

COMMUNITY CALL

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TEAM IAN



TEAM IAN RUN

Team Ian, organized in memory of Ian Alves, is off and running again this Fall. On Saturday, November 4th, at the West Fargo High School (WFHS) Track Complex, the one mile walk/run will start at 9:15 a.m. with the 5K run/walk beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Come run/walk your way through a 5k or mile and support the fight against cancer. All proceeds will go towards the support of those continuing their fight with cancer. Bring your friends and family out for a fun filled morning!

Race day registration will be from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at the WFHS Track. Preregister in the WFHS main office.

FALL POTATO BAR

YOU ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
2017 FALL BAKED POTATO BAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH,
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Sign-up sheets for food and workers will be posted. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to Presbyterian Women.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



Grace and peace to you, friends and family of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo. As I sit down to share my ponderings with you, my thoughts are swirling, much like the leaves that are beginning show off their beautiful colors, and fall from the trees down upon the ground. Whether the wind is a gentle breeze or stormy weather, the leaves seem to ride the waves of the wind, eventually settling in the nooks and crannies of God's world. Truly, the Fall season is upon us. School has started so folks are getting settled into the routine of the season. We hear the wonderful sound of God's children within the church. It is a delightful sound and sight!

Committees of the church are in full swing and we just had a Session
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meeting...your leaders are busy planning for the future, for continued ways to share the Word of God within our community and out in the community that surrounds us. Please take time to read this newsletter so you know what is planned, and you can participate fully in this church community.

We are always looking for people of the church to share their gifts and talents with their community. We are going to set up a Facebook page for Community Presbyterian Church. This is a new adventure for us, and we need more planning and people to be on an administrative committee. Please contact me if you would be excited to be part of this project.

During September, we explored the Book of Joel during worship. There were three things we learned that are good to make part of our Christian walk. Joel focused on teaching the children, all of God's children: to remember what God has done, to turn or return to God, and that God is always with us.

As humans, we can easily get sidetracked with all the things going on in our lives. God's call to is remember God, to remember what we have learned through study and experience about God's compassion and love, that God ultimately gave his Son to die for us. Remembering means teaching and learning. We can't remember what we do not know. For you, that means reading and studying God's Word, the Bible; then it means sharing what you learn and remembering with others, and in the way you live your life. We are never too young or too old to learn about God.

As humans, getting sidetracked can cause us to move away from God and our church community. The important message is that God invites you to turn

and return to God, every morning and at any time of the day, we can let go of our earthly focus, and come back to God.

As humans, we wonder if God is really with us. God already knows you. God already loves you, just as you are. Know that God is always with you, through your joys and your sorrows, the good times and the not-so-good times. God loves you and walks with you always.

I recently read Anne Lamott's new book, Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy. She reminds us of the Micah 6:8 passage: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

The Micah passage supports the message of Joel. Lamott's message fits as well. For me, she wrote in such a way that it caught my attention as she redefined the word mercy: "Mercy means we soften ever so slightly, so we don't have to condemn others."

May you feel the presence of God each day.

Pastor Cathie

**2017-2018
SUNDAY
SCHOOL
CALENDAR**



The Children and Youth Sunday School schedule will be coordinated, for the most part, with the West Fargo Public School schedule. So, if there is no school scheduled on a Friday or Monday, there may be no youth Sunday School scheduled for that week.

Dates CPC youth Sunday School will NOT be meeting are: October 22, November 12 and 26, December 24 and 31, January 14, February 18, March 11, April 1 and April 22. The last day of Sunday School will be May 20.

SEPTEMBER CLERKS' CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Sue Hanna, Dawn Larson, Terry Meester, Adam Montgomery, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Andrew Thostenson. Moderator Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong, and Treasurer Carolyn Meester were present. Lee Dobrinz was absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Sue Hanna.

