

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## SPRING FORWARD

On Sunday, March 14th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour.

## AN INVITATION

Members and Friends of CPC, The Worship Committee of Community Presbyterian Church invites you to attend worship services this Lenten Season. You may do this in person or online at [cpcwf.org](http://cpcwf.org).



March 7 -- 3rd Sunday in Lent with Communion

March 14 -- 4th Sunday in Lent

March 21 -- 5th Sunday in Lent  
HOLY WEEK

March 28 -- Palm Sunday

April 1 -- Maundy Thursday with Communion at 7:00 p.m.

April 2 -- Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

April 4 -- Easter Sunday with Communion at 10:00 a.m.

## IF RUMMAGE IS PILING UP, IT'S TIME FOR A SALE

Setup: Friday, April 23

Sale: Saturday, April 24

Presbyterian Men and Women are getting geared up for the Spring Community Rummage

Sale. Since 2002, this has been an important fundraiser for the church, and we are happy to report that \$4,000 in  
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## PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



To all who are God's people in Christ Jesus. May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Philippians 1:1b-2 CEB)

It is officially Lent! We will have already experienced Ash Wednesday and at least one Sunday in Lent by the time you read the newsletter. If you are using the *Presbyterian Outlook Devotional: Praying with Scripture During Lent*, then you have had an opportunity to read John Calvin's description of the Bible as a "lens of faith." His perspective is that the Bible helps us see our world more clearly. Lent is the time to listen to and look for God and to be alert for signs of God's presence in our lives. I encourage you to have a notebook or journal where you can record your thoughts, phrases, or poems you have read or perhaps

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doodle in ways that help you remember the importance of your learning. As you ponder through the season of Lent, take time for yourself so you can look at your own life and your relationship with God.

It has been over a month since we have come back into the sanctuary for worship along with offering the online services. Sunday School started up a week later than the sanctuary worship. It is good to have people, adults and children, back in the church on Sunday mornings. We are still watching the numbers, praying that there continues to be a reduction in people who have Covid-19, that the new strands are limited, and that we have an increase for those who complete their vaccinations. The "word" is we will need to continue wearing our masks and continue to be cautious as we 're-enter' our world. The

pandemic has not gone away, but it does feel like there is hope on the horizon.

In 2020, we began working with the Matthew 25 program. It seems to have been overshadowed by the pandemic. As we begin to reconnect with our community, we will be able to return to thinking about what it means to be a congregation with Vitality. Use some of this time to think about what the future of Community Presbyterian Church will look like. It is likely that it will not be exactly like it was prior to the pandemic.

During this time of transitioning toward being a more vital congregation, what will be important to you? How will our members grow in faith as we come back together? What would you like to happen? Do you want more opportunities for Christian education for adults? For

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**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**2021 LENTEN SERIES**

DATE	WORSHIP SERVICE	SCRIPTURE
March 7 with Communion	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Jesus Anointed at Bethany: How Do We Offer Jesus Our Love & Worship	Mark 14:1-11
March 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent The Temple & the End Time	Mark 13:5-37
March 21	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent The Garden	Mark 14:32-42
March 28	Palm Sunday Trial & Denial	Mark 14:43-15:15
April 1	Maundy Thursday The Last Supper	Mark 14:12-26
April 2	Good Friday The Centurion's Confession	Mark 15:33-41
April 4 with Communion	Easter Sunday The Words of Faith, Love, and Hope	Mark 16:1-8



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children? Would you like to have prayer circles or prayer partners? Are there other spiritual disciplines you would like to explore? Are there enough opportunities to get to know one another? Do you think people feel included at CPC?

While we were worshiping online only, did you see worship services from other congregations? Did you get ideas from seeing other worship services that you would like to incorporate at CPC? Would you like to explore the needs of people in our community to see how else we could be of service to them?

