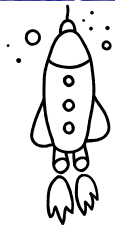


# COMMUNITY CALL

Ministers: The People of God; Pastor: Rev. D. Matthew Stith  
702 Sheyenne St., P.O. 546, West Fargo, ND 58078 701-282-4135 E-mail: office@cpcwf.org Web: http://cpcwf.org



## 3-2-1 LIFT OFF!

In the week of August 5th through 9th, the church will be taking off. Adults and kids

will be able to experience the panoramic view of God's love, fuel their journey through Power Prayer Bible verses, and launch into action serving others. Programs are scheduled for adults and kids, aged 0-100+ years. If you can help or attend, don't forget to sign up using the forms on page 10. Also, whether teaching or attending, don't forget to sign up for the evening meals.

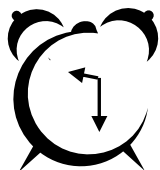
See you there!

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Interested in going to Bible Camp this summer? Scholarships of \$100 per child are available through the Presbyterian Women. For more information, call Delores Horn at 282-4501.



## DON'T FORGET



CPC's summer worship services are held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

## PASTOR'S PEN

Statistics, we often hear, don't tell the whole story, and this is undoubtedly true in many cases.



Sometimes, however, the numbers say plenty. In my meeting last month with Rev. Dr. John Gicheru, a Presbyterian minister and professor from Kenya, I heard some numbers related to the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in Kenya that just about dropped me in my tracks:

Number of deaths in Kenya from  
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HIV/AIDS since the disease was discovered: 2 million

Number of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS: 2 million

Number of people currently living with HIV/AIDS: 1.6 million

Number of those who are children: 100,000

Deaths per day in Kenya from HIV/AIDS: 400

Pretty sobering, isn't it?

The reasons for the horrible impact of this disease in Kenya (or, for that matter, in most other countries in sub-Saharan Africa) are many: ignorance about the disease, widespread poverty, minimal access to health care, and deeply ingrained cultural patterns that make it easy for the disease to spread all play a role. The facts of the matter are that the death toll and the death rate will certainly rise in the coming years, and that this situation will continue to get worse until the rate of new infections is brought down.

The Presbyterian Church of East Africa recognizes these facts. In order to save lives and improve conditions for all Kenyans, the church is making the fight against HIV/AIDS a central priority of its mission. In pursuit of this priority, the PCEA is adopting a program that was developed by the Anglican Church in Uganda, and which played a large role in the dramatic improvement of the HIV/AIDS infection rate in that country. The cornerstone of this program is teaching people the "ABC's" of HIV/AIDS prevention:

A = Abstinence before marriage

B = Be faithful to your spouse

C = Condoms should be used by those who choose to go against the teachings of the church on these matters, or those

in marriages where one or both are already infected

The plan is to train and equip 5000 elders to go into the homes of the members of their churches, to educate them about the disease and to exhort them to follow the "ABC's." Elders are the ideal front line troops in the battle against HIV/AIDS because the PCEA simply does not have enough ordained ministers to



reach all the people (something like 800 ministers for 4 million members), and the elders are already each responsible for providing pastoral care and leadership to a "district" of 5-10 families, with whom they meet regularly.

Over the next few years, groups of elders will be brought to Presbyterian College in Kikuyu, outside Nairobi, for intensive training in the program. Upon completing this training, each elder will also be given a bicycle, to facilitate visiting as many families as possible in a country where very few people have cars.

It's an ambitious project, but ambitious steps must be taken, if the HIV/AIDS epidemic is to be turned back before it destroys Africa altogether. If that sounds overly melodramatic, I don't know what to tell you except that it is, as I see it, the simple truth.