Session discussed the fifth unit in the Facing Racism study: Enduring Legacy of Racism in the USA.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of August 16, 2017
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, October 18, 2017
- c. Rally Sunday – potluck approved via e-mail
- d. Fa-La-La – Sunday, December, 3 – in the narthex from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Moderator's report -

- Attended installation for Rev. Elise Pokel, First Presbyterian Church of Crookston, on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Gave the charge to the congregation.
- Officiated at funeral for LeRoy Bowman on Thursday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m. Funeral was held at West Funeral home.
- Met with Deanna Faller and girls on Thursday, August 17, at 6:15 p.m. to finalize graveside service to be held on Monday, September 4, at the Lisbon, ND cemetery. Officiated at the graveside service on Labor Day.
- Met with Melissa VanCleve and John Engebretson on Saturday, August 19, at 10:00 a.m. as part of their pre-marital counseling.
- Prepared and submitted newsletter articles for September Community Call: Ponderings from Pastor Cathie,

interest for new member class, and Card group invite.

- CPCWF hosted joint meeting of the presbytery Finance/Personnel committees, attended as current chair of the presbytery Personnel Committee. Also spent time registering the presbytery for the 2018 Health Insurance.
- Drove to Jamestown to attend face-to-face Committee on Ministry (COM) meeting on Thursday, August 24.
- Attended Christian Education Committee on Monday, August 28.
- Interviewed, along with Adam Montgomery and Carolyn Meester, candidate for our Office Assistant position. Praise God! Connie Holmen began on Tuesday, September 5. She is working afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Met with Andrew Thostenson on Tuesday, September 5, to discuss upcoming New Members Orientation.
- Guest preacher for Moorhead Rehab/Golden Living worship service on Thursday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m.
- Prepared PPT announcements for Sundays, September 10 and 17.
- Attended Christian Education Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. and Building/Grounds Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Participated in presbytery COM conference call on Thursday, September 14.
- Visited, along with Boots Misheski, Carolyn Koerselman at her new apartment on Thursday afternoon, September 21, at New Perspectives Senior Living Center.
- Volunteered to help serve and clean-up for WEST FEST on Saturday, September 16.
- Officiated at funeral for Gordon Sautier for West Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon, September 17.
- Began attending hand bell practice with Faith Lutheran, on Tuesday, September 19.

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- Meeting with Melissa and John for their last pre-marital session on Wednesday, September 20.
- Prepared worship service and preached at CPCWF on August 20 and 27; and September 3 (with communion), 10, and 17.

Clerk's report - 59 served communion on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Leo Robert Montgomery was born on August 25, 2017. His parents are Adam Montgomery and Courtney Roberts. The Session minutes were read on September 12, 2017 with 0 exceptions.

Elders to serve communion on October 8, 2017 will be Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Dawn Larson, and Adam Montgomery.

The financial report was discussed.

A Child Protection Policy class will be held on October 29 following church. This class is mandated by our insurance policy and PCUSA. Anyone having contact with the children in the church should attend this meeting.

The HOREMOW relationship was discussed. The congregation will be given more information about this outreach arrangement.

Christian Education Committee: Sunday School has started. The potluck was enjoyed by all. There will be no youth group director for several months.

Deacons: The watch list is being updated. Home communion and Fall treat deliveries are being planned.

Nominating Committee: CPC needs you!! There are open positions on all church committees. Please volunteer your time and talents to your church.

Personnel Committee: Pastor Cathie will be gone on Sunday, October 1. A new Office Administrator has been hired!! Welcome: Connie Holmen. Her office hours will be M-TH from 1:00-5:00.

Service and Fellowship Committee: There has been a mixed reaction to having fellowship in the narthex. For now, it will remain upstairs. In lieu of the Fall

Bazaar, there will be a Potato Bar on Sunday, October 15. There will be a free will offering with the proceeds going to the Presbyterian Women.

Stewardship Committee: Contribution reports and a request for giving letter was mailed out. Stewardship Sunday will be held in November – date TBD.

Trustees: The window with a broken seal was replaced in the narthex. The carpet has been smoothed. The carpet in the basement, downstairs hallway, and stairs will be cleaned. The church will be winterized in the next few weeks. Discussions are being held with the snow removal company.

Worship Committee: The schedule for pianist/organist is filled through November 15. World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 8 due to the fact that Pastor Cathie will be gone on October 1. The holiday schedule is:

Dec 10 -Cantata – 10:00 a.m.

followed by a potluck

Dec 14 -Blue Christmas – 7:00 p.m.

Dec 17 -Children's program - 10:00 a.m.

Dec 24 -Worship– 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve service – 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 25 -Christmas service– 10:00 a.m.

No Reports were received from the Mission Committee.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

DEACONS

If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, contact the Deacons.



