

COMMUNITY CALL

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FALL BACK

On Sunday, November 6th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time Ends. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The youth have started to collect items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for the 2016 Christmas season. Items collected will be made into shoeboxes as a Christmas present for children, 2-14 years old, and shipped around the world. Gift suggestions include: toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and accessories. The list of items can be found on the "Youth Corner" bulletin board outside the church office and are made into lists that you can take with you.

All donated items can be placed in the designated box on the pew under the "Youth Corner" bulletin board. Items will be collected from now until **Wednesday, November 2nd**, when the youth will put together the shoeboxes and wrap them. If you have any shoeboxes or wrapping paper for this project, the youth will gladly accept those as well.

Shoeboxes cost \$7 per box to ship. Like to make a donation? Write a check to CPC with Operation Christmas Child on the memo line. Donations will then be combined and a check made out to Samaritan's Purse and dropped off with the shoeboxes.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

"I greet you with the grace and peace poured into our lives by God our Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 1:2 (*The Message*)

In the Christian church, many congregations recognize and celebrate "All Saints Day" which falls on November 1, a Tuesday this year. While we do not have a worship service specifically for "All Saints Day," we can each take time to remember and appreciate those who have gone before us.

During November (and beyond) think about those who have left a spiritual legacy for you, those who shared their faith with you, and were part of your own growth and development as a Christian. As you are remembering, identify those specific experiences you have had that influenced your person-

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al theology and behavior. It may be a relative, a friend, a teacher, or an author you read that made a difference in the relationship you have with God. Ponder...and give God thanks for those special people you have been fortunate to have in your life.

November is also the month of giving thanks. There are times when it feels like we jump from Halloween to Christmas, forgetting about Thanksgiving and all it means. Recently I read an article that reported the very act of giving thanks has decreased over the years. What can you do to increase the act of giving thanks in your life?

Practice gratitude. It is a choice we each make when we start our day. We choose if we want to be crabby or not. When you see only the things you do not like about your life, or others, you might notice yourself complaining about things, or only talking about the negative news.

Instead you can choose to view life from a positive perspective. Reflect upon what is right with your world rather than focusing on the negative in your life, or the life of others. Start with the simple things of life...you woke up to a new day, you have a roof over your head, blankets to keep you warm, and food to eat. Look for the positive in those around you.

Share your faith with others. Take time to read your Bible. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament have scriptures to remind us how important it is to give God thanks, and to be kind to others. Here are a few scripture verses to read during November: Exodus 15:1-19 known as "The Song of the Sea," one of the oldest literary units in the Bible. Moses and the Israelites sang the song to the Lord with gratitude. Psalm 9 is a song of thanks as is Psalm 100 and 107. In Psalms, many are focused on the



negative or lament, yet also include praising and giving thanks to God. In the New Testament, one of the well-known parables is about the cleansing of the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19), where only one thanked God for his healing. The point of this passage, and others, is that we have been given forgiveness and grace along with other gifts. Expressing gratitude to God is not required, however, if we truly are grateful, our thanks naturally spills out and we can't help being positive, grateful, and thank God. Other scripture passages about the importance of being thankful and full of gratitude can be found in Colossians 3:15-17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

We have much to be grateful for here at Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo. We have a community of Christians who are committed to serving the Lord in many ways. Together we mourn those saints who are no longer with us. Together we rejoice when we baptize, when we welcome new members, and we work together to nurture one another as we journey with God through Christ Jesus.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cathie

2016-2017 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



Children's 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 children's or youth Sunday School scheduled for that day.

Dates CPC children and youth Sunday School will NOT be meeting are: November 13, November 27, December 25, January 1, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16. Last Day of Sunday School will be May 21.

OCTOBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on October 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Linda Bishop, Sue Hanna, Dawn Larson, Terry Meester, Bruce Steele, and Andrew Thostenson. Moderator Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong, Steve Hanna, Treasurer Carolyn Meester, and Dixon Moorhead were present. Lee Dobrinz was absent.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of September 21, 2016
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2016
- c. Fa-La-La-Sunday, December 4, in the narthex from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- d. Half time by Sheri – pancake feed on Saturday, January 14, elder assigned in December
- e. Continuing Ed - Festival of Homiletics in San Antonio, Texas, May 15-19, 2017 - \$275.00
- f. Walmart gift cards will be purchased to use at the pastor's discretion
- g. Soul Train bake sale on December 11

Moderator's report:

- Wrote and submitted "Ponderings by Pastor Cathie" article for October 2016 newsletter.
- Baptized Sawyer Lowell Krueger on September 25, during worship.
- Attended first Presbytery of the Northern Plains (PNP) Personnel Committee meeting in Grand Forks on September 28. I will be chair of the presbytery personnel committee beginning January 2017.
- Prepared and facilitated Session Training on the Book of Order on September 28.
- Some personal music therapy for me...playing bells and singing in the choir; practices for both began the last week in September.
- Paul and I attended the Churches United Gourmet Soup Kitchen benefit

on October 3.

- First confirmation class held on October 5. All 6 children and at least one parent for each child met together. Mentors have now been selected for the students and they will be connecting in October. Confirmands with mentor in parentheses: Ty Arvidson (Terry Meester), Cami Birrenkott (Carolyn Meester), Andrea Corneliusson, Angela Corneliusson (Lisa Steffen for both Corneliusson girls), Olivia Dobrinz (Vicki Riedinger), and Zaryn Hansen (Vicki Peihl).
- Conversed with Steve Hanna, Dixon Moorhead, and Lee Dobrinz about mission opportunity with the local jail chaplains on the Angel Tree program for children of those incarcerated.
- Home visits/communion with Lise Alves.
- Welcomed new members in worship on October 16 – Mike Arvidson, Brian & Laurie Elhard.
- Had several meetings with Samantha Herman and Bonnie Thompson regarding Youth Sunday.
- Met with Christian Education committee on October 12.
- Attended presbytery meeting on October 14-15 at Rolla. Nominated and approved to finish 2-year term on Committee on Ministry (COM). Volunteered to coordinate progressive dinner for churches in South-East Ministry Region, in January 2017. Paul Campbell was commissioned for his role at FPC Moorhead.
- Meetings and preparation for wedding on October 21-Amy Matzke & Tucker Bucholz.
- Attended first COM meeting/training at Maryville in Valley City on October 18 & 19.
- I have agreed to prepare opening worship for Presbyterian Women's regional meeting in Casselton on Saturday, October 29.
- Relocation update...accepted offer on our home in Sioux City, will close
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next week. 😊

Clerk's report: 73 served communion on Sunday, October 2. The minutes were read on October 1, 2016 with zero exceptions. Reviewing of the membership list is to be discussed at the November meeting. Brian and Laurie Elhard and Mike Arvidson were welcomed to CPC on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Steve Hanna and Dixon Moorhead presented the Angel Tree program to Session. Angel Tree is a prison fellowship program that links church congregations with the children of incarcerated parents. Our church will be given the opportunity to buy Christmas presents for these children this holiday season. Look for further details.

The financial report was discussed.

A report of the latest meeting PNP was given by Pastor Cathie Bishop.

Pastor Cathie would like to purchase Walmart gift cards to be used at her discretion.

Christian Education: There will be four 3rd grade Bibles handed out. Discussion was held regarding the youth mission trip.

Deacons: Groceries and money were delivered to the Shawn Faller family. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. Cookie baskets will be delivered next week.

Stewardship Committee: Stewardship Sunday on November 20 will include a Moment for Stewardship during worship and a financial overview in the fellowship hall following worship. Committee budget requests for 2017 are due by December 1.

Trustees: Thank you to all who helped with clean up Sunday. Thank you to Cathie and Paul for the refrigerator. The church will have its fall inspection in November. A security proposal is being formulated with regards to access to the

church and will be presented to Session. Worship Committee presented an advent schedule:

November 19 – S. Army Bell ringing
November 20 – church decorating party at 7:00 p.m. with apple cider and cookies!!

December 3 – S. Army Bell ringing
December 4– Fa-La-La at 5:30 p.m.

