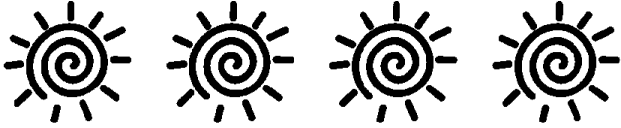


*The Session of North Presbyterian Church has called for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 5 at 10:35 am in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to:*

- ◆ *Present the 2010-2011 Annual Report*
- ◆ *Elect officers for North Presbyterian Church*



**SUMMER**  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Beginning May 29<sup>th</sup>*

*9:00 Refreshments and Fellowship*

*9:30 Summer Worship*

- ◆ From May 29<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup> we will have one worship service at 9:30.
- ◆ The services will be a blend of traditional and contemporary music. Our hope is that there will be some aspect of each service that will be your preferred style and some aspect that will stretch you in worship.
- ◆ Refreshments and Fellowship precede worship at 9:00. Enjoy your refreshments and fellowship in the Fireside room, Narthex or Meisenheimer Hall.

*Remember that worship is a verb.  
Worship is all of us glorifying God.*

# Congregation News

## *North Church 4th Annual Parking Lot Rummage Sale* *Sat. June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am-2pm* *2675 East Highway 36, North St. Paul, MN 55109*

### **Rummage Sale Registration:**

Purchase 2 parking spot stalls for just \$15! You can display and price your items that you want to sell anyway you please within your parking slots. You will also be expected to work your own parking slots and can keep your own profits. Stephanie Glaser will be managing this event. For questions or interested participants, please contact Stephanie at 651-226-7374 or email [steph.glaser@yahoo.com](mailto:steph.glaser@yahoo.com).

**\*\*You must bring your own tables and other props needed to display your items.\*\***  
**Entrance Fees will go to “Feed our Starving Children, Chapter in MN.”**

## *“Undie Sundays”—June 12th and June 19th*



On these two Sundays in June, please bring donations of new clothing items in support of “Project Home”, a family homeless shelter run by volunteers through the St. Paul Area Council of Churches. Each year hundreds of families receive a safe, clean, comfortable place to sleep. Often, families arrive at shelter with little or no personal belongings. They have nothing to change into to sleep in and no clean under things to change into in the morning. Shelter guests are men, women and children/youth of all ages.

We are gathering **NEW** Undies, Socks & More ....*items needed for men, women and children of all ages*

- ◆ Socks
- ◆ T-Shirts, Sweatshirts
- ◆ Shorts, Sweatpants
- ◆ Underwear, Boxers, PJ's

Please place your donations in the bins located in the narthex. Thank you from the Outreach Commission!

# Congregation News

## ***2011 Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure August 19-21***

Yes, I am doing it again. I have signed up for the 2011 Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure August 19-21. I had such an incredible experience 2 years ago that I am back for more. My best friend who I walked for last time is walking with me this year. Donations can be made online @ [www.the3day.org](http://www.the3day.org). Just click on Donate now and search for my personal fundraising page (Rebecca Hamilton) or you can send donations directly to me. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for this event. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

*Becky Hamilton*

## ***SHOWBOAT IS A' COMING!!!***

***Save the date! - Saturday, August 6th***

The ice and snow have gone and now it's time to think ahead to summer and the Minnesota Centennial Showboat. This year's production is

***THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET:  
THE MELODRAMA OF SWEENEY TODD***

Save the date of Saturday, August 6. We'll enjoy lunch at Joseph's on S. Wabasha St. before heading to the 2:30 matinee. The tickets are \$20 each and you can sign up right away for a great seat at a great show. We will be collecting the money in June, and as usual you will have until July 27<sup>th</sup> for a full refund if you need to cancel. Susanne and Stan Meyer are the people with the answers, so feel free to ask your questions (regarding the show and lunch, please). It is open to anyone from church, plus friends and relatives. The more the merrier!!!!



***Senior  
Adults Picnic***

***Seniors (55+) Picnic***

***Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am***

***Maplewood Nature Center (Century Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Near the Dairy Queen)***

Bring your lunch, beverage, something to share and place settings. There will be grills available – and restrooms! Bring lawn chairs if you desire. After lunch there are trails to hike or just visit. Come and have fun and bring a friend or neighbor. For more information, contact Roy and Marty Ginn (651/731-1965).

# Congregation News

## *Servants' Update*



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

A big thank-you to our joyful servants for helping with Spring clean up of yards during the NPC Community Service Day scheduled on a rainy April 30<sup>th</sup>. Not all yards were finished that day but were finished within several days as the weather cleared, to the grateful approval of the homeowners.

