

COMMUNITY CALL

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at HERO HEADQUARTERS!

Just what you've been waiting for! From 6:20 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. of August 15 through 19, our VBS coordinators, Amy Grossman-Tomsich and Melanie Hansen, will be taking us to Hero Headquarters. There, kids will be introduced to unlikely heroes in the Old and New Testament and of course, Jesus, the ultimate Hero.

There will be games, snacks, crafts, music, skits, and Bible lessons along with time to fellowship with our youth and others from our congregation. Plus, there will be plenty of opportunities to share God's Word and love with others.

How can *you* get involved? *You* can volunteer by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. *You* can donate supplies that are on 'VBS wish list.' *You* can register your child or share the registration form with a neighbor or friend on forms included in this newsletter or provided in the narthex.

But don't wait too long, or your favorite jobs will be taken. Please contact Amy (abg11678@yahoo.com or 729-4126) or Melanie (799-9933 or dreamweddings@cableone.net) soon.

PASTOR'S PEN



This past Sunday, I got to worship in a church that looks like church is supposed to look. Now, before anyone gets too excited, let me explain what I mean. I'm not saying a thing against CPC or the "look" of our sanctuary—far from it. What I mean is that while I was home in Indiana on my vacation, I got to worship at Faith Presbyterian, the church in which I grew up; the church where my parents and grandparents are/were members and elders; and the church which, for me, will forever be entwined with my deepest notions of what "church" looks like. It was at this church, surrounded by

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many of the same people who I got to greet this week, that I first joined in singing the praises of God, praying for his help and thanking him for his blessings together with his people assembled. It was in those Sunday School and Vacation Bible School rooms that I first heard so many of the precious stories and texts that form the backbone of our faith. It was from this pulpit that I heard the Scriptures read and proclaimed, week after week, year after year, all through the first 24 years of my life (It was also on this gravelly diamond that I contracted my lifelong softball addiction, but that's not important right now). In short, that smallish white church, nestled in the midst of what is rapidly turning from the cornfield of my childhood to a residential neighborhood, is where my identity as a Christian was formed and shaped, where God first made clear to me that I was one of his people, and from where I set forth in following his call to service in the world. It would, frankly, be strange if I didn't feel a pretty strong sense of attachment and love for the place, the people, and the particular ways in which we "did" church there.

I am not, as I mentioned, saying all of this as a prelude to urging CPC to be more like my home church, to repaint in white, to remove all the stained glass, and so forth. That would be missing the point entirely. For, just as Faith Church in West Lafayette is inescapably my template for what the church looks like, so also CPC is for those who have grown up here, and for those who may have



Watercolor painting by E.J. Kirsch



grown up elsewhere, but have found here their first true church home. That is how it is supposed to be! My point is, simply, that we ought to be aware of this truth, and of its implications for how seriously we take our own worship, church life, Christian education, fellowship, and more.

Think about it. Just as the saints of Faith Church shaped and molded my idea of what the church is all about, so also we are shaping and molding those ideas for the children, youth, and newer Christians in our own community. The joy with which we worship, the care and reverence with which we engage the Scriptures, the gusto with which we sing, the earnestness with which we pray, the passion with which we teach, the generosity and cheer with which we serve and support, and the love with which we live together all are forming indelible, once-in-a-lifetime impressions of what the church is like and what her people are like. That's a pretty big deal, folks. We only get one shot at it. And it is very far from being the least important thing God has called us to do. The words of the Lord in Deuteronomy 4 make it quite clear that teaching and shaping the next generations are at the core of what it is to be God's people:

Assemble the people for me, and I will let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me as long as they live on the earth, and may teach their children so.

Let us pray that God will guide us in our efforts to be the church "the way church is supposed to look."



**SUMMER
"STAY-CATION"
DONATION
TO THE CHURCH**

You've heard of "stay-cation" (no vacation) because of the economy. The church also struggles in the summer, so here is a way to help the church during the lower giving months of July and August. Instead of doing one of the activities below just donate that amount to the church to help pay down the expense loan! Write on an envelope at church to apply this money toward "stay-cation" expenses. Thanks for your support of the church this summer!

"Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:3). Lose yourself in big things outside yourself, and you will find yourself. The more you give, the more you receive from life. Try it!

Red River Zoo - 1 adult & 1 child - \$13

Cost for 4 to eat at McDonalds - \$15

Cost to eat out for lunch one week -\$30

Coffee latte for one week - \$20

Price for 4 for Red Hawks game - \$20

R.R.V.Fair for 2 adults & 2 children - \$20

18 holes of golf at Casselton - \$22

All state parks pass for one year - \$25

One night tent reservation at Lake Sakakawea State Park - \$23

One night cabin reservation at Lake Sakakawea State Park - \$40

1 July ticket to see White Sox/Twins game in July - \$45

Average price of 1 tank of gas - \$30

Average price of 1 motel room in Minneapolis area - \$75

Lake cabin rental for 1 night (Hideaway Resort in DL) - \$150

Pontoon rental for ½ day - \$125

Canoe for 1 day - \$45

Week at Clearwater Forest Camp - \$360

Black Hills National Park and Monuments package per person - \$196

**JULY
DATES
TO
REMEMBER**



BIRTHDAYS

7-3 Tiffany Peihl

7-4 Carly Hager

7-5 Robert Olson

7-7 Leann Montgomery

7-8 Taylor Birrenkott

Curtis Hemm

Dolores Meyer

7-9 Michelle Jenner

Kristen Richard

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



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
 Mayim Stith
 8-24 Tara Sheeley
 8-25 Brett Colliton
 Lyle Hamre
 Greta Rehling
 8-28 Stephani Steffen
 8-30 Erica Bahls
 Marlys Martin
 8-31 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

RELAY FOR LIFE

July 30th from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at Oak Grove Park, sign up to be a part of the team: come for a few hours or all night!

*All money raised goes to the American Cancer Society to find a cure for cancer!

*If you want to join the team or donate, go to :

www.relayforlife.org/fargond

-Click on View All Teams and then on Community Presbyterian Church

Questions?? Contact at Brianne at brianne_montgomery@cargill.com or at 701-367-4977.

Join us to honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives that have been lost, and raise money to help fight it in our community!

Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back. Remember. Fight Back. Celebrate. Remember.

FROM THE DEACONS

We hope that everyone is aware that whenever you have needs you can always call on the Deacons to assist you. One of the ways that the Deacons can help is assistance with transportation to church services or appointments. While it's a little difficult coordinating everyone's schedules, we will certainly try. In the event that you just want to arrange something on your own, the Deacons have placed some FM Ride Source brochures on the desk in the front lobby. We hope that you find them helpful and remember you can always call on us to assist with transportation. Also, if anyone would like to sign up to be a driver, the sign up sheet is in the narthex.



INTERVIEWS BY MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUL TRAIN: VICKIE GROSSNICKLE

Personal Information

Birth date - October 2
Birth place - Fargo, ND
High school - graduated from
West Fargo High School
Occupation - Account Technician
Joined Community Presbyterian
Church - 1960

Favorites

Food - Chocolate Chip Cookies,
Blueberry Pie, Pumpkin Pie
Season - fall
Historical Figure - Teddy Roosevelt
TV Show - My Friend Flicka, Bo-
nanza, Animal Planet
Animal - cat, horse

Would You Rather

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

...burst a huge bubblegum bubble all over your face before having to pick it all off little by little or pick dried super glue off your fingers after spilling a whole tube of it on your hands?

...never be able to cut your fingernails or never be able to cut your toenails?

...be the oldest of five siblings or be the youngest of five siblings?

...have only nine fingers or only two toes?

...have a 20-pound seagull poop on your head or have a camel spit all over you?

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I interviewed Vickie Grossnickle. She had many interesting things to share. She had many different jobs during her life such as a clerk typist, administration secretary and account tech at NDSU.



When she was a kid she hung out at the West Fargo swimming pool because it was the only place to hang out. Some memories of the pool were that the girls would flirt with the guys that were there and that the warming shack sold pop-sicles.

I found out that Vickie can be both early and late but when she is late her mom (Delores Horn) gets mad. Vickie's dad taught her how to drive, and it took a whole summer to learn. She had to learn how to use a stick shift on the tractor.

