

COMMUNITY CALL

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ADVENT PROGRAMS

Come! Join us in the celebration of our Savior's birth!

Here are a few of the opportunities to worship and glorify Jesus' name in December:

Sunday, December 22, the Adult Choir and Sunday School students will perform CPC's Christmas program during the worship service. It will be followed by a Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser benefitting the West Fargo High School Cross-Country Team. You won't want to miss this musical retelling of the Christmas story and the fellowship to follow. [See pages 5 & 6]

Later in the week, on Tuesday, December 24, you'll want to join us for worship at 6:30 p.m. when we'll celebrate a Candlelight Christmas Eve service. On Wednesday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m., we will meet again to worship and celebrate Christmas with communion.

Look for more details regarding these events and other ways to honor Christ's birth elsewhere in this newsletter and in upcoming weekly reminders and announcements.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTER/READERS NEEDED



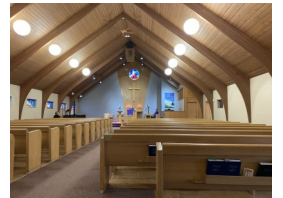
Please sign up in the narthex to light the candles and read the Advent scriptures during December.

PULPIT SUPPLY

CPC has been blessed by an active and devoted group of preachers. Worship and Pulpit Supply committees have been working to provide messages for Sunday worship. 2024's calendar is complete with 2025's calendar in planning stages.

The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks:

Dec 1	Carrie Lauber with Communion
Dec 8	Kevin Galt
Dec 15	Rev. Grant Patterson
Dec 22	CPC Christmas Program
Dec 24	Kevin Galt
Dec 25	Rev. Jim Wilson
Dec 29	Andrew Thostenson
Jan 5	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Jan 12	Kevin Galt
Jan 19	TBD
Jan 26	Andrew Thostenson



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NOVEMBER CLERKS CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Bob Kozojed, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Melissa Engebretson and Carolyn Meester were present via Zoom. Bonnie Thompson was present via phone. Temporary Moderator and Clerk of Session – Becky DeJong was present. Carrie Lauber was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Becky DeJong.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of October 16, 2024
- b. next Session meeting will be December 18, 2024
- c. annual congregational meeting date – January 19, 2025 with a storm date of January 26, 2025
- d. The West Fargo Packers Cross-Country Team to provide a fundraising spaghetti feed at Community Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 22. This will be directly after the CPC Christmas program. Christian Education made a motion to approve the spaghetti feed. Motion was carried via e-mail.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, December 1, 2024 will be Becky DeJong, Bob Kozojed, Dave Ruhnke and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Membership rolls, building use agreements and greenhouse parking lot rental were discussed.

Committee reports:

Buildings & Grounds Trustees: The flies were cleaned out of the lights in the narthex. A couple of light bulbs were replaced in narthex and the two in a basement classroom. We replaced the elec-

tric eye on the light on the roof that shines out over the parking lot so it doesn't stay on all day and added a spot light to the outside of the round window so it shows up better at night. We replaced batteries where needed for the emergency lights.

- Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: The committee will meet Thursday, November 21, to make final plans for the "Hanging of the Greens" Advent activity scheduled for after church on Sunday, November 24. We will also make plans for the Sunday School Christmas program to be held in conjunction with the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 22, which will be followed by a fundraiser meal to benefit the West Fargo Packer's Cross Country Team.

- Gayle Thostenson

Deacons: During this past month, visits, flowers, communion, a prayer quilt, and cards have been shared with our Deacon friends. Over the next several weeks, the Deacons will be preparing a gift of Christmas cheer for them. 2025 calendars are available for purchase - \$9.00 each.

Please let the Deacons know if someone would like communion shared with them in their home or elsewhere and if someone would like to be visited.

- Gayle Thostenson

Mission & Outreach: We are collecting for the New Life Center for November and December.

- Carrie Lauber

Nominating: The Nominating committee has met and started the search to fill all the positions for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating committees. We have been able to successfully fill our Deacons and 2 of 3 of our Session members.

- Melissa Engebretson

Worship: Pulpit supply is filled through
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the end of 2024.

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Personnel, Service and Fellowship, Stewardship committees.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong



SNOWBIRD REMINDER

Don't forget to inform our church office (282-4135 or office@cpcwf.org), regarding your temporary address(es) and the time you will be away from home.

