

COMMUNITY CALL

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JACK ATTACK ROUND 6

The Jack Attack Round 6 will be held Saturday, June 12th, at Lindenwood Park in Fargo. Registration starts at 9:00 with the 5k

walk/run beginning at 10:00. A hot dog picnic will follow the walk. All proceeds raised go directly to help find a treatment or cure for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). Registration is \$15 for adults and kids 13 and younger are free. For more information or to register for the walk go to www.fsma.org/jackattack6, or if you are unable to make it but would like to sponsor Jack, you can do so on his personal fundraising webpage at www.fsma.org/lwc/kristigellner. Hope to see you there...Together We Will KNOCKOUT SMA!

WHEN: Saturday, June 12

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Lindenwood Park

****Proceeds go to fund research to stop Spinal Muscular Atrophy.****

PASTOR'S PEN

I couldn't decide which of two column ideas to pursue this month, so I didn't. Instead, you get two "mini-columns" for the price of one! Enjoy!



G.A. is just around the corner. I spent a few days in Chicago earlier this month attending a pre-General Assembly conference sponsored by a number of groups that are working for the renewal of the Presbyterian Church (USA), a goal which I share. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce commissioners (like me) to the whole General Assembly experience and prepare us to function effectively in God's service at the G.A. We

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learned (or at least we were exposed to) an enormous amount of information on a wide range of subjects, including:

- The fairly complex and even bewildering processes and procedures by which business gets done at the G.A. It turns out that *Robert's Rules of Order* is just the beginning...

- Discussions and resources relating to many of the really crucial issues that will face this year's Assembly. There are a lot of "biggies," some of which you've probably already heard about. They include: whether our denomination will retain the requirement that people who want to be ordained as deacons, elders, or ministers must live either in faithfulness in the covenant of marriage or in chaste singleness; whether we will continue to define marriage as a union of one man and one woman; whether we will adopt a major rewriting of our *Book of Order*; how we should respond to the continuing violence in the Middle East; and many more. There are also tons of items of business that will not draw so many headlines, but are equally important for the life of the church: Who will be the next Moderator of the G.A.? Will we add a new document to our *Book of Confessions*? The list goes on and on.

- How to make effective floor speeches at G.A. One sample piece of advice: "When you make a speech, have one clear main point. *Pastors! Did you hear that? ONE point!*"



All of this information was very interesting and, I hope, useful. I will have much more to report after the Assembly, which takes place from July 3-10. But probably the most important piece of advice that we received was to prepare for the Assembly by praying regularly for God's blessing and support for all the commissioners, advisory delegates, staff members, and others who will be part of it all. That advice I pass on to you as a request. Please pray, both before and during the Assembly, for me, for Emma DeJong (our Young Adult Advisory Delegate), for Kevin Kaufman of the Devil's Lake church (our Elder Commissioner), and for everyone else who will be there. Pray that, in all of our work, God's work will get done.

Softball has begun. Once again this year, the CPC team is representing our church in a local church softball league. We are proudly sporting the orange and black on Wednesday evenings at various diamonds around the community. It's a little early to say how this year's squad is shaping up, but if past years are any guide, we will not lead the league in victories...or probably come anywhere close to doing so. But I am perfectly willing to lay claim to our leading the league (or at least tying for the lead) in having fun. The opportunity to spend time outdoors, in the company of our brothers and sisters in Christ, competing not to win glory for ourselves but to give it to God, is precious. This is my 25th season of playing slow-pitch softball, and I'm still as excited as a kid to get out and play, because of how much I enjoy the game and the people I get to share it with. Why don't you come out and join us, either to play or to cheer? Schedules are available in the narthex or from me, and are printed in the bulletin and calendar as well. The more, the merrier!



APRIL CLERK'S CORNER

Session met on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 7:00 pm. All except Jack Smith and

Chuck Richard were present. Dixon Moorhead also attended the discussion at the beginning of our meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Core Values Statement and answering six questions about our church's priorities sent to us from our presbytery.

Carolyn Meester, Treasurer, presented the financial report. Giving was up slightly from last year but per capita collection was down. The note on the bank had gone up another \$1000. There is enough money to make the mortgage payment through July.

Session approved the request to baptize Adeline Schwab, daughter of Jerry & Beth Schwab on May 30, 2010.

