

COMMUNITY CALL

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COME SING!

It's time for Song Festival Choir! We're calling all singers join us for one hour on Thursday, May 13th, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to a hymn sing-a-long, we will prepare a song to perform in church on Sunday, May 16th.

Join in the fun of the third annual "one night rehearsal songfest." Guitars welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us on Sunday, May 23rd, for a full morning of fun, worship, celebration, and fellowship. During Sunday School, the children will celebrate their last day. Later, they will sing during the worship service. We will also honor the year's Sunday School teachers and recognize graduating seniors. To complete the day, we will feast with one another at a potluck following worship in the fellowship hall.



NEW TIMES

With the ending of Sunday School and arrival of summer (We hope!) comes a change of timing for Community Presbyterian Church. Beginning on May 30th, worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



PASTOR'S PEN



This summer, July 3-10, I will have what is quite possibly a once-in-a-lifetime experience: serving as a commissioner from our Presbytery to the 219th meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This means that, over eight days in July in Minneapolis, I will have a voice and a vote in the highest governing body of our denomination, and get to participate in the debates and discussions over all sorts of important questions that will help to shape the life and work of the PC(USA) in the years to come. It's quite an honor to have been chosen, and I am grateful to our Session, who endorsed my application, and to the members of Presbytery who chose me to serve.

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It's also a bit intimidating, to tell the truth. I don't yet know to what committee I will be assigned for the meeting, so I don't know which issues I might be called upon to engage in detail. It could be anything from the questions of ordination standards that have been challenging our church for decades, to the definition of marriage, to a proposed massive overhaul of the Book of Order, to the possibility of adding a new document to the Book of Confessions. I might be called upon to speak about the Israeli-Palestinian dispute and our church's position on it, about how the church ought to fund world missions, or about any number of other issues, some "hot button" and some quite obscure. It's somewhat overwhelming, frankly.



I will be heading to Chicago for a couple of days in mid-May to attend a pre-Assembly orientation session, which will hopefully help me get ready in a more focused and directed way, allowing me to meet some of my fellow commissioners from around the country and to engage in discussions of the key issues coming before the GA. So after that, I expect I'll have a little better idea what to expect. But, as of now, there are a few expectations I feel pretty confident of:

- I expect I'll see some familiar faces. I am not the only CPC person who will be in Minneapolis. Emma DeJong was chosen to be our Presbytery's Young Adult Advisory Delegate, meaning that she will attend and participate just like me, except without voting on the plenary sessions. Emma will serve on a committee, and, I think,

learn a whole lot. Dixon Moorhead will also be attending, because he is the Presbytery's alternate elder commissioner, and will be the elder commissioner to the next GA meeting, in Pittsburgh in 2012.

- I expect we'll all need all the prayers we can get. The only way so few people can responsibly represent so many is with God's help, and I hope you'll all join me in praying for our service before and during the Assembly.

- I expect to work very hard. By all accounts, serving at GA is an exhausting experience, with hardly a moment to spare the whole week, what with committee meetings, plenary sessions, reading and study, and meetings of all sorts of groups that come together at the same time as the GA. So far, I plan to attend a gathering of Presbyterian Scouters, a Princeton Seminary alumni function, and a picnic by the river with fireworks (on the 4th of July).

- I expect it will be well worth it. Every GS commissioner I have known has returned with a new appreciation of our Presbyterian way of doing things, and a new enthusiasm for the life of this church of ours. I look forward to it, and to sharing what I learn with all of you.

SAVE THE DATE:

Relay for Life

Friday, July 30

Stay tuned for more information.

Questions? Contact Brianne Montgomery





MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 5-1 Lee Corneliussen
 5-2 Tom Kassman
 5-3 Gloria Ruhnke
 Dwight Steffen
 5-4 Dawn Chase
 5-5 Faye Pyle
 Henry Yokom
 5-6 Steve Hanna
 Marty Matzke
 5-8 Jane Leben
 5-9 Carolyn Meester
 Cheryl Montgomery
 5-10 Scott Hansen
 Justin Videen
 5-13 Larry Dobrinz
 Don VanCleve
 5-14 Skylar Pederson
 5-16 Brady Kellerman
 5-17 Edsel Kercher
 5-18 Len Misheski
 5-20 Greg Sterup
 5-22 Ashley Chase
 Amy Leopold
 Olivia Wilkinson
 Olivia Dobrinz
 5-23 Melissa Eiter
 5-24 Bev Christopherson
 Andrew Steele
 5-25 Barb Grossman
 Mary Jo Moorhead
 5-26 Reed Montgomery
 5-27 Vickie Meyer
 5-28 Cole Chase
 5-29 Melissa Barentsen
 5-29 Zarissa Hansen
 5-30 Thomas Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5-12-00 - Bob and Violet Galt
 5-24-03 - Tim and Carly Hager
 5-29-66 - Len and Boots Misheski
 5-29-93 - Jason and Jill Swart
 5-29-04 - Seth and Alicia Whitcomb