RINGING OUR THANKS



Thanks to all those who so graciously took the time to volunteer to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Community Presbyterian Church provides a total of 20 hours to assist in the annual campaign!

It is amazing to have so many wonderful people who are willing to help with this project.

SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Service & Fellowship groups are providing scrumptious drinks and treats following each worship service. To help us remember, group assignments will now be posted in each newsletter. Here is the schedule for the next two months:

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|--------|---------|
| Dec 1 | Group 3 |
| Dec 8 | Group 4 |
| Dec 15 | Group 4 |
| Dec 22 | Group 1 |
| Dec 29 | Group 1 |
| Jan 5 | Group 2 |
| Jan 12 | Group 2 |
| Jan 19 | Group 3 |
| Jan 26 | Group 3 |

For more information see the narthex bulletin board. To be added to a group, see Linda Bishop or Carolyn Meester.



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025, in the sanctuary immediately following worship, with a storm date of January 26, 2025.

Committee chairs please have annual reports to the clerk by December 31. Everyone, please make an effort to attend this important meeting.



SERVANTS NEEDED

We need you to assist in the serving of meals.



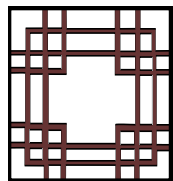
We help dish up the meal at Churches United the second Wednesday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 5:00 p.m. and serve the meal at 4:30 P.M. at the Salvation Army every fifth Sunday. Our next service dates will be Wednesday, January 8, and Sunday, December 29.

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU

There is room at the table to join the folks making greeting cards! Our Card Makers gather on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for fellowship and an opportunity to recycle and create cards for sale at Community Presbyterian Church. Proceeds from the cards are used for various church projects from supporting children who attend Summer Bible Camp to purchasing items for the kitchen. Plus, they always seem to have sweet treats for a mid-afternoon break.



Interested? Just show up on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. The group will welcome you and show you how to make cards!



**PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES
STUDY ON
THE VOICE OF GOD**

In November we did a different Bible study reflecting on being a Mary or a Martha. We also talked about Thanksgiving and gratitude. We took home gratitude journals to fill out for the month of November.

Now in December, we will go back to our Voice of God study. We read in the Bible how God used a burning bush to talk to Moses. How does He talk to us? Do we hear His voice? Sometimes God just whispers to us. Do we always hear His whisper? We probably expect a booming noise or to feel the earth shake when we await His voice.

We will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, at the church, to learn more about how God talks to us. Everyone is welcome. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas!

Happy New Year! Since the first Wednesday of January is New Year's Day - we won't meet until the 8th of January starting at 4:30 p.m. at the church. In our study this month, we will talk more about what God has done for us. Loving God is not just about doing things for Him but also for others. Join us as we talk about God's everlasting love for His people.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Attention all men! You are invited to join a Men's Bible Study. They meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.



They cover a chapter each meeting with much discussion. Bring your Bible and a concordance, if you have one.

Questions? Please contact Dave Ruhnke.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

There will be NO Sunday School on December 29th. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**LADIES
CIRCLE**



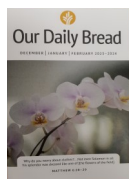
Ladies, join us every second Tuesday for Afternoon Ladies Circle in the narthex. If you like, bring a sack lunch and have fellowship at 12:30 p.m. Otherwise, come ready to begin Bible study at 1:00 p.m. Coffee and treats will be shared.

The study this year is *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia K. Tull. In this study, we are reminded that we are called to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society's least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by unjust systems. In God's first instructions to the nation of Israel, we hear "you shall not pervert the justice due to the poor" (Exodus 23:6); in Moses' final speech at the promised land's border, he reiterated, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20); and from Amos, the earliest recorded prophet, "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream" (Amos 5:24). Scripture reminds us that we are called to speak out to urge our society to act for just transitions in this fast-changing world.

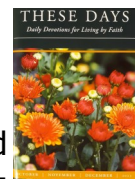


**JOIN US FOR
ADULT
SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

This group meets upstairs in the conference room at 9:00 a.m. The current study is Jesus' Parables. There is always coffee, good discussion, and God's gift of the Bible.



