

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
420 Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis,
MN 55405

May/June 2011 Newsletter

A Minster's Musings

Tuesday evening the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area met at Peace Presbyterian Church in St. Louis Park for their May meeting. At that meeting the presbytery voted to approve amendment 10A which allows for, but does not mandate, the ordination of gay and lesbian Presbyterians. The new language reads:

“Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life.. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”

While we rejoice that the larger church now allows what we have proclaimed for many years, there are still members within our denomination who oppose this change. The Presbyterian Church (USA) will continue to work on what it means to be the church when we are divided over some very important issues. However, for those of us who have worked for the ordination of GLBT members, this is really significant progress and we rejoice in this change which removes restrictive language from our constitution. At the same time we see our Minnesota legislature moving toward adding restrictive language to our state constitution. It seems contrary to the very nature of our democracy that we should be facing this effort to limit the rights of our citizens. We still have work to do in our church and in our state as we seek equal rights and inclusion for all of God’s children. I am thankful for this church and its ongoing commitment to work for justice.

Peace,
Jamie

Sunday School

We are revving up for the final Sunday Schools meetings of the school year. The Sunday School teachers (Sarah Peterson, Nicole Hiedeman, me) want your kids to come to any and/or all of the Sunday Schools (9:30-10:25). We like your kids and we want to end the Sunday School season on a good note.

May 15 - Work with Lisa Bullard a third and final time!

May 22 - Last Sunday School of the School Year! "Our Service" - the kids usher, read a story during the Time with Children, etc. and after church the entire congregation is invited to join us downstairs for a PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

We need some additional adult help with the cooking. Who wants to help fry sausage or flip pancakes? Thanks again for sharing your kids with us. It's been a really great year in Sunday School!

Peace,
Kristin

Game Nights

The first two game nights have been a great success and we are anxious for the next one. However, due to busy summer schedules for everyone, we will be taking the summer off and will plan the next game night for sometime in August. Watch for newsletter and email announcements about the date later in the summer.

Thanks,
Robbie



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Coffee hour hosts are always needed. Please sign up to host coffee hour if you can. Check with Sally Neverman for open dates.

Thanks,
The Deacons



Annual Garage Sale

Hosted by Robbie & Betsy at
2502 Zenith Ave N., Golden Valley, MN 55422

Sale dates: June 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

8:00 - 5:00 all three days

Drop off: for regular sized items begins Sunday,
May 8th

for large items runs May 28th - June 1st .

please call before you come for any drop offs.

Questions? rsteele651@comcast.net or 763-529-7862.



This annual fundraiser has contributed over \$20,000 toward the new elevator at church thanks to volunteer help and donations from everyone at church, our neighbors, friends & family of church members, and local businesses. Last year alone our sale raised about \$5,000 and I challenge each and every one of you do your part to beat last years total. Donate your own unwanted items, those of your family & friends, unwanted merchandise from your work places - be creative in gathering stuff. Every dollar we raise at this sale is one less dollar (or maybe more if you factor in interest) we will have to borrow to pay off our recent renovations. Tell your friends and family to come and shop our sale too.

Here's what I don't want this year: Adult clothing (sorry,) Computer equipment, old TV's, anything broken or dirty, anything considered hazardous waste, buckets of rusty nails, etc. Good, clean, quality stuff is what makes this fundraiser a huge success year after year.

I want everything else, but here are some ideas to get you looking through those closets and cupboards, under your bed or in your attic & garages: CD's, VHS, DVD's, electronics, sporting goods, kitchen equipment & supplies, partially used bottles of lotion, anything to do with kids, books, furniture, linens, pet supplies, dinnerware, stemware, knick knacks, hand/power tools, garden tools, cars, boats, lamps, home decorations, gift baskets that we can raffle off, cases of pop/water or candy to sell, unwanted (or outgrown your house), but healthy house plants, labeled garden transplants (raspberry starts, perennials, etc.), golf clubs, nice rugs, lawn furniture or almost anything else you can think of - ask me if you are unsure about any particular item.

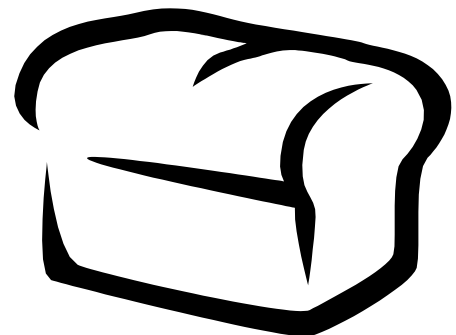
All donations are tax deductible.

