



Communicator

GOD IN, AROUND AND THROUGH US.

Pastor's Column

I know for certain that winter has officially arrived this past week because we had the cleaning of sidewalks and parking lots as part of the agenda once again. I do want you all to know that we do have some outstanding crews that come out and do that for us and they are very good at cleaning up around here. It is a big area to take care of and they are very good at checking to see what is going on and the timing of everything. It does make a difference.

I have been checking with the pictorial directory team and they have informed me that a good number of families have already scheduled a photo shoot for the church. I can tell by the numbers that we still have lots of families left to get connected. If you haven't set a time yet, I would really like to encourage you to do that for us. It is a great way for us to keep a "running history" of just who is a part of our church family.

Remember, you don't have to be a member to get involved...just sign up and you can easily do that on the web site. Just click on the tab "directory" and it will open up a schedule for you. Otherwise there is a group of folks who are at tables each Sunday morning to assist you. If you have questions, call the office. We can help too.

Liz was setting up an online meeting with Paul Logan this week to talk more about the Ukraine mission trip coming up this summer. We have a great group of folks who are planning to go and share their lives and talents with those people. I am really encouraging our prayer partners to be lifting this group up in prayer that they may be a strong testimony to the life changing power of God in this Community and that as they may take that message with them as they travel. It is a lot of work getting ready for Liz and Karen so be praying for all the details to be worked out smoothly and that everything will come together for a great trip.

I also want to highlight once again the Financial Peace University class to be starting in February. I know that is something that many of us would find very beneficial. It is a great practical approach to personal finance. It isn't just a class for people who are struggling making ends meet, but rather a comprehensive plan for all parts of our financial issues in life. It's about investments and retirements and bills and interest and...well...you get the picture. Call the office if you have more questions and we'll get you in contact with Josiah or Erin.

I am moving forward with the fruits. This week we are going to be looking at two that will work together. Kindness and Goodness. Once again we are going to see that these words having a deeper meaning that what we might think on the surface. I hope what you are all discovering is that the Bible is an amazing book of depth and meaning.

We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



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Events and Announcements

Email submissions for the Communicator to adminassiatant@communityrc.org by 5pm on Tuesday.

College/Young Career Meal— Join us for a home-cooked meal after the 3rd service. No College Meal for the week of January 29th.

Guitar Classes: Sunday at 4pm & 5pm

Come join our **Men's Bible Study** on Monday nights at church, 7pm.

"The Reason For God" study starts at 7pm on Wednesday nights in the sanctuary. Pastor Clyde teaches.

Movie Night: Friday Feb. 10th at 7:30pm. Come watch "Soul Surfer" on the "big screen" at church.

Young Couples: We have 4 extra tickets to Casting Crowns on Friday April, 20th. Cost: \$35. Contact Mat Timmer if interested.

Help for Habitat- Want to help Habitat for Humanity? Want to work off a few of those extra pounds that appeared during the holidays? Habitat for Humanity needs you to work on a house. Community and Good News Churches are joining forces to provide a group of 8-10 workers for four hours on a Saturday morning in January or February and a second crew in the afternoon. Skilled or unskilled, we need both. Don't worry about the cold – it is all inside work.

If you are interested in participating contact **Roger Leistra** at 261-9503 or rleistra@hotmail.com

Financial Peace University (Dave Ramsey class) will be offered on Monday nights from 6:30 pm– 8:00 pm February 27th through May 21st. New info on page 5.

Senior Citizens meet February 13th, 6pm at the Frying Pan.

Picture This: It's time for an updated church directory. We have arranged for several dates to snap your pictures: **February 20-21, 23-25** **February 27-28, March 1-3** For more information about signing up, see page 5.

DRESSES NEEDED:

Anyone willing to donate gently used dresses for the Operation Prom Dress giveaway to be held March 31st, 2012 please contact Megan or Mat Timmer at 605-695-8143 or 605-695-8146 or via email at mnmtimmer25@gmail.com

Offertory Envelopes are in! Pick yours up at the table in the lobby.