Now that we can worship in our sanctuary, are you finding anything missing? As you think about what it was like before COVID-19, are there things you want to keep? Are there things you would do differently? If you were a stranger visiting Community Presbyterian Church for the first time, what would you see? What would visitors experience that would bring them back? All these questions are intended to help us ponder as we prepare for the time we will be more fully functioning as a church community.

During this time of Lent, may you all find opportunities to build your relationship with God.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Cathie

**HELP!**

Community Presbyterian Church needs your help. Each Sunday we need a liturgist. Liturgists add a second voice to leading worship.



We are also in need of a weekly "slide flipper," someone who will electronically move the slides for the bulletin using a laptop, so the congregation is able to follow the worship service.

For planning purposes, we like to have slots filled at least a month in advance. To help, please call the office, Pastor Cathie, or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

**FEBRUARY  
CLERK'S  
CORNER**

The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Adam Montgomery, and Mary Jo Moorhead. Carrie Leopold and Gayle Thostenson were present via Zoom. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Lee Dobrinz and Kevin Galt were absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Adam Montgomery.

**Consent Agenda:**

- approval of the minutes of January 20, 2021
- next Session meeting - Wednesday, March 17, 2021
- elect Treasurer, Carolyn Meester, and Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong, for a one-year term
- thank you to the Clerk, Moderator, and Treasurer for conducting the annual meeting

**Moderator's report:**

- Thursday, January 14, 2021 - Prayer Service at West Funeral Home for Jim Martin.
- Friday, January 15, 2021 - Funeral and burial for Jim Martin.
- Sunday, January 17, 2021 - Moderated CPC Annual Meeting.
- Submitted articles for newsletter by January, 22, 2021.
- Installation of Ruling Elders during worship on January 24, 2021 - included Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, and Mary Jo Moorhead. Dawn Larson will be ordained as a Deacon when she returns in mid-March.
- Hosted Presbyterian Pastor meeting at CPC Thursday, January 28, 2021.
- Turned in first draft of Chapter 1 of my Thesis on Saturday, January 30, 2021.
- Monday, February 1, 2021 - Will

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moderate Mendenhall Session via Zoom.

- Prepared worship and preached on January 24 and January 31, 2021.

Clerk's report -

- Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, and Mary Jo Moorhead were installed as elders.
- Linda Bishop was installed as a Deacon.
- Mike Misheski and Yvonne Hummel audited the books on January 30, 2021.

Welcome elders Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, and Mary Jo Moorhead to Session!

Committee liaison assignments:

Christian Education--Kevin Galt  
Deacons--Gayle Thostenson  
Missions--Carrie Leopold  
Nominating--Lee Dobrinz  
Personnel--Adam Montgomery  
Serv. & Fellow.--Melissa Engebretson  
Stewardship--Yvonne Hummel  
Trustees--Bob Kozojed  
Worship--Mary Jo Moorhead

Elders received a crash course on Robert's Rule of Order. Session meetings start time will remain at 7:00.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, February 7, 2021, will be Adam Montgomery and Gayle Thostenson. On March 7, 2021, the elders will be Bob Kozojed and Mary Jo Moorhead.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received. CPC received a second PPP loan of \$19,600.

Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 precautions at CPC. ND is currently in "green". We are grateful that indications show that the virus pandemic is lessening. The Session will continually monitor the situation and make changes as necessary. The health and safety of our congregation, church personnel, and friends are of utmost importance. Our next step will be to return the Bibles to the pews.

Christian Ed: We met and we got the rooms ready for Sunday school which started two weeks ago with a fairly good amount of participation. We have one 3rd grader who will need a Bible this year. We need to arrange a time with the family to present the Bible. - Melanie Hansen

Deacons: Recipients have been very appreciative of the year's end care packages and distanced visits. A review of the current visiting policies of hospital and care centers was shared. The big news is that visitations are opening up for our care center friends. Following these new rules, we look forward to making more in-person visits. Care packages are being prepared in advance of the Lenten season. - Gayle Thostenson

Stewardship: Yvonne Hummel and Mike Misheski audited the financial books on January 30, 2021. All was found to be in good standing. It was recommended that the offering plates be placed inside the sanctuary during worship services.

