

COMMUNITY CALL

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JACK ATTACK ROUND 7

The Jack Attack Round 7 will be held Saturday, June 11th, at Lindenwood Park in Fargo. Registration starts at 9:00

a.m. at the Rotary Shelter with the 5k walk/run beginning at 10:00 a.m. Balloons and face painting are available for the kids, and a picnic lunch will follow the walk! Bikes, strollers and wagons are welcome.

Registration is \$15 for adults (includes a free t-shirt) and kids 13 and younger are free. Kids t-shirts are available to purchase the day of the walk for \$10.

For more information, to register for or to donate to the event, go to www.fsma.org/jackattack.

We hope to see you there! Remember, we walk RAIN or SHINE! Together we will "KNOCKOUT SMA!"

**100% proceeds go
to fund research
to find a treatment or cure
for Spinal Muscular Atrophy.**



PASTOR'S PEN

You have most likely heard by now that the Presbyterian Church (USA), of which we are a part, has voted to change the language in our Constitution that describes the standards for ordination to the offices of minister, elder or deacon. These changes have been, and will continue to be, the subject of many questions, comments, and opinion columns. One such column appeared recently in The Forum, and is, I think, typical of what we will hear in the coming months. It is also significantly misleading. I have written the below response to the original col-



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umn, which can be found online at <http://lat.ms/kdTuy0>, which I hope to see published in The Forum. I offer it here in hopes that it might offer you some insight into the changes that are coming, and some ideas for how to respond to those who ask you questions about the new stance of the Presbyterian Church.

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In a column published in The Forum on May 19, 2011, Randall Tremba responds to the recent vote in the Presbyterian Church (USA) to change the language that governs ordination to the offices of minister, elder and deacon. Unfortunately, Tremba’s discussion misrepresents the specifics of the decision, and also fails accurately to describe the opposition within the Presbyterian Church (USA) to that decision.



The amendment to the denomination’s Constitution that Tremba describes has now been approved by a majority of the presbyteries and will thus take effect on July 10. It is not, however, the case, as Tremba implies, that the denomination’s policy will now be to approve the ordination of openly gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered (GLBT) men or women in all cases. Instead, the new constitutional language will give each presbytery the right to decide which departures from biblical standards will disqualify a person from ordination as a minister, and will give the same right to the session of each church (its board of governing elders) with regard to elders and deacons.

This is an important distinction. While it is true that it will now be possible for particular presbyteries or congregations to ordain openly GLBT candidates for office, it is also possible for particular

presbyteries or congregations to maintain the traditional ordination standards. In other words, not all churches and presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will now allow such ordinations.

Contrary to Tremba’s implication, the opposition to this change within the Presbyterian Church (USA) did not focus on concerns about the “consequences of openly gay and lesbian people serving” in ordained office, nor was it offered on-

ly by “fundamentalists” or “evangelicals” who have yet to see the light of “Christ’s all-embracing love.” For those who oppose the change, drawn from all across the broad spectrum of theological and political beliefs within the Presbyterian Church (USA), the crucial issue is the role of Scripture in the life of the church. The now-approved amendment gives each governing body the authority to decide which provisions of Scripture are necessary for candidates to try to obey and which are not. For many Presbyterians, myself included, such a subjugation of the authority of God’s Word in Scripture to the human authority of presbyteries and church sessions is idolatry, the sin of giving to any creature the honor that belongs to God alone. Such an action of the church does not call for “rejoicing,” but rather for repentance and a request for God’s gracious forgiveness. This is the ground of our opposition to the change that will soon take effect in our denomination’s constitution. It is not, first and foremost, about how anyone feels about a particular GLBT individual, but rather is about whether or not Scripture is the church’s one and only rule of faith and life. I, along with a majority of Presbyterians in the Presbytery of the Northern Plains who voted against approval of this amendment, believe that it is.

## MAY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the church conference room. Elders present were Kevin Galt, Steve Hanna, Carrie Leopold, Carolyn Meester, Brent Montgomery, Vicki Riedinger, Jack Smith, Bonnie Thompson, and Andrew Thosten-son.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Matt Stith.

Carolyn Meester, Treasurer, presented the financial report. The bank note is at \$14,585. General giving is down by \$2,200 compared with 2010. The building fund is at \$13,000.

An amendment to the Book of Order which changes the ordination standards will take effect on July 10th. After much discussion this matter was tabled so Elders could take sufficient time to pray, consult with the membership of the church, and evaluate different options to respond to the new standards for ordination.

The Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team of our presbytery has suspended all partnership activities until the Chogoria Presbyteries can settle internal issues. This does not affect the Kenyan Instructor Fund.