CALLING ALL HEROES

The CPC Blood Drive went so well last year, that they are asking us to do it again!

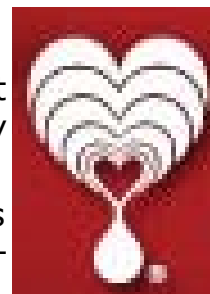
We had 23 out of 26 slots filled, which is almost unheard of!

LET'S DO IT!

Our Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The bloodmobile will be in our EAST parking lot at this time.

If you have questions, or would like to sign up for a time slot, please contact Brianne Montgomery at 701-367-4977 or brianne_montgomery@cargill.com.

Save a life, be a HERO.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN

DO RUMMAGE: \$1,600 WORTH



Thanks to a lot of hard work from many Presbyterian Men...and of course Women... and all the folks

who donated or purchased rummage, the annual Spring Rummage Sale was a huge success in the monetary sense and in the great opportunity to be in community with one another. Bravo to all, and please remember us in 2011!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

May 2nd - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Bowling with the

Thompsons. Meet and eat at the Bowler.

May 9th - 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Mother's Day activities with Lisa and Becky, dinner by Cary Talley. All mothers of high schoolers and middle schoolers are invited.

May 16th - TBA - picnic in the Armour Park with Moorhead youth.





THEOLOGY IN THE BIG APPLE

by Blair Moorhead

Spring semester is a time of looking forward: thinking about the upcoming years in school, plotting a course through future courses and areas of study, and waiting for the day the weather gets warm enough for the shorts I bought on-line when I should have been studying. One of those future considerations (not the one about the shorts) took shape this year when I applied to the second half of my academic program.

I am at Union largely because of a program it offers that combines a Masters of Divinity - a seminary degree - with a Masters of Social Work at Columbia University right down the block. What this means is that I will do one more year of study at Union and then two more at the School of Social Work. Ever since I was an undergraduate, I have been fascinated by the connection of mental health and spirituality. Through study and life in general, it became very apparent to me that the two fields cannot be separated. My senior year of college, I explored this idea through a thesis in the psych department which centered around religious women and their sense of personal power. I have been lucky enough to take a psychology and religion course this semester at Union, and I can't wait for more. The spiritual and psychological intertwine in so many ways, and I am very excited to continue studying their links through the Union/Columbia dual degree program.

This academic program will not launch me into only one vocational path. Many options, from work as a chaplain to work as a pastoral counselor, might present

themselves as the next step after my studies. I enjoy the openness of these paths. You may see me write about narrowing interests or fields that grab my attention in the future, but right now I remain open to the course of study - and the course that God is calling me to pursue. You've heard people say that we make plans and God laughs, but it seems to me that the way in which I faithfully try to move in the direction God wants is to follow my academic, personal, vocational passions. Right now (and ever since I got to pick my own courses in college), those passions are leading me to study both ministry and mental health.

YOUTH LEADER POSITION OPEN

Community Presbyterian Church has an opening for a Youth Leader, starting in August 2010. The individual applying for this position should have:

- A genuine commitment to Christ
- A good familiarity with the Bible
- An ability to articulate Christian faith
- Respect for teenagers and familiarity with youth culture
- The ability to communicate effectively with youth, and
- Public speaking abilities

The position is salaried with the expectation of 5-7 hours/week commitment (likely Sunday evenings). To apply, please email a letter and resume to Vicki Riedinger at riedinvi@mnstate.edu, or mail a resume with cover letter to the church at:

Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St.
West Fargo, ND 58078

Interviews for this position will hopefully be held in May.