December 11 – SS Christmas program – during worship
-Soul Train Bake Sale

December 14 - Blue Christmas Service – 7:00 p.m. (more information below)

December 18 – Cantata – during worship

- potluck – following worship
- Quilt raffle drawing

Discussion was held regarding the placement of Christmas trees. There will be a tree in the front of the narthex with the crismons placed on it. The Giving Tree will be in the back of the narthex. There will be a tree placed in the front of the sanctuary located near the sound system. This tree will be a 'pencil' tree which means that is tall and thin. This location should not interfere with the choir, puppets, hand bells, special music, Christmas program, or other worship activities.

CPC will host a "Blue Christmas Service" on Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. The prayer service will be for those who are suffering from: loss, depression, illness. Let God take your struggles. This service will be open to the community.

No reports: Mission, Nominating, Personnel, and Service and Fellowship

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

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session



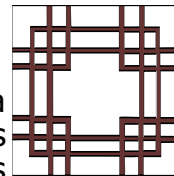
NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11-1 Howard Gellner
- 11-3 Mary Bastle
Dave Ruhnke
- 11-5 Jarrett Meester
- 11-6 Amy Grossman
-Tomsich
- 11-8 Adam Montgomery
Joy Taffe
- 11-9 Jackie Petik
Adynn Tomsich
- 11-10 Susan McIntyre
Jim Martin
Vicki Peihl
- 11-13 Sean Alves
Carrie Leopold
- 11-15 Heidi Babb
- 11-17 Mary DeJong
- 11-18 Brianne Hass
- 11-19 Kayla Videen
- 11-21 Brent Montgomery
- 11-24 Harriet Diede
Bob Gross
- 11-25 Erika Matzke



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES-DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY

Wow, imagine Jesus calling a radical violent protester as one of His disciples. That was Simon, the Zealot, whom we studied about last month. This month we will gather again to learn more about another one of His disciples- maybe Thaddeus or Jesus' well loved disciple, John. Join us at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, November 9, for a light supper and discussion about the disciples. Even if you have not come before, we would love to have you join us for our study and fellowship.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 as we study the majesty of God in the book of Revelation. Most of the lessons on this subject are able to stand alone, so one need not attend every lesson to reap the benefits of the study.

All are welcome! Contact Bonnie Thompson for more details.

PRAYER TIME

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.



James 5:16

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before the Lord of all.

PRAYER CHAIN



Sharing our needs and concerns in prayer with our church family brings us closer to one another and lightens our load. If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson (492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net). Also, it's never too late to join the prayer chain. To become a member, just let Gayle know.

DEACONS

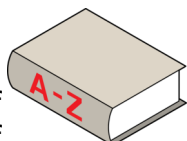


If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, contact the Deacons.

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

- Deb Matzke 701-282-9463
- Boots Misheski 701-388-7160
- Lisa Steffen 701-282-5308
- Caroline Talley 701-282-3273
- Becky DeJong 701-281-8122
- Boots Montgomery 701-281-0028
- Lise Alves, Session Liaison
701-412-8689

CPC DIRECTORY IS HERE!



A new edition of Directory of Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo is available in the church narthex.

A digital version of the directory is also available. E-mail Gayle Thostenson at atgtet@far.midco.net for your copy.



**FACEBOOK,
INSTAGRAM, TWITTER?**



Help Community Presbyterian Church take part in social media. Join the new Social Media Committee where you will create and manage social media for the church.

Join today by contacting Sue Hanna (srhanna01@gmail.com or 701-781-4325).



**SOUL TRAIN
SCHEDULE**

Please check the Youth bulletin board in the old narthex for the latest and most detailed information regarding Soul Train activities.

**CHILDREN'S
WORSHIP TIME**



Children's church for children in grades K-2 has begun.

Designed specifically to help children grow as worshipers and to prepare them to participate in the worship service, this program is not traditional Sunday school. It is exclusively focused on worship.

Want to occasionally help with this program? Adult and youth helpers are welcome. Lessons are completely organized and ready to go for you. Contact Lia Dobrinz for more information.



