

In God's love,
Carmen Haugen, Elder

Dates to Remember

June, 2004

23-25 Young Ringers Conference (Holy Tollers) in Duluth
 24-27 Festival Conference (Jubilees) in Duluth.
 27 6th Annual Old Fashioned Fun Filled Picnic

August, 2004

09 5:00p Deacons' Sr. Picnic
 15 Ice Cream Social

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

	March Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Report as of March 31, 2004 YTD Last Year
Total Revenues	\$25,198.33	\$80,521.85	\$84,065.12	\$77,595.81
Total Expenses	<u>\$30,010.21</u>	<u>\$85,977.11</u>	<u>\$88,561.51</u>	<u>\$83,227.24</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	<u>(\$4,811.88)</u>	<u>(\$5,455.26)</u>	<u>(\$4,496.39)</u>	<u>(\$5,631.43)</u>

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