

Fill out the form below, cut it out, fold it in half, tape it, stamp it and post it or drop it at the church office to register your child for VBS!
(For more information on Veggie Tales Veggie Town, see page 1.)



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 learn God's family values at Veggie Tales Veggie Town.

VEGGIE TALES VEGGIE TOWN

Community Presbyterian Church

Vacation Bible School

August 2 through 6



Registration Form

Name(s) and age(s)/ *completed* grade(s) : _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

All are welcome to dine with us. Please note below how many of you will join us for dinner?

Sun___ Mon___ Tues___ Wed___ Thurs___

Will someone besides parents pick up VBS participants? If so, who? _____

Emergency contact phone #

Are there any special concerns?

I would like to know more about this church.



Place
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**Attn: Carrie Leopold
Community Presbyterian Church
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West Fargo, ND 58078**

COMMUNITY CALL

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VEGGIE TALES VEGGIE TOWN

Kids, come and see Larry, Bob, Junior, and the gang and learn about Family Values. They'll be here at the church for Vacation Bible School every evening of August 2 through 6. We'll start with dinner at 6:00 p.m., with activities beginning at 6:20, and ending with music in the sanctuary at 8:15 p.m.

Grown-ups, don't forget to sign up to teach or help on the list in the fellowship hall. We will need a total of five teams of two teachers who will co-teach at five different stations each night. We also will need helpers for snacks and decorations and at least four actors. Those who participate in VBS have sooooo much fun, and the kids do too.

In addition, please take a peek at our wish list which will be posted later in the narthex. Any contributions are always appreciated.

Questions? Contact one of the Christian Education Committee members:

Carrie Leopold, Session Committee Chair	282-9213
Becky DeJong	281-8122
Debbie Matzke	282-9463
Boots Misheski	282-5429
Lisa Steffen	282-5308
Toni Stith	282-2715
Gayle Thostenson	492-0630

PASTOR'S PEN



It's always cool when you get to walk in the footsteps of a hero. And it's even more so when the opportunity comes as a complete surprise. Toni and I had such a surprising encounter with the legacy of one of the great heroes of American Presbyterianism during our recent vacation. Looking for a Presbyterian church in which to worship somewhere in the vicinity of Breckenridge, Colorado, we found, on the internet, a small congregation in the tiny town of Fairplay, CO. We knew nothing about the place, except that it was about 30 miles from where we were staying over a high pass. So, on Sunday morning, we headed up the twisty roads to Hoosier Pass, and found ourselves cruising into Fairplay for worship at the South Park Commu-

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nity Church (no relation to the vile cartoon show South Park, of course).

We had a lovely time with a really neat congregation in that little building (60 people pretty much filled the sanctuary), but none of the worshippers was the hero I mentioned. He was there quite a while before we arrived. It turns out that this church was founded in 1872, and the building erected in 1874, under the leadership of none other than Rev. Sheldon Jackson! Imagine my excitement!

Oh. You say you've never heard of Sheldon Jackson? Well, there's no time like the present! Jackson (a fellow alumnus of Princeton Theological Seminary, by the way) was, by most accounts, the greatest of all the Presbyterian missionaries who served during the opening of the American frontier. Between his ordination in 1858 and his death in 1909, he founded over 100 churches in the American west and was a highly popular mission speaker as well. His most famous and far-reaching work was done in the brand new territory of Alaska, where he worked from 1877 until his death. Not only did he found numerous churches and missions among the Alaskan natives, he also was responsible for establishing the entire system of higher education in Alaska, founding training and technical schools, and rescuing the Sitka Industrial Training School from imminent closure. That school was renamed Sheldon Jackson College after his death, and served a key role in education and outreach to native Alaskans for



almost a century. Oh, and in his "spare time," Rev. Jackson imported reindeer from Siberia to open up new food and transportation resources for the native tribes whose livelihoods were threatened by commercial whaling and seal hunting.

Of course, Jackson was not perfect, no more than any of us are. Some of his methods and philosophies would be rejected by modern educators and missionaries alike. But what remains true to this day, and what makes Sheldon Jackson a hero in my eyes, is the undeniable fact that he spent his prodigious gifts and energy without reservation in service to God, service to his fellow men and women, and obedience to Jesus' command to go out and make disciples of all the world. The vibrant, joyous worship of some 60 people in that 135-year-old church building in Fairplay, Colorado was a loud and clear testament to his success, and I am honored to have been even a small part of his legacy.

SOUL TRAIN'S DAY AT THE LAKE

All Soul Train youth and their families are invited to attend a day at the lake at Steffen's cabin on July 30. It will be a day of boating, food, swimming, food, lounging, food, and play. Individuals are asked to bring their sunscreen, towels, swimsuit, and \$15 to cover gas, snacks, and meals (\$30 for families).