**DEVOTIONAL
BOOKLETS
AVAILABLE**



Our Daily Bread and These Days are available in different-sized print. Feel free to take one home for daily use.

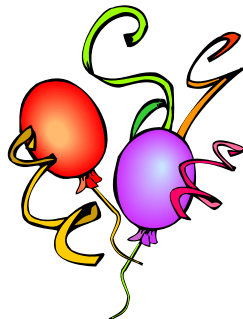
DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 12-5 Terry Meester
- 12-10 Brady Bahls
- 12-27 Ty Arvidson
Becky Mace
- 12-31 Sophia Dobrinz

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12-12-70 Jack and Dixie Smith
- 12-18-82 Andrew and Gayle
Thostenson



JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-7 Mitzi Hager
- 1-8 Ross Montgomery
Zachary Strand
- 1-10 Elizabeth Strand
- 1-16 Doris Randle
Kay Munsch
- 1-18 Grace Chandler
- 1-22 Derek Leopold

ANNIVERSARIES

No listed anniversaries in January

MISSION & OUTREACH FOCUS



In August, we collected money for Bdecan to assist in their purchase of warm winter clothing for the children of Spirit Lake Reservation. With our help, they were able to fully outfit 176 kids! Other churches donated quilts, and they were able to provide those to many of the families served.

In October, our focus was helping Churches United through their current financial woes. We added funds the first Sunday in October, and managed to collect a total of \$1,285! Thank you!

Our focus for November and December is the New Life Center. In addition to the items listed in last month's newsletter, they are in need of warm winter clothing, including thermal underwear, hats and caps, gloves, and coats in sizes to fit adult males, and also alcohol-free day and nighttime cold medications. If you are unable to shop, or would just rather not, Boots or Donna will be glad to take your money and shop for you.

Due to scheduling difficulties, we haven't been able to meet, and therefore we don't have a mission focus for January as of yet. Watch your email for a blast when we get organized.

Thank you for your support of missions throughout the year. It's your generosity that allows Community Presbyterian to continue to be the hands and heart of Jesus in our community and world.

CANTATA PERFORMANCE

Join us during worship on Sunday, December 22, for CPC's annual Christmas Cantata and Sunday School program. This year's cantata is entitled, *Sing Christmas*, created by David Wise. It is a Christmas carol-driven musical, featuring some of everyone's most beloved songs of the season. Be sure to make plans to join this joyous celebration of Jesus' birth.



PRAYER TIME

for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Philippians 4:19

Come for a half hour of prayer in the CPC sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, December 4 and January 22, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

CALENDARS FOR SALE!

The Deacons are selling 2025 calendars for \$9. They are as beautiful as ever with scripture listed for each week. Look to purchase yours while they last on Sundays in December.





**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**
10/31/2024

General Operating budget
2024: \$124,012.00
Monthly needed to meet
budget: \$10,334.33

Total Giving October \$ 12,162.91
Total Expenses October \$ 4,946.62

Per Capita amount for 2024 is \$50.00
for each confirmed member. Please
mark on your check or envelope as con-
tributing to Per Capita. Total assessment
for 2024 is \$6,000.00. To date,
\$4,275.00 has been paid towards per
capita.

*God wants us; He wants the givers, not
just the gifts from the givers. He doesn't
need our gifts, but we have a need to
give. God wants us to honor Him
through our faithful and generous giv-
ing. When we make giving a priority
week after week, He is honored.*

**THE DEACONS
CAN HELP YOU**



If you need immediate
pastoral care, you can call
701-353-2020. A Deacon
will be able to assist you.

If anyone in the congregation is hospi-
talized, needs a visit, or would like
home communion, please contact the
Deacons.

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| Lise Alves | [C] 701-412-8689 |
| Jenni Hummel | [C] 701-371-7640 |
| Dawn Larson | [C] 701-261-9609 |
| Dixon Moorhead | [C] 701-200-9709 |
| Patty Smith | [H] 701-540-6658 |
| | [C] 970-209-3517 |
| Cary Talley | [H] 701-282-3273 |
| Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison | [H] 701-492-0630 |
| | [C] 701-412-6387 |

**February Newsletter
deadline is
Wednesday, January 22**

DECEMBER EVENTS



Mark your calendars
early and don't miss
out on all the activities in December!
Watch for details *and* more activities in up-
coming church announcements.