So where do we come in? By giving just a little of what God has given us in support of this effort. The cost of training and a bike for each elder is around \$120. How many lives do you suppose will be saved per elder trained? The PC (USA) has set up what is called an Extra Commitment Opportunity (ECO) for those who wish to be a part of this fight. That means that our church can forward any gifts that we might offer for the pur-

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pose to the PC(USA), which will in turn give the funds to those who are running the program. If you feel called to support this life-saving ministry among our brothers and sisters in Kenya, you may place it in the offering plate, drop it by the church office, or mail it to the church. Checks should be made payable to "PC(USA)" with your check labeled "E053505," which is the account number for this project. If you prefer to donate online, you may do so at <http://www.pcusa.org/give>. Simply enter the ECO number (E053505) in the search box, then click on the link for "AIDS Crisis in Presbyterian Church East Africa."

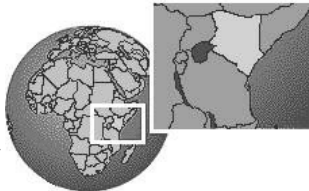
I hope you will join me, and our faithful brothers and sisters in Kenya, in this effort to save the lives of so many of God's beloved children.

**PRAYERS PLEASE**

Don't forget to remember and pray for Jenna Barentsen on a mission trip to Kenya. What is printed below is an excerpt from one of her published anecdotes:

"...I planted one tree and one passion fruit plant at the school and then we moved on to Gianchuku...We had lunch at the school there and I have to say, that was the best food I have ever had here! The women sang for us and so did the students. Edwin decided that my Kenyan name should be Makena, which means one who is always happy. The ladies and the students all started calling me by that name and everyone laughed because when ever they said it I smiled..."

For more information on Jenna's travels you can read her blog at <http://safarisummer.blogspot.com/>.

**ANOTHER JOURNEY TO AFRICA**

Blair Moorhead is excited to be the second member of our church heading to Kenya this summer! She is leaving in August as a member of the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program (Check it out at <http://www.pcusa.org/msr/youngadult.htm>). The YAV program is a one-year service opportunity that also focuses on the individual volunteer's development in Christ and community. The program offers outstanding spiritual support for volunteers including regular group retreats and travel. While placements have not been finalized yet, it looks like Blair will be spending the upcoming year with the All Africa Conference of Churches in their HIV/AIDS or women's rights outreach programs. She is one of 4 PC(USA) volunteers going to Kenya and will be joined by volunteers from a similar Lutheran group.

After visiting our sister congregations in Kenya last year, Blair felt called to service abroad. Blair is incredibly excited about this unique opportunity to volunteer faithfully with the PC(USA). The trip costs \$10,000, and Blair is currently in the middle of fund-raising. Any contributions the congregation could possibly add would be so appreciated. Please also keep her in your prayers during this year of service and growth. Feel free to stop Blair at church and ask her any questions you might have about the Young Adult Volunteer program.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR FLORENZ BJORNSON**

Florenz Bjornson's family will be hosting an Open House for her 90th birthday the end of July. It will be the last week end but the date has not been set. Please put this on your calendar and mention it to other people that know Florenz.



## JUNE CLERK'S CORNER

The Session met on Thursday, June 21. Cheryl Montgomery, treasurer reported that at this time the church has needed to borrow \$11,508 against the note at Alerus to be able to pay the bills. She stated that the contributions have been much smaller than usual this summer. Please bring your pledges up to date so that we do not have to borrow more to pay the bills. She also reported on getting on-line banking for the church. There is another article on this elsewhere in this newsletter.

Randy and Joyce Ackerman and Beth Schwab were accepted into membership in our church.

A mission group from United Presbyterian Church of Denison, Iowa was given permission to stay overnight at our church on July 21. They are going to be in the area to do some volunteer work in Barnesville, MN. The group consists of 12 teen aged youths and 4 adults. We hope to have them speak during worship on July 22.

Approval was given to the family of Florenz Bjornson to hold an Open House for her on the last weekend in July. They have not set the specific day at this time. They will be celebrating her 90th birthday. The women of PW will be helping to arrange the Open House. Anyone wishing to help that weekend should call Marlys Martin or Delores Horn.