If anyone in the congregation would like home communion service please contact Lise Alves.

Sue Larson	701-893-6484
Deb Matzke	701-282-9463
Boots Misheski	701-388-7160
Lisa Steffen	701-282-5308
Caroline Talley	701-282-3273
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves, Session Liaison	701-412-8689

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 10-2 Delores Horn
 10-4 Stephanie
 Corneliussen
 10-5 Chuck Richard
 10-6 Sue Hanna
 10-8 Denny Braaten
 10-9 Brenda Witt
 10-13 Carol Braaten
 10-14 Cindy Shone
 10-16 Bill Herman
 Rae Irene Kercher
 Tom Pederson
 10-17 Jenni Hummel
 Brad Sterup
 10-18 Samantha Herman
 Michael Richard
 10-23 Evelyn Petik
 10-29 Larry Peihl



ANNIVERSARIES

- 10-4-86 – Lee and Stephanie
 Corneliussen
 10-7-89 - Chuck and Kristen Richard
 10-8-94 – Paul Campbell and Cathie
 Bishop
 10-13-73 – Lynn and Yvonne Hummel
 10-13-13 – Jim Gallagher and Blair
 Moorhead
 10-21-16 – Tucker and Amy Bucholz
 10-23-04 - Wil and Jackie Petik

OCTOBER SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

- Oct 1 - 26th Sunday in
 Ordinary Time
 Scripture TBD by Kevin Galt
 Oct 8 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Book Series on Amos
 Chapters 1: 1-2: 16
 Oct 15 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Book Series on Amos
 Chapters 3: 1-4: 13
 Oct 22 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Book Series on Amos
 Chapters 5: 1-6: 14
 Oct 29 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Book Series on Amos
 Chapters 7: 1-9: 15



SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

Over the summer months the Service and Fellowship groups trialed hosting the coffee time in the narthex after the church service.



This was done for a variety of reasons to include: difficulty in getting people to help when trying to call and schedule volunteers; making it easier to volunteer on a week that is convenient in each individual's schedules; enabling members to visit with guests and visitors as well as to mingle with each other; helping visitors to feel comfortable staying for coffee; and also to take advantage of the great sunshine!

We have had some feedback on this change, both positive and negative. We would love to hear any suggestions on how to improve Service and Fellowship. The members of the committee are: Audrey Binger, Cathy Birrenkott, Lisa Steffen, Debbie Matzke, Linda Bishop, Sue Hanna, and Boots Montgomery. Please feel free to catch anyone of the members to pass along suggestions.



DECEMBER IS COMING SOON!

Mark your calendar early and don't miss out on all the activities in December! Details and more activities will be posted soon.

Sunday, December 3, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Fa-La-La

Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Choir Cantata during worship with
 potluck afterwards

Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Program during worship

Sunday, December 24, at 10:00 a.m.

Regular worship service

Sunday, December 24, TBD

Salvation Army Service

Sunday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship service

Monday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day worship service.



JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We will meet in the upstairs conference room about 9:00 a.m. There is always coffee, comradery, and God's gift of the Bible. Do not think you are not smart enough, righteous enough, old enough, or joining people who know it all. We learn from one another and especially through the Spirit. The Word is refreshing, inspiring, and profitable for all.

Our study this Fall will focus on I and II Peter. These letters to the young church help us understand how to live in a culture that treats Christians as kooks, nuts, or worse, subversives to be persecuted. They also help us be discerning about false prophets, fads, and how evil can easily turn us away from the Gospel. Join us this Fall, even if you cannot make it EVERY Sunday. Often, you can easily pick up a tidbit to help you grow in faith.

If you have questions, you can direct them to Andrew Thostenson, 701-492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net.

PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY



In our disciples study we learn more about who Jesus picked to be the original 12 and yet find out they weren't the perfect young men we expected them to be. This month we will learn more about Philip and his background. We will meet at 6:05 p.m. at the church on Wednesday, October 11. Bring a dish to share and your own water or pop to drink. Hope to see you there!

LADIES CIRCLE



Ladies join us for Tuesday afternoon Ladies Circle in the church narthex. If you like, bring a sack lunch and have fellowship at 12:30 p.m. Bible study begins at 1:00 p.m. The study this year is Cloud of Witnesses: the Community of Christ in Hebrews.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the sunny narthex as Bonnie Thompson leads us through a Bible study series on Heaven by Randy Alcorn.