**CALLING ALL LITURGISTS
AND MUSICIANS**

Some Fall spots are empty. Please remember to sign up for special music or liturgist on the yellow sheets on the old narthex bulletin board.

Ushers Needed



**VOLUNTEER
NEEDED!**

We are in need of a Head Usher for the month of December. If you are willing to help, please contact Sue Hanna at 701-781-4325. Thank you!



**A SPECIAL INVITATION
FOR NOVEMBER 1ST**

Many of you purchase peaches from Youth for Christ each summer but how much do you really know about their ministry to middle and high school kids? They are much more than peaches, and they would love the opportunity to share that with you.

Join them at their 3rd Annual Comedy Cafe for a night full of fun and laughter featuring the family friendly comedy of Ron McGehee and delicious desserts provided by Moxie Java.

This event is a great opportunity to learn more about the mission and vision of Red River Youth for Christ plus learn more about how your purchase of fruit is impacting the lives of teens in the Fargo-Moorhead community.

Tickets are \$10 and can be picked up at the RRYFC office at 118 N Broadway, Suite 312, Fargo, ND 58102. Contact Emalee at emalee@redriveryfc.com or call 701-237-6682 to order by phone. Sponsorship information can be found at:

http://www.redriveryfc.com/events/comedy_cafe/

Thanks for your support!

**DON'T FORGET
TO SIGN UP TO TEACH**



Teach a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

What better way to do this than to join our Sunday School team as a teacher? We have several openings for this coming year, and **we need you!** Share your love of Christ with CPC children or youth. No experience is necessary, curriculum is provided.

Sign up sheets are on the old narthex bulletin board. Address questions to LeAnn Tenderholt at (701-388-1594 or Le_Ann_T@yahoo.com).



GIVING TREE

The 2016 Giving Tree is ready for gifts. Items collected will be going to the YWCA Unique Boutique event. This event is for the families using the services of the YWCA and is a time when families can shop for Christmas presents for their loved ones at no cost to them.

Please take a tag or two off the Giving Tree and buy specified item(s). Drop the items off by Thursday, December 1st. The YWCA would prefer the items not to be wrapped. Any extra toys, especially dolls of any kind, along with scotch tape for wrapping presents are also welcome, just place them under the Giving Tree.

For more details see see the "Youth Corner" bulletin board outside the church office Please talk to Samantha or Amanda Herman or any of the youth with questions. Thanks for your donations!

"FOR WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS..."

The Worship Committee invites everyone to join us Sunday, November 20 at 7 p.m. to decorate the church for the Advent Season. Cookies and hot cider will be provided.



Also this year, the committee will be purchasing a new, slim, artificial Christmas tree for the front of the sanctuary. If you wish to donate to the purchase of the tree, please direct your donation to Dawn Larson.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bell ringing for Salvation Army will be Saturday, November 19th, at Hornbachers at Osgood and West Acres Main Entrance as well as Saturday, December 3rd, at Cash Wise in West Fargo and Family Fare in West Fargo. 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

ADVENT EVENT SCHEDULE



<u>November 20</u> 7:00 p.m.	Decorate Church For Christmas
<u>November 27</u> <u>December 3</u>	First Sunday of Advent Salvation Army Bell Ringing
<u>December 4</u> 5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	7th Annual Ladies Fa-La-La Festivities
<u>December 11</u> 9:30 & 11 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Soul Train Bake Sale SS Christmas Program during worship service
<u>December 14</u> 7:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas service
<u>December 18</u> 10:00 a.m.	Cantata Worship Serv. Potluck afterwards Raffle Quilt Drawing
<u>December 24</u> Morning-Noon 6:30 p.m.	Salvation Army Christmas Luncheon Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<u>December 25</u> 10:00 a.m.	Christmas Service



DECK YOUR HALLS AT THE CHRISTMAS STORE

Through the month of November, Community Presbyterian Church will be having a Christmas collectible sale. Bring your gently used holiday decorations to the designated table(s) in the narthex and we will sell items to each other. This is a time to clean out your plastic tubs and know that your former treasures are going to a good home.

