

# Community Press

## Come Join Us Envisioning the Future of CPC

Your church survey response has been phenomenal! At the July meeting of the Session, Shannon Bennett presented a report on the reception of nearly 80 completed surveys. This outstanding response is indicative of the vitality and involvement of church members! A group of elders has agreed to collate and interpret the responses in a report that will be posted on our church website.

Following worship on Sunday, August 12, we will have light refreshments and then the report will be presented to our congregation in the Great Hall. From 10:30 until 12:00, we will hold a discussion and Visioning Exercise to formulate our collective goals for the near future of CPC. This is the last step before we can request permission to form a PNC (pastor nominating committee) from the Presbytery's COM (Committee on Ministry). Our youth group will provide babysitting during our meeting.

At noon we will celebrate and share in our All Church Picnic with delicious barbeque faire. The picnic will be inside, and the membership committee will be providing pulled pork sandwiches, beans and potato chips. If you are planning to attend, please use the signup sheet in the Narthex and bring a dessert to share!



The summer growing season is in full swing at our Channel One garden.

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## From the Pastor...

***God's Big Invitation...Get engaged with our neighbors, with our world, for a collective good.***



Something very obscure happened in the wee morning hours of the 4th of July. Thousands of physicists across the world telecommuted in a grand International Conference and presented their latest studies on the origin of all matter: The Higgs boson, or what some label as “The God Particle.”

One of our members shared a blog with me that perfectly captured my deep interest: “The Higgs boson may glue this universe together, but we are the ones who give it meaning.” And that sounds well and good. This perspective invites us to all manner of opportunities of being engaged with our neighbors, with our world, for a collective good.\*

The blogger then reminded readers of the very heart of our reformed faith. What I call the Primary Question of the Westminster Catechism:

*What is the chief end of humankind? To glorify God and enjoy God forever!*

What also captured me in this story of the God Particle is that when 2 separate studies reported they had the same results with evidence of the Higgs boson, even though it was 3 am in the morning, they celebrated and shared a toast of champagne!

I believe the church today can find even more reason to celebrate God in our midst! Jesus

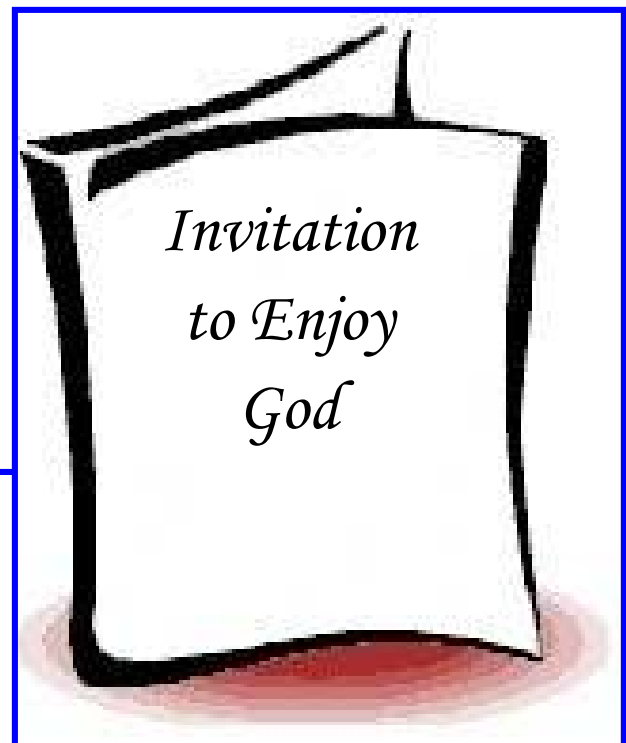
gave a constant message that life with God is intended as a celebration, a banquet, and an open feast! In Luke 14: 7-24 Jesus gives us 3 parables on the qualities of the feast—sometimes a wedding, sometimes a great banquet where none of the popular ones invited could make it. Where instead a joyous gathering of all those others (the outsiders of the FAITH, the least expected) got the invitation AND showed up!

