

COMMUNITY CALL

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FOCUS ON MISSION

CPC's mission focus for August is the Emergency Food Pantry. For over 40 years, the Emergency Food Pantry has been located in the Fargo-Moorhead community to help feed the citizens of Cass and Clay counties in times of crisis, unemployment, fire, family violence, medical problems, and other difficult situations. The Pantry provides hungry families and individuals with wholesome food to tide them over during times of emergency.

How can we help? CPC will be collecting non-perishables during the month of August. Needed items include canned tuna, peanut butter, canned fruit, rice, pasta/noodles, toilet paper, and bar soap.

If you are a gardener, you may be able to help by sharing your vegetable harvest. Emergency Food Pantry will park in our parking lot Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until the first frost. They will accept donations of surplus garden produce from you and others in the West Fargo and Fargo area so it is available to people who normally do not receive fresh produce. Look for details in upcoming announcements and on page 5.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing your funds, non-perishable items, and surplus garden produce with the hungry in our community.

For more information on The Emergency Food Pantry or on how you can help, go to:

<http://www.emergencyfoodpantry.com/>



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



To all who are dearly loved by God and called to be God's people. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7 CEB)

Welcome back to worship in our own sanctuary! I love seeing your faces! When I look out over the congregation, I am greeted by a sanctuary with the shining faces of God.

We are pleased to continue offering a Sunday morning streaming on-line service found on both Zoom and YouTube. Don't forget, we have an archive so you can watch services at your convenience. You will find the archive on the front page of the CPCWF website: www.cpcwf.org.

It is August, considered the last month of summer before the fall activities
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begin. The weather has been lovely this week, so folks are enjoying time outside breathing the fresh air, tending gardens, taking walks, riding bicycles, connecting with friends and family when possible, and looking forward to fresh vegetables. While we are enjoying seeing people in person at church, we do miss our lake friends and those who are not ready to attend services.

The Session and committees are having good conversations about how we can get re-connected with our church friends. While it is nice to have more people in church, it is not the building that is the most important. What really matters are relationships and being the church together.

I have a challenge for you to ponder. What have you missed most about not being together? Think about things that we have done in the past or you think would be important to continue "being the church" together? When you hear the term, "being the church," what does it mean to you? What does it look like to be part of a congregation and to "be" the church? This is a good time to think of other opportunities that will be new to us. When you are pondering, add in a few new or different things for the congregation.

My prayer is that we will continue to have many different opportunities to learn and grow together as Christians in the coming years. This summer and fall, during Ordinary Time, we are following the Gospel of Matthew for our scripture in worship.

There are three focus areas within the Matthew 25 program. The primary focus area for us is "Congregational Vitality" which is most relevant at this time as we are coming back together after being isolated from one another the last few months. As we return, we will be work-

ing together to renew our caring relationships within the congregation and continue seeking ways to open our hearts, hands, and energy to model Jesus' commandment to go out into the community and beyond.

In addition, you will notice that throughout this time we will address poverty and racism. Both of these situations can be difficult to talk about, yet as Christians, we need to be able to openly and honestly have conversations about what God is calling us to learn so we can better understand what it means to be brothers and sisters in Christ with all of God's children.

Even in our own backyard, here in West Fargo, ND, there are opportunities just waiting for us to reach out in conversation and action to those who live in poverty. We also need to honestly look at the reality of racism and the part we play before we can make a difference.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

**2020
CPC SOFTBALL
SEASON COMPLETION**



Congratulations to CPC's softball team for yet another year of team play. Playing through to the playoffs, they placed 3rd in the Silver bracket!

Thanks to the team for representing CPC in a great summer pastime.



JULY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, Melissa Engbretson, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, and Adam Montgomery. Mike Misheski was present via conference call. Moderator - Pastor Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Pastor Cathie.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of June 17, 2020
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, August 19, 2020
- c. the Emergency Food Pantry Veggie Collection would like to use our parking lot again this year. The date they expect to start is towards the end of July. Last year they collected over 7,000 pounds of veggies that went to various food pantries in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Moderator's report:

- June 18, 2020—met with Christian Education Committee at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. -Second Parking Lot Worship Service.
- Monday, June 22, 2020—met with Communion Team at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 24—met with combined Sessions of Grandin and Hunter at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 28, 2020—returned to the sanctuary at CPC for worship (21 attended), including streaming online; CPC will continue to archive online services.
- July 1, 2020—attended Zoom session on using Doodle.
- July 2, 2020—attended joint meeting of committees: Service & Fellowship, Mission, Christian Education, and Worship.