Pastor Stith's request for release time to attend a Mission Conference in Louisville, Kentucky was approved. The Presbytery has asked him to attend this conference and they will be paying his expenses.

The Session approved the request from Sandy and Kevin Kosena to have their son, Carter baptized on July 1 providing that they meet with Pastor Stith before then and also that two elders will meet with them. Sandy Kosena is the daughter of Jim and Brenda Bjorklund.

The Stewardship Committee presented the session with an outline for a plan for a capital campaign to be held from December 1, 2007 to January 31, 2010. The Session approved the outline and authorized the committee to prepare a more detailed proposal to be presented to the Session for approval. One of the requirements of getting a loan for Project Open Door was to have a capital campaign once the building was done.

A request to place a sign in the back of a pickup in the parking lot publicizing Vacation Bible School was approved.

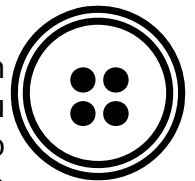
A total of 78 persons were served Communion on June 10.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session

## CRAFTERS WANTED

Don't have time to finish those craft projects you started this fall? Need to work on a baby quilt for the new arrival? Want to spend some time organizing those vacation pictures? Now you have time!

Craft night at Community Presbyterian Church will the third Saturday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The summer meetings will be Saturdays, July 21 and August 18. Come, join us in the fellowship hall and finish or at least start those projects you want to get done. If you plan to come, please call Karen Steele (277-8843), so she can plan a snack.



## JULY DATES TO REMEMBER



### BIRTHDAYS

- 7-3 Tiffany Peihl
- 7-4 Carly Hager
- 7-5 Robert (Bob) Olson
- 7-6 Logan Jaskowskiak
- 7-7 Leann Montgomery
- 7-8 Taylor Birrenkott  
Curtis Hemm  
Dolores Meyer
- 7-9 Michelle Jenner  
Dixie Pederson  
Kristen Richard
- 7-10 Justin Hill
- 7-14 Alicia Whitcomb
- 7-16 Cami Birrenkott
- 7-17 Roy Johnson  
Marj Meester
- 7-19 Boots Misheski
- 7-20 Don Rehling
- 7-22 Tammy Bahls
- 7-24 Judy Pederson
- 7-27 Jim Bjorklund
- 7-28 Nick Peihl
- 7-30 Yvonne Hummel

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 7-2-60 – Gary and Carol Duggan
- 7-17-04 - Joe and Melissa Eiter
- 7-20-68 – Dave and Gloria Ruhnke
- 7-23-94 – Matt and Toni Stith
- 7-27-52 – Don and Greta Rehling
- 7-27-02 - Andrew and Janine Steele



## OUR FAMILY LABELS: TRASH TO TREASURE

Thanks to all who helped collect Our Family UPC labels. We were able to meet our goal of 500 labels, plus some extra. With five cents per label plus the \$25.00 bonus that Sun Mart awards for beginner participants, we should soon be receiving a check for \$584 toward our Vacation Bible School program in August.

## AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER



### BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 Gayle Thostenson
- 8-3 Goodie Paulsen
- 8-4 LeRoy Bowman
- 8-6 Christian Steffen
- 8-7 Brandon Witt
- 8-8 McKenna Ohm  
Brandon Smith
- 8-9 Donna Jenner
- 8-11 David Hemm  
Judy McLeod
- 8-12 Paige Pederson
- 8-13 Brandon Smith
- 8-15 Carol Sterup  
Chuck Thompson
- 8-18 Dixie Smith  
Mayim Stith
- 8-23 Arlyn Meyer  
Paula Sebelius
- 8-24 Tara Sheeley
- 8-25 Brett Colliton  
Greta Rehling  
Tona Sweeney
- 8-28 Stephani Steffen
- 8-30 Erica Bahls  
Marlys Martin
- 8-31 Esther Bowman  
Nancy Kassman  
Lisa Steffen