Session approved a Blood Drive being chaired by Brianne Montgomery on May 11 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Session approved sponsoring a Relay for Life Team with Brianne Montgomery as captain. The Relay will be on July 30 at Oak Grove Park.

Session approved the transfer in of Reta Rice from Tower City Presbyterian Church.

Session approved selling the piano in the basement. It will be advertised in the Community Call.

Trustees will be installing the air conditioners in May.

Stewardship Committee discussed the canvassing of members.

Christian Education is working with Personnel Committee on hiring of a youth director. Teacher recognition will be on Sunday, May 16. High School Gradu-

ates will be honored on May 23 with a potluck lunch after worship. Session approved allowing Christian Education Committee to register for the new Vacation Bible School program called Camp in a Van that is being promoted by Clearwater Forest for Summer, 2011.

Mission Committee reported there was overwhelming approval to support a teacher in Kenya for three years from worshipers who voted on April 25. More details are still being worked out.

Personnel Committee has received one application for a youth director so far.

Service and Fellowship Committee is working on streamlining the duties of this committee.

Worship Committee discussed holding a service outdoors sometime during this summer.

There were no reports from the Deacons or the Nominating Committee.

Session approved changing communion dates from July 4 to 11 and August 1 to August 8 due to Matt being gone. Matt has found some excellent training material to use for elder training. There will be a charter bus going to see the Dead Sea Scrolls on June 29 for anyone interested in going. This is in conjunction with the Moorhead Presbyterian Church. Session approved Bonnie Thompson to be the commissioner from our church to attend the special meeting of the Presbytery as they discuss the results of all the Northern Plains church's priorities surveys. United Campus Ministries is starting a Wednesday evening gathering for high school youth. Curt Brophy will be preaching in our church on May 30.

The Clerk reported that there were 62 persons served Communion on Maundy
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Thursday, April 1, and 152 persons served on Easter Sunday. Pictorial directory pictures were taken April 18-22. The funeral for Carter Lee Videen Hauge, son of Kayla Videen and Brandon Hauge, was held on April 5, 2010, with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Fargo. Spring Brunch was held on April 24 with 40 in attendance.

Meeting closed with prayer by Vicki Riedinger at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Peihl,
Clerk of Session

MAY CLERK'S CORNER

Session met on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at 7:20 pm. All but Jack Smith, Carrie Leopold, Vicki Riedinger, Steve Hanna, and Chuck Richard were present.



Carolyn Meester, Treasurer, presented the financial report. Giving is about the same as last year. A big expense came in with the ND Workforce and Safety Insurance bill which almost doubled from last year. Per capita giving is still down. The note on the bank has gone up again. There are enough monies to pay the mortgage only through July. Discussion was held on how to increase giving. Someone from the Stewardship Committee will talk to congregation on Sunday about the church finances.

Session approved resuming Adopt an Expense and the starting of a Summer Sacrifice donation with details to be worked out.

Larry Peihl gave a report on seminary student, Curt Brophy. He will preach in our church May 30.

Matt reported on seminary student, Blair Moorhead, and her future schooling.

Session will provide for the grand piano to be moved to the floor level of the sanctuary due to performance issues in its current location.

Trustees installed the air conditioners in May. Session approved allowing the Trustees to remove the old floor tiles in the kitchen this summer.

Mission Committee will do a kick off of the support of a teacher in Kenya this fall when members of the Chogoria Partnership board are here. All committees are invited to help promote the kickoff. The June mission will be the Food Pantry. Session approved allowing the Mission Committee set up a display on sponsoring a teacher from Kenya.

Bonnie Thompson will be dividing the work of the Service & Fellowship Committee into smaller tasks that can more easily be shared by many persons. She is in need of people to help her in this venture.

Deacons (via the clerk) reported that Ted & Evelyn Martin have moved to GSC in Fargo and on health issues on some other members.

There were no reports from Worship, Stewardship, Christian Education, Personnel, or Nominating Committees.

Matt attended the GA meeting in Chicago and found it very productive and somewhat overwhelming. He reminded everyone to sign up for the Dead Sea Scrolls bus trip that will be on June 29. Softball has finally started.

The Clerk reported that there were 114

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persons served Communion on Sunday May 2. Pictorial directory group pictures will be taken this Sunday, May 23 and the family pictures taken will be handed out that day.

