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CHURCH

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**D**ear Friends

The last few months my friend Anna and I have been teaching 5th and 6th grade Sunday School. I have been impressed with many things... It was really fun to explore lessons and research ideas, I've discovered what it takes to draw the kids attention to one topic. I learned a lot about the Bible, and I learned that kids are really special. I also learned that kids may look one way on the outside, but they all truly have incredible hearts!

I know that we are in great need of Sunday School teachers, and I want to stand as a witness that anyone can do it! And everyone will come away from it with a rewarding experience! The children are well behaved and lesson plans are available for you, the extra research is your option for added fun and creativity of your own.

Our class also just finished painting our room four different shades of green - it is very nice - you should all come by and see it some time in room 105. So here is what I am asking of you, truly consider volunteering a semester with our young people. You teach them a lot and sometimes they teach you something also.

Praise Lord and Amen.  
Elder, Ray Webb

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH, 2005

06		Lent IV
20		Palm Sunday
24	7:00	Maundy Thursday
25	7:00	Good Friday
27	8:00	Breakfast
	9:15/11:00	Easter Sunday, No Sunday School
30	7:00	Youth Worship Service

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Lots of jokes have been going around that we just celebrated Christmas, the birth of Christ, and now the poor little guy is already headed to the cross! It's true, this year the season of Lent snuck up on us as we were still taking down Christmas decorations. It has been difficult for many to switch from the mood of celebrating a birth to the self-examination of the forty days of Lent. The time has come, however, to take the journey with Christ; looking inside ourselves to determine how we can more fully live as God's children. Easter is fast approaching, and the gift given to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is a redeeming sacrifice of grace and love, freely given that we may one day know eternal peace. So, let us in these days before Easter, realize the gift given us, and truly express our gratitude in our daily living. We are an Easter people, death does not have the last word, the cross is empty because Jesus does not stay there. We are an Easter people, so let us celebrate the joy of the resurrection, that all may have life.

Peace and Love,  
Kim

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### Four beauty tips

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Before she became an actress, Audrey Hepburn was a successful fashion model. After her acting career, she spent much of her time working for humanitarian causes around the world. These four "beauty tips" written by this former model are a snapshot of how she lived her life. They were read at her funeral.

1. For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
2. For lovely eyes, look for the good in people.
3. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
4. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

### Adult Education

Adult Education meets every Sunday Morning at 10PM in the Adult Ed. Classroom off the Fellowship Hall (next to the men's bathroom). If you are interested in teaching a course, or have any suggestions for topics, please let Kim know. Join us for these exciting opportunities in March.

March 6: Last of a four week series on *Faith and Politics*, led by Margaret Morris.

March 13: An introduction to *Centering Prayer*, led by Doug and Barb Veit.

March 20: *Centering Prayer*

March 27: No Class.

### High School Forum

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

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

### Sunday School

#### Something Special

Something Special Sunday is coming up on March 6th. In conjunction with "One Great Hour of Sharing", the Sunday School children will be offering up prayers to those around the world who suffer from hunger. We'll be making prayer flags to be hung in the church. Prayer flags are a series of small flags, each representing a person's prayer, connected together to form a chain of prayers. I am putting out a call for pieces of solid fabric, preferably cut to the size of 24" x 24". Please leave the fabric squares at the church sometime before the 6th. Thanks!

## Heifer International Project Update

A special "thank you" to CPC Sunday School students and congregation members! With your help, we were able to raise a hefty sum for the Heifer Project International program. We were hoping to raise enough funds for a goat, but we're working our way towards something that may look more like a herd!! Hooray!! Stay tuned for a final count in next month's Chimes!!  
- Kristen Anderson

## March Challenge Question

Ages 8 and under: What did Mary find when she went to the tomb where they buried Jesus? Hint: Read John 20:1-2

Ages 9-12: What did Mary say when she realized the person standing by her was Jesus, who she thought had died?  
Hint: Read John 20:11-18.