*The word to the church is...Send out the invitations.*

We plan to do *just that* in August and September. August 12, following worship, we will Envision The Future of CPC Together and then at noon share our Church Picnic. September 16 we will extend The Big Invitation to members and those outside our church to come chat with us about the community of compassion and joy that God is building at CPC. Put this on your calendar! We, too, have so much to celebrate, glorify and enjoy together.

I'll be happy to greet you there! Pastor Teresa

\*<http://brad-kautz.blogspot.com/2012/07/point-of-it-all-sort-of.html?sref=fb>



# August 2012

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

			1 6:30am Prayer Group 9am-4pm Med City Driving 7pm Choir	2 9am-4pm Med City Driving 7:30pm Aikido	3 9am-4pm Med City Driving	4 10am Aikido
5 Communion	6 8:30am Garden Group 9am-4pm Med City Driving	7 9am Library mtg 9am-4pm Med City Driving 6:30pm Deacons	8 6:30am Prayer Group 9am-4pm Med City Driving 7pm Choir	9 9am-4pm Med City Driving 7:30pm Aikido	10 9am-4pm Med City Driving 7pm AS Support Group	11 10am Aikido
12 10:30am CPC Fu- ture Dialogue 12pm Church Picnic Channel One Sunday	13 8:30am Garden Group	14	15 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	16 7:30pm Aikido	17	18 10am Aikido
19 Noisy Can	20 8:30am Garden Group 6pm Nominating mtg 7pm Finance & Stewardship	21 5pm Christian Ed 7pm Session	22 6:30am Prayer Group	23 7:30pm Aikido	24	25 10am Aikido
26	27 8:30am Garden Group	28	29 6:30am Prayer Group	30 7:30pm Aikido	31	

# August 2012 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
8-5	Margaret Nelson, Gwen Riggin, Guy Vig	Louis Bouchard	Bruce Felger	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Gardner
8-12	Jean Abels, Linda Overton, Rick Orvold		Peggy McCarty	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg
8-19	Powell Family	Ivy Pillers	Guy Vig	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci
8-26	Peggy McCarty, Jeff Swinbank, Amy Ward	Marita Heller	Darlene Lucas	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Kereakos

*Communion Servers* for August: Mary Henderson, Amanda Ross, Girard Calehuff

## Women of the Church

Once again you are invited to join other women of CPC at their monthly gatherings. The group meets the Second Tuesday of each month in members' homes.

A preview of some of the topics that we will present are “Water, how long will it last?” and “Minnesota Girls are not for Sale.” This year's Bible Study will be held in the daytime. The schedule will be announced later.

Plan to come to the spring luncheon as well. Watch for more details in our weekly church bulletins and the next newsletter.

Coming up at CPC!

Lots to look forward in the days to come at our church!

[August 12th](#)  
Church Picnic

[September 9](#)  
Outdoor Service and Pancake Breakfast

[September 16](#)  
The Big Invitation

GIVING REPORT			
<i>July '12 Weekly Average</i>	<i>\$2,183.70</i>	<i>Special Offerings</i>	
<i>Year to Date Avg. '12</i>	<i>\$4,460.86</i>	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	<i>\$1,186.00</i>
<i>Budgeted Weekly for '12</i>	<i>\$3,136.19</i>	<i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>	<i>\$1,254.00</i>
<i>Per Capita Received '12</i>	<i>\$861.49</i>	<i>Thank Offering</i>	<i>\$635.00</i>
<i>Total Per Capita Paid '12</i>	<i>\$4,586.35</i>	<i>Peace Offering</i>	<i>\$837.00</i>

*(Per capita contribution per member is \$31.63 for 2012)*

## August

### Birthdays

6	Colleen Webbles
8	Mary Johnson
15	Kaitlyn Blasus
16	Rick Orvold
19	Peggy Pillers
20	Paul Bachman
27	Randy Huston
28	Abby Hall
28	Heather Marshall



### Anniversaries

6	Paul and Lori Bachman
7	Shannon and Mary Bennett
13	Lyle and Carol Rozeboom
15	Girard and Carol Calehuff
17	Dick and Nancy Massaro
18	Frank and Carol Jones
21	Jeff and Denise Swinbank
27	Cal and Amy Ward
30	David and Darlene Lucas

### In Remembrance



Two of our very beloved members entered eternal life this past month. Grace Moore passed away Sunday, July 1st, and Ellen Swinbank passed away Thursday, July 13th. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families.

