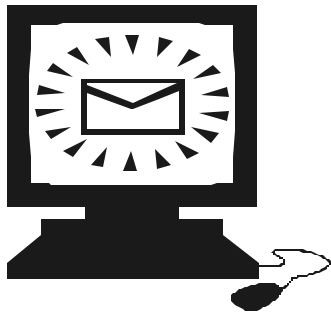


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PLEASE NOTE!

Attention all cyber folk! Our church's e-mail address has changed. You can find us at the same web page (<http://cpcwf.org>), but please send electronic correspondence to CPChurchWF@msn.com.



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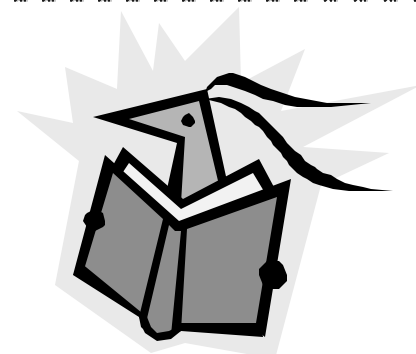
AUGUST CALENDAR

- Aug. 4 Worship 9:30 a.m.
Liturgist: Dixon Moorhead
- Aug. 11 Worship 9:30 a.m.
Liturgist: Bonnie Thompson
- Aug. 14 Worship Committee
6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18 Worship 9:30 a.m.
Liturgist: Andrew Thostenson
- Aug. 21 Session 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 25 Worship 9:30 a.m.
Liturgist: Kevin Galt

HEAD USHERS

August: Dave Ruhnke
September: Dwight Steffen
October: Larry Peihl

**DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9 AM ON
SEPTEMBER 8TH!**



SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER**JULY****BIRTHDAYS**

- 7-2 Jo Radebaugh
 7-3 Tiffany Peihl
 7-4 Carly Meyer
 7-5 Robert (Bob) Olson
 Mark Hayes
 7-7 Leann Montgomery
 7-8 Taylor Birrenkott
 Curtis Hemm
 Dolores Meyer
 7-9 Michelle Jenner
 7-9 Dixie Kertscher
 7-17 Roy Johnson
 Maryjane Martens
 Marj Meester
 7-19 Boots Misheski
 7-20 Don Rehling
 7-22 Tammy Bahls
 7-24 Duane Ohm
 Judy Pederson
 7-27 Jim Bjorklund
 7-28 Nick Peihl
 7-30 Yvonne Hummel

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7-2-60 – Gary and Carol Duggan
 7-5-97 – Tyson and Tina Willis
 7-20-68 – Dave and Gloria Ruhnke
 7-27-52 – Don and Greta Rehling

**AUGUST****BIRTHDAYS**

- 8-1 Gayle Thostenson
 8-3 Goodie Paulsen
 8-4 LeRoy Bowman
 8-6 Christian Steffen
 8-7 Brandon Videen
 8-8 McKenna Ohm
 Brandon Smith
 8-9 Donna Jenner
 8-11 David Hemm
 Judy McLeod
 8-12 Paige Bellamy
 Jan Roesler
 8-15 Carol Sterup
 Chuck Thompson
 8-18 Dixie Smith
 8-23 Arlyn Meyer
 8-23 Paula Sebelius
 8-24 Tara Sheeley
 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
 8-10-47 – Joe and Renee Jameson
 8-11-81 – Roger and Melissa Barentsen
 8-11-81 – Dennis and Kathy Colliton
 8-11-?? – Anneus and Marj Meester
 8-15-00 – Allen and Arlyn Meyer
 8-18-73 – Bob and Susan Gross
 8-20-66 – Rae and Edsel Kercher
 8-21-60 – Jim and Brenda Bjorklund

SESSION NOTES FOR JUNE

The Session met on June 19th. The carpet project was discussed and the Session voted to allow Bonnie Thompson, Louise Johnson and Delores Horn to pick out the carpet for the downstairs.

The Trustees will look into having the floor drain repaired in the Fellowship Hall. No estimate has been received at this time for replacing the boiler. The painting project is going ahead downstairs.

The Hearing Assistance Project is completed. This was accomplished with a memorial from the family of Frieda and Walter Ruff. The units will be kept in the Usher's Stand at the rear of the sanctuary. The family of Carl and Louise Burner have indicated that the memorial for them is to be in the form of more trees in front of the church.

The following weddings were approved: Brenda Ruhnke and Gary Witt on July 19th, 2002, Zeigler and Dipple on October 5th. Rev. Heidi Mann will officiate at the Zeigler and Dipple wedding as Pastor Tilly will be gone.