NEW **Young Couples Newlywed Game Night:** Friday, Feb. 24 @ 7pm at Doug & Emily Leskee's house (4417 S. Graystone Ave.) New couples welcome.

REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...If you would like to

request membership, please e-mail Pastor Clyde at pastor@communityrc.org to set up a time to meet with him, or call the office. After meeting with Pastor Clyde, the Elders will meet with you on the second or fourth Sunday at 10am in the office area. Just let us know which Sunday you would like to meet with them.

For Baptism requests, please call the office to set up a second or fourth Sunday date to meet with the Elders at 10am in the office area. For baptism, one of the parents needs to be a communicant member. **Special Baptism Service will be held on February 26, 3pm.**

Finances at a Glance: January 22, 2012

General: \$10,494
Vision: \$2,395
Total: \$12,888

2012 Weekly Goal: \$12,101
Ahead (Behind): \$787
Mission: \$931
Wednesday night: \$186
Sunday School: \$37



YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 1/15/12

Year-To-Date Offering: \$ 45,986
Year-To-Date Goal: \$ 48,404
Ahead (Behind): \$ (2,418)

1/22/12 VISION FUND II UPDATE

Pledge Goal: \$1,000,000
Amount Pledged: \$ 696,770
Total received: \$ 768,810

Gift Cards:

Hy-Vee and Sunshine gift cards are available each Sunday at church. The church receives 5% of each sale toward our Vision Fund. These gift cards can be used for groceries, gas, pharmacy, etc. This is an easy and painless way to make this fund grow! Please consider purchasing gift cards. Thank you!



Got a suggestion
for the
communicator
or new information
to add? Email Holli at
Adminassistant
@communityrc.org.

Women's Ministry

Women's Book Club meets February 8th at 9:00 am at the 26th Street Bagel Boy. We will be reading "The Bean Tree" by Barbara Kingsolver.

Joy Small Group will meet at church on February 21st at 7pm. Lesson 5. If any women are interested in joined, please contact Cleone Leistra or Harriet Valentine.

Hope Small Group will meet February 16th at 7pm. Host: Elaine Wynia. Lesson: Rose Gunnink.

NEW **Sister Chicks** is meeting Thursday, Feb 2 at Dunn Brothers Coffee, 5320 E Arrowhead Pkwy, 7:00 pm; getting together to sip, laugh, and love! We will also discuss what we will study next. Call Susan Bierwagen, 331-3996, with any questions.

Missions

JANUARY MISSION Offering is for Max & LaVeryl Voss who work for Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are raising money to be able to go back to Papa New Guinea in the spring to do missionary work.

Union Gospel Mission Love Gift for January— a monetary gift to buy meat for mission meals. See more on page 7.

Prayer Pocket

Concerns:

- Jan Boersma
- Pete Valentine
- Betty Mennis's brother-in-law
- Wilber Vandebos
- Marcia Thornton
- Carrie Valentine's sister, Kelly
- Lexi Valentine
- Jenny Kramer's brother, Glen
- Gary Parmley

Cancer Patients/Treatment:

- Kathy Klein & Ronda Sell's sister, Myra
- Lisa & Stewart Norberg's four-year old granddaughter, Ady Hauert
- Junella Wesselink's sister, Betty
- Mark Mennis
- Dave Sells' brother, Spencer
- Connie Tiggelaar

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, food and visits. A special thank you to John & Marcia for the visits at the hospital. It's great to be part of such a caring church family.

Gary & Connie Parmley



"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7

From the Desk of Liz

I have just a couple of items to note this week.

I am starting to set up the details for the High School Youth Group's Spring Fling fundraiser in March. We host this banquet every year to pay for our Sully Peaks Retreat as well as to help offset some of the costs for other activities. This year, it looks like the date of the Spring Fling will be Saturday, March 10. Tickets will go on sale in February, and I will need just a few adults to help with that. If you are willing to help, please let me know. I'll have more details about this great event in next week's article.