Trustees: We started the repair of the wall in the downstairs SE classroom. Water was leaking through the crack when the soil was saturated. We cut out the area of concrete and filled it in with hydraulic cement. Plaster and paint will be added to the wall. We received our fire inspection report. There were a few violations that need to be addressed before February 20, 2021. When the violations are corrected, we will turn a self-certification report in to the West Fargo Fire Department. CPC's insurance policy is current and up to date. - Bob Kozojed

Worship: The committee is preparing for the Lenten season.

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

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky DeJong

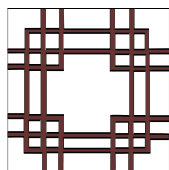
## MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3-3 Karen Steele
- 3-8 Troy Montgomery
- 3-9 Amy Bucholz
- 3-10 Zoe Elhard
- 3-15 Irene Martin
- 3-17 Declan Bucholz
- 3-19 Lydia Leopold
- 3-21 Melissa Engebretson
- 3-22 Bonnie Thompson
- 3-24 Dawn Larson
- 3-25 Michelle Bucy
- 3-30 Stacy Leopold

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 3-1-14 – Kirby and Amanda Keller
- 3-4-78 – Bruce and Vicki Riedinger
- 3-14-64 – Chuck and Bonnie Thompson



## **PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES: BAD GIRLS IN THE BIBLE EMAIL DEVOTIONAL STUDY**

Why do you suppose God preserved life stories of bad girls in the Bible? Perhaps to illustrate "... *that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16 NAS). From the Garden, God gave instructions, the consequences, and allowed His creations to make their choices—faith in Him or eternity with the devil.

Could it be, like *beauty in the eye of the beholder*—all bad girls in our eyes may not be condemned in God's eyes? Why? Because of Jesus and their changed hearts. What encouraging words for us that harlots, murderers, liars, and rich, evil queens are listed in God's Word. Could *whosoever* mean there's hope for you and me? Absolutely. You have a choice. Your past doesn't dictate your future or your eternity

If you are interested in reading about our bad girls just email me at [vrpeihl@gmail.com](mailto:vrpeihl@gmail.com). Our online study will go through April. Take care!



## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Sunday, February 21, Sunday School for adults and children (ages three and older), recommenced meeting. Yes, we are masked and physically distanced, but we are studying God's word together.

Preschoolers through 5th graders are looking at *13 Very Bad Days and How God Fixed Them*. The Middle School class is learning *The 13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Teenagers*. The High School class is reviewing *52 Great Bible Studies* while the Adult Class has begun a study on the book of *Jeremiah* (more information below).

For information on how you can participate either as a student or teacher, contact Kevin Galt, Melanie Hansen, Elizabeth Strand, or Gayle Thostenson. We look forward to hearing from each of you and seeing you on Sundays.



## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TO STUDY JEREMIAH**

Beginning on Sunday, February 21, the Adult Sunday School Class will begin a study on the Book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah is considered a major prophet. He has also been described as a purveyor of doom and gloom. That's only part of the story as his job was three-fold: predict the doom and gloom on Israel for its corruption; implore them to repent; proclaim hope in the Lord, restoration of the nation, and the coming of the Messiah. There is Good News in his message.

You can download the entire Bible study here:

<https://biblestudyguide.org/ebooks/jeffsmith/jeremiah.pdf>

You can also simply show up on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room. We will have a handout with reflection questions on the passage we are studying that week for you.

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proceeds has recently been placed towards retiring the building mortgage.

Donated items can be brought to the southwest door of the Veteran's Memorial Arena (which is the delivery entrance to West Fargo High School) any time after 1:30 p.m. and until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23. If you are unable to deliver donated items, we will gladly pick them up.

If you have electronic or computer equipment to donate, please get them to Andrew Thostenson by April 10 so he can properly recondition them. (Note: tube televisions and exercise equipment cannot be sold.)