Vickie thinks it is neat that there are so many Vick(i)(ie)(y)s in our church. When she grew up, there were four of them in high school so she is used to sharing her name.

Vickie was fun to interview and I learned a lot about her.

Interviewed by:  
Marissa Beauchane  
8th grade  
March 14, 2010

I interviewed Vickie Grossnickle. I wondered what the worst thing that she had ever eaten was. Well, what hap-

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pened was when she was about 15 she had come home one day and her mom left her a note that said to put the scalloped potatoes in the oven and that is what she did. A few hours later she tried them to see if they were ready and the milk was curdled!

One memory that she had when she was little was that she grew up on a farm and she would always help her mom when they did chores around the house. Now, she lives on the edge of town and she has horses, and it is like a little horse ranch.

I am glad that I interviewed Vickie, and I think that she is a very nice lady. From my perspective, she is a kind-hearted lady who loves and cares for everyone she meets including me.

Interviewed by:

Kaylee Van Cleve  
8th grade  
March 14, 2010

(Would You Rather answers: bubble-gum, fingernails, oldest, nine fingers, camel)

**CPC  
SOFTBALL  
GAME  
SCHEDULE**



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

Date Location--Opponent

- 7/7 L & C N--Heartland Community  
South High--Living Waters
- 7/14 Discovery S--Calvary II  
Discovery S--Calvary I

\*\*Tournament will be July 23 and 24 at the Anderson Softball Complex\*\*



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

| <u>Week</u> | <u>Budgeted Giving to Date</u> | <u>Actual Giving to Date</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 6/13/10     | \$77,489.04                    | \$71,263.87                  |

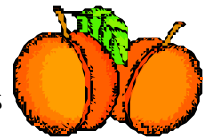
This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We have funds designated to pay the mortgage through August.

The balance of the operating fund loan at this time is \$6,969.25.

The per capita assessment for 2010 is \$12,794.75. So far we have collected \$5,952.35.

In God we pray that as you are enjoying the summer and away on vacation or at the lakes that you will remember to send your contributions to the church in order for us to meet our financial obligations.

**PEACHES AND PEARS**



Red River Youth for Christ is once again offering luscious, juicy Colorado fruit as a FUNDRAISER for their ongoing ministry to youth in the community. All fruit is tree-ripened and freshly hand-picked.



For more information on how to support Red River Youth for Christ and get some of this mouth-dripping fruit for yourself, pick up a flyer in the narthex.

**The September  
Community Call  
deadline will be  
Sunday, August 22**

# Vacation Bible School

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

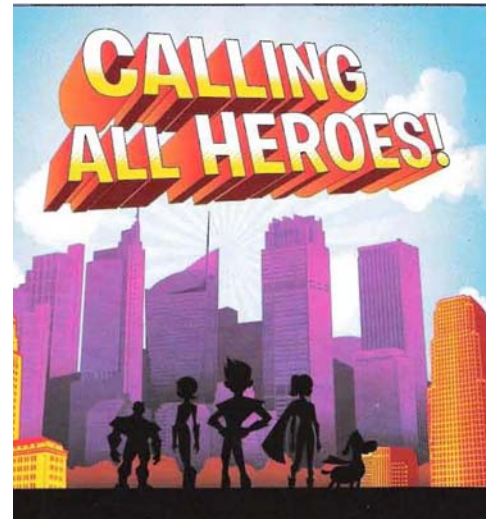
**Date:** August 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Dinner:** 6:00 to 6:20 p.m.

**Program:** 6:20 to 8:30 p.m.

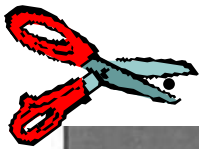
## Activities

For pre-K through 6th grade graduates:  
Bible Storytellers, Music, Games, Crafts, Skits, Snacks



\*\*\*\*REGISTER TODAY!\*\*\*\*

Please share extra forms with family, friends, and neighbors. We want everyone to have a chance to explore God's Word and world together.



## Hero Headquarters Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a special friend your child would like to be with?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Class/Crew Assignment  
(completed by church)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below how many people will be joining us for supper. All are Welcome!

Sun  Mon  Tues  Wed  Thurs