**INTERVIEWS BY
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUL TRAIN:
GARY DUGGAN**

Personal Information

Birth date - December 28
 Birth place - Ayr, ND
 High school - graduated from
 Page, ND
 College - Wahpeton
 Occupation - sheet metal mech-
 anic
 Married - Carol in Page, ND in
 1960
 Children - Bob
 Michelle (Shawn Bucy) -
 Kailyn, McKenna
 Sherry (Mike Schonert) -
 Ty, Taryn
 Joined Community Presbyterian
 Church - 1966

Favorites

Music - country and western
 TV Shows - Bonanza, Gunsmoke,
 All in the Family, Johnny
 Carson, Wild Kingdom, Wild
 America, History Channel
 Animals -dog, cat, horse
 Athletes - Joe Montana, Steve
 Walker - NDSU Bison Quar-
 terback
 Smells - flowers, alfalfa

Would You Rather

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

- ...be a vampire or be a werewolf?
- ...have super powerful eyes or have super powerful ears?
- ...share your entire home with a huge dairy cow or with 5 large playful seagulls?
- ...have one eye in the middle of your forehead or have a 6-foot long tail?
- ...not be able to eat again until you see a



wild bald eagle or until you can find a four leaf clover?

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My interview was with Gary Duggan. He grew up on a farm. He loves to ride horses. He hates it when drivers pull out in front of him. He learned how to drive on the farm with his Dad.

His favorite classes in school were biology, geometry, and American History. He really hated Algebra because he didn't have a very good teacher. He also didn't like poems because he didn't want to learn them - just like me.

Gary never really had a birthday party, but I think it was OK. His birthday is by Christmas, the 28th of December.

He has worked at a lot of jobs. Here are some: Farm work, Machinery and at a Bank, and that's just some.

Interviewed by:  
 Alex Talley  
 6th grade  
 March 14, 2010

The person I interviewed was Gary Duggan. One of the questions I asked him was where in the world would he  
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like to visit and why? He said that he would like to visit the Grand Canyon because it is a very beautiful place and one of the wonders of the world. Another question that I asked him was to tell about a terrible storm he had been through. He said that in 1966 there was a horrible blizzard. He was driving and couldn't see 1 or 2 feet in front of him!

I also wondered what the most disgusting or unusual thing was he had ever eaten! He said that he was in Italy skiing and he ate a pizza that was horrible. He said he never ate pizza at an army base again! One of his most embarrassing moments was when he was driving his car and it broke down. He had to call his neighbor at midnight to have him help jump start it!

Finally I asked him about his hobbies. He loves horseback riding. He started at the age of 4. He likes to ride because it is fun, good exercise, and very rewarding.

It was fun to interview Gary Duggan. He was very nice and the stories he told were fun to listen to.

Interviewed by:  
 Sophia Dobrinz  
 6th grade  
 March 14, 2010

(Would You Rather answers: werewolf, eyes, cow, tail, bald eagle)



**FARGO MARATHON-MAY 22**

There's still time to run, walk, and help CPC run its infamous Aid Station at mile 23 in the Fargo Marathon. Here's a real chance to fellowship with Community Presbyterian folk, help others, have a good time, and (maybe) get some exercise. Interested? Give Dixon Moorhead a call.



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Budgeted 2010 giving:  
 \$167,892.97 / 52 weeks =  
 \$3,228.71 per week

|             | Budgeted Giving | Actual Giving  |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <u>Week</u> | <u>to Date</u>  | <u>to Date</u> |
| 4/18/10     | \$51,659.36     | \$49,074.36    |

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We have funds designated to pay the mortgage through July.

The balance of the operating fund loan at this time is \$9,500.00.

The per capita assessment for 2010 is \$12,794.75. So far we have collected \$5,592.85.

As we are approaching the summer season, please remember your church in your weekly contributions.

**CPC SOFTBALL GAME SCHEDULE**



All games are on Wednesday evenings, with the first game at 6:30 p.m., and the second to follow.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location--Opponent</u>                                     |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5/5         | Lewis & Clark N--Living Waters South High School--Newman Ctr. |
| 5/12        | South High--Pontoppidan L & C N--Olivet                       |
| 5/19        | Discovery N--Our Redeemer Discovery S--Prairie Heights        |
| 5/26        | McKinley W--Com. Methodist McKinley W--Knollbrook             |

**June's  
 Community Call  
 deadline will be  
 Wednesday, May 26**