

COMMUNITY CALL

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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Come and join us on Saturday, February 14, for an unforgettable evening. Andrew and Janine Steele, of Indigo catering, will be serving a dinner of tossed salad, braised chicken with savory rice, dessert, and a beverage. Music will also be provided.

Reserve your spot by signing up in the narthex by February 8.

- \$10.00 per adult
- \$7.00 per child, aged 6 to 12 years
- children age 5 years or under, accompanied by an adult, may eat for free

Dinner will be served from 6-8:00 p.m.

All proceeds will go to Community Presbyterian Church.

payment is desired with reservations

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



Baby, It's Cold Outside!

This is a curious time of year. The holidays are past, the school semester is begun, and we're sort of stuck in between all the usual high points of the year. In the church calendar, this stretch between Epiphany and Lent is one of two blocks of what is called "ordinary time." We feel as if much of life is holding its breath, pausing before swinging into the next flurry of ac-
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tivity. This impression, I think, is reinforced by the weather. As cold and snow drive us to cut our excursions out of the house or the office to a bare minimum, as the world around us is blanketed with a flat, white sameness, there is a very real danger that we will succumb to the "Blahs," or whatever you call that seasonal ennui, that lack of energy and fire that always seems to crop up this time of year. As we stare at the bleak tundra of February and March ahead, it can seem like too much to bear. Ordinary time, indeed.

But just as there are forces hard at work deep beneath the snow, preparing, all unseen, the ground for the explosion of life and energy to come in the Spring, so also the Spirit of God is always at work within the church, within the world, and within us, and if you know where to look, there is plenty around to enliven this time.

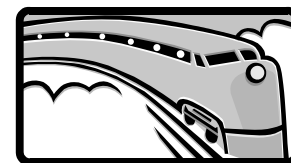
For starters, try picking up the Bible, and looking somewhere you haven't read in a while, to see the Spirit of God at work in the history of his people. Try the Song of Songs, for something a little on the spicy side, or if action is more your thing, take a look at the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal in I Kings 18. Adventure buffs might revisit the tale of Paul's journeys in Acts, especially his final journey from Jerusalem to Rome in chapters 21-28.

Others find times such as this to be ideal for seeking the movement of the Spirit within themselves. A renewed focus on one's inner life, perhaps led by a good book, can work wonders to enliven the dreary winter days. For example, I recently read John Eldredge's Wild At Heart, a book with which I do not always agree, but which certainly stimu-

lated my thinking about what it is to be a man before God.

Of course, the Spirit is also still at work in the church, and in the lives of our fellow believers. Our ministry at the Salvation Army is going strong, Youth and Christian Education programs offer learning and fellowship for all ages, and on and on and on. Our friend and organist, Dustin Berg, will be leaving us this month to answer God's call to Seminary, where he will begin his training for ordained ministry. As we thank Dustin for his wonderful ministry among us and wish him Godspeed, we should also observe that in his life, just as in ours, just as in all the world around us, there is indeed plenty going on in this *extraordinary* time.

SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

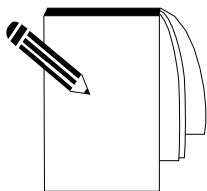


- Feb 1 - Super Bowl
Sunday at Stith's - arrive at 6 pm, call for rides home.
- Feb 8 - 6:30 dinner, plan for winter carnival
- Feb 14 - Mission - help serve Valentine's Dinner at church
- Feb 22 - Winter carnival at church - no evening meeting
- Feb 29 - FAST - details to be announced

IF YOU MISSED IT...



Copies of the agenda for Community Presbyterian Church's Annual Meeting, held on January 11th, and committee reports can be found in the narthex. Compact discs of the choir's Christmas cantata will be provided upon request to the church office. This and other recent church events can be found posted on the church website (<http://cpcwf.org/>).



CLERK'S CORNER

The Session and Trustees held their January meetings on January 21, 2003

The trustees reported that the installer of the carpet in the basement has agreed to pay the church \$3,000 due to the faulty installation of the carpet. The carpet will be used as is until such time as it is deemed necessary to replace it. They also stated that to replace the carpet in the sanctuary would cost \$ 5,200 and to replace the carpet in the main entry, hallways and stairs would cost \$3,417. A decision will be made at the next meeting on the prioritization of what will be replaced first and on how to pay for carpet and installation.

A request from Lyle Nagel to be transferred to the Congregational UCC Church of Valley City was approved. A request from John and Kate Schar to be placed on the Inactive List was approved. A request from Monte and Karen Anderson to be removed from the church rolls was approved. They are attending a different church and plan to join there under reaffirmation of faith.

Approval was given to hold a baby shower in the fellowship hall on January 24th.

A request from Rebecca (Becki) Hummel and Sean Donahue to hold their wedding in the church on June 18, 2005 was approved.

Installation and Ordination of new Elders and Trustees will be held on February 8th providing this time works for the new officers.

Todd Montgomery was elected treasurer for the coming year, and Delores Horn was elected as clerk for the coming year.

Krystal Erovick has been hired as book-keeper to replace Jackie Erovick who has resigned.

Pastor Stith requested and was granted a day of study leave on January 22.