LADIES 7TH ANNUAL FA-LA-LA FESTIVITIES

When: December 4th
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Hosts Becky DeJong and Carol Sterup invite you to share in an evening of Fellowship, Food and Fun. We request the presence of ALL the Ladies, age 14 and up. There will be a Christmas gift exchange with a \$5.00 limit. Feel free to wear your favorite holiday attire!!



CONFIRMATION

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Please keep our confirmands in your prayers throughout their confirmation year. They began their confirmation studies on October 5. Confirmation Sunday will be May 7, 2017. The list of confirmands and their mentors is below.

We are looking for disciple/volunteer opportunities during the year for the confirmation class. If you have ideas within the church and in the community, we would appreciate you sharing those with me or any of the mentors. Thank you for your support of the confirmands, their parents, and mentors.

<u>Confirmand</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Ty Arvidson	Terry Meester
Cami Birrenkott	Carolyn Meester
Andrea Corneliussen	Lisa Steffen
Angela Corneliussen	Lisa Steffen
Olivia Dobrinz	Vicki Riedinger
Zaryn Hansen	Vicki Peihl

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS EVE LUNCHEON

Once again Community Presbyterian Church will be preparing and serving the annual Christmas meal at the Salvation Army. This will be our 22nd year! CPC families have made this mission a cornerstone of their Christmas experience, and you are invited to join us.

The sit down meal will be served at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, December 24th. We generally serve 200 plus meals to our patrons. Our kitchen and decoration people should arrive at 7:30 a.m.; the steam table people by 10:15 a.m., and our servers at 10:30 a.m. Everyone will need to stay afterwards for the clean-up, so that we can be out the door by 2:00 p.m. We'll have plenty of time to ready ourselves for Christmas Eve worship at 6:30 p.m.

Invite your family and friends to help us and sign up your numbers on the sheet in the narthex. We will have eternally significant jobs for all age groups.

Kindest Regards, Dixon

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

For 10/19/2016



General Operating budget 2016: \$154,778.00 / 52 weeks = \$2,976.50 per week.

Actual Giving	\$98,824.00
Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$125,013.00</u>
Budget Shortfall	\$26,189.00-

Actual Giving	\$ 98,824.00
Actual Expenses	<u>\$108,299.00</u>
Shortfall	\$ 9,475.00-

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We currently DO NOT have funds in the building fund account to cover the payment for November.

Per Capita amount for 2016 is \$43.50 for each confirmed member.

"Do not forget to do good and to share what you have with others."

Hebrews 13:16



SNOWBIRD REMINDER

Are you ready to fly off to warmer climates? If so, don't forget to take CPC with you.

Please inform our church secretary, Barb Jorgensen (office@cpcwf.org or 282-4135), regarding your temporary address(es) and the time you will be away from home so you won't miss any CPC mailings. Please note: the U.S. Postal Service does not forward CPC newsletters. They are returned to us with when the address is vacant along with a charge for the service.

Notify Gayle Thostenson if you would like to be included on the prayer chain e-list. Finally, don't forget to catch the sermons you'll miss on site by visiting the web at <http://vimeo.com/cpcwf>.

**December/January
Community Call
deadline will be
Wednesday, November 23**

Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2017

Members and friends of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Many great things at CPC have been accomplished this year! Your continuing contributions and support are remarkable.

Please pray on and commit to CPC sustainability through financial stewardship for 2017 by providing the following information. In addition to your pledge, you are asked to contribute a per Capita amount of **\$44.00** for each confirmed member. Per Capita supports the local, regional, and global work of the Presbytery, Synod, and PC (USA),

Prayerfully,

CPC Session

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following commitment to support the mission of the church.

Name(s) _____ Envelope No. _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

For **General Fund** and **Mission**:

\$ _____ per Week Month Year

For **Building Fund**:

\$ _____ per Week Month Year

For **Per Capita**:

\$ _____ per member \$44.00

Pledges can also be fulfilled by electronic payment when completing the authorization form on the reverse side.

Please mail or drop your completed pledge in the offering places by November 27, 2017.

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 _____

Address _____

Financial Institution: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

Account Number:

Please return to:
 Office
 Community Presbyterian Church
 P. O. Box 546
 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