

COMMUNITY CALL

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SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING OFFERED

On Thursday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. at CPC, you are invited to attend a spiritual leadership training sponsored by Presbytery of the Northern Plains. Reverend Joan Gray will be leading a conversation on "Authorizing and Empowering Spiritual Leaders in the Church." Those interested can participate by attending the meeting in person at CPC or joining online at: <http://media10.cquserservers.com/cpcwf-live>

Rev. Gray served as moderator of the 217 General Assembly (2008) and has served numerous churches in the Greater Atlanta area where she lives with her husband, Bill Gray. She has also served as an adjunct faculty at Columbia Theological Seminary where she has taught polity along with spiritual formation, spiritual guidance, and spiritual leadership. She is the co-author, with Joyce Tucker, of Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers and the author of Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers.

Rev. Gray's firm belief is that "Churches come alive in new ways when clergy and laity both catch a vision for mission and are empowered by the Holy Spirit." She will work to serve that goal in the life of our presbytery and its churches.

PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings From Kenya (or, as our friends here would say, Mugeni)!



This month's column comes to you from the Guest House of the Chogoria Hospital complex in Kenya, where I, Dixon Moorhead, and Sharon Secor of First Presbyterian of Fargo are representing our presbytery. We are here to work with Rev. Brenda Harcourt, a mission partner in the PC (USA), to put on a series of leadership training events for elders and for pastors here in the three Chogoria presbyteries.

As of this writing, we have conducted our first elder training event, and have two more elder events and a pastor's

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tors' retreat to go. So far, so good—the first event was very successful, with great conversations about the call and responsibilities of elders, tips for effective district meetings (each elder here in Kenya has responsibility for a “district” of several households within the congregation), tending to God’s people and the varieties of spiritual gifts we are given.

Having recently participated in leading a similar elder training event in Casselton for our own presbytery, I can’t help but be struck by how, despite the many very important differences between our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters in Kenya (no one here can even begin to contemplate 4 feet of snow or 30 degrees below zero), the things that concern our elders, the things that they want to know, and the things that they feel called to do for their people are very much the same.

This, it seems to me, is an eloquent testimony to the existence of what Calvin calls “the invisible church.” This church is not limited to one time and place, but rather includes every single person whom God has called to be one of his own, from the beginning to the end of days, and it is unified not by language, color, or even particular doctrines, but rather by the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ. We are part of that church, as are our Kenyan brothers and sisters, and as such, it shouldn’t really be a surprise to find that we are as much alike as we are different. Praise the Lord that we have been included in this wondrous company of believers!

Kwaheri!



2011 HEAD USHERS LIST

January	Dwight Steffen
February	Bob Gross
March	Terry Meester
April	Don Van Cleve
May	Brent Montgomery
June	Jack Smith
July	Larry Peihl
August	Chuck Thompson
September	Dave Ruhnke
October	Steve Hanna
November	Derek Leopold
December	Gary Duggan

BRING OUT YOUR RUMMAGE!



We know, we know. It’s only February, but it’s not too early to start thinking about bringing out your rummage for the Presbyterian Men’s Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 16. Look through those closets, hand down those old computers, cull those bookshelves, clean out the toy boxes, look through the basement, search the attic, and let’s find some treasures to sell at the rummage sale. More details will be forthcoming in the March newsletter.

PER CAPITA ANNOUNCEMENT

It’s that time of the year when we must pay the per capita assessment to Presbytery of the Northern Plains. The amount to be paid for 2011 is \$42.40 per member or \$12,465.60 for Community Presbyterian Church.

Each family is responsible for their children once confirmed as well. If members do not pay their assessment, it must come out of the General Fund. Your church really needs you to step up and take care of this obligation!

DECEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



Session met on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. All Session members were present.

Carolyn Meester, treasurer, presented the financial report. There is enough to pay the mortgage in December with about \$450 for the January mortgage. A member has issued a challenge that he will match up to \$10,000 toward our mortgage with whatever the congregation will donate. The church owes \$3,000 in per capita for this year. General giving is down slightly. Our bank note is up to \$12,000. The mortgage on the church will be re-written in 2011 (This is done every 5 years.). There are only 10 years left on the mortgage. A minute for stewardship will be done this Sunday with Bonnie Thompson as the spokesman.

The dates for communion for 2011 were set up – the first Sunday of each month except Jan. when it will be the 9th, and on Maundy Thursday and Christmas day.

Session approved allowing Halftime for Sherry use our church for a potato feed on February 12, 2011.

Discussion was held on membership rolls. One member will be moved to inactive and one member will be removed.

Session approved the baptism of Abigail Madeline Marie Melich, daughter of Tara (Sheeley) and Robert Melich on December 26, 2010.

Discussion was held on memorial money being donated and where it might be best applied. Matt will visit with families with the ideas.

More discussion was held on possible music scholarships. More work needs to

continue on this matter.

Christian Education Committee will be selling the extra piano.