### Summer Music Program

August 5	Ben Bogard, oboe & piano
August 12	Choir
August 19	Choir
August 26	Mountain Dulcimers

## Summer Music at CPC It's the Tenth Anniversary!



The Summer Music Project was begun in June, 2002. How amazing! That's ten years ago!

Since its inception the participants have been a wonderful mix of talent which includes members of CPC and guest musicians from Rochester and the surrounding communities.

Young soprano and CPC member Sarah Vig was a regular during the early years. Founding member Beckie Meredith would often return from Florida to the area in the summer and would play flute solos. Choir members Darlene Lucas, Amy Ward, Jean Abels and Kathy Remtema contributed solos in the summer.

Peggy Pillers, who continues to bless us with beautiful piano music throughout the year, played for Summer Music for the first time on June 12, 2005. She and her friend, Bridger Herman, have done duets for us as well. We also want to recognize Willow Swinbank, who graced our worship time with her flute and tambourine accompaniment. Melanie Jensen was a regular contributor as she played piano for special music in the summer from 2005-2010. A beautiful liturgical dance was her contribution in 2011. Shannon Bennett played piano for special music the first time on June 27, 2010, and continues to provide us with special music throughout the year.

Non-CPC members who have regularly shared their talents are Sharon Holets, soprano, of Pine Island, David Fullem, cello, of Oronoco, Mary Manges, flute and vocal, of Rochester. Jack Nelson has become a regular in the summer and throughout the year as he and Denise sing duets together.

Vern Anderson has sung at CPC every summer the last 10 years. The first four years were as a soloist and since then as a member of Sunshine 5, whose members are David Naylor, Ed Heckman, Vern Anderson, Steve Kereakos and Judy Kereakos.

Other groups that have joined us are the Northland Mountain Dulcimers, which includes Margaret Gardner from CPC, Bluegrass groups such as Cabin Fever and Family 4 Plus 2, Brass groups such as Brass, Etc. and Classic Brass and, also, the Calehuff Sisters.

Beginning in 2011, the CPC adult choir extended their singing year into the summer by singing approximately one Sunday each month. This summer we have also seen an all men's and all women's group emerge.

Coordinated by Judy Kereakos with outstanding cooperation from many CPC members, the Summer Music Project has truly been a ministry of music to us all.

## 2012 Area 7 Handbell Festival in Duluth



Imagine playing handbells in a group of 445 ringers. Thanks to the generosity of the CPC congregation, I was thrilled to be able to participate in such an event in late June in Duluth.

The Handbell Musicians of America held their summer festival for Area 7 from June 28 through July 1 this year. There were 445 registrants representing 51 bell choirs.

Area 7 consists of North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Manitoba, Canada. A smattering

of ringers attended from Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and New York.

Classes on a wide variety of topics are presented by directors, ringers and guests who have many years of handbell directing or ringing experience. My rehearsal schedule permitted me to attend two classes.

Throughout the festival days we are treated to mini-concerts by outstanding solo ringers, small ensembles and very accomplished handbell choirs from the region.

In addition to ringing with the massed group of 445 ringers, each ringer rings with one of four smaller choirs as well. Those four choirs are called Tins, Coppers, Coppers + and Bronze, arranged from least difficult to most difficult music. Thank you to First Presbyterian handbell ringers with whom I played at the Bronze level.

The final event on Sunday is a concert open to the public. Duluth responded by attending in large numbers which was very rewarding.

This is the 2nd festival I have attended. The first was in Rochester 2 years ago. The next festival will be in 2012 in LaCrosse. It is my hope that several handbell musicians from CPC will attend in 2012.

