

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## CAMP IN-A-VAN



Presbyterian Clear-water Forest (PCF) is coming to CPC this summer, August 1st through 5th. Now everyone can go to camp!



How can you get involved? You can donate materials: We'll need empty toilet paper rolls and two bags of potting soil. We'll need food for snacks or help in the kitchen. We'll need assistants to the camp leaders. We'll need hosts for one or more of the PCF leaders. Most importantly, we'll need your prayers that all those involved will experience God's grace and ever present goodness.

Look for more details in upcoming weekly reminders.

## CPC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE



Games are on Wednesday evenings, the first game is at 6:30 p.m. with the second following.

Date	Location--	Opponent
7/6	L & C N--	Heartland Community South High--Prairie Heights
7/13	Discovery S--	Our Redeemer Discovery N--Atonement II

\*\*Tournament will be July 15 and 16 at the Anderson Softball Complex\*\*

## PASTOR'S PEN



Pastor Stith and family are on sabbatical leave. A couple excerpts of their blog are printed below.

### Re-Connecting with family in Ohio

by Toni Stith on June 9

Mayim and I traveled to Findlay, OH, to visit with relatives from my side of the family. It has been 12 years since I last saw them at my brother's wedding and it has been over 20 years since I've been back to Findlay (I lived there for my junior year of high school). This is truly a 're-connecting' experience!

My aunt, uncle, and cousin embrace  
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me and welcome me back with all the warmth the word family implies. We have all aged and our families have grown. Mayim mingles with my cousin's 4 children and her own 4 cousins that accompanied us on this trip. The kids hit it off instantly and the kids table at dinner is a bustle of conversation. They play together inside and out, the door practically revolving with excitement. The adults take turns visiting with each other, sharing stories and pictures. Happiness and God's love were so evident in that place that you could practically touch it!

My cousin's wife had re-counted my cousin's on-going battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma during one of our conversations. I was surprised by the severity of his illness because he was truly upbeat throughout our visit and sincerely happy to see me and my family again. During my study of the Psalms that night, I was touched by verse 10:17 "You listen to the longings of those who suffer. You offer them hope, and you pay attention to their cries for need." I realized while visiting with my extended family that God is not only my God. He is everywhere and His love extends to family that I don't visit with regularly, let alone go to church with on a regular basis. I have witnessed God's love and comfort in our CPC family first hand but I didn't realize the impact that God has on every family. Only He can provide the "peace which passes all understanding" and evidently He can provide it to people who live anywhere and who love Him and call upon Him.

**Terra Firma!**

by Pastor Matt Stith on June 14

Good news: Joram and I (along with the rest of our party) survived our wilder-



ness adventure in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness with flying colors. Traveling for five days through the most beautiful country on Earth with my son and my Dad, my uncle, my friend and his son was a fantastic kick-off for the sabbatical. It wasn't physically restful, I guess, as we paddled and portaged over some 35-40 miles, but the time in the woods, away from cell phones, TV, and everything else except the more or less immediate work of getting from camp to camp, setting up, cooking, eating, cleanup, and packing up the next morning was a rest for the spirit.

**We Took the High Road...**

by Pastor Matt Stith on June 22

...and now we're in Scotland afore ye. Or, I suppose, after ye, if you've been here before. At any rate, the Stiths have arrived at our first stop, the lovely Hilton Grand Vacation Club at Coylumbridge, outside of Aviemore, Scotland. Pictures will be up later, but after our 26-hour travel odyssey of the 20th and 21st, today was mostly taken up by getting our feet under us and catching our breath. The tourism action starts in earnest tomorrow, as we head to Inverness and Loch Ness.

Look out Nessie, here we come!

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To continue following Stiths' adventure before, during, and afterwards visit:

<http://stithsonsabbatical.blogspot.com>

## JUNE CLERKS CORNER



Session met on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 7:10 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Kevin Galt, Steve Hanna, Brent Montgomery, Vicki Riedinger, and Andrew Thostenson. Absent were Carrie Leopold, Carolyn Meester, Jack Smith, Bonnie Thompson.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Nancy Emerson.