Mission Committee will have a tea fest during coffee hour this Sunday for the teacher fund in Kenya. January through February's mission focus will be Teen Moms. March through April's mission focus will be One Great Hour of Sharing. A permanent sign will be placed on the Kenyan Teacher box.

Personnel Committee will be meeting to finish details on the annual term of call.

Service & Fellowship Committee has purchased kitchen supplies. A meeting with Matt will be held soon.

Deacons intend to hold another meeting for anyone interested in taking communion out to shut-ins. A training session will be set up later for communion delivery volunteers.

Worship Committee has set the Christmas Eve service to be at 6:30 p.m. on December 24. Worship on Christmas day will be at 10:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee has filled all positions. Andrew Thostenson and Brent Montgomery have been nominated to serve on Session. Becky DeJong and Sue Hanna have been nominated to serve as deacons. Chuck Richard and Lynn Hummel have been nominated to serve as trustees.

Trustees have fixed the lights in the conference room. They have met with the janitors for their annual evaluation.

Stewardship Committee has set a budget using an average of what each committee has spent over the last three years. So far, the budget is \$4,000 less than last year; however, any raises for salaried employees of the church are not reflected in the budget.

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Matt updated Session on Presbytery of Northern Plains business. He thought the elder training in Casselton went well. Two of our Session members attended.

Clerk's Report: There were 137 persons served communion on Sunday, December 5. All reports for the annual meeting booklet are due by January 1, 2011. Member Lucille Kimball died on November 18. Her funeral was at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo, and she was buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Meeting closed with prayer by Bonnie Thompson at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Peihl,
Clerk of Session

**JANUARY
CLERK'S CORNER**



Session met on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. All Session members except Bonnie Thompson and Chuck Richard were present. Pastor Nancy Emerson was the moderator as Pastor Matt Stith was out of town.

Carolyn Meester, treasurer, presented the financial report. There is \$17,600 in the building fund. The church finished the year with a balance of \$203 in the general fund. The bank note is up to \$12,000 which is \$4000 over end of 2009. Giving was about \$2,500 less than 2009. Expenses have been kept low.

Session approved Matt Stith to take vacation time from May 2-8 as Toni Stith will receive her Master's degree in Indiana that Saturday.

Session approved the Church Statistical Report that is to be filed with the Presbytery.

The piano has not yet sold.

Session approved the recommendations of terms of call for Pastor Matt and raises for the bookkeeper and custodians.

Mission has raised three fourths of the money needed to fund a teacher in Kenya for one year. Linda Bass of Teen Moms will speak at the church on January 30.

Deacons are in need of someone to organize those taking out home communion. Volunteers are still needed to take communion out to shut-ins in January. A training session will be set up later for those who sign up. Thank you cards were received from shut-ins to the Deacons for Christmas gifts given out.

Nominating Committee needs an at-large member to serve on Nominating Committee.

Trustees have looked at the cost of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – prices range from \$1,800 to \$2,200.

Service and Fellowship, Worship, and Christian Education committees had no report.

Stewardship Committee set up a 2011 budget based on last year's spending. The projected budget is \$3,300 less than last year. Very few pledge cards were returned this past year. Discussion was held on the budget. Some numbers were adjusted. Session approved the adjusted budget.

There was no report from Pastor Matt.

Clerk's Report: There were 26 persons served communion on Saturday, Christmas Day, and 110 persons served communion on Sunday, January 9. Annual meeting will be on January 30 (storm date is February 13), and annual meeting booklets should be ready to distribute by this coming Sunday, January 23.

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Member Tom Taffe died on January 5, 2011. His funeral was at Elim Home in Fargo, and he was buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Word was just received that Florenz Bjornson passed away this afternoon.

The clerk thanks everyone for their help and cooperation for the past two years.

Meeting closed with prayer by Steve Hanna at 8:43 p.m.

Vicki Peihl, Clerk of Session

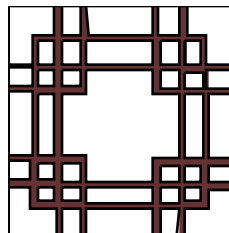
FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 2-1 Cora Carlson
- 2-4 Nathan Whitcomb
- 2-5 Cody Matzke
- 2-6 Carolyn Koerselman
David Misheski
- 2-7 Tom Birrenkott
Dolores Kinslow
- 2-8 Ann Corneliussen
Jack Smith
- 2-9 Dean Hall
Blair Moorhead
- 2-10 Linda Bishop
- 2-11 Tammy Nelson
- 2-14 Randy Meyer
- 2-16 Stephanie Hall
- 2-17 Kevin Galt
- 2-18 James Binger
- 2-19 Esther Hemm
Alex Talley
- 2-21 Scott Meyer
- 2-24 Lia Dobrinz
- 2-25 Lisa Osborne
- 2-26 Patrick Steele

ANNIVERSARIES

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



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES

Presbyterian Squares will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, for a light supper and a Bible study on Hagar, mother of Ishmael. We will also start planning the spring brunch. Everyone is invited to come.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