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 8-2-68 – Gordy and Judy Pederson
- 8-7-50 – LeRoy and Esther Bowman
- 8-9-59 – Dean and Joan Hall
- 8-14-81 – Roger and Melissa Barenthsen
- 8-11-62 – Anneus and Marj Meester
- 8-15-00 – Allen and Arlyn Meyer
- 8-18-73 – Bob and Susan Gross
- 8-18-90 - Steve and Sue Hanna
- 8-19-06 - Curt and Kadra Brophy
- 8-20-66 – Rae and Edsel Kercher
- 8-21-60 – Jim and Brenda Bjorklund



## NOTE TO HS PARENTS AND THEIR STUDENTS:

This coming year, I will be changing a few things to help make the youth group a little easier to maintain. One of these things will be that the youth will meet at the church every Sunday at 7:00 p.m., instead of 6:30. The kids will still be able to show up at 6:30, but if we have meals, it will be a specially planned event and not something to be expected every week. Instead, the HS Soul Train is going to open up its own Coffee House, which, ironically, is what the Sunday night will be called. I am asking for the loan or donation of spare coffee pots or cappuccino machines over the course of the next year. The Sunday night events will have an unchanging schedule of devotion, games, and social time.

Besides having a steady meeting time, we will also be able to plan out-of-the-ordinary events. These events will incorporate similar things to what the HS did last year like Valley Fair, concerts, and even skiing, or tubing. I am planning on having a monthly calendar that will highlight these types of events. Hopefully, this will give both the students and their parents a better idea of what is going on from month to month. If nothing else, it will give me a better way to be flexible from month to month, but still have a determined meeting time instead of planning from week to week. This schedule will also give the students and me a good opportunity to have fun, but also focus a bit more on our daily walks with Jesus Christ.

We will give this new type of curriculum, so to speak, a whirl this year and see if it helps everyone involved. I would love to hear anyone's input in how I can better inform the parents and the students, but I think this plan will keep us all up to date. So, if you have any questions,

comments, or coffee pots/grounds to donate/loan, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,  
Curtis P. Brophy  
(219-9486 or brocur@yahoo.com)

## YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT



Budgeted 2007 giving:  
\$157,328.49

Or 52 weeks @  
\$3,025.55/week

	BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL GIVING
<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
6/17/07	\$72,613.20	\$62,647.37

As of June 17, the year-to-date actual giving to CPC's general fund is at \$62,647, compared to the \$72,613 budgeted for the same time period.

These figures do not include the \$20,000 mortgage payment budget which is being funded from proceeds of the Project Open Door Capital Campaign.

In order to meet this budget shortfall, the church has \$11,500 outstanding on our operating loan at the bank. (Please note: borrowing against our reserves is typical for the summer months, but this practice does result in added interest expense to the church.)

One of the ways the Stewardship Committee is working to even our cash flows is to offer direct deposit or electronic deposits to pay tithe. We have the necessary approvals from Session, and we have the mechanism set up at the bank, so be watching for more details on this new service in future mailings. In the meantime, you can give the church a call at (701) 282-4135 or send an e-mail (office@cpcwf.org) to let us know if you are interested. We will get back to you with the particulars.

## SOUL TRAIN SUMMER ACTIVITIES



We are in the midst of summer, and I hope everyone is enjoying it as much as I am. This, as many people think, does not mean Soul Train is on a summer hiatus. We actually have a lot going on for our youth.

The first event is Sonshine festival in Willmar MN. It is held on July 12-14 this year and will cost 63 dollars per ticket. This event is open to anyone who is interested, but I am specifically targeting the HS group and its incoming 9th graders. Although tickets can be purchased at the event, I need to get an idea of who is going to go ASAP. This way, we will be able to plan with the West Fargo youth council, so we can prepare a campsite and travel with a group that has some experience with the event. It is possible, however, that if we get a big group to go from our church, we would car pool with just that group.