Interested? Sign up in the narthex or contact Lisa Steffen (282-5308; steffen2@far.midco.net) or Becky DeJong (tbdejong@cablone.net; 281-8122).





JUNE CLERK'S CORNER

Session met on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 7:00 pm. All except Melissa

Eiter were present.

Session approved the baptism for Lucas Jeffrey Misheski, the son of Michael & Courtenay Misheski, scheduled for June 21, 2009, and approved the transfer of Michael & Courtenay Misheski to Community Presbyterian Church.

A request was received from the Presbyterian Women to make children's activity bags to have in church for children ages 2-6. Bags could be taken home by the children or left at the church. Session approved this request.

A request was made to move Keith Sebelius and Paula Sebelius to the inactive list as Keith is living in Alaska and Paula is no longer attending. Session approved moving both to the inactive list. A discussion on the inactive list and how long people are left on there was also held.

Carrie Leopold and the Christian Education Committee are working on Vacation Bible School details. Also a discussion was held about the required duties of the youth director position. Vicki Riedinger and the Personnel Committee are working on details regarding the youth director job description.

Larry Peihl reported that the trustees plan to proceed with installing a church sign by mid July. They have worked out details with Esther Hemm whose parents gave the original sign. They are also looking at installing a sanitizer (dishwasher) in the kitchen. A member has offered to donate the money to pur-

chase one.

Kent Vail and the Stewardship Committee want to remind Session of the meeting coming up on June 23 – brainstorming ideas to address the financial needs of the church.

Jack Smith reported that the deacons have visited with Hank and Hazel Yokum who were homebound. They hope to start coming back to church regularly this summer and really appreciated the visit. If anyone has greeting cards, they are welcome to donate them to the deacons. There will be a training class this fall for additional people who would be willing to take communion to shut in members. If you are interested please let Jack Smith know.

Vicky Whitcomb reported that the Mission Committee is collecting school supplies for the months of June and July.

Nominating, Worship, and Service and Fellowship committees had nothing to report.

Pastor Stith reported that they had a very nice vacation in Colorado and attended a small Presbyterian church out in Fairplay that was 134 yrs old. He also mentioned that the special offering funds for Kenya were at the Presbytery and about to be wired. Our church alone raised over half of the total monies (\$3000) collected for Kenya. *<Editor's note: current total presbytery monies collected for Kenya surpass \$5,200>*

The clerk reported 94 people were served communion on Sunday, May 31. Dixon Moorhead preached while Pastor Stith was gone on June 7 and 14.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Vicki Riedinger at 7:50 p.m.

Vicki Peihl, Clerk of Session

**JULY DATES
TO REMEMBER**

BIRTHDAYS

- 7-3 Tiffany Peihl
- 7-4 Carly Hager
- 7-5 Robert (Bob) Olson
- 7-7 Leann Montgomery
- 7-8 Taylor Birrenkott
Curtis Hemm
Dolores Meyer
- 7-9 Michelle Jenner
Kristen Richard
- 7-10 Justin Hill
- 7-14 Alicia Whitcomb
- 7-15 Duane Randle
- 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

**JULY
SOFTBALL
SCHEDULE**

- 7/1 @Calvary I/Calvary II
Discovery N/S
- 7/8 @Pontoppidan/@Red River
Lewis & Clark W/E
- 7/15 Atonement I/@Atonement II
McKinley E/E
- 7/17-18 Tournaments



**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 Rose Gellner
Donna Jenner
- 8-11 David Hemm
Judy McLeod
- 8-13 Branden Smith
- 8-15 Carol Sterup
Chuck Thompson
- 8-18 Dixie Smith
- 8-18 Mayim Stith
- 8-23 Paula Sebelius
- 8-24 Tara Sheeley
- 8-25 Brett Colliton
Lyle Hamre
Greta Rehling
- 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 Barentsen
- 8-11-62 – Anneus and Marj Meester
- 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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budgeted 2009 giving:
\$165,747.79 / 52 weeks =
\$3,187.46 per week



<u>Week</u>	<u>Budgeted Giving to Date</u>	<u>Actual Giving to Date</u>
6/14/09	\$76,499	\$68,248

As we pray for our church and church family, may we be generous with our contributions in order to continue to do our ministry.

These figures do not include the mortgage payments, which are funded from the building fund money market (Project Open Door giving). Currently we have funds available in the building fund money market to make mortgage payments through August.

Adopt-an-Expense contributions to date total \$3107.00 to pay toward our loan of \$11,141.00 from 2008.



ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

Don't forget to send in your updated contact information for the electronic directory soon.

This pdf file will be only an e-mail away from those who request it. Simply call or send your request to Gayle Thosten-son (atgtet@far.midco.net or 492-0630).

WHO ARE THE DEACONS?