Meeting closed with prayer by Bonnie Thompson at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Peihl, Clerk of Session



**THANK YOU,
MILE 3-10.25-23
FARGO MARATHON
VOLUNTEERS!!**

Thanks to the DeJongs, Thostensons, Meesters (three generations!), Kerchers, Bjorklunds, Moorheads, Grosses, Kathy Selland, Lisa S., Dawn L., Carey T., Dale M., and Bruce R. we had a great aid station. You people were terrific!! Well, except maybe for Andrew's Travolta impression to "Staying Alive." Through rain, mud, 1,500 unexpected guests when we were not supposed to serve water, you persevered serving at least 9,600 runners. Oh, did I forget to mention the wind which continued to blow our second tier of cups all over the neighborhood? High praise to those nameless souls who sang the "Cover of the Rolling Stone/Ghost Riders" medley. Never a dull moment.

Thank God for His gift of joy as we gave of ourselves in gratitude for what Jesus has done for us. Thank you again.

Dixon Moorhead

VISIT THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

The Dead Sea Scrolls will be on exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota this summer. On June 29, Rev. Dr. Matthew Stith and Rev. Nancy Emerson will be leading a one-day excursion there via a chartered bus. For more information, please see the narthex bulletin board.

**A NOTE
FROM THE DEACONS**



It's often been said that speaking in public is one of life's greatest fears. Maybe it's even one of yours. Every Sunday during worship service there's a time to share our joys and concerns and offer them up to God in prayer. Perhaps there have been times when you have had a special prayer request but just couldn't find the words to express it out loud. Please feel free to use a prayer request card, located in the pews, and place it in the "prayer request" basket located in the narthex. From there, your prayer request will be placed on the prayer chain.

If you'd like to receive requests for prayer on the prayer chain, just tell Gayle Thostenson. She can be reached by e-mail at atgtet@far.midco.net or by phone at 492-0630. She can take prayer requests this way as well.

The Deacon's would also like to remind you that the bouquet of roses for babies is also available in the narthex for anyone who is celebrating the addition of a new little one to their family. Please feel free to place a rose at the front of the sanctuary (or ask one of the Deacon's to do it for you). Bud vases are located behind the bouquet. But remember, if you place a rose, don't be surprised if you're asked to provide baby pictures! We hope that this will be a nice keepsake from CPC.

**AFTERNOON CIRCLE
SCHEDULED CHANGE**

Afternoon Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, June 8th, as a special meeting to finish our lesson for the year. We will be meeting at the usual time and place at TNT at 12:30.



JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 6-1 Ella Steele
 6-2 Craig Larson
 6-3 Edwin Diede
 Zachory Steele
 6-4 Mike Gross
 6-6 Melanie Hansen
 LeAnn Misheski
 6-7 Norma Henning
 6-8 April Shone
 6-11 Kathy Colliton
 Richard Osborne
 6-12 Vicki Riedinger
 6-13 Allen Meyer
 6-18 Luella Friend
 6-19 Brandon Hanna
 Evelyn Martin
 Bill Montgomery
 Toni Stith
 Angie Whitcomb
 6-23 Ashley Swart
 6-26 Carol Duggan
 6-30 Ezra Dobrinz
 Dixon Moorhead

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6-4-88 – Tom and Cathy Birrenkott
 6-6-48 – Henry and Hazel Yokom
 6-6-54 – Duane and Doris Randle
 6-7-97 – Scott and Melanie Hansen
 6-8-96 – Terry and Carolyn Meester
 6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke
 6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz
 6-11-99 – Ray and Bev Christopherson
 6-18-72 - Bruce and Karen Steele
 6-19-93- Chad and Tammy Nelson
 6-20-87 - Don and Shelly Van Cleve
 6-20-92 – Richard and Lisa Osbome
 6-22-58 – James and Audrey Binger
 6-24-95 – Rick and Dawn Chase
 6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman
 6-28-75 – John and Lorna Wilkinson

RELAY FOR LIFE



We are once again having a Relay for Life team. Relay for Life is an overnight event that brings our community together to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against cancer.

At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local park and take turns walking or running around a track or path. There are tons of games, food, music, entertainment, and fun!!

Last year our team raised nearly \$1000 and the Cass County Relay raised a total of \$81,000!!!!

Mark your calendars!! This year's Relay is at Oak Grove Park on Friday, July 30th from 6pm-6am. It is an overnight event because cancer never sleeps.