Thanks go out to the willing servants including Mark, Sherry, Abigail and Sydney Tiffany; Marc and Liz Jefferson; Carole and Ron Javner; John Blair; Kevin Carlson; James, Leslie, Spencer and Abigail York; Paul and Garrett Colton; Doug Pepin; Leslie, Bob, Allison and Sarah Etter; Don Schroeder; Rod and Elaine Collins.

Many hands made for light work along with good companionship. We look forward to another NPC Community Service Day next year when we can again serve to God's Glory!

## *From the Endowment Committee*

The North Presbyterian Church Endowment Committee works behind the scenes to support the church's mission and help ensure our future financial stability. The committee often funds needs which arise unexpectedly or which are not covered by the operating budget. Examples of projects funded over the last year or so include a new copy machine for the church office; a new DVD player for Meisenheimer Hall; liturgical dance outfits; and support for the work camps and camperships for Clearwater Forest. The committee also oversees several dedicated funds which support specific causes, such as North's excellent music programs. The Endowment Committee is committed to the wise investment of the resources provided for its stewardship. Please consider making a donation to the NPC Endowment Fund. Members of the Endowment Committee would be glad to answer any questions you may have. Please contact George Smith (chair), Tom Clark, Roy Ginn, Dave Hoffman or John Snell.

## *A Memorable Presbytery Meeting on May 10*

Several things occurred at the last Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area meeting to make it one not many who attended will forget. They were the following: The Moderator of the General Assembly, Elder Cynthia Bolbach, attended the meeting and preached during a worship time. We debated and voted on Amendment 10- A which relaxes ordination and/or installation standards. The PTCA was the 87th presbytery to pass the Amendment and it will take effect on July 10, 2011. We celebrated Warrendale Presbyterian Church in St. Paul's ministry over the years. A tornado warning sent us to the church basement for the last part of the meeting.

*Ruth Jones*

## ***A Wonderful Surprise!***

"Remember Niger Coalition" has been chosen as one of the recipients of the national Presbyterian Women 2012 Thank Offering. The amount awarded to "Remember Niger Coalition" is \$22,500.

Criteria that must be matched by a group are as follows:

1. Consistency with mission concerns and policies of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
2. A purpose that meets basic human needs.
3. Providing a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served.
4. Being a creative project less than three years old or a new direction for an existing program.

***"Remember Niger Coalition" met all of the criteria and more!***

The group partners with a small Christian denomination in Niger, Africa that builds, equips and maintains elementary schools, provides children with scholarships and young adults with teacher training scholarships. A new project, The Student Sponsorship Program, provides a child with a quality education for \$360/year. It includes tuition for one year, a student's uniform, school supplies, books, access to computer lab, board & room at one of the schools (food, bunk bed, mosquito netting, medical and hygiene assistance) and teaching from qualified, caring, Nigerien Christian teachers.

### ***Summer Camps At Presbyterian Clearwater Forest***

Clearwater offers exceptional camps year around for all ages, individuals and families, at great facilities, in the beauty of God's creation. Summer week long Discovery Camp (grades 3-6) and Adventure Camp (grades 7-9) have been favorites of several members of our congregation for years. This summer we will again have several children and youth attending a week long camp. The camps are offered throughout the summer. Information and registration can be found at [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org). Talk to Pastor James if you would like to carpool and attend with others from our church this summer.

***Financial Assistance for Clearwater or Workcamp....***The endowment committee and/ or a few members of our congregation are eager to offer financial assistance to any member in need so they can attend camp. They are glad to invest in the blessings that abound from the camp experience. Talk to Pastor James or George Smith of the Endowment Committee if your child wants to attend camp but you are short on the funds for the camp.

## ***VBS Volunteers Needed***

We are excitedly planning our *Pandamania* Vacation Bible School and beginning to look for volunteers. Last year was a wonderful experience with almost 40 children and 30 volunteers attending a week of fun and fellowship. Please read the following job descriptions and prayerfully consider whether you can volunteer at least one evening during July 17-21. If you have any questions, please call Renee Kristensen at 651-777-4044 or email [renee@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:renee@northchurch-mn.org).

***Party Time Sing & Play Leader and Rowdy Wrap-Up Leader:*** Lead or co-lead the music and finale each day using video clips and skits provided in the curriculum.

***Crazy Crafts & Missions Leader:*** Help children create one-of-a-kind crafts that reinforce the daily Bible stories.

***Bamboo Blast Games Leader:*** Play games with the children that relate to the daily Bible point.

***Spotlight VBS Leader:*** Take pictures of children and copy them into a special slide show to use during the *Rowdy Wrap-Up*.