The church secretary will be working two evenings a week. Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. *<Editor's Note: the secretary's hours have since changed to 4:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.>*

Two baptisms were approved. One is

for Theresa Tilly's two boys, Waylon Brooks and Cedric Price Brooks. The other for Cathy and Tom Birrenkott if the baby is born in time. Both baptisms are to be on July 21st. *(Update: Cami Ann Birrenkott was born on July 16.)*

A thank you note is to be sent to Greg Sterup for the new chairs in the office. (If you haven't seen them, take a peek).

Discussion was held on various items regarding the transition period after Mark leaves. More will be said about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bonnie Thompson, Andrew Thostenson and Delores Horn volunteered to organize a Farewell Picnic for Mark and Dede Tilly on July 21st after worship service.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session

KID PACKS

Many children in our church benefited this summer from a special treat during the church service. Upon entering the sanctuary, families with small children were able to pick up a small activity bag full of a small stuffed animal, paper, crayons, Bible fact cards, and a book. Thanks to Lisa Osborne for taking it upon herself to care for our little ones in this fashion.



JULY SESSION NOTES

The Session met on July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Permission was granted to the painting crew to remove the room divider in the large classroom downstairs as it is never used and is dirty and broken.

The Trustees reported that the drain problem in the Fellowship Hall has been fixed.

The Trustees have a bid for replacing the 42 year old boiler (furnace). This bid is for \$16,500, and another bid will be sought. The proposed replacement will consist of two units so that when an addition to the church is made there will be enough power to heat it. The Session will go ahead with a fund-raising campaign. Bonnie Thompson, Todd Montgomery, Dixon Moorhead, Troy Montgomery and Scott Meyer will serve on the committee to raise the funds needed. The old boiler is nearly beyond repairing and the Session would like to avoid having it break down during cold weather.

The carpet project is well underway. The carpet is ordered; the men are making plans to remove the old carpet, and arrangements have been made to install the new carpet. By the time this is published, it is hoped that the final \$545.55 will have been raised. The project costs \$3,826.55, and we have \$3,281.00 on hand. The project must be done by September 1, so the Pre-School can start.

Several items in regard to making sure the church runs smoothly after Mark leaves were discussed. The decisions will be addressed elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Session approved a request for a member of First Presbyterian Church to hold a wedding in the sanctuary on August 30, 2003. First Presbyterian Church of Fargo is being remodeled and will not be completed by that time. Fargo staff will be in charge.

The Worship Committee in consultation with the Personnel Committee was given approval to recruit and hire a Music Director. This appointment must be approved by the Session.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Sunday School classrooms have been painted, decorated, and now are just waiting for the new carpet to be installed. Please stop and peek at the new look.

Thank you so much to Jim Bjorklund and Jim Martens for the great job and expediency in which the painting was completed. The mastermind for the whole new 'look' was in the hands of Carol Sterup. And, WOW, how wonderful it does look! Greg Sterup and Bonnie Thompson helped where needed to make this great job complete.

Fresh paint was done in the fellowship hall completing the downstairs project. That room looks so crisp and clean and ready for new carpet, scheduled to arrive in August.

It is so nice to be part of a church family that is willing to put their time and finances in place so projects like these can be done. We can be proud of how our church is beginning to look.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christian Education Committee

IT'S TIME TO RETIRE THE BOILER (FURNACE)

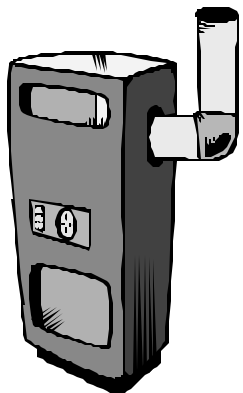
The church and boiler are both 42 years old. The boiler repair people have indicated that they believe the boiler will soon be un-repairable.

The cost to replace the boiler (furnace) is approximately \$16,500. This includes the removal of the old system and purchase and installation of the new system.

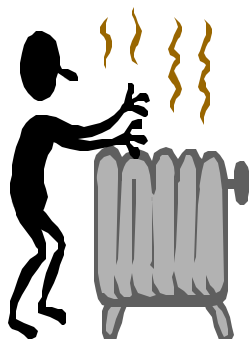
The new system will be capable of serving any future additions to the church as well as serving our present needs.

The Session would like to replace the system this fall before cold weather comes. Your contributions will be needed to accomplish this. Contributions to the project may be mailed to the church office - P. O. Box 546 or you may use the offering envelopes in the pews. Be sure to designate your contributions "Boiler Project."

If you have any questions you may contact Todd Montgomery (282-6150), Scott Meyer (282-8704) or Dixon Moorhead (277-1414).