All are welcome!



WEST FEST THANK YOU

Many thanks go to all those who donated their time, money, food, and goodies. We raised \$900 for Churches United for the Homeless--pretty good for a rainy day! More importantly, we shared God's love and CPC hospitality with more than a couple hundred of our neighbors.

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY



Bell ringing for Salvation Army will be Saturday, December 2nd, at Cash Wise in West Fargo West Acres Main Entrance. These are all inside locations.

Grab a friend and sign up to help ring bells. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Meester at 793-3245 or cjmeester@msn.com



NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

This Fall, we will be offering an orientation for new CPC members. We will meet on a Sunday at 5:00 p.m. with a light meal.

If you are interested in participating or would like more details please contact Pastor Cathie (office@cpcwf.org)

FA LA LA WISHES

In preparation for the eighth annual Fa-La-La Festivities, Becky DeJong requests the donation of glass jars without lids. So check your cupboard and pantries and let Becky (bfdejong64@gmail.com or 701-281-8122) know if you've any extras.



Thank you in advance for your help!

**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**

For 9/20/2017



General Operating budget
2017: \$151,229.52 / 52
weeks = \$2,908.26 per week.

Budgeted Exp. to date: \$110,846.88

Actual giving \$ 80,742.42

Actual expenses \$ 91,410.76

Net income to date \$ 10,668.34-

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. The balance in the building fund account is \$6,417.92. These funds will cover the mortgage payment for October and November. A special Thank You to The Card Ladies who donated \$200.00 and The Quilter Group who donated \$700.00 to the building fund. Please consider a donation to the building fund, so we will have funds to make the mortgage payments and we will not need to use money from the general fund.

Per Capita amount for 2017 is \$44.00 for each confirmed member. The unpaid balance at the end of the year is paid out of the church general fund. Please mark on your check or envelope Per Capita.

"Do not forget to do good and to share what you have with others." Hebrews 13:16



**SEWING
THANKS**

The Sew Crazy Quilter's would like to THANK Greg Sterup for making and installing 2 wall mounted coat/bag racks for us.

**PRESBYTERY
NEWS**

A copy of the monthly newsletter published by our Presbytery of the Northern Plains is posted on the west bulletin board in the old narthex. You can access your own copy of *Lights of the Northern Plains* under Publications on its website: <http://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>



**HELP NEEDED:
COOKING AND SERVING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**



The New Life Center has been meeting needs and transforming lives through the love of Christ since 1907. They help people who are homeless and hurting go from merely surviving to truly thriving. Their aim is to help them discover value and find hope.

Every couple years, our church takes its turn in hosting the monthly New Life Center Women's Auxiliary Luncheon. Comprised of representatives from 37 area churches, their goals are to acquaint women with the purpose and needs of the Center, and to sponsor projects to meet those needs.

Friday, November 18, is CPC's turn to serve again. Please contact Gloria Ruhnke (701-282-2636) for details on how you can help support the New Life Center and welcome the members of its advisory group.



**OPPORTUNITY FOR
TEACHERS AND MENTORS**

Pastor Cathie and the Christian Education Committee invite all youth and adults to a teacher/mentor orientation. This training is especially meant to equip those who wish to work with CPC's children and youth.

Time: immediately following worship

Date: Sunday, October 29

Place: TBD

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The pastor's office hours are:

Monday-Thursday

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Other times by appointment



**November's
Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, October 19**

Pre-authorized debits customer authorization form

I authorize Community Presbyterian Church and the financial institution listed below to initiate electronic debit entries, (and if necessary, credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error) to my:

checking account savings account for \$_____

*(This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing.)
(Changes can be easily made)*

*Please select from the following options to make contributions:

<u>MONTHLY</u> 1 st _____ OR 16 th _____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u> 1 st AND 16 th _____
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Please print the following:

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

Account Number:

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 (A confirmation will be sent to you)

Forms accepted at any time

Annual Income	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate to Income						
	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
60,000	173.00	153.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00

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**Sunday
 Worship Hours:
 9 a.m. Sunday School
 10 a.m. Worship Service**

**The Session of
 Community Presbyterian Church
 of West Fargo**

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
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**OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;
 TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.**