97 persons were served communion on January 11th.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session



2004 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Plans are in place to start work on the 2004 Church Directory early in February. We ask that anyone who has had an address change this past year check the sheets that will be posted in the narthex to make sure we have correct address and telephone numbers.

If you would like your e-mail address in the directory, please list that on the sheets also. If grown children have a different address than their parents, that should also be noted.

The Directory can only be as accurate as the information we are given.

2003-2004 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Palm Sunday	Apr. 4
Senior Recognition	May 16
Sunday School's Last Day	
Potluck	

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the Church families and members who helped with the Salvation Army Christmas Day meal. Between our guests and The Meals on Wheels distribution we cooked and served over 270 meals. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks again,
Dixon Moorhead





ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

The annual meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held on January 11 immediately following worship.

Moderator Stith called the meeting to order and the clerk verified that there was a quorum present.

Minutes of the February 2nd annual meeting and the minutes of the special meeting on June 15th were approved. The following committee reports were approved: Financial, Membership, Fellowship, Christian Education, Worship, Afternoon Circle, Cuddle-Up, Mission/Outreach/Evangelism, and Presbyterian Women.

Pastor and Toni Stith left the room at this time, and Yvonne Hummel presented the recommendations of the Personnel Committee to increase the terms of call for Pastor Stith by \$1,200. This will be added to the housing allowance. This recommendation was approved. With the other items that need to be increased proportionately to the salary and housing allowance, the total increase to the budget will be \$1,638.78.

David Ruhnke, Lowell Wiese, and Lee Dobrinz were elected Elders for three year terms. Mary Jo Moorhead and Tom DeJong were elected as trustees. Allen Meyer was elected to the Endowment Committee. Elected to the Nominating Committee for next year were: Marlys Martin, Gayle Thostenson, Roger Barenthzen. An elder to be selected later by the session will complete the committee.

There was no new business, so the meeting was adjourned and members went to the fellowship hall where everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE



Spring is just around the corner and the Presbyterian Men will again be holding their Annual Church Rummage Sale. The sale will be part of the Community Wide Rummage sale held at the Veterans Memorial Arena.

The sale is a ways off but we want to remind you to be thinking about those unused and unwanted treasures, like maybe a moose head, that you would be willing to donate to our cause.



WANTED

We need a piano player to play about 5-6 songs over the course of one hour on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the High Rise. We will pay you for your preparation and playing time.

Dixon Moorhead
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MEMORIAL GIFTS

Two memorial gifts have been received by the church recently. One in memory of Joe Jameson and the other in memory of Douglas and Michael McLeod. One gift was specifically designed for the completion of the secretary's office, and the other was left open to be used as the church sees fit in regard to the mission of the church. Our thanks go to these two families.



CHOGORIA PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP EXCURSION 2004 ITINERARY

What follows is an abbreviated itinerary of a delegation from the Presbytery of the Northern Plains (including, our own, Jenna Barenthsen) which will be visiting Presbyterian Missions in Kenya.

- Jan. 19 Depart ND
- Jan. 20 Arrive Nairobi 8:25 pm
- Jan. 21 We will spend the day visiting projects of the PCEA around Nairobi. Our guide will be Rev. Gibson Gichuki from the PCEA.
- Jan. 22 Visit Kikuyu Hospital, Presbyterian College, Lay Training Institute
Lunch with Salvador and Irma de la Torre
Visit Old Folks Home, Church of the Torch, Kazuri Beads
- Jan. 23 Drive to Chogoria
Sleep at Chogoria Hospital Guest House
- Jan. 24 Chogoria: Tour area
- Jan. 25 Chogoria: Attend worship
- Jan. 26 Chogoria: Tour area
- Jan. 27 Drive to Sweetwaters Tented Camp
Visit Nanyuki Weavers
Sleep at Sweetwaters
- Jan. 28 Sweetwaters Tented Camp
Mt. Kenya Option
- Jan. 29 Visit Wandubi School, Huruma Children's Home, and Nyamacheki Church

- Jan. 30 Lake Nakuru
- Jan. 31
- Feb. 1 Drive to Nyathuna Church
Worship
Lunch with congregation
Village market
- Feb. 2 Fly to Maasai Mara
- Feb. 3 Maasai Mara
- Feb. 4 Fly to Nairobi
Dinner at Haandi Restaurant
Night flight to USA
- Feb. 5 Arrive ND

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 2-5 Cody Matzke
- 2-6 Tom Birrenkott
David Misheski
- 2-7 Dolores Kinslow
- 2-8 Ann Corneliussen
Jack Smith
- 2-9 Dean Hall
Blair Moorhead
- 2-12 Gwen Sterup
- 2-14 Randy Meyer
- 2-16 Stephanie Barenthsen
- 2-17 Kevin Galt
- 2-18 James Binger
- 2-19 Esther Hemm
Alex Talley
- 2-20 Clarence Bastle
- 2-21 Scott Meyer
- 2-24 Lia Dobrinz
- 2-25 Tom DeJong
Lisa Osborne



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2-6-32 – Tom and Julia Pederson
- 2-19-81 – Dixon and Mary Jo Moorhead
- 2-24-79 – Scott and Vickie Meyer