***Treetop Treats Leader:*** Help children prepare snacks for the entire group.

***Wild Bible Adventures Leader:*** Perform simple roles as Bible characters along with other volunteers.

***Chadder's Movie Mania Leader:*** Present a DVD segment followed by a short discussion.

***Panda Preschool Teachers:*** Lead or co-lead Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, and games with preschool children.

***Crew Leaders:*** Participate in fun activities while shepherding a group of three to five elementary-age kids.

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# *From Pastor James*

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## *God Sightings*

*"Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes."*

*Matthew 6:34*

*"Keep on looking and you will find." Matthew 7:7*

It has been a wonderful month to see God in our family of faith. You could see God in the joyful desire to learn about God and our celebration of the Presbyterian Women Circles, Wednesday Discipleship Program, Sunday School, our teachers and our Director of Children's Ministries, Renee. You could see God in the playful laughter and energy of our youth at the lock-in and our children at the Easter Party. You could see God in the excitement of lovingly serving Jesus through Feed My Starving Children (providing meals for 127 children for an entire year), and the Servants Work Day that spruced up homes in our community. You could see God in the awe of the children who celebrated their first communion at the Agape Celebration. You could see God in our soon-to-be new members as they shared how God has been active in their lives. You could see God in the generous service of John Blair who served as our treasurer for seven years. You could see God in the festive Women's Tea. You could see God in the mountain of clothes and food donated. You could see God in the thoughtful expressions of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior by our confirmands. You could see God in the generous giving of \$3,403.83 to One Great Hour of Sharing. You could see God in the church adorned with flowers, triumphant with brass, organ, piano and praise band, exultant in anthems, majestic in harmonious singing, creative with the drama team and jubilant in worship for Easter.

You can see God in the beauty of the church bursting with color and butterflies in Meisenheimer Hall. You can see God in our passionate worship, inspiring music and warm fellowship. You can see God bounding through our building in the many scouting troops that meet in our church. You can see God as we welcome a baby into our family of faith. You can see God as we celebrate birthdays, weddings and anniversaries. You can see God in our staff, elders, deacons and all our servants who are the loving compassionate hands and feet of Jesus. You can see God in every person as you enjoy our new pictorial directory.

This summer you will see God in the passionate service of our workcampers, the vitality of VBS and the generosity of the Remember Niger service trip. You are invited to see God at Synod School and a Clearwater Forest Camp. You are invited to see God in the beauty of nature as you explore and play.

If you are fortunate enough to enjoy a vacation or even a weekend with family, you are invited to share your God sightings. Ask one another: What do you enjoy? How are you having fun? What is beautiful to you? How are you experiencing rest, playfulness, love, joy or peace? God reveals Godself through all of these and in many other ways. Share your God Sightings, give thanks to God for them and enjoy your summer.

*Jesus said, "I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that you may have my joy made complete in yourselves." John 17:13*



## *Synod School 2011*

Join Pastor James, Spencer and Abigail as they attend their sixth Synod School. The worship is inspiring, the classes are spiritually nourishing, the fellowship is exceptional and there are many fun activities and crafts, all on a beautiful campus. Pastor James will join a wonderful faculty that will offer over fifty classes for adults. Children and youth have their own special classes, worship and fellowship. Spencer and Abigail are eager to attend again. Please consider joining the York family this summer for Synod School July 24-29 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake Iowa. More information can be found at <http://www.lakesandprairies.org/school.html>.



The Outreach Commission would like to thank the following people who donated their time and efforts to a very successful mission project for *Feed My Starving Children*.

Cindy and Kevin Carlson  
Carole Javner  
Karen Hummel  
John & Sue Parnell  
Lisa, Larry and Sara Durst  
Porg Andrus  
Leslie and Abigail York  
Mary Morrisette  
Connie Ferrazzo (friend of Mary Morrisette)

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> we met at Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview for their MobilePack Event. Our church members packed 19 cases (684 bags) of food which helped *Feed My Starving Children* produce more than 127 million meals this year. We hope that this will be an annual event and encourage anyone interested to volunteer next year.



On April 10th six youth were confirmed at North (Ryan Bearth, Ellie Blair, Courtney Colton, Kendra Durst, Rachael Holle and Rachael Marah). A Faith Statement from a youth will appear in the Innovator each month. Below are the faith statements from Ryan Bearth and Kendra Durst.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH – Ryan Bearth**

I believe that God made everything that you can and cannot imagine on Earth or any other planet. God loves everyone. God made me to be a good person. I think a good person is somebody who shares God's love with everyone like being kind and giving hugs. A good person follows God's laws and is respectful of everyone. A good person takes care of others such as taking care of my pets, parents, siblings and friends when they are sick or sad. I don't know everything yet about God's plan for my life, so I'll keep listening to Him and see where He takes me. God gives me the choice to pick my own plan for my life, but I will listen to Him and He'll guide me through life.