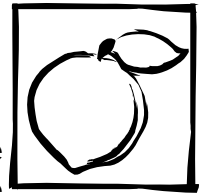
The second event is in August and will be available to both HS and MS groups as well as any adults who are interested in chaperoning. August 10th and 11th the local Presbyterian churches have planned a camping trip at Itasca State Park. The weekend will incorporate anywhere from camping, to canoeing, to bike riding. The event will cost each individual \$35, which includes meals/snack, camping and canoeing. Anyone who goes will have the option to bring their own bike and helmet or rent them at the park for \$10. Even if this event is a little ways in the future, we need to start getting an idea of who can go, so that we can reserve spots. If you are

interested in going, please talk to me personally at church or on the phone. I have information and sign up sheets available.

As always, Soul Train will have its annual day at the lake. Becky and Lisa have planned this event as of right now to be July 27. These three events are looking to be a ton of fun. I am looking forward to both these events as well as the new school year that will be upon us before we know it.

Curtis P. Brophy  
(219-9486 or brocur@yahoo.com)

## PEACHES FOR THE EATING



Mmm! Dripping, juicy, freshly picked peaches—the stuff summers are made of—are coming our way once again. Starting in July, Red River Youth for Christ will be selling cases of peaches (and some pears too), hand-picked from Colorado.

All peaches will be sold at twenty-six dollars per case. While the pears (only available at the fourth delivery around August 21), will be sold at twenty-three dollars per case.

Delivery times are estimates, but they hope to deliver their first shipment of Red Haven peaches around July 25, and Glow Haven peaches will be delivered to Fargo around August 6, 14, and 21.

This is a great way to be healthy, satisfy your sweet tooth, and help a worthy cause. So, don't forget to pick up your detailed sign-up sheet in the narthex and mail in your check to reserve your fresh fruit today. Questions? Call the Youth for Christ office at 237-6682.



## JUNE TRUSTEE TALK

June 18--Ray Christopherson, Derrick Leopold, Scott Meyer, Larry Piehl (Session Liaison), and Andrew Thostenson were in attendance. Bob Galt and Bob Olson were absent.



Trustees met on June 18 instead of the originally scheduled date (June 13) because of that day's intense rainfall which caused severe street flooding in West Fargo.

Before the meeting ensued, the Trustees installed air conditioning units in the pastor's office and in the conference room. They also hooked up the second bank of lights in the church office.

The Worship Committee submitted a written series of requests to upgrade and modify various parts of the sanctuary. The trustees tabled discussion on this until they could meet with the Worship Committee face to face the week of June 25th.

A review of the drainage problems on the NE corner of the church was covered. Water ponding along the west side of the of the church caused modest seepage into the kitchen and the fellowship hall on June 13th. Andrew reported that trenching and pumping the ponding water quickly eliminated the seepage and fans and shop vacuuming swiftly cleaned up the water in the basement. Landscaping is the long-term solution to this problem and plans are in the works to attack this as soon as weather permits.

Larry reported that the locks had been changed throughout the older portion of the building and he was working with Pastor Matt to distribute keys to the appropriate people.

Roofing matters were reviewed next.

Scott reported that Lee's Roofing had completed the patches and were planning on adding the new downspout in the next week. (In fact, the downspout was installed on June 20th.) Since patching, leaks have not been detected. Perhaps now we can rest easy. In the meanwhile, Lee's Roofing has an estimate for roof replacement, and Scott will follow-up on getting a couple more bids for planning purposes for 2008.

Larry and Scott covered the asphaltting needs for the West Parking Lot. We have a bid for seal coating and asphaltting the turnaround. Scott will follow-up on scheduling with the contractor.

Andrew will solicit estimates for asphalt work on the East Parking Lot for 2008 planning purposes.

Scott reported that a remote light switch can be installed near the new sanctuary door, but amperage limitations on the switch will require that all the lights be converted over to low wattage florescent bulbs before this can be done. Andrew will work with Bob Wenzloff to see to it that this is done in the next two weeks.

The next regular meeting of the Trustees will be held July 11 at 7:00 pm.

## SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

Once again we are helping the YWCA help the area's needy children get ready for school.