Approval was given for sharing a meal at the church on Sunday nights prior to Professor Reed's Reformation sessions.

Trustees: Painting will begin on the narthex on May 19, 2011. Electrical issues have been reviewed. Clocks will be checked, fixed, and set.

Christian Education: Next year Metro Youth night will be held on Sunday afternoons somewhere between 2:30 and

5:00. Meetings will be held at the United Campus Ministries (UCM) building at North Dakota State University, thus greatly reducing the cost of the program. Our participation is still to be discussed. Camp In-a-Van is planned for August.

Mission Committee: One Great Hour of Sharing surpassed its goal by raising \$3,665.00. Quilt raffle tickets are selling well for the Kenyan Instructor Fund. A \$600.00 donation to the matching funds will be made by the Mission Committee.

Deacons: Easter dinner was provided for a church family, and church members have been visited in the hospital. The deacons would like Pastor Stith to attend a meeting to review Deacon policy and procedures.

Stewardship, Service and Fellowship, Nominating, Personnel, and Worship Committees had no reports.

Moderator's Report: Dr. Steve Reed will present on the following Sundays: June 12, 19 and 26 and July 3, 17 and 24. Topics will follow the chronological order of Reformation events. Each presentation will stand alone in case people cannot attend every session.

Small group sign-up is not seeing the numbers that the Pastor hoped for.

The Pastor has received a complaint regarding behavior during the worship service. This topic was referred to the Worship Committee for discussion.

Pastor Stith requested continuing education leave for two events. On August 25-26, there will be a conference in Minneapolis talking about the ways that Presbyterians can faithfully respond to the change in ordination standards. The Annual Conference for the Society of Bibli-

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cal Literature to be held in San Francisco on November 18-22. Pastor Stith will arrange for pulpit coverage.

Clerk's report: 99 people were served communion on Sunday, May 1.

Meeting closed with prayer by Andrew Thostenson at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky DeJong, Recording Clerk  
Vicki Peihl, Stated Clerk

**PSALM READING SCHEDULE**

| Date                     | Psalm Reading  |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday, June 05, 2011    | 1, 2, 3, 4     |
| Monday, June 06, 2011    | 5, 6, 7        |
| Tuesday, June 07, 2011   | 8, 9           |
| Wednesday, June 08, 2011 | 10, 11, 12     |
| Thursday, June 09, 2011  | 13, 14, 15, 16 |
| Friday, June 10, 2011    | 17, 18:1-24    |
| Saturday, June 11, 2011  | 18:25-50, 19   |
| Sunday, June 12, 2011    | 20, 21, 22     |
| Monday, June 13, 2011    | 23, 24         |
| Tuesday, June 14, 2011   | 25, 26, 27     |
| Wednesday, June 15, 2011 | 28, 29, 30     |
| Thursday, June 16, 2011  | 31, 32         |
| Friday, June 17, 2011    | 33, 34         |
| Saturday, June 18, 2011  | 35, 36         |
| Sunday, June 19, 2011    | 37             |
| Monday, June 20, 2011    | 38, 39         |
| Tuesday, June 21, 2011   | 40, 41         |
| Wednesday, June 22, 2011 | 42, 43         |
| Thursday, June 23, 2011  | 44, 45         |
| Friday, June 24, 2011    | 46, 47, 48     |
| Saturday, June 25, 2011  | 49, 50         |
| Sunday, June 26, 2011    | 51, 52, 53     |
| Monday, June 27, 2011    | 54, 55, 56     |
| Tuesday, June 28, 2011   | 57, 58         |
| Wednesday, June 29, 2011 | 59, 60, 61     |
| Thursday, June 30, 2011  | 62, 63, 64     |

**JUNE  
DATES  
TO  
REMEMBER**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 6-1 Ella Steele  
6-2 Craig Larson  
6-3 Edwin Diede  
Zachory Steele  
6-4 Mike Gross  
6-6 Leann Carlson  
Melanie Hansen  
6-8 April Shone  
6-11 Kathy Colliton  
Richard Osborne  
6-12 Vicki Riedinger  
6-13 Allen Meyer  
6-19 Brandon Hanna  
Evelyn Martin  
Bill Montgomery  
Toni Stith  
Angie Whitcomb  
6-23 Ashley Swart  
6-26 Carol Duggan  
6-30 Dixon Moorhead  
6-30 Ezra Dobrinz

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6-4-88 – Tom and Cathy Birrenkott  
6-6-48 – Henry and Hazel Yokom  
6-7-97 – Scott and Melanie Hansen  
6-8-96 – Terry and Carolyn Meester  
6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke  
6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz  
6-11-99 – Ray and Bev Christopherson  
6-18-72 – Bruce and Karen Steele  
6-19-93 – Chad and Tammy Nelson  
6-20-87 – Don and Shelly Van Cleve  
6-20-92 – Richard and Lisa Osborne  
6-22-58 – James and Audrey Binger  
6-24-95 – Rick and Dawn Chase  
6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman  
6-28-75 – John and Lorna Wilkinson





## WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THE STITHS GOING?

Here are a few of the highlights:

June 5 – Potluck at CPC! Join us after the 9:30 a.m. worship service as we say, “Bon Voyage” to the Stiths as they commence their journey and sabbatical.