I believe that Jesus is God. Jesus was also a man who died and was crucified on the cross to take away everybody's sins. Jesus is the only one who is both God and man. He is God's one and only son. Jesus is caring and loving. I show my love for Jesus by praying, helping others, and going to church. Jesus guides me to do what's right. When I pray, I tell Him thank you for protecting me.

I believe that Jesus was without sin. Sin is when you do something against God and His commandments. Sin is also about failing to do the right things like not helping and caring for one another. Sin makes God and Jesus sad. Jesus and God forgive our sins, but this doesn't mean they excuse our sins. When I sin, it hurts me too, because I'm not being the person who God wants me to be. For forgiveness, I ask God, Jesus and the person I sin against. For forgiveness, I must sincerely be sorry, wish to never commit that sin again and try to do better.

I believe that everybody will be saved no matter what. I believe that God will save even those who do not believe in Jesus Christ. I know not everyone believes this, but I really do. God's love is greater than we can understand, and I believe that His love is great enough to save everyone. Jesus died and was crucified on the cross for each and every one of us. He wants us to be good people by listening to Him and following all of the Ten Commandments.

I believe the Holy Spirit is who helps us to know and love Jesus. The Word of God is from the Bible. It is God's book. The Holy Spirit speaks through scripture. I believe that God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are all one. They are three in one, and three different ways that God helps us know Him and learn about Him.

I believe the mission of the church is to show the love of God and Jesus Christ. I show this by going to youth group, band, worship services, and confirmation classes. I show God's love by being kind and caring to everyone. The church provides people with communion at church and for shut-ins. The church feeds the hungry and waters the thirsty.

I believe a sacrament is something we do to show that we believe in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. A sacrament is a symbol showing God's love and forgiveness for my sins. Baptism means that you become part of God's family. The Lord's Supper means we are one with God. The bread and the wine are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

I will live my life as a disciple of God and Jesus Christ like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John did. I will do this by going to church, following the Ten Commandments, and showing God's light to everyone through kindness and caring. I will listen to God and always try to be the person He wants me to be. As a Christian, I will work to support the mission of the church, bearing witness to God's love for the world in Jesus Christ.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH – Kendra Durst

I believe that God created the world, I have complete faith in that. I believe that we here on earth may never comprehend how God made the world and us. I don't need scientific proof to believe because "I believe" doesn't mean I can prove something rather than based on what I have experienced and what my heart tells me that I feel. I believe that God created the world and mankind just can't comprehend how.

I view Jesus as a mentor and friend. I believe this for many reasons. He's my mentor because He guides me through my life and never leaves no matter what. He's my teacher in many ways because when I mess up he points me in the right direction and he shows me the way of life. He's a listener when I sing to him my song of pain and laughter He promises me that he'll never walk away from me and He hears my every prayer. Jesus is my everything and always will be.

I believe sin is when you disobey God and Jesus either knowingly or unknowingly we do this by; not fully committing ourselves to God, not following what we believe in, failing to love and breaking the ten commandments. There are many ways to sin, but what happens when we sin is more important, we hurt ourselves and tear ourselves apart. We hurt the ones we love. Sin is like a ripple effect. I believe we all sin and all are imperfect.

I believe the holy spirit brings rebirth and assures us of eternal life. The holy spirit helps us grow and strengthens us with the truth of the word. The holy spirit is a divine person who lets us know and serve Jesus Christ. I also believe that the Holy Spirit is one of the biggest things that connects us to God and to each other, this can be shown with the symbol of the cross. The staff going North and South connects us to our God and the one going East and West connects us to each other as one whole.

I believe that Grace is a gift of God's unconditional love for us. I also believe that Jesus Christ saves us from our sins I believe this because He gave himself up on the cross for us. I used to believe if you had done too many bad things in your life or had a sin overload that Jesus would no longer want to save you or even love you. I know this not to be true, and I strongly believe now that Jesus died on the cross for me so I could be forgiven and have eternal life, no matter how much wrong doing we do.

I believe there are many missions of the Church and I think that one of them could be to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and make disciples of all kinds of people. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and, lo I am with you always, even to the end of age" (Matt. 28:19-20). I also believe that the mission of the church could be to live out and continue what Jesus did when he came to life here on earth and that was try to show everyone that God is real and that he does love everyone that God is real and that he does love everyone no matter what we do.

I believe that we are being physical and spiritual when we partake in the Lord's Supper we are being physical when we take in the bread and wine/juice. We are being spiritual when he gives us peace, joy, hope, and life. He's the battery that gives me energy. I also believe that baptism should happen at an older age so you would get more out of it knowing that it was your will and not your parents.