## Confirmation Class of 2005

Wednesday, March 2 at 3:45: *Class in Room 102*

Wednesday, March 16: No Class

Friday, March 18: *Trip to Temple Israel in Duluth*  
Be in the Church Parking Lot by 3:45 - Bring money for dinner

Thursday, March 24 at 8PM: *Maundy Thursday Worship Service*  
Friday, March 25 at 8PM: *Good Friday Worship Service*

## CPC Library - It's for EVERYONE!!



Here are two reviews of the new books coming into our library. We have some exciting new reading for all ages. We are planning a book fair one Sunday in May.

### *Learning To Sing* - by Clay Aiken

Hey kids, and adults too - have you ever felt out-of-place, geeky, etc.? Read Clay's story. Before reading this book I was not really familiar with Clay Aiken except I knew he sang. If you've ever heard the term "Keep Two Feet on the Ground", this applies to Clay's stardom. He has kept his perspective of life, gift of song, family, faith and purpose. To read how he got there and how he foresees himself today and in the future is heartwarming and real.

### *Jordan's Crossing* by Tina Helmuth

We've all heard the scripture about the Israelites who spent 40 days in the wilderness led by Moses, eating manna from heaven and offering burnt offerings for their sins. We've heard about the Red Sea opening for them to cross and 40 years later the River Jordan was held back like a wall for them to cross to the promised land.

This historical fiction gives you characters that lived those times and become real in their faith and daily activities.

When Moses died and Joshua was selected leader, God's hand led Joshua and the Israelites.

You'll love Mara in this story who struggles, having come from a tribe who worshiped Baal and lived and hated and defied and finally accepted the Lord with the help of a dedicated family who took her as a slave.

There's Beriah and his son Jered, who have lost a wife and mother of a plague. There's Jered's defiance against his father, Mara, and aunt Naamah. His true person is revealed as the Lord works through his life and soul each day.

Did I like this book? The Bible story became alive and my love of the Lord became stronger. Can you hear it calling to you? Read Me! Read Me!

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS...

Wednesday, March 9 at 7PM: *Photo Scavenger Hunt*

Wednesday, March 23 at 7PM : *Senior-Led Youth Group*

Wednesday, March 30 at 7PM: *CPC Rocks! Youth Worship Service*

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS...

Wednesday, March 9 at 6PM: *Stop, Caution, Yield, Merge*

Wednesday, March 23 at 6PM: *Mexican Fiesta*  
Best Mexican Costume wins a prize!!

Wednesday, March 30 at 7PM: *CPC Rocks! Youth Worship Service*

## WORSHIP

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#### *Lectionary Readings*

- 06 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Communion  
*I Sam. 16:1-13; PS. 23; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41*
- 13 *Ez. 37:1-14; PS. 130; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45*
- 20 Palm Sunday  
*Matt. 22:1-11; PS.1118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil.2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66; Matt. 27:11-54*
- 24 Maundy Thursday  
25 Good Friday
- 27 Easter  
*Acts 10:34-43; Jer.31:1-6; Ps. 1118:1-2,14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18or Matt. 28:1-10*

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

#### **March 20**

*Passion/Palm Sunday 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.*

#### **March 24**

*Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.*

#### **March 25**

*Good Friday 7:00 p.m.*

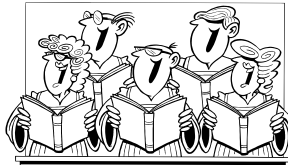
#### **March 27: Easter**

*Easter Breakfast 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.*

*Easter Sunday 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.*

Celebrate with us Christ's resurrection. The services will include our choirs, trumpets, and bells to again be reminded of the empty tomb.

MUSICAL NOTES FROM ROY



This is the time in the winter season that to me seems the longest and appears to go on and on. Not being certain of how much winter weather we will have to enjoy and impatiently waiting for the snow to melt is a normal response to the months of March and April. I find the best cure is to be more absorbed in the activities that are most important to me. At the top of that list is music preparation in my church. Music has the ability to transform us no matter what state of mind we are in. Even on those occasions when I am less enthused about a rehearsal, by the time I get started all is forgotten. I think that this can translate to our experiences with worship. I cannot recall a time when I ‘regretted’ going to a church service. I have found that my life maintains a healthy balance only when I have gone through the worship process. Many times the message on a particular Sunday seems to be speaking specifically to me. Joining with others in this process is certainly a high point in life. I NEED to escape things of the world. There is good reason to call the space of worship a ‘sanctuary’. There we are able to focus on the things that impact our lives the very most. I hope that many feel as I do on this subject. It is a very simple decision for me to decide to attend a church service. Please join us as often as you can. We love seeing you each and every Sunday and enjoy your company in our worship of the Creator. God Bless.