June 6 – June 20: U.S.A.  
Minnesota, Indiana

June 21 – June 28: Scotland  
Aviemore, Edinburgh

June 29 – July 1: England  
Oxford, London

July 2 – July 10: France  
Paris, Bayeux, Noyon

July 11 – July 25: Switzerland, Zurich,  
Beatenberg, Geneva

July 26 – August 6: U.S.A.  
Indiana, North Dakota

August 7 – Welcome Home!

For more information about the Stith's sabbatical and how you can participate, stop by the “Sabbatical Central” display in the church, located in either the narthex or downstairs in the fellowship hall, depending on the day. To follow the adventure before, during, and after, visit:

<http://stithsonsabbatical.blogspot.com>

### RELAY FOR LIFE



Time: Friday, June 24

Place: Oak Grove Park

To participate or donate,  
go to:

<http://www.relayforlife.org/relay/findevent>  
and search for information by city at Fargo, ND.

## LEARN ALONG WITH THE STITHS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS



●Professor Steve Reed of Jamestown College will be teaching six Sunday evening sessions.

●Topics will be drawn from the places, people, and events that the Stiths will be studying on their sabbatical pilgrimage including:

6/12 Introduction to the Reformation

6/19 Zwingli and the Zurich tradition

6/26 John Calvin and Geneva

7/3 The Huguenots and the Reformation in France

7/17 John Knox and the Church of Scotland

7/24 Westminster and the English Reformation

●Classes are expected to run from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the church.

●If you've ever wondered where Presbyterianism comes from, this is your chance to find out!

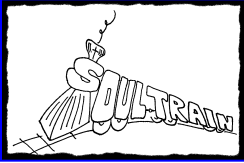
Dr. Reed will be teaching on six of the Sundays in June and July. One need not attend all six sessions to participate.

### 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>                                     |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6/1         | South High--Heartland Com.<br>Lewis & Clark N--Com. Methodist |
| 6/8         | McKinley W--Potoppidan<br>McKinley W--Immanuel                |
| 6/15        | McKinley W--Triumph W/WF FCA<br>McKinley W--Living Waters     |
| 6/22        | Longfellow W--Olivet<br>Longfellow E--Newman Center           |
| 6/29        | McKinley W--Atonement I<br>McKinley E--Bethlehem              |



## MS SOUL TRAIN

On Saturday, June 18, (the Saturday before Father's Day) come join us for a Father's Day Picnic at Rendezvous Park. We will meet at 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Bring your own meat. After dinner we will play baseball, kickball, etc., so bring your gear!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Budgeted 2011 giving:  
\$167,496.42 / 52 weeks =  
\$3,125.00 per week



| Week    | Budgeted Giving to Date | Actual Giving to Date |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5/15/11 | \$62,500.00             | \$61,709.65           |

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

The per capita assessment for 2011 is \$12,505.60. So far we have collected \$5,752.35. The balance of the operating fund loan at this time is \$14,600.00.

Thank you all for your generous contributions. As summer approaches, please remember that the church continues to have monthly bills that need to be paid and your continued contributions make that happen.

## THANK YOU, FARGO MARATHON VOLUNTEERS!!



Thanks to the many blue-gloved, some bearded volunteers, we had a great aid station. You people were terrific!!

Through rain, mud, and wind you twice served the great mass of marathon runners with caring and enthusiasm.

Thank God for His gift of joy as we gave of ourselves in gratitude for what Jesus has done for us.

Thank you again.

## COMMENTS FROM CURT

Curtis Brophy has officially accepted a call to Knox Presbyterian in Overland Park as their associate pastor. He and Kadra will be moving down there by the end of June. They are very excited and can't wait to start this position.



To read Curt's blog, go to:

<http://confsoonpastor.blogspot.com/>

## PRAYER TIME



In Matthew 6, Jesus says to His disciples:

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

It is remarkable that Jesus repeats a phrase three times in this teaching: "when you pray." Clearly, he expected prayer to be a part of life for all those who heard him.

