

Dear Friends, As everyone must know by now, our denomination's biennial conference, General Assembly [GA] is July 3-10 in Minneapolis, and I am the minister commissioner from Winnebago Presbytery. I actually will be leaving on July 1, because I am driving our Young Adult Advisory Delegate to GA and her training begins at 8 am on July 2.

Each commissioner and advisory delegate is assigned to one of 19 committees – I am assigned to Committee #7, Form of Government Revision. This committee will be working on a proposed major overhaul to our Constitution – the Form of Government section of our Book of Order. This was first proposed four years ago, and at that time a Form of Government Task Force was created to develop a proposal and bring it back to the 2008 GA. During that assembly, it was voted to have the Form of Government continue to refine the proposal, and over 100 comments were submitted (including one from Winnebago Presbytery that Dave Arey, Barbara Jordanger and I worked on with others). The Task Force revised the proposal, and the revised proposal is coming back to this General Assembly, to be worked on in committee before coming to the floor of GA. It is a fascinating process, and I feel quite lucky to be assigned to this committee – our work is involved enough that we have an 8 hour committee meeting on July 2, the day before GA begins!

The Elder Commissioner from Winnebago Presbytery is Mary Ellen Keller from Forest Larger Parish. She has been assigned to Committee #8, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, which looks like it will have some interesting work. The Young Adult Advisory Delegate [YAAD] is Mariana Berbert, from Oshkosh, and she is assigned to Committee #6 – Church Orders, which will be looking at issues around ordination. Thus, she'll be working on some of the hot issues, as our church continues to struggle with whether or not to permit ordination of gay and lesbian members in relationships.

Other issues that are bound to be contentious are issues around marriage (whether or not the church should permit same-sex couples to be wed in church), and Middle Eastern peace. Related to the latter, there has been a Middle East Study Group and its report has created a great deal of controversy. Our Presbytery AND our Session have each sent a resolution to the Middle East Peacemaking Committee related to this report. For many of us, this issue is not only important because of the issues themselves, but because of how our statements will impact interfaith relationships, especially our relationship with Jewish brothers and sisters.

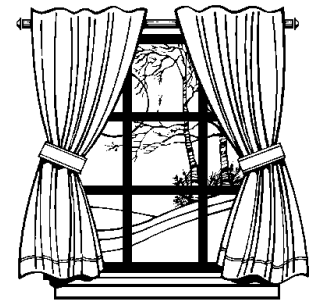
A lot of important work will happen at General Assembly, and not all of it is controversial or exciting – but it is important, and part of its importance comes in that decisions are made by men and women of faith – ½ clergy, ½ elders – and most of the commissioners (including me) will be at their first General Assembly. Please pray for all of us at General Assembly, that we will be faithfully listening for God, and that we will serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love!

Peace,

WINDOW TO SESSION

At its stated meeting on June 22nd, the Session

- met with the representatives of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for the triennial evaluation;
- learned that both income and expenses have been lower than budgeted so far in 2010;
- approved August vacation dates for Rev. Zencka;
- approved 2010 Mission Grants totaling \$6035;
- accepted a \$100 donation designated for helping to feed the hungry;
- identified Session members to host coffee hour in July and agreed that any donations to the July coffee hour would be given to support Frame's ministry through its operating budget;
- received the report of the Music Task Force and directed the Music Task Force to place advertisements for the Music Director and Church Musician positions and to identify candidates to recommend to the Session;
- received the report of the Frame the Future Task Force regarding strategic planning and directed the Session committees to identify goals related to the identity statements reviewed by the congregation;
- agreed to hold an All-Church Committee Meeting on Sunday, September 26, beginning with a potluck lunch, and including reports from all Session committees and the Deacons; this will be open to all current committee members and all who are interested in serving on a committee;
- approved the creation of a Fellowship Committee to organize social events for the church members such as potlucks, hikes, movie nights, etc. This will reduce the workload of the Membership Committee and mean that there is a committee whose only assignment is creating opportunities for the Frame community to spend time together;
- heard prayer concerns; and closed with prayer at 7:59 p.m.