Feb. 6 - 6:30-8:30 -

Movie Night

Feb. 13 - 6:30-8:30 - Snow Relays with dinner served by Stiths

Feb. 20 - 6:30-8:30 - Broomball Tourney

Feb. 26 - Ski trip TBA



HIGH SCHOOL SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

Feb. 2-Metro Youth 7

p.m. *Life Choices* series viewing movie, To Save a Life

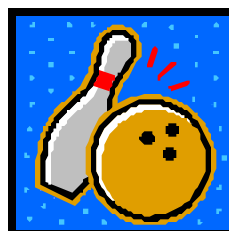
Feb. 9 - Metro Youth 7 p.m. *Life Choices*

Feb. 13 - Practice Random Acts of Kindness

Feb. 16-Metro Youth 7 p.m. *Life Choices*

Feb. 23-Metro Youth 7 p.m. *Life Choices*

Feb. 26 - Ski trip TBA



COSMIC SINGING

Junior Choir will meet on Friday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m., followed by Cosmic Bowling.

INTERVIEWS BY MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUL TRAIN: BOOTS MISHESKI

Personal Information

Birth date - July 19
 Birth place - Argusville, ND
 High school - graduated from
 West Fargo High School
 College - NDSU
 Occupation - RN
 Married - Leonard at CPC in 1966
 Children - Kristie, LeAnn, Michael
 Grandchildren - Robbie, David, Alexander, Cora, Lucas
 Joined Community Presbyterian
 Church - 1954

Favorites

Music - hymns
 Sport - football
 Actress - Julia Roberts
 Athlete - Adrian Peterson
 Restaurant - Texas Roadhouse -
 steak

Would You Rather

How well do you know Boots? Try to guess which answer she chose for each of the following questions. Her answers will be at the end of the interview.

...have an extra mouth placed in the middle of your stomach or have seven fingers on each hand?

...have to make 51 sand castles in one day or 101 snowmen in one day?

...have 5 bottles stuck on all of the fingers on one hand for a year or have a bucket stuck on your foot for a year?

...always walk around in a sleeping bag or always sleep in a bathtub?

...get everywhere by crawling or have to stand on your hands whenever you are standing still?

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I interviewed Boots Misheski. I learned many different and interesting things



about her. I hope that you enjoy reading about her unique life .

Here are the facts:

- Her favorite children's book was See Spot.
  - One game she liked to play as a kid was *steal sticks*. I guess the name explains it.
  - Her first car was a Pontiac that she bought from a friend for \$50! It caught on fire.
  - Some old wives tales that she has are ice for tooth aches and holding your head between your legs for hiccups.
  - She likes to cook and is pretty good at it. Her biggest cooking disaster was when her Baked Alaska
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caught on fire.

- The most famous person she has ever met is Sean Connery. She saw him in a kilt at the White House.
- Some of her pet peeves are biting fingernails and tail-gating.
- Boots is a member of Community Presbyterian Church.
- She has been a registered nurse, a waitress, and a clerk.
- She would like to go to Kenya in Africa to do mission work.
- Her best present ever was grandchildren. She thinks they are fun.

Well, thanks for reading about Boots!

Interviewed by:

Ian Alves  
8th grade  
March 14, 2010

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(Would You Rather answers: fingers, sand castles, bucket, bathtub, crawling)

COMMUNION VISITATION



Part of communion at CPC is commissioning the visitors who take the elements to members who were unable to attend the service at church. Members who provide communion to those who would otherwise have no way to receive it find this a very special way to serve God and their church family.

Does this sound like something you would enjoy? If you would like to know more about becoming a communion visitor, please contact Matt or one of the Deacons regarding an upcoming training session. You can also speak to one of the members who is already a communion visitor and I'm sure they would be happy to share their wonderful experiences with you.



FEBRUARY MISSION GIVING PROJECT: BABY ITEMS

Just think of those cute cuddly babies. Is there anything more precious that God gives us? This month we are out to collect for those babies that are born to Teen Moms.

Diapers, wipes, baby lotions, shampoo, sleepers, onesies, blankets, children's books, small baby toys—anything you would give a baby at a baby shower would be very welcome!

FINANCIAL REPORT



We are short of reaching the goal of \$10,000.00 to receive a matching pledge amount for the building fund account. If you make a contribution, mark on the check "building fund" or use one of the pew envelopes and mark "building fund". A huge thanks to everyone who has already contributed, we are almost at the goal!

We ended 2010 with our operating loan at \$12,000. With the significant amount of snowfall we have received this year, our snow removal expenses will be well over what we paid last year.

Out of love and gratitude for the Lord, we will always want to give to Him. Love compels us to give. To those we love, we give. Friends in Christ, God's counsel tells us that when we give our hearts to the Lord, our desire to give will follow.

**The March Community Call
deadline will be
Sunday, February 20**

CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

It's time to update our records. If you haven't already or if you've new information, please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or give it to Becky DeJong (281-8122 or tbdejong@cableone.net).



Birthdays: example
(of all family members)
*year is optional

Erin Thostenson Dec. 23, 1996*

Anniversaries: example
(please include year)

Andrew & Gayle Thostenson
December 18, 1982