There are many ways to participate:

- Join the team! Help raise money and fight for the cause! To Join: Go to www.relayforlife.org/fargond and click on *View All Teams* and then select *CPC*.
- Donate! All money raised goes to the American Cancer Society locally and nationally. To Donate: Go to www.relayforlife.org/fargond and click on *View All Teams* and then select *CPC*.
- Decorate a Luminaria Bag - these light our way as we walk.
- Stop by and check it out- walk a lap or all night!

If interested, or you have questions, please contact Brianne Montgomery: brianne_montgomery@cargill.com or 701-367-4977. There is also a poster in the narthex with more information.



THEOLOGY IN THE BIG APPLE

by Blair Moorhead

Summer! Classes are finished, finals are written, and six days of vacation were taken before starting Clinical Pastoral Education, or CPE, for the summer. Many of you probably remember this acronym from last summer when Curt went through the program. CPE means I will be spending the summer as a student chaplain at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center just outside Washington, DC. I have finished two days of orientation, so I can't predict exactly what the job will look like or the units of the hospital I will be working with. But I can say I am very excited for the opportunity to participate in CPE, a program that is part of the ordination process and has also been highly recommended by other students and professors as a meaningful form of ministry development.

Looking forward to the summer while looking back at the year of seminary past is strange but not unpleasant. The past year in New York has been one of academic growth (I know many more huge words with lots of vowels in them like hermeneutic and pneumatology) in and outside the classroom. I have also learned so much more about the social context of churches: How are religious people engaging issues like poverty? How do I engage a religiously diverse environment as a seminarian? I look forward to processing what this year has meant spiritually as well. While tackling the difficult questions of both the Bible

and the past 2000 years of church history and a bit of this theology, how did my own faith change?

Now there are many more questions to keep me busy over the summer, and I know these are the types of questions we keep asking ourselves throughout our lives. At milestones such as the end of a year or experiencing a job transition, we get to take stock and engage our own experiences. As I do that, I would like to thank you for all your support in this first year and wish a wonderful summer.

YOUTH LEADER POSITION OPEN



Community Presbyterian Church has an opening for a Youth Leader, starting in August 2010. The individual applying for this position should have:

- A genuine commitment to Christ
- A good familiarity with the Bible
- An ability to articulate Christian faith
- Respect for teenagers and familiarity with youth culture
- The ability to communicate effectively with youth, and
- Public speaking abilities

The position is salaried with the expectation of 5-7 hours/week commitment (likely Sunday evenings). To apply, please email a letter and resume to Vicki Riedinger at riedinvi@mnstate.edu, or mail a resume with cover letter to the church at:

Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St.
West Fargo, ND 58078



CURT'S COMMENTS

Where Did This Semester Go?

This is exactly the question that is echoing in my mind. I realize that the answer is long hours being spent in the library trying to figure out just what Philippians 2:6 means. I also realize that the answer is even more hours in my study reading what John Calvin actually says. Then I realize that it is then more hours spent in writing sermons and then practicing their delivery. Finally, I realize that there have been precisely no hours spent on my "bimonthly" newsletters until now.

I can honestly say that in finishing this semester I really felt like I could take a deep breath. In the midst of being drowned by books, papers, and sermons, I now have the time to sit back and relax. My summer has began by days filled with random things to do from the dishes to helping Kadra plant our garden. Or simply sitting on my couch playing games. It has been wonderful.

Already, though, the way I spend my time has shifted back into a church. I am already getting involved at Gracepoint Presbyterian, where I will be doing my Student Pastoral Ministry (SPM) over the next year. My Presbytery has approved this Evangelical Presbyterian Church for my official student pastorate (What the SPM is). This position will include working with young adults from 18-35ish, discipleship groups, and weekly services. I am very excited about this position as I will be working with two University of Dubuque Theological Semi-

nary grads and look forward to learning a lot.

I also have a sermon to prepare. Over Memorial Day weekend, Matt Stith has asked me to preach at my home congregation of Community Presbyterian Church. In the midst of my relaxation, I have began looking at appropriate verses and begin to think about what I will be preaching on.

To say the least, I have shifted from the very academic, to actually doing ministry. I look forward to these opportunities as I apply what I have been learning. I look forward to getting back into a church and working with people. We are a lost and lonely people, but through the Church we find Jesus, the God Incarnate, who redeems us. Through the Church we encounter community in Jesus Christ. And it is something to be excited about.