- Sunday, July 5, 2020—2nd Sunday of Worship in the CPC sanctuary. 27 attended.
- July 6, 2020—traveled to East Grand Forks to moderate Mendenhall Session.
- July 7, 2020—Led worship service for Touchmark residents at 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 11, 2020—Carolyn Meester and I attended morning Zoom meeting with First Presbyterian Church of Fargo on Culture on Generosity.
- Saturday, July 11, 2020—Met with liaisons from the four committees to review input from Session members and preparation for presentation to Session.
- Sunday, July 12, 2020—3rd Sunday of Worship in the CPC sanctuary. 22 attended.
- Monday, July 13, 2020--Zoom meeting with Care for Congregations Pod at 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 14, 2020—Scheduled committee meetings for Worship at 6:00 p.m. and Mission also at 6:00 p.m. Will spend some time with each committee.
- In preparation for worship service in the sanctuary, worked with Andrew Thostenson and Kevin Galt to set up laptop for the 'bulletin on the wall' and found people to run the Power-Point (PPT) for the service. So far Lise Alves and Carrie Leopold have volunteered. I will be looking for additional people to run the PPT in the coming weeks. Volunteers are appreciated! 😊

Clerk's report

- i. 25 served communion on Sunday, July 5, 2020.
- ii. Chad Nelson requested to be removed from the rolls effective on June 17, 2020.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, August 2, 2020 are Lee Dobrinz and Melanie Hansen.

The financial report was read, discussed
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and received.

Discussion was held regarding the start time of church in the summer vs. the rest of the year. A short congregational survey is being formed.

A joint committee meeting, including Christian Education, Mission, Service and Fellowship, Worship, and Pastor Cathie was held. Discussion was held regarding the overlap of committees and what is needed for our church. Positive ideas included creating a pictorial directory, 6-week classes of various interest topics, and opening up the church for a variety of community groups. Session would like to create an excitement and desire for people to be in church. Congregational vitality is a goal of all committees.

Christian Education: Virtual VBS will begin on July 19.

Mission: A small donation was made to Churches United because CPC has not been able to help serve meals. The Food Pantry is the current mission project and PATH will be the project for September and October.

Nominating: The committee is looking to fill a 1½ year term on Session and find a Deacon liaison.

Stewardship: A narrative budget will be included along with a line item budget in the future.

Trustees: There are two leaks in the walls of the basement - one is in the classroom in the SE corner and the other is in the seating area outside of the kitchen door on the north wall. The Trustees will fix these soon. Greg Sterup made 2 portable hand sanitizer stands. It's so nice to have hand sanitizer stands that have the ability to move wherever needed. A & E cleaning continues to clean and sanitize at the church every Friday and Sunday. A sanitizer spray bottle and cloth rag are located on the counter in the narthex. Please spray and wipe down the table top and chair that you have used before

you leave. – Bob Kozojed

Worship: Discussions are on-going about the worship service. Alternative ideas to singing and communion options are being considered.

No reports: Deacons, Personnel, Service and Fellowship.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong



COLORADO PEACHES ARE COMING

Red River Youth for Christ has been able to confirm that they are going to get Colorado Peaches.

DATES:

Beginning August 4
Beginning August 11

COST:

Full box sells for \$40
Half box sells for \$23
*Fresh pecans will also
be available for \$13.

LOCATION:

Scheels Home & Hardware
3202 13Th Ave S, Fargo, ND

HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
or until sold out

NO preorders. NO holds.

HELP!

Community Presbyterian Church is in need of August and September Sunday help. Each week we will need a liturgist. Liturgists add a second voice to leading worship.

To help, please call the office, Pastor Cathie or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Thanks to you and all who volunteered to electronically move the slides for the bulletin using a laptop, so the congregation is able to follow the worship service.



AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 Gayle Thostenson
- 8-7 Brandon Witt
- 8-9 Donna Jenner
- 8-11 David Hemm
- 8-14 Chuck Thompson
- 8-15 Hunter Hauge
Carol Sterup
- 8-18 Dixie Smith
- 8-25 Leo Montgomery
- 8-27 Phyllis Hofsommer
Colton Misheski
- 8-28 Stephani Krueger
- 8-30 Erica Truhlicka
- 8-31 Nancy Kassman
Lisa Steffen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8-9-14 Brandon and Kayla Hauge
- 8-18-73 Bob and Susan Gross
- 8-20-66 Rae and Edsel Kercher
- 8-31-96 Brian and Laurie Elhard

AUGUST SUMMER SERIES: THE CHALLENGE OF THE GOSPEL






Our August scripture series will be on the Gospel of Matthew, focusing on chapters 14-16. The dates, titles of the sermon, and scripture readings are included below so you may read the passages in advance of the worship service.

- Aug 2 9th Sunday after Pentecost
with Communion
Five Loaves & Two Fish
Matthew 14:13-21
- Aug 9 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Weathering Storms
Matthew 14:22-33
- Aug 16 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Faith and Confrontation
Matthew 15:1-28.
- Aug 23 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Who is Jesus?
Matthew 16:13-20.
- Aug 30 13th Sunday after Pentecost
The Challenge of Following Jesus
Matthew 16:21-28

Garden Overflowing???