Lyle Hamre, formerly of Minot, ND requested to re-activate his membership.

The financial report was presented. The bank note is at \$14,585. Compared to last year, general giving is the same; designated giving is slightly lower. Building fund has dollars to make the mortgage payment through September. Operating expenses are up slightly.

Due to allergies, a member has made a request that perfumes and colognes not be worn to church. Discussion was held. The request will be placed in the bulletin for several months.

A request was made to have the New Life Center luncheon and meeting at the church in January which would require the cancellation of a day of preschool. The church has a contractual obligation with the preschool and can only cancel preschool for funerals. Permission was given for use of the church with the exception of the fellowship hall.

Becky DeJong requested the use of two coffee pots for the Relay for Life on June 24 through 25.

Discussion was held regarding a family undergoing cancer treatments. The church was made aware that this family will need support in many ways in the near future.

Discussion was held on the need for a future upgrade of computer operating

systems. This software program tracks contributions made to the church.

Trustees: New lights have been placed in the narthex and new lights will be placed in the hallway next week. All clocks have been fixed.

Mission Committee: This committee is looking for ways to provide drought relief in Tharaka. Possible options are to ask for free will donations, have an AV presentation, host an outdoor potluck and set up a concession stand during Cruise nights in West Fargo.

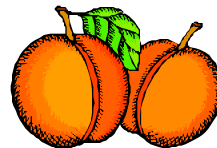
Christian Education, Deacons, Stewardship, Service and Fellowship, Nominating, Personnel, and Worship Committees had no reports.

Moderator's Report: The new form of government for PCUAS did pass. The church will operate under the current book of order for the time being. Kevin Galt is the commissioner for the next presbytery meeting in Casselton.

Clerk's report: 80 people were served communion on Sunday, June 5.

Meeting closed with prayer by Kevin Galt at 8:17 p.m.

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



## PEACHES, PEARS, NECTARINES



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

For more information on how to support Red River Youth for Christ and get some of this mouth-dripping fruit for yourself, go to

<http://www.life979.com/2011/yfc-peach-sale/>  
or call 701-237-5682.

## 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  
 7-16 Cami Birrenkott  
 7-17 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

## WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THE STITHS GOING?

- 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



## AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 Gayle Thostenson  
 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 Donna Leeman  
 Carol Sterup  
 Chuck Thompson  
 8-18 Dixie Smith  
 Mayim Stith  
 8-24 Tara Melich  
 8-25 Brett Colliton  
 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



## LEARN ALONG WITH THE STITHS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

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

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

●Topics will be drawn from the places, people, and events that the Stiths will be studying on their sabbatical pilgrimage. One need not attend all six sessions to participate.

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

●Schedule of Meetings:

July 3: The Huguenots and the Reformation in France

July 17: John Knox and the Church of Scotland

July 24: The Westminster documents and the English Reformation

### COORDINATOR(S) NEEDED



We're still looking to fill the job of Sunday School Coordinator (s). Are you the one(s)? You are if you like to organize and enjoy the fellowship of our church. You are if you have a desire to further our children's relationship with God? You are if you enjoy children, but aren't necessarily a teacher. Hear God's call.