JUNE MISSION MEMOS by Liz Kammer

In May, the Mission Committee collected grant requests from 21 local agencies interested in Frame's Community Grants. These requests totaled \$13,210. We are awarding \$6035 to 17 different non-profits. The following is the list of our recipients:

- Achievement Center - books which will target families where English is a 2nd language - \$375
- Advocates for the Developmentally Disabled – transportation - \$250
- Aging and Disability Resource Center – snacks for their memory loss program - \$260
- Boys and Girls Club – healthy snacks, working to prevent obesity - \$600
- Busy Bees Child Care Center – daycare - \$500
- Family Crisis Center – help with food and shelter - \$800
- CAP, Skills Enhancement – participant training costs - \$500
- Catholic Charities – help for those with HIV Aids - \$100
- Children's Museum – admission fees for low income - \$450
- Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra – education expenses for the 4th grade concert - \$350
- Community Friends – special activities for the developmentally delayed adults - \$200
- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers – workshop training - \$400
- Justiceworks – Martin Luther King Celebration - \$250
- Operation Bootstrap – prescriptions - \$400
- Operation Bootstrap – gas vouchers - \$200
- PCHHS – Cribs for Kids, cribs for safe sleeping - \$300
- Project Linus – material for homemade blankets which go to needy children - \$100



Thank you all for your generous contributions to coffee hour. Our May coffee collection, which was sponsored by the Deacons, has been earmarked for Haiti. June Coffee Hour money will be sent to Habitat for Humanity. July Coffee Hour will be sponsored by the Elders. I will update you on the totals in our next Post.

Hope you are all enjoying your summer. See you soon! Liz Kammer

Youth Return from Mission Trip!

8 youth and 2 adults participated in an 8-day mission trip to Charleston, West Virginia in mid-June. The theme of the mission trip was "More or Less" - "Jesus must become greater; I must become less." - John 3:30

Highlights from the trip:

- Three people worked at the Boys and Girls Club in Charleston. The youth were given the responsibility of playing with the kids and helping the staff in any way possible. The theme for the week was "West Virginia," and they had guest speakers each day to talk about different aspects of the state. One speaker came to tell the kids about the importance and contributions of the first African American lawyer in West Virginia. Mostly, though, the participants at this site spent their time interacting with the children on the playground or inside while helping them with different activities. Everyone at this location felt they made a positive contribution to the program and the children participating in it.
- Seven people worked at Union Mission in Charleston. Union Mission has many different ministries and the youth were able to participate in most of them. At the thrift store, the youth tagged clothes, straightened up, cleaned shelves and floors, sorted, and put items away. At the women's shelter, Brookside Family Life Center, they organized and put away clothes given to abused single mothers and their children. In the administration building, they cleaned, picked up litter, and helped with one of their mailings. We also served lunch at Crossroads, a men's homeless shelter, and bagged food in their food distribution warehouse. This organization is able to provide a tremendous service to people in the most dire of situations.
- There were three other churches at our site - from Tennessee, Alabama, and Indiana.
- Our time was very programmed. In addition to our work sites, there were daily devotions in the morning, planned evening activities, evening worship, and daily church group time. Each day, there were different themes: "More Courage, Less Fear" and "More Be, Less Do" and "Less Here, More There" and "More Love, Less Ego" - it was interesting to contemplate these different concepts.
- White-water rafting on the New River was a great way to end the trip...and no one fell in - even better! ☺



THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS!

CALLING ALL HEROS!

You're invited to 'Hero Headquarters' the VBS where kids join forces with God! The superheroes at Hero Headquarters - Maintenance Mac, Water Woman, and Pizza Man - will help kids learn what it means to be a hero for God. Kids will be introduced to unnamed Bible heroes who were not super or powerful, yet their small acts were used by God to do wonderful things! Kids will be challenged to be heroes who do the unexpected, take action, step out on faith, save the day, and stand for truth!