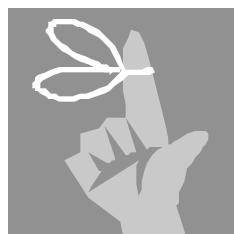


I'm not quite sure how this happens, but greeting cards seem to multiply in my desk drawer. Maybe it's because I can't seem to pass a greeting card stand without browsing and usually buying. If you're like me and you find you have extra cards that you would like to put to good use, the Deacons are always happy to get donations and who knows... maybe one of them will get sent back to you!

As you know, home and hospital visits are a part of the Deacons role. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please feel free to contact one of the Deacons. If you would like to have a visit by Matt, please contact him directly or ask one of the Deacons to assist you.

During our monthly meetings we discuss the needs of members and ways in which we can be of service. So many times those needs have already been filled by one of you. The Deacons would like to thank all of you for the many ways you care for your "church family". Whether it was delivering food, offering a ride or making a visit, your actions are a testimony to all of us and we wanted to let you know how much those acts of kindness are appreciated. So THANK YOU and have a safe and happy summer!

Linda Bishop



PLEASE REMEMBER:
On Sunday, May 31st, summer hours began.
Worship services will be at 9:30 a.m.
throughout the summer.

INTERVIEWS BY MS SOUL TRAIN: REED MONTGOMERY

Personal Information

Birth date - May 26, 1987
 Birth place - Fargo, ND
 High school - graduated from
 West Fargo High School
 College - NDSU - junior
 Joined Community Presbyterian
 Church - confirmed in HS
 Occupation - TNT Fitness/student

Favorites

Movies - Friday Night Lights, Su-
perbad
 Athlete - Deion Sanders
 Color - light blue
 Food - Steak, French Fries
 Restaurant - Applebees - the Ulti-
 mate Trio
 Football Team - San Francisco
 49er's

Would You Rather

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

- ... be caught singing in the mirror or spying on your crush?
- ... not be able to use your phone or your e-mail?
- ... have the ability to see ten years into your own future or one year into the future of the world?
- ... in a fire, save a sibling or a stranger?
- ... forget who you are or who everyone else is?

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Hi, my name is Derek and I got to interview Reed. Reed likes to play guitar, and he used to play saxophone.

If he could move and live anywhere, he'd move to Long Beach, California. When asked why, he replied, "Cus it's a nice place."

Reed didn't learn to drive a car from any old school. His parents taught him. It only took a couple of months.

His pet peeve is when his little brother, Ross, thinks he is stronger and smarter than he is. Reed assures me that he's definitely not!

In college, he likes to play lacrosse. He plays the position of defense.

Interviewed by:  
 Derek Schindlebeck  
 6th grade  
 March 8, 2009

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My name is Tom and I interviewed Reed Montgomery. I asked Reed, where would you like to live most of all, and why? He replied, "I would like to live in Long Beach, California." It would be fun to live by the beach. I also asked him where in the world he would like to visit and why? He said that he would visit Australia, because it looks and sounds

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like a cool place to visit and just an all around fun place to visit.

Another question I asked him was what was the most unusual or disgusting thing you ever ate and what were the circumstances? He said that his science teacher in high school brought goat milk ice cream to school, and he couldn't finish all of it. Reed doesn't like to cook, and when he has to eat, he makes his roommates cook for him.

I asked him if he is playing any sports, and he said he plays lacrosse for NDSU, and his team is going to be in the play-offs in May. His favorite sports to play are football and lacrosse because of the physical aspect and his favorite sports to watch are football, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse.

Reed played the saxophone and the guitar but only plays the guitar now. He learned to play the saxophone in 6th grade and the guitar in 10th. Not many things make Reed angry, except when his younger brother Ross thinks he can beat him up. His mom and dad both taught him how to drive a car.

Reed Montgomery is a very interesting person to talk to and be around. So if you ever get the chance to meet him, I promise it will be an interesting conversation.

Interviewed by:
Tom Meyer
8th grade
March 8, 2009

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(Would You Rather answers: caught singing, e-mail, future of the world, sibling, everyone else)

**RELAY FOR LIFE  
CPC STYLE**



It's not too late to donate or join in for the fun!!!

July 31st at YMCA West!

Brenda Bjorklund and Brianne Montgomery are putting together a team to walk for a cure for cancer! Join the team and come for a few hours or the whole night!

Relay For Life is done through the American Cancer Society and is about celebration, remembrance, and hope. By participating, we can honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives that have been lost to the disease, and to raise money to help fight it in our community!

We encourage all church members, family, and friends to join this cause and our team! We are collecting donations from church members and the community and are selling luminary bags to help fundraise for this cause (all money goes to the American Cancer Society to help find a cure!)

If you want to donate or join our team go to: [www.relayforlife.org/fargond](http://www.relayforlife.org/fargond) and click on *View Teams* and then *Community Presbyterian Church*.

Questions: Brianne- 701-367-4977; Brenda- 701-282-4942.

*Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.*

**The  
September  
Community Call  
deadline will be  
Sunday,  
August 23**