UKRAINE UPDATE:

This morning I was able to have a Skype conversation with Paul Logan and his assistant Natasha. (For those of you unfamiliar with Skype, it is a computer video chat. Pretty slick! J) We discussed some of the details for this trip this summer. At this point, our big prayer request is for God to show Paul and his team the best location to host the camp this summer. So if you are a prayer, please pray that God would reveal that location to Paul. Please continue to pray for those of us who will be going. I've listed everyone below. Also, if you would like to donate to this Mission Trip, just treat it just like you would treat any other Missions cause. Checks can be written to Community Reformed Church and designated to "The Ukraine Team".

Myron Garrels	Kathy Garrels	Whitney Hanson	Alex Heinert
Kari Hilbrands	Jolene Hilbrands	Mike Hilbrands	Robin Jacobs
Emily Larson	Keith Maloney	Jan Mellema	Pete Mellema
Elizabeth Odens	Maddie Schmitt	Katie Sells	Karen Sumner
Liz Teel	Rachel Thornton	Natalie Van Essen	June Van Essen
Jamie Withorne	Dennis Ver Hey	Gayle Ver Hey	Nicole Ver Hey
Kennedy Van Heerde			

That's it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz

youthpastor@communityrc.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mid-Week Menu for
February 1st:
Soup**

**Ukraine Mandatory
Training meeting:
Sunday, February
12th @ 4pm.**

February 2012

8:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am Worship
 10:15 Sunday School
 Noon: College Meal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Mid-Week 6pm Soup 7pm Lesson	2 6:30pm Sister Chicks meet at Dunn Brothers	3 Liz's Day Off	4
5 4 & 5pm Guitar Lessons	6 7pm Men's Bible Study	7 Clyde's Day Off	8 Women's Book Club 9am @Bagel Boy Mid-Week 6pm Pulled Pork 7pm Lesson H.S. Bingo Stoney Brook	9 7pm Elders meet 8pm Consistory meets Josh Merkley serves	10 Liz's Day Off	11
12 4pm Mandatory Ukraine Meeting 4 & 5pm Guitar Lessons	13 Senior Citizens 6pm @ Frying Pan 7pm Men's Bible Study	14 Clyde's Day Off	15 Mid-Week 6pm Tacos 7pm Lesson	16 7pm Hope Small Group	17 Liz's Day Off	18
19 4 & 5pm Guitar Lessons	20 Church Photos: 2:30-8:30 1pm Faith Small Group 7pm Men's Bible Study	21 Clyde's Day Off Church Photos: 2:30-8:30 7pm Joy Small Group	22 Mid-Week 6pm BBQ 7pm Lesson	23 Church Photos: 2:30-8:30	24 <i>Liz's Day Off</i> Church Photos: 2:30-8:30 5:30 H.S. Red Carpet Night Young Couples 7pm at Doug & Emily's	25 Church Photos: 10am-4:30pm
26 3pm Baptism Service 4 & 5pm Guitar Lessons	27 Church Photos: 2:30-8:30 7pm Men's Bible Study	28 Clyde's Day Off Church Photos: 2:30-8:30	29 Mid-Week 6pm Soup 7pm Lesson			