Judy Kereakos, Handbell Choirs Director

## *Bible Treasure Hunt*

Let the search—and the fun—begin! Try one or both of the variations below, adjusting for age-appropriateness as needed.

What you need:

- \* Bible
- \* Self-stick notes or pieces of paper
- \* Pencil
- \* Treats
- \* Boxes (treasure chests)

What you do:

Locations Treasure Hunt

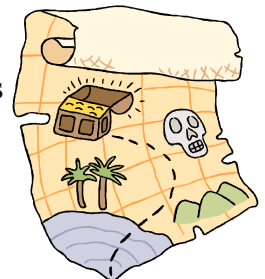
1. Find Bible verses that mention a place inside

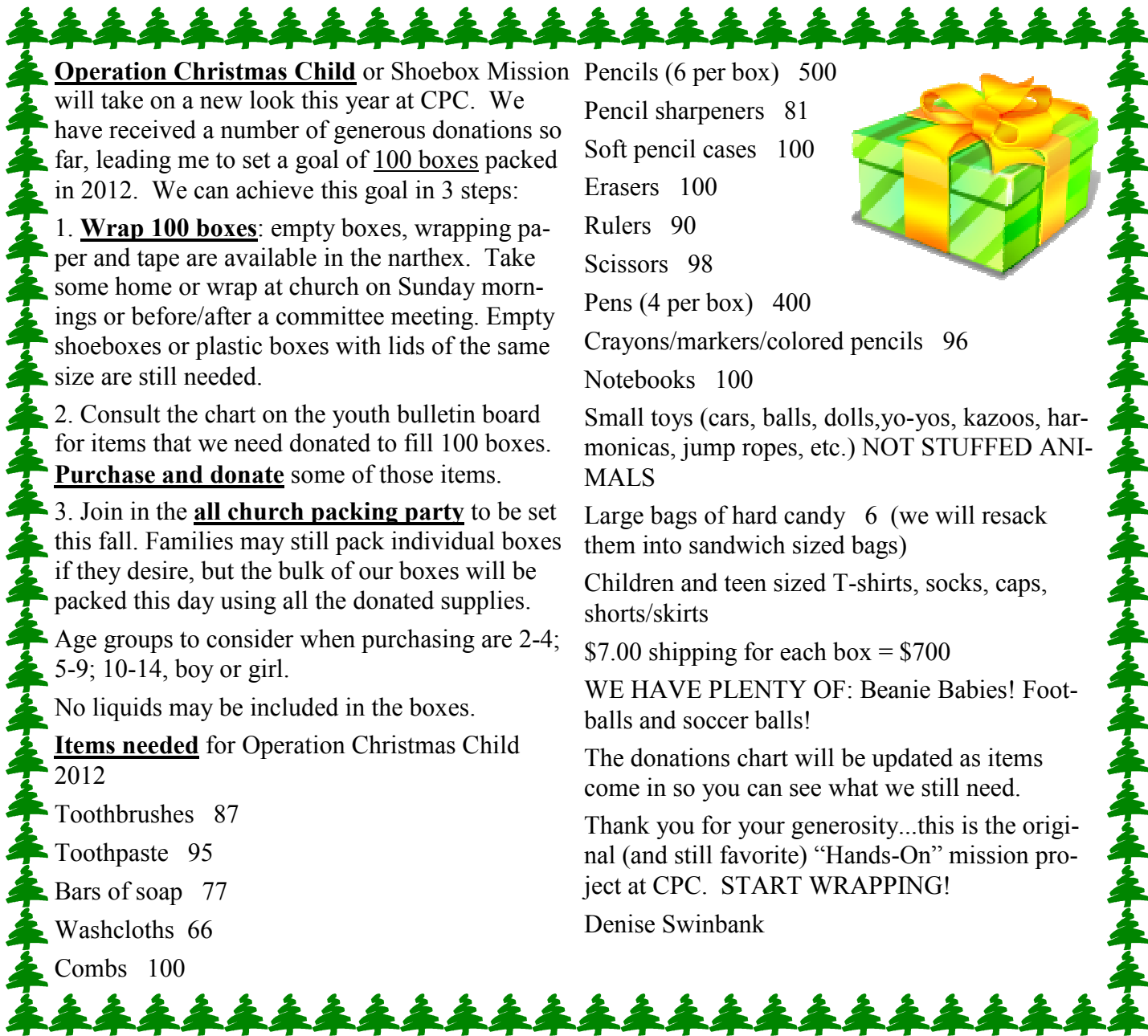
or outside your house. The location for Matthew 7:8, for example, is a door.