What We're up to

Kadra and I are enjoying a few nice days. After seeing a whole lot of rain last week, this week we have gotten a glimpse of summer. Toby has enjoyed running around like crazy as Kadra and I enjoy the nice weather along with him. We are looking forward to visiting Fargo and celebrating Kadra's sister's high school graduation. We look forward to having my parents in Dubuque the first weekend in June, and then we are planning on going to Lifest, a Christian concert series where we get to camp and enjoy live music. We are looking forward to a life of praise.

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INTERVIEWS BY MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUL TRAIN: MELISSA EITER

Personal Information

Birth date - May 23, 1977
 Birth place - Fargo, ND
 High school - graduated from
 West Fargo High School
 College - NDSU
 Occupation - financial recoupment
 Married - Joe at CPC on July 17,
 2004
 Joined Community Presbyterian
 Church - 1992

Favorites

Hymn - Amazing Grace
 Animal - pet dog Teah - a Cocker
 Spaniel
 Music - 70's rock
 Restaurant - Mexican - chicken
 chimmies, Italian - chicken
 cannelloni
 Movies - Star Wars - all!

Would You Rather

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

...eat a live snake or a dead jellyfish?
 ...get into bed every night by jumping on a trampoline into a bed hanging from the ceiling or get into bed every night by sliding down a fireman's pole from the second story?
 ...have eyebrows that make a complete circle around your face or have flat eye-lashes that stick out 10 inches and cannot be trimmed?
 ...have your school picture taken just as you happen to be making a really stupid face or be sick that day and not get in the class picture that year at all?
 ...From the top of a 10-story building, have to slide down to the ground on a



narrow slide with no rails on the side or try to fly down to the ground in a huge paper airplane made by an expert.

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Melissa Eiter is a very interesting person. She would love to go to Europe because she has never been there, although she has travelled all over to other places. When I asked her about an embarrassing moment, she said it was too *embarrassing* to talk about!

Plus, she can cook. She learned how by watching shows on the food network. Her biggest kitchen disaster was spaghetti on the ceiling..... yum!?

She also enjoys quilting. Her mom got her started and then it became an activity that they could do together. Melissa's pretty cool.

Although Melissa is cool, there are some things she doesn't like.

One - she does not appreciate if you say you will do something and then you don't follow through. That irks her.

Two - lying. Don't lie, because it's just not cool.

Three - working in the sunflower fields. All she did was walk up and down all day, and the weather wasn't always nice.

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So remember, don't lie and follow through on your plans. 😊

Melissa is a person full of surprises, too. I bet you didn't know that the furniture set that was in her first condo is in her current house too. Or, that she is always late unless it's really important. Or, that in her house, birthdays were a fun time that were spent with a small group of family.

Melissa is a really fun person, so YOU should get to know her.

Interviewed by:

Amy Leopold  
8th grade  
March 14, 2010

(Would You Rather answers: jellyfish, trampoline, eyelashes, stupid face, slide)

**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

- 6/2   South High--Heartland Community  
L & C N--Newman Center
- 6/9   McKinley W--Atonement I  
McKinley W--Atonement II
- 6/16   McKinley W--Pontoppidan  
McKinley W--Olivet
- 6/23   Longfellow W--Knollbrook  
Longfellow E--Comm. Methodist
- 6/30   McKinley W--Immanuel  
McKinley E--Bethlehem

**The July/August  
Community Call  
deadline will be  
Sunday, June 20**



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

| <u>Week</u> | <u>Budgeted<br/>Giving<br/>to Date</u> | <u>Actual<br/>Giving<br/>to Date</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 5/16/10     | \$64,575.20                            | \$62,072.51                          |

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

The balance of the operating fund loan at this time is \$9,500.00.

The per capita assessment for 2010 is \$12,794.75. So far we have collected \$5,852.35.

God speaks to all of us about the importance of giving, Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). He also said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). If we choose not to give faithfully and generously, we forgo the blessings that God gives to those who give cheerfully. There is no better time than now to examine your level of giving, and, if need be, to take a leap of faith and increase your giving. In the words of Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

**TRIENNium  
FUNDRAISER  
THANKS**



Thanks to all who contributed to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium fund. We raised \$172 towards our 4 youths' trip to Purdue University.