Thank You,
The Session



CARPET PROJECT



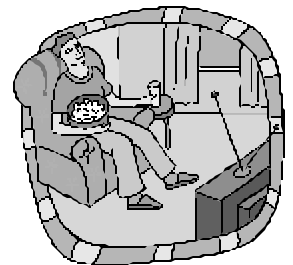
Thanks to our generous congregation the carpet project is fully financed without using any funds from the General Fund. Funds were donated by the Presbyterian Women, the Men's Group (Rummage Sale) and contributions from the congregation.

Plans are to have the carpet installed during the month of August. I am sure that Jim Martin and Jim Bjorklund will be requesting volunteers to help remove the old carpet and baseboard. The installation of the carpet will be done once that is completed.

Thanks again. Let's all get behind the Session and raise the money for the Boiler Project!

NEW SHOWS

Check out our newest additions to our video library!!!



Little Shepherd and the First Christmas

Thumpkin and the Easter Bunnies

Mr. Magoo's: Noah's Ark
and Rip Van Winkle

Disney's Sing-along-Songs:
Under the Sea

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE CONGREGATION WHILE WE ARE WITHOUT A PASTOR

The following arrangements have been made for keeping things running smoothly while we are without a pastor.

Bookkeeping: Elder Yvonne Hummel will be working closely with Bookkeeper Jackie Miller to see that the financial records are kept up to date, bills are paid and all reports are made

Secretarial: Clerk Delores Horn will be working with Secretary Chelsae Johnson to see that the secretarial work is done and to help her in any way possible. Delores will also pick up the mail and route it to the appropriate persons.

If you have items that you wish to be put into the Bulletin, please see that they are available to the Secretary by Wednesday of the week you want them in the Bulletin. You should sign the request with your name and telephone number so the secretary can check with you if she has any questions. Any mailings should be approved by the Session before they can be sent out. Her hours are 4:30-7:30 P.M. Wednesdays and Thursdays. *<Editor's Note: the secretary's hours have since changed to 4:00-6:00 P.M. Wednesdays and Thursdays.>* You may put them in the mail box outside the church door if you wish.

Pulpit Supply: Elder Dixon Moorhead will be in charge of getting the pulpit supply. He has a list of people who are available for this.

Liturgists: The Worship Committee will be responsible for arranging liturgists to help the visiting pastors with the worship service.

Hospital Visits: Elders Bonnie Thompson, Vickie Riedinger, Yvonne Hummel and Clerk Delores Horn will be available to make hospital visits.

Telephone: The Elders will take turns checking the messages on the telephone and seeing that the appropriate action is taken.

E-Mail: The church E-Mail address has been changed to: CPChurchWF@msn.com.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PROCEDURES PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE ELDERS. THEIR NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE IN THE CHURCH DIRECTORY.



VBS CHANGE

Vacation Bible School is cancelled for the summer of 2002. It was felt that our church efforts should be applied to other directions. We did not want to put on a program that wasn't being given 100% of our enthusiasm and time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us. See you at Sunday School in September!!!!

Bonnie Thompson 282-0469
Becky DeJong 281-8122
Lisa Steffen 282-5308

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES July 16, 2002

Present were Bonnie Thompson, Cheryl Montgomery, Lisa Osborne, and Susan Gross.

AGENDA

- Transition information
- What role will our committee take?

Transition information

Pulpit service is taken care of for July 28, August 4, 11, and 18, 2002. Bonnie will try to meet with Mark again before he leaves to get some more information from him. The Church Bulletin is set up through November. Hymns and prayers will need to be set up after that date. Dixon Mborhead will take care of the pulpit supplies.

What role will our committee take?

1. Dixon will need the dates of Youth Sunday, Hanging of the Greens, Christmas program, etc....We will supply him with these dates.
2. Starting August 25th we will need to have a liturgist to help with the Sunday service. Susan will call to locate people who are willing to help. She will try to set this up for 3-4 months at a time. Papers will be sent out to all volunteers so they know in advance what they are to be reading. The names of the liturgists will also be published in the monthly calendar. (The minutes of this meeting will also be published.)
3. Our committee will also try to find special music for the Sunday services.

4. After November the church bulletin will need to be set up. The following is a list of who will do this:
 - a. Cheryl will pick the hymns.
 - b. Susan will find the liturgist.
 - c. "Prayer of Confession" and "Call to Worship" will be taken from the "Book of Common Worship".

Music Director

There was also discussion on a Music Director. Session would like us to get an ad ready for their approval. Lisa will work on this and get it to Bonnie. Bonnie will call the colleges to try and locate someone. Cheryl will check with her music contact.

Our next meeting will be August 14th at 6:30.

ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR



The Annual Church Bazaar has been scheduled for October 12th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Everyone is encouraged to get started on craft items. If you have items that would be suitable for a group to do together, please let Delores Horn (282-4501) or Marlys Martin (282-3740) know.

We will have our costume jewelry for sale again as well as the white elephant sale. Baked goods and canned goods always seem to sell well. If you have an idea for what to serve for lunch at the Bazaar please let someone know. We had baked potatoes with trimmings last year and they seemed to be a winner. We hope to sell muffins and caramel rolls with coffee during the sale also.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

That is a big question whose answer only God knows for sure, but we do know a few clues as to what lies ahead. Finding a new minister will be a time and resource consuming process, but it can and should also be an occasion for spiritual growth. This interim period ought to be looked at with optimism and enthusiasm. Based on the many discussions and activities that are going on around the church, it is safe to say that the enthusiasm is already apparent.

As a church we have many things to be thankful for, but first and foremost, we have unity and a very real sense of community. We get along and we enjoy each others company. This is a profound blessing that God has given us and one that many other churches could only hope to have after the departure of their pastor. This will be a very real asset on the journey to find a new minister and as such we need to guard against taking it for granted.

The fact that we are friends and are not fighting among ourselves means that our Presbytery—the Presbytery of the Northern Plains—is encouraging us to begin the process of finding a new minister relatively quickly. In other words, we do not have to take time out to heal any wounds or rediscover ourselves. We can hit the ground running.

So back to the question. Mark's last official day was July 31. This means

that on August 1 we can formally begin the process to identify his replacement. In order to do this, the church will need to find and approve people to serve on a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC will then be charged with the responsibility of looking for our next pastor.

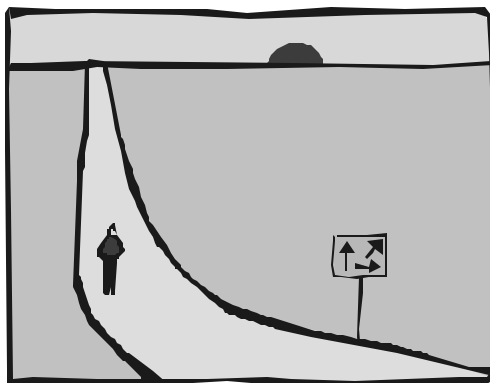
The Session will begin the process of nominating members to the PNC at their August Session meeting. Six to nine people will be chosen to serve on the PNC. Nominees will then be brought in front of the church at a congregational meeting in September.

The membership will then need to vote to approve the members of the PNC. This meeting will also present an excellent opportunity for members to discuss their ideas and concerns about the best way to proceed.

Once the PNC is selected and approved, they will meet several times per month. Between meetings there will be plenty of work to be done to prepare for the next get together. Before the PNC can actually enter the marketplace and look for a minister, they will have to meet with the congregation, the youth, the various committees/organizations of the church, and of course the Session to identify what the church wants in a pastor and what resources the church is prepared to supply to get that pastor.

This phase of the pastor nominating process will take a month or two to

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complete. When that is done, the PNC will compile a formal Church Information Form or CIF. The CIF is a document which describes our church to prospective candidates. The CIF will be circulated throughout the nation via the resources of our denomination—the Presbyterian Church USA. We will then be officially inviting people to send letters of application and resumes to us for the PNC to consider. Depending on how organized the church and PNC are, we should be able to **formally advertise for a pastor in November or December.**

Initially, our church should be able to attract a fair number of candidates, but many of those candidates will either reconsider their applications or be discounted by the PNC before they ever make it to the congregation for a formal call. The supply of able candidates across the denomination is tight and there are plenty of churches looking. The competition will be fierce.

The goal, will be to find someone as quickly as possible consistent with who it is we want and who is available. We really will not know how long that will take. Realistic estimates by people who have recently completed this process are that it will take three to six months to find our minister.

So, to summarize, the timeline looks like this:

- Session identifies nominees for the PNC the last half of August through early September.

- A meeting of the church membership will be held in the middle of September for the purpose of approving the PNC.
- The PNC will compile information about our church and will formulate a CIF. The CIF should be completed and approved by the Session and the Presbytery in November or December.
- A nation-wide search will begin and applications for our pastor position will begin to come in during December or January. The PNC will recruit, screen, and interview candidates during the first half of 2003.
- God willing, a candidate will be found sometime in the spring.

In the meantime, we will all have to do our part to support the work of the church and there is plenty of work to do! Let us be thankful that we are a church united, and let's continue to look to God for guidance throughout this time of transition. Also, pray earnestly that we continue to be believers and friends.