February 2012



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Tanner Nieuwenhuis Julie Smith Henry & Clazina Van Wyhe	2 Bill Rikkers	3 Skyler Bonnema Austin Freiborg	4 Sheri Brouwer
5 Steve & Darcy Barrett Art & Fern Eeten Gary & Glenda Van Den Hoek	6 Shawn Blom Samuel Fisher	7 Sawyer Caton Zariah Sittig Erin Weerheim	8 Landon Asche Rebecca Koehn Rachel Larsen Sarah Pater Nicole Zacher	9 Isaac Bonnema Bentley Hillman Heather Hinckley Calli Moss Brendon Van Beek	10 Jane Newman Clark VanDonge	11 Myron Garrels Tonia Geiger Dick Portz Carrie Valentine
12	13 Clyde Teel Paytren Van Roekel John & Hen Timmer	14 Emily Bartscher Bob & Kimberly Caswell Rick & Marla Stoops	15 Bey Beckstrom Owen Feenstra Lily Feltman	16 Sophia Niessink Amber Nieuwsma Galen Stoops	17 Isabel Bosch Mickila DeWit Alyson Vant Hul	18 Sharon Brink Nathan Hilbrands Connie Parmley
19 Rich Hoogendoorn Tammi Vander Beek	20 Mike Van Oort	21 Chase Zwak Luke & Jen Van Wyhe	22 Lesley Boltjes Angeline Lavin Bob Wesselink	23 Donna Humme Max Jacobs Vicki Traub	24 Maelyn Herda Glenda Van Den Hoek Hudson VanDonge	25
26 Pam Vande Brake Payton Zwart Don & Jan Reurink	27 Steve Barrett Gary Rames Karen Roetman Rachel Sunne Lois Vander Maten	28 Heidi Blom Cierra Bulfje	29			

What is the Union Gospel Mission?

Thank you for your monthly love gift contributions to the Union Gospel Mission. Our gifts help the mission to remain open and assist many individuals who are unemployed or less fortunate. During the course of 2011-

25,900 guests attended nightly chapel services
25,100 guests slept in warm, clean beds
75,100 meals were provided
And their thrift store provided clothing to over 6,200 people.

Also available at the Union Gospel Mission is one-on-one counseling, morning Bible studies and a children's Bible school in the summer.



**Welcome to
Community's
Newest Members:
January**

Aaron & Tanya Krueger (Devin, Kamryn)

Ricky & Jill Hanson (Whitney, Madalynn, & Jolissa)

Tyler & Laurel Wolf (Emery)

Caleb & Alli Veldhouse

Financial Peace University

Are you ready to stop worrying about money and begin your journey to financial peace? Erin Kaul will be teaching Financial Peace University (Dave Ramsey's class) Monday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm beginning February 27th. It is a 13 week class so it ends May 21st.

Child care will be provided. This class is \$100 per couple/family and that includes a lifetime membership to FPU. For more information, check out the Dave Ramsey website regarding class dates, lessons, and church contact information; daveramsey.com or call the church office to sign up. (336-1475)



Picture This: Church Directory

Community is growing and we'd like to update our directory to include you! No need to be a member...we'd just like to update our growing family!

How do I register for an appointment? Look for friendly faces with laptop computers after each church service to sign up for a time to take your photo for church. Or you can register for a time by going to our website www.communityrc.org and clicking on the directory link.

Here are our photo shoot dates:

February 20-21, 23-25

February 27-28, March 1-3

Times on Monday-Friday are from 2:30pm-8:30pm

Times on Saturday are from 10am-4:30pm

It is no cost to you- and you receive a complimentary portrait. Please spread the word!

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January 25, 2012

**Midweek Meal Wednesday @ 6pm:
Soup**

This Week

January 29, 2012

Health Concerns/ Congregational Needs

All needs should be called into the church. Leave a request with Holli or Voice Mail. For prayerline, please contact Susan Bierwagen, 331-3996. For emergencies in the non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the Elder On Call.

Next Week: February 5, 2012

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:00 Worship
10:15 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
No College/Young Career
Home-cooked meal
4:00 Guitar Class
5:00 Guitar Class

8:00 Traditional Worship
9:00 Worship
10:15 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
Noon College/Young Career
Home-cooked meal

**Nursery Care—
9am & 11am**

STAFF:

Pastor Clyde Teel
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Elder on Call...

January 22— Gerald Teunissen
January 29— Ken Vos
February 5— Curt Zwart
February 13— Al Bolton

Check us out on the web!
www.communityrc.org