New this year : Bake sale! in conjunction with annual garage sale.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already stepped forward to volunteer to bake items for the bake sale that will also be held at/during the garage sale. If you have not already contacted me but would like to bake an item or two for the sale, please do so as soon as possible via email at rsteele651@comcast.net or by phone #763-529-7862.

Items must be packaged to be sold either as a whole item (a pie, cake, or batch of bars) or as individual items (single cookies, bars, etc. individually wrapped in cellophane or otherwise packaged) and items should have a recipe or ingredient list attached to assist people with food allergies. Items that can be frozen without affecting their taste or appearance can be given to us or dropped off at any time between May 8th and the first day of the sale (June 2nd), items that are best fresh should be dropped off the evening of June 1st or the morning of June 2nd.

Looking for: Pies, Cakes, Brownies, Fudge, Homemade Ice Cream, Breads, Rolls, Cupcakes, Cookies, Jams/Jellies, Jar soup mixes, Bars, Candies, Tarts, Crisps, etc.



Clear Water Forest

**BMPC Church Summer Retreat & Friends & Neighbors of Clearwater Day
Friday July 8 -Sunday July 10, 2011**

Join your BMPC family and friends for a weekend of fun and sun!

The weekend will be filled with games, swimming, campfire songs, BBQ, hikes, bike rides, canoeing, boat rides, high ropes course, and worship. Come join us for the day or the weekend.

Lodging and Meals

Sign up early!

I have rented Leaning Tree Lodge for both Friday July 8 and Saturday July 9.

We have 15 rooms available in Leaning Tree.

Rooms hold 3-4 people.

Breakfast will be prepared by BMPC members.

Lunch and Dinner are prepared by the PCF staff.

Friends & Neighbors Day is Saturday July 9th.

If you wish to come just for the day, please contact Wendy Nove.

Reservations are required.

Reservation must be made and paid by Wednesday June 8.

Reservations are non-refundable.

Please send your check to BMPC attn: Donna

Questions call Wendy Nove 612-977-9292

Rooms \$25/bed + \$10 for each additional person

Breakfast \$3/person x 2 days=\$6
(Children 2 & under free)

Lunch \$5/person x 1 day=\$5

Dinner \$7/person x 1 day= \$7

(Children 5 and under are free for lunch and dinner)

Campgrounds are also available for free, contact Wendy Nove.

Congratulations Graduates

Rachel Neverman will graduate from St. Catherine University on May 22 with majors in music and computer science as well as a minor in psychology. She sings with St. Kate's Women's Choir and is a member of the national music honor society. Her family will celebrate Rachel's accomplishments that Weekend.

Mara Fink is graduating from St. Olaf on May 29. Her future plans are not firmly in place just yet, but she has a couple of opportunities she hopes to hear more from soon.

Neighborhood Playgroup update

The neighborhood playgroup that we started in March has been well attended and both kids and parents have had a great time.

Starting in June the playgroup will switch day and time and meet the second and fourth Tuesday every month, from 2.30 pm to 4 pm. We will continue to meet the second and fourth Thursday 10.30-12.30 through the month of May. Starting May 12th we will be outside when the weather is nice. We will meet at the playground at Bryn Mawr Meadows except on rainy days when we will be in the church nursery. Invite your neighbors! Contact Lina Wiksten or Heather Struwe with any questions.

Thanks for Volunteering

Greeters/Counters

5/15 – Barb Becker/Laura Kadwell

5/22 – Nancy Blankfard & Keith Beveridge

5/29 – Rick & Jen Sampson

6/5 – Betsy Kerr & Peg Johnson

6/12 --Jim Hooker & Dave Goodwyne

6/19 -- Barb Becker/Laura Kadwell

6/26 -- Nancy Blankfard & Keith Beveridge

Coffee

5/15 – Clarkes

5/22 – Sunday School Pancake Breakfast

5/29 – Tieleman

6/5 – Shatila/Anderson (to celebrate their anniversary)

6/12 – Hookers

6/19 – Neverman (to celebrate their anniversary)

6/26 – Kerr-Steele (to celebrate their anniversary)