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

## PSALM READING SCHEDULE

| Date                      | Psalm Reading    |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Friday, July 01, 2011     | 65, 66, 67       |
| Saturday, July 02, 2011   | 68               |
| Sunday, July 03, 2011     | 69, 70           |
| Monday, July 04, 2011     | 71, 72           |
| Tuesday, July 05, 2011    | 73               |
| Wednesday, July 06, 2011  | 74, 75, 76       |
| Thursday, July 07, 2011   | 77               |
| Friday, July 08, 2011     | 78               |
| Saturday, July 09, 2011   | 79, 80           |
| Sunday, July 10, 2011     | 81, 82, 83       |
| Monday, July 11, 2011     | 84, 85, 86       |
| Tuesday, July 12, 2011    | 87, 88           |
| Wednesday, July 13, 2011  | 89               |
| Thursday, July 14, 2011   | 90, 91           |
| Friday, July 15, 2011     | 92, 93, 94       |
| Saturday, July 16, 2011   | 95, 96, 97       |
| Sunday, July 17, 2011     | 98, 99, 100, 101 |
| Monday, July 18, 2011     | 102, 103         |
| Tuesday, July 19, 2011    | 104              |
| Wednesday, July 20, 2011  | 105              |
| Thursday, July 21, 2011   | 106              |
| Friday, July 22, 2011     | 107, 108         |
| Saturday, July 23, 2011   | 109, 110         |
| Sunday, July 24, 2011     | 111 - 114        |
| Monday, July 25, 2011     | 115, 116, 117    |
| Tuesday, July 26, 2011    | 118              |
| Wednesday, July 27, 2011  | 119:1-64         |
| Thursday, July 28, 2011   | 119:65-128       |
| Friday, July 29, 2011     | 119:129-176      |
| Saturday, July 30, 2011   | 120 - 126        |
| Sunday, July 31, 2011     | 127 - 131        |
| Monday, August 01, 2011   | 132 - 135        |
| Tuesday, August 02, 2011  | 136, 137, 138    |
| Wednesday, Aug. 03, 2011  | 139, 140         |
| Thursday, August 04, 2011 | 141, 142, 143    |
| Friday, August 05, 2011   | 144, 145, 146    |
| Sat., August 06, 2011     | 147 - 150        |

## FINANCIAL REPORT



Budgeted 2011 giving:  
\$162,496.42 / 52 weeks =  
\$3,125.00 per week

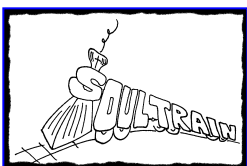
| <u>Week</u> | <u>Budgeted<br/>Giving<br/>to Date</u> | <u>Actual<br/>Giving<br/>to Date</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 6/12/11     | \$75,000.00                            | \$70,886.82                          |

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.

God wants us; He wants the givers, not just the gifts from the givers. He doesn't need our gifts, but we have a need to give. God wants us to honor Him through our faithful and generous giving. When we make giving a priority week after week, He is honored.



### MS SOUL TRAIN

There are two upcoming summer events for the Middle School Soul Train.

#### Saturday, July 16: Red Hawks Game

Red Hawks vs. Kansas City T-Bones  
6:00 p.m. at Newman Outdoor Field.  
General Admission: Youth \$5; Adults \$6  
NDSU R or HR parking lots \$2

\*\*\*Families Welcome!\*\*\*

#### Saturday, August 13: Swimming

2:00 p.m. meet at church and  
walk to Veterans Memorial Pool

Admission: Free

Bring (or wear) swim suits, towels, sunscreen.

Afterwards we will grab some pizza back at church before the parents arrive to pick you up at 4:00 pm!

## PRESBYTERIAN CLEARWATER FOREST FRIENDS DAY



You are invited to Presbyterian Clearwater Forest! Come, bring a friend, and enjoy yourself at Friends and Neighbors Day at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest on Saturday, July 9, 2011. The activities begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 7:30 pm.

On land, you can take guided or on-your-own nature hikes, relax on Eagle lawn (bring a blanket or chairs), take on the high ropes course, or play games on the lawn. On water, you can kayak, canoe, hydrobike, pontoon boat with a guide, sailboat with a skipper, or swim (when lifeguards are on duty in the afternoon).

Close the day at Vesper Point for a worship service. Contra Dance at 9:00 p.m. at the pavilion. Music will be provided by Clover Valley Hoedown.

Lunch and dinner will be provided (\$5 for lunch, \$7 for dinner, children five and under are free) or bring your own.

Occurring at the same time is the 9th Annual Lake-2-Lake Scenic Bike Tour, a fund raiser for Clearwater Forest Scholarships.

Camping and lodging are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Presbyterian Clearwater Forest is located at 16595 Crooked Lake Road, Deerwood, MN. For more information or to register, contact the Clearwater office via email at [office@clearwaterforest.org](mailto:office@clearwaterforest.org) or phone at 218-678-2325. (You can also contact Samantha Herman with any questions about the day or for directions.)

**The September  
Community Call  
deadline will be  
Friday, August 19**