2. Write each verse on a self-stick note and hide all but the first clue. Give the first clue to the player(s).
3. Leave the treats at the final clue destination.

Object Treasure Hunt

1. Find Bible verses that mention objects that can be found nearby. The object for Matthew 16:19, for example, is a key.
2. Give each player an empty box, a Bible and a list of verses as clues.
3. Have players return their collected items for a final prize.





**Operation Christmas Child** or Shoebox Mission will take on a new look this year at CPC. We have received a number of generous donations so far, leading me to set a goal of 100 boxes packed in 2012. We can achieve this goal in 3 steps:

1. **Wrap 100 boxes:** empty boxes, wrapping paper and tape are available in the narthex. Take some home or wrap at church on Sunday mornings or before/after a committee meeting. Empty shoeboxes or plastic boxes with lids of the same size are still needed.

2. Consult the chart on the youth bulletin board for items that we need donated to fill 100 boxes.

**Purchase and donate** some of those items.

3. Join in the **all church packing party** to be set this fall. Families may still pack individual boxes if they desire, but the bulk of our boxes will be packed this day using all the donated supplies.

Age groups to consider when purchasing are 2-4; 5-9; 10-14, boy or girl.

No liquids may be included in the boxes.

**Items needed** for Operation Christmas Child 2012

Toothbrushes 87

Toothpaste 95

Bars of soap 77

Washcloths 66

Combs 100

Pencils (6 per box) 500

Pencil sharpeners 81

Soft pencil cases 100

Erasers 100

Rulers 90

Scissors 98

Pens (4 per box) 400

Crayons/markers/colored pencils 96

Notebooks 100

Small toys (cars, balls, dolls, yo-yos, kazoos, harmonicas, jump ropes, etc.) **NOT STUFFED ANIMALS**

Large bags of hard candy 6 (we will resack them into sandwich sized bags)

Children and teen sized T-shirts, socks, caps, shorts/skirts

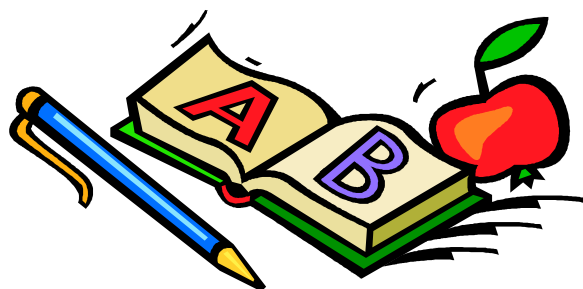
\$7.00 shipping for each box = \$700

**WE HAVE PLENTY OF:** Beanie Babies! Footballs and soccer balls!

The donations chart will be updated as items come in so you can see what we still need.

Thank you for your generosity...this is the original (and still favorite) "Hands-On" mission project at CPC. **START WRAPPING!**

Denise Swinbank



### Can You Meet This Challenge?

CPC Youth will be volunteering at United Way during Running Start For School and the Winter Outer Wear Drive. Can CPC adults match their volunteer hours?

Go to [www.uwolmsted.org](http://www.uwolmsted.org) to sign up for any number of volunteer opportunities from "Fill the Truck" to sorting school supplies to distribution days.

Let's all join together to be a telling presence in Olmsted County.



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Come Be Our Guest!  
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 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (September - May)  
 Nursery is provided during Worship  
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