Saturday, December 7

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday, December 21, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas program dress rehearsal

Sunday, December 22, 10:00 a.m.

Combined Choir Cantata &
Sunday School Christmas program
during worship

Sunday, December 22, following worship

Benefit Spaghetti dinner
prepared and served by

WFHS Cross Country Team

Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve service

Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas day worship with the
Lord's Supper

**Plan to attend a Sunday
full of music, food,
and fellowship!**

Sunday, December 22

**Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St, West Fargo**

**10:00 a.m. Christmas program
performed by
CPC Choir &
Sunday School**

**11:00 a.m. Spaghetti dinner
prepared & served
by the WFHS Packer
Cross Country Team**

**Free Admission
(Free-will donation to support the
WFHS Packer Cross Country Team)**

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
 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





DECEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	2 Bells 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	3 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. Bible Study	4 Prayer time 9:30 a.m. P. Squares 4:30 p.m. Christian Ed. 6 p.m.	5 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.	6	7 S. Army Bell Ringing 	
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15 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	16 Bells 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Prayer time 9:30 a.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	19 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	20	21 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.	
22 Sunday School 9 a.m. Christmas Program during Worship 10 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to Follow	23	24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m. 	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> Christmas Service 10:00 a.m.  	26	27	28	
29 NO Sunday School Worship 10 a.m. Salvation Army Dinner 4:30 p.m.	30	31 	<p>***February newsletter deadline: January 23***</p> <p>Non-church scheduled events: Mon. evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.— HOREMOW Sun. 12-3 p.m., Fri 7-10 p.m.—GOSHEN Fellowship Hall</p>				<p>Head Ushers Dec -Dave Ruhnke January - Terry Meester</p>



JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February newsletter deadline: January 22 Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.—HOREMOW Sunday 12-3 p.m., Friday 7-10 p.m.—COSHEM Fellowship Hall						
5 No Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m. Taking Down the Greens following Worship	6 Bell practice 6:00 p.m.	7	1  8 Presbyterian Squares 4:30 p.m. Churches United Service 5 p.m. C. Education 6 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	2 Pw Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Worship com. 7:00 p.m.	3	4
12 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	13 Bell practice 6:00 p.m.	14 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study	15	9 Pw Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Stewardship / Personnel Coms. 6:30 p.m.	10	11
19 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting following Worship in the Sanctuary	20 Bell practice 6:00 p.m.	21	22  Prayer Time 9:30 a.m.	23 Pw Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	24	25
26 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting Storm Date after Worship	27 Bell practice 6:00 p.m.	28	29	30 Pw Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	31	Head Usher: Terry Meester

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison
Lee Dobrinz Larry Peihl
Melanie Hansen Jack Smith
Veril Larson Brent Talley

Christian Education

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Emma Broe Melanie Hansen
Kevin Galt

Deacons

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Lise Alves Dixon Moorhead
Jenni Hummel Patricia Smith
Dawn Larson Cary Talley

Mission & Outreach

Carrie Lauber, Liaison
Lee Dobrinz Mary Jo Moorhead
Kevin Galt Dave Ruhnke
Boots Misheski Bonnie Thompson
Rev. Donna Monteith

Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Mel Hansen
Joan Hall Dawn Larson

Personnel

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz Andrew Thostenson
Kevin Galt

Presbytery Delegates

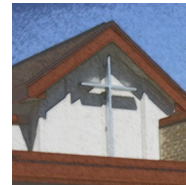
Andrew Thostenson + TBD
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

Stewardship

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Kevin Galt Carolyn Meester
Yvonne Hummel A. Thostenson

Worship/Service & Fellowship

Dave Ruhnke/B. Thompson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Mary Jo Moorhead
Emma Broe Patricia Smith
Carolyn Meester



**Sunday
Worship Hours**
10 a.m. Worship Service
Fellowship following

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
Moderator: Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood
Co-Treasurers: Yvonne Hummel
Andrew Thostenson

Melissa Engebretson
Bob Kozojed
Carrie Lauber
Carolyn Meester
David Ruhnke
Bonnie Thompson
Gayle Thostenson

**Our mission is to know God;
to be led by the Holy Spirit; to share Christ.**