The sale will be held Saturday, April 24, at the Veteran's Memorial Arena from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We need help (men and women) moving tables, setting up, pricing, accepting payments, wrangling rummage, and tearing down. Your help in any and all of these endeavors will be greatly appreciated.

- ⇒ Loading tables into pickups— Friday 12:30 p.m. at the church
- ⇒ Table and rummage setup—Friday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Arena.
- ⇒ Rummage sale—Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Sale tear down and move tables back to the church - Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have rummage or logistical questions, call Andrew Thostenson at 701-492-0630.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

On Monday, March 29, from 2:00-5:30 p.m., CPC will be sponsoring a blood drive. Watch for ways you can participate in upcoming announcements and weekly reminders.

**MARCH  
MISSION FOCUS**



CPC's mission focus for March and April is One Great Hour of Sharing. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

The Mission Committee's goal this year is to raise \$1,300 for a family farm bundle. The project gives the livestock, tools, and training that a family might need to start their own farm for a reliable source of nourishment and income. This bundle reflects chickens, goats, piglets, a cow, and equipment to promote ongoing food production.

For more information about One Great Hour of Sharing, go to

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>.

**CARDS  
BY CARD MAKERS**

Encourage a friend in town or far away by sending them a CPC card. At 50 cents, the cards are a great bargain to connect with a dear one. Plus, after expenses, all income goes to CPC or its mission projects.

Cards are available for purchase any time in the CPC narthex. Someone will be available to assist you in your purchase on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m.







## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

1-31-2021

General Operating budget  
2021: \$151,788.00

Weekly needed to meet budget:  
\$ 2,919.00

Actual giving to date	\$8,954.00
Actual expenses to date	\$7,817.30
Net income to date	\$1,136.70

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 August.

Per Capita amount for 2021 is \$48.00 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 you are contributing to Per Capita.

*For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give - large or small - will be used to measure what is given back to you. Luke 6:38*

## DEACONS

If you are aware of any of our members or friends who need extra care, please reach out to us. All requests are kept in confidence.



Lise Alves	[C] 701-412-8689
Linda Bishop	[H] 701-282-8515
	[C] 701-200-1818
Dawn Larson	[C] 701-261-9609
Boots Misheski	[C] 701-388-7160
Dixon Moorhead	[H] 701-277-1414
	[C] 701-200-9709
Vicky Whitcomb	[C] 701-809-2483
Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison	[H] 701-492-0630
	[C] 701-412-6387

## 2021 PER CAPITA

2021 Per Capita was approved at the October 2020 Presbytery Meeting. The per capita apportionment is based on the funds necessary for the Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly to do their essential ecclesiastical work.

The Presbytery office has a free brochure which will help individuals understand the fundamentals of Per Capita and Unified mission.

2021 Per Capita

Apportionment breakdown:

General Assembly (GA)	\$ 8.98
Synod of Lakes & Prairies	\$ 5.50
Northern Plains Presbytery	\$ 33.52
<b>Total 2021 Per Capita</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>

For additional information about Per Capita, check out the Office of the GA Stated Clerk webpage (<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ecclesial-and-ecumenical-ministries/per-capita/>).

## HANDBELL RINGERS NEEDED

Bell Choir needs a couple more beginners or experienced members. If you can help, please call Patty at 970-209-3517.



## CONCERT FOR A CAUSE



A night of worship featuring Vertical Worship, has been rescheduled for March 4 at Bethel Church of Fargo with a Virtual Option Available. This fundraising event for Red River Youth for Christ will also showcase the work God is doing in the lives of our Fargo-Moorhead teens.

More information available at [https://redriveryfc.com/events/concert/?utm\\_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm\\_campaign=Concert for a Cause 2 weeks out&utm\\_medium=email](https://redriveryfc.com/events/concert/?utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Concert+for+a+Cause+2+weeks+out&utm_medium=email)

**April Community Call's  
deadline is Thursday, March 18**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(A confirmation will be sent to you)

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**Forms accepted at any time**

	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate to Income						
Annual 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