It is essential that all supplies are at the church by **JULY 15!** The most needed items are 2 inch binders, markers, backpacks, hi-liters, loose-leaf paper, scissors, glue, red pens, crayons, and colored pencils.

Thank you to all who donated to Presbyterian Clearwater Forest in May. We received \$412 toward our goal of \$500 to help build a new dock.

**INTERVIEWS  
BY MS SOUL TRAIN:  
LIA DOBRINZ**

**Personal Information**

Birth date - February 24, 1971  
 Birthplace - Colorado Springs, CO  
 High school - graduated  
     from West Fargo, ND  
 Occupation - Occupational Therapist  
 Married - Lee in Fargo on June 11,  
     1994 at Emmanuel Lutheran  
 Children - Sophia and Olivia  
 Joined Community Presbyterian  
     Church - 2006

**Favorites**

Author - Truman Capote  
 Restaurant - Grazie's Italian Grill  
 Foods-Italian, Chinese, Mexican-all  
 Household Chore - cooking  
 Least favorite chore - bathrooms  
 Animal/Pet - dogs

**Would You Rather**

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

... always have to say everything on your mind or never speak again?  
 ... be gossiped about or never talked about at all!?  
 ... have sand in your shorts or water in your ear?  
 ... have one wish granted today or three 10 years from now?  
 ... drink out of a toilet bowl or eat mysterious morsels out of a garbage disposal?

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I had the chance to sit and interview Lia Dobrinz. She told me many interesting things. The best gift that Lia received

was from her husband, Lee. Lee had surprised her with a scavenger hunt of old memories. It ended at an airport where they left for their honeymoon. Lia liked this gift the best because it took time. She also liked it because it took some thinking on Lee's part.



Lia's favorite place to hang out as a kid was at her grandma and grandpa's house. She remembers playing football with her brothers in their grandparent's back yard. She would also read out there. She liked it because it was quiet and peaceful.

Lia had an idea about how her life would turn out. She didn't think she'd end up how she did. She knew she would get married and have a family but she thought that she would be living somewhere else.

What makes Lia really mad is lies. It bugs her when people don't just say how they feel. This may sound cliché but the world would be a better place if everyone told the truth.

You now all know Lia Dobrinz a little bit better.

Interviewed By:  
 Taylor Birrenkott  
 8th grade  
 April 22, 2007

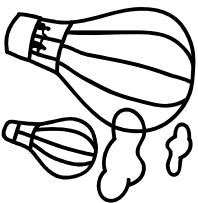
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**"Would You Rather" answers:**

(Would You Rather answers: say everything, never talked about, sand in shorts, one wish today, toilet bowl)

# Lift Off!!

Soaring to New Heights with God



## Vacation Bible School

Community Presbyterian Church  
702 Sheyenne St., West Fargo, ND  
(701) 282-4135

Date: August 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Dinner: 6:00 to 6:30pm

Program: 6:30 to 8:00pm

Classes for all ages:

Preschool through Adult

(Nursery care provided)

Activities:

Bible Storytellers, Music, Puppets, Games,  
Crafts, Science fun, Snacks,

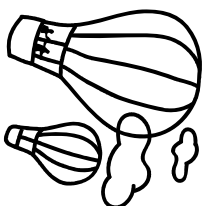
(MS/HS) Youth Group Service Projects

Like to Help? Contact Toni Stith

(282-2715 or [tonistith@yahoo.com](mailto:tonistith@yahoo.com))

**Register Today!!**

Don't forget to register for Vacation Bible School! Please share extra forms with family, friends, and neighbors. We want everyone to have a chance to soar to new heights with God.



Community Presbyterian Church  
Vacation Bible School  
August 5 through 9

## Registration Form

Name(s) and age(s)/grade(s) completed participating in VBS, include adults and nursery care:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

How many of you and what nights shall we plan for you to join us for dinner?

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special dietary needs to consider for dinner or snacks?

\_\_\_\_\_

Who will pick up VBS participants?

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact phone #

\_\_\_\_\_