Donate Your Excess Fruit And Vegetables To
Veggies for the Pantry



DATE: Mondays, starting July 27-1 st frost	Drop Location: Fargo	Drop Location: West Fargo
	The Bowler 2630 University Dr. S.	Maplewood Park Parking Area 1504 17 th Ave. S.
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Longfellow Recycle Parking Lot 2939 Elm St. N.	Community Presbyterian Church 702 Sheyenne St.
		Journey in Faith Church 650 40 th Ave E.
	Donations to the Emergency Food Pantry	
Sponsors:   	Drop Location: Moorhead	
	Trinity Lutheran Church Corner of 8 th St. and 3 rd Ave.	
	Donation to the Dorothy Day House	

You drop it here.
We donate it there.

QUESTIONS?
Please contact
NDSU Cass
County Extension
Service at
701-241-5700

224TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTS STREET-STEWART, BENTLEY CO-MODERATORS



June 20, 2020

FROM the Presbyterian News Service by
Mike Ferguson

LOUISVILLE —Elona Street-Stewart, executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and the Rev. Gregory Bentley, pastor of Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama, were overwhelmingly elected to be co-moderators of the 224th General Assembly Saturday.

The two garnered 304 votes, easily winning on the first ballot. The Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell and Arthur Fullerton received 90 votes. The Rev. Sandra Hedrick and Moon Lee got 65 votes.

Immediately after their election, the two were installed as co-moderators by the co-moderators of the 223rd General Assembly, the Rev. Cindy Kohlmann and Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri, as well as the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

"I am hippopotamus happy and dinosaur delighted," Bentley said.

"This is just wonderful," Street-Stewart said. "We look forward to meeting the fabulous expectations our current co-moderators have established for us."

"The world needs a church that has no fear over its diversity," said Street-Stewart, a descendant of the Delaware Nanticoke tribe and the first Native American to serve as a moderator as

well as a synod executive in the PC (USA).

"We believe the denomination is headed in the right direction," especially with the Matthew 25 invitation, Bentley said. "We want to heed Christ's call to not be afraid ... We want to run this race with perseverance, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Street-Stewart noted the synod she leads was the first to say yes to the Matthew 25 invitation in the spring of 2019. "Diane," she said during a post-election news conference, referring to Presbyterian Mission Agency President and Executive Director the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, "has a very powerful message."

"We believe in those goals" of building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty, Bentley said. "We just need to get more workers in the vineyard."

His said the congregation he serves has five core practices. The one that sticks out for him is radical hospitality. "It's not just being nice and polite," he explained. "We need to create space to say, 'You are welcome here' — not just with words, but a space to genuinely share our lives."

Asked about protests over police killings and the intractable problem of white supremacy, Street-Stewart said the PC (USA) "already has incredible statements and social witness policies." The denomination needs to be at the center of economic and social change, she said. "It's going to take a greater understanding of what we have said we are about," she said. "White supremacy is a hard issue because there's a lot of fear involved."

Studying and talking together can be helpful tools for the nearly 90 percent of Presbyterians who are white, she said, as are going to conferences and serving in organizations led by people of color.

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"Let's come with the attitude that says, 'You are the ones to be the teachers. Tell us what you are doing,'" she said.

Both said they plan to travel to Louisville in the next few days to prepare for the scheduled two days of online plenary sessions set for Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27.

"They gave us the option that you can do this from home," Bentley said. "But if something hinky goes on, you're right there. We felt that was best."

"We need to be at the place where the best of the best are working with us to guide us," Street-Stewart said.

She said that when travel restrictions are no longer in effect, the new co-moderators will visit places "where we are unimagined. We aren't going to fit the profile. We aren't going to fit the measurements that people want in all places." In fact, "we might fit the description of something that people fear or couldn't imagine." She said sometimes when she meets people, "I am not what they imagine a synod executive would be."

Most Americans "don't understand the long relationship" that Indigenous people have had with Black people, she said. "Every moment is a teaching opportunity."

Asked about the possibility of stretching the virtual assembly by a few days, Bentley said, "Let's put the pedal to the metal. If that's the desire of the assembly, I'm on board with that."

However, "I'd much rather be two miles deep and two inches wide," rather than the other way around, he said. "Let's drill down on a few things and really get a handle on it."

Asked how Presbyterians can be in prayer for their new leaders, Bentley identified three prayer requests: for stamina, perseverance and patience.

"We are going to pack a lot into the next two years," he said. "We are excited about it, but we know it will be taxing."

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

6/30/2020



General Operating budget
2020: \$153,000.00

Weekly needs to meet budget:
\$2,943.45

Actual giving to date	\$59,843.29
Actual expenses to date	\$67,321.66
Net income to date	\$ -7,478.37

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. There are funds in the building fund account to cover the mortgage payment through October.

Per Capita amount for 2020 is \$47.00 for each confirmed member. We still owe \$4,967.50 toward our assessment for 2020. 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".

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

DEACONS



For those in need of care or encouragement, please contact:

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**September's
Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, August 20**

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:

Name _____

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Financial Institution: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

Account Number:

Please return to:

Office
Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St.
West Fargo, ND 58078
(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