We at CPC pray often. At church, we begin each meeting and meal with prayer. We fill our worship with it as well. We share our burdens and joys in an electronic prayer chain. Also, on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., we meet for a special time of prayer in the small room next to the family bathroom and fellowship hall. If you are able, join us. Everyone is always welcome.

## COORDINATOR(S) NEEDED



Do you like to organize and enjoy the fellowship of our church?

Do you have a desire to further our children's relationship with God? Do you enjoy children, but aren't comfortable teaching? Well, the job of Sunday School Coordinator is right for you or for you and a Co-coordinator.

Interested? Contact Carrie L., Becky D., Melanie H., Debbie M., Boots M., Lisa S., Toni S., or Gayle T.

## AFTERNOON CIRCLE

Afternoon Circle has completed the 2010-1011 study of the Book of Revelations, and we have received the new study books for the study of the Beatitudes for 2011-2012. Delores Horn will have the books available on Sundays at the church at the cost of \$8.80 each. All ladies of the church are invited to join the Afternoon Circle for Bible study and fellowship.

Circle has been meeting for several years at TNT (formerly known as Jiggs) Restaurant for our meetings at 12:30 for lunch and then for Bible study. This was started to make it easier for those with physical problems to attend. We are considering the possibility of having the meetings in the narthex of the church instead since it is now accessible to all and would be quieter.

Several suggestions have been made as to how this might work. We could bring a sack lunch and meet at 12:30 with the meeting to start at 1:00 p.m. or we could start at 1:00 p.m. and have dessert and coffee following the meeting.

Please discuss this and let Carolyn Koerselman or Delores Horn know what you think or what other ideas you might have.

## CAMP IN-A-VAN



You can't go to camp this year? Do we have a deal for you! This summer, August 1st through 5th, we will be bringing summer camp to CPC. Now, everyone will get the camp experience. Not even the adults will have to miss it.



Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp will send a team of specially trained young adults who will serve as Christian role models for all of our youth and will lead Bible studies, worship, singing, crafts, and recreation. They will provide our program, staff, schedule, supplies, curriculum, and resources. While we will provide volunteers, support services, advanced promotion (PR), and involvement in the program.

Look for more details and registration information in upcoming newsletters and weekly reminders.

## FOOD PANTRY

The Emergency Food Pantry has been providing food for hungry families for over three decades. The pantry provides a week's worth of nutritional food to families in need.

How can our church help? By providing non-perishable items, such as cereal, peanut butter, jello, macaroni and cheese, toilet paper, and bath soap in the tubs outside the church office.

There is also a need for volunteers to work at the Emergency Food Pantry located at 1438 10th St. N. in Fargo. Call 237-9337 to see how and when you can volunteer your time!



**The July/August Community Call  
deadline will be  
Friday, June 24**

# Class of 2011



**Taylor  
Birrenkott**

Next year I plan on attending UND to major in nursing. What I will miss most about high school will be hanging out with all my friends. I also plan on staying as active as I can in the church.



**Mary  
DeJong**

I plan to attend Minot State University in the fall, majoring in English Education. Out of all that I will be leaving behind, what I am going to miss most is my mom and Claire (but also my beloved Caribou Coffee - there isn't one in Minot!). When I'm not in school, I'll be working at American Eagle and attending church on campus.



**Meghan  
Hanna**



Next year I am going to Concordia and majoring in Music Education. I plan to stay active in church while in college and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for my future.



**Casey  
Larson**

I plan on going to NDSU this fall but I am undecided as to a major. I'm going to play softball on the church team this summer and any summer I'm around town. I will miss my friends the most from high school. I am sure that I will make plenty more friends as I continue on to college.



**Nich  
Leopold**



This summer I'm planning on just working a lot and possibly attending Presbyterian Clearwater Forest for the last time. I'm hoping to attend NDSU or MSUM although I am not really sure what to major in. The thing I'll miss most about high school are all the great people that I know that will now be moving away. I still am planning on regularly attending our church.



**Amy  
Matzke**



My future plans are to attend MSUM and pursue a degree in Elementary Education. I am excited to be leaving high school and to move on to the next phase of my life. I will miss my friends and being a part of the dance team after high school. I plan on staying active in the church and to continue teaching Sunday School. I know I can accomplish the goals I have set for myself, one step at a time.



**Christian  
Steffen**

My future plans are to attend Valley City State University for generals then transferring to NDSU for Civil Engineering. I'll get a part-time job to pay for expenses. The thing I will miss the most about high school is hanging out with friends. I will try to stay as active as I can with the church by doing various things like softball and going on the Sundays that I can make it to town.