CONGRATULATIONS JANICE!

Congratulations to our own Janice Burch. We already know what a great musician and rainbow director she is, now we know what a great teacher she is.

Janice is one of more than 140 teachers who have been nominated and completed the required candidate materials to become eligible for the honor of 2005 Minnesota Teacher of the Year!! The 2005 Minnesota Teacher of the Year will be announced May 1. Good luck Janice..you are already number one in our books!!

LENTEN MEDITATIONS ON THE VERSES OF LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

Ecumenical Mid-week Lenten Services continue Wednesdays at 12:10

- March 2** :Verse 3 ..... St. Joseph’s Catholic Church
- March 9**: Verse 4 ..... Zion Lutheran Church
- March 16**: Verse 5 ..... Christ Episcopal Church and St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church

All Services are at Grand Rapids United Methodist Church followed by a Bread and Soup Luncheon. Free will offering given to relief efforts for Tsunami

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

EASTER LILIES

For Easter Sunday the sanctuary will be decorated with lilies. **Cost will be \$6.00.** Please call the church office (326-8515) by **March 11<sup>th</sup>** if you wish to order a Lily in memory or honor of someone.

VOLUNTEER CALLERS NEEDED

**Wanted:** A volunteer to make 2 phone calls each week. Yes, only 2! These would be reminder calls to our Sunday morning nursery volunteers just to make sure the person(s) will be in the nursery at his/her appointed date/time. The volunteers are already scheduled, so all this caller will do is pass along the message that they are signed up for the upcoming Sunday morning. This simple job will do the CE Committee a great service and allow the willing volunteer opportunity to get acquainted with those who work in our nursery! Call Kim or Bonnie Henriksen if you are willing to take this on. We will get you a copy of the schedule, the volunteers and their contact information.

## MISSION

# One great hour of sharing



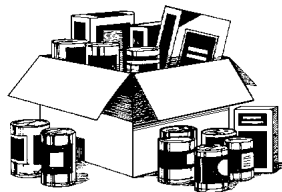
*When was it that we saw you?*, this question from Matthew 25 is one of the best known passages in the Bible and it is a deeply spiritual question. This year the One Great Hour of Sharing will center around two themes; it's remarkable what your gift will do and the question of "when was it that we saw you stranger?" This offering began over 55 years ago in response to the devastation of WW II. It is a powerful ecumenical effort. Please read the bulletin inserts in the weeks leading up to Easter. We will receive our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday.

## BRIDGES: KINSHIP MENTORING

Bridges: Kinship Mentoring matches adults with children in need between the ages of 5 and 17. To be a mentor, you don't need any special skills - just an ability to listen, offer friendship, share your hobbies and interests, and give guidance and encouragement to a young person growing up today. You'll be amazed by how much you'll get out of the experience. The time commitment is only 6 hours a month. So, share what you know. Become a mentor. Call Bridges at 326-4700 for more information.

## 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



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## LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER SERVICES

At the last session meeting it was decided to return to a single worship service during the summer. This will give our first and second service folks the chance to worship together. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, we will have one service at 9:30 am. We will alternate the style of each service between contemporary and traditional.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHURCH STAFF

Dan Yeazel ..... Pastor  
 Kim Johnson ..... Associate Pastor  
 Patty Murray Christensen ..... Parish 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

**DEACONS ( Moderator - Verla Stabe Staff - Kim Johnson)**

<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)  
 Toll Free 888-326-8515  
 Web Page [www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com](http://www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com)

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL, 2004  
 03 Daylight Savings Time Begins

**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 JANUARY 31, 2005

	Jan. Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Last Year
Total Revenues	\$28,405.64	\$28,405.64	\$29,911.85	\$29,957.15
Total Expenses	<u>\$27,852.06</u>	<u>\$27,852.06</u>	<u>\$29,123.38</u>	<u>\$26,003.40</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	<u>\$553.58</u>	<u>\$553.58</u>	<u>\$788.47</u>	<u>\$3,953.75</u>