Date: August 23-26, 2010

Time: 5:30pm-6:00pm Meal (Hey parents: It'll be kid friendly and there's no prep required!!!)
6:00pm-7:30pm Hero Headquarters Vacation Bible School

Contact: Susan Barrett, Coordinator of CE, at 341-3040 for more details

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! TALK TO SUSAN BARRETT TODAY! ☺

OVER THE SPEED LIMIT seniors will meet at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast at the Blue Top Restaurant on Thursday, July 22nd. Please sign up on the sheet outside of the office so that we know how many to expect. All those available at that time are welcome to join us. Thanks!

WELCOME EDIN JAYNE PAGE!

Baby girl Edin Jayne Page was born on Monday, June 22 to parents Scott and Jen Page, big sister Ella, and grandma Nancy. Edin weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long despite being born 3-1/2 weeks early. She has been in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Marshfield to monitor her lung function.



A NEW BABY GIRL!



THANK YOU!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, support and expressions of sympathy for the loss of my father-in-law, Donald Vroman. Your kindness has been deeply appreciated and you have touched our hearts. Special thanks to Pastor Susan for your prayers and support. You have been a blessing to our family during a very difficult time!

Kathy Vroman

The Ekaterinburg Trio

The violin-clarinet-piano ensemble from Ekaterinburg, Russia was formed in 1998 in Ekaterinburg by three friends—Victoria Gorbich (violin), Vladislav Gorbich (clarinet) and Vasil Galiulin (piano)—who had just graduated from the Ural State Music Conservatory. On their 7th tour in the US, “The Kat Trio” is Victoria, Vladislav and pianist Patrick Christians. Vikki and Vlad recently completed three year doctoral programs at Arizona State University, graduating in May 2010. The newest member of the trio, pianist Patrick Christians, is a graduate of Michigan State University. Vikki, Vlad, and Patrick are on the road this summer presenting the trio’s unique Russian arrangements and transpositions of timeless melodies. The Trio’s concert performances feature classical works, well-known inspirational songs, and even American pop standards, including Scott Joplin’s rags.

Sunday, August 8 the Kat Trio will play for the 9:30 a.m. worship service at Frame Presbyterian Church, 1300 Main Street, Stevens Point. Vikki, Vlad, and Patrick will present a 30 minute concert following the service.

Joyful is the word that audiences use to describe the Ekaterinburg Classical Trio’s presentation of classical, inspirational, and pop standards. The Kat Trio loves performing live and has played more than 400 concerts in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose, Chicago, Dallas, St. Louis, Little Rock, Shreveport, Branson, Denver, Lincoln, Des Moines, Milwaukee, Madison, and numerous small communities, impressing audiences with their exceptional arrangements, artistic interpretations, and captivating technique. When not found in concert venues, college or high school auditoriums, or in class rooms doing Master Classes, the Trio is performing for Sunday services or presenting concerts in churches.

The Ekaterinburg Trio’s website, www.thekattrio.net, features a “Music” page where fans can hear music files of all the songs they’ve recorded on 9 CD’s. The *YouTube* link on their home-page allows fans to view 28 videos of individual song performances.

The Kat Trio recordings are:

- “20th Century Masters” (2000) (Classical)
- “The Kat Trio in America” (2000) (American standards)
- “On Eagles’ Wings” (2001) (Inspirational - hymns and sacred songs)
- “Serenade for Three” (2002) (Classical)
- “The Kat Trio – Live” (2003) (All genres)
- “A Kat Trio Christmas” (2004) (Traditional Christmas favorites)
- “The Space Between” (2004) (Classical & American pop standards)
- “Romantic Expressions” (2006) (Classical)
- “Kat Trio Classics” (2009) (Classical)

For more information on the Ekaterinburg Classical Trio, to hear samples of their music, and watch Kat Trio videos, visit their website: <http://www.thekattrio.net>

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