

at the church office to register your child for VBS! You can also click on <https://forms.gle/fXd6uYEgsko1o6GR9> and fill the form online.

(For more information on Concrete & Cranes, see page 1)



Concrete & Cranes

Community Presbyterian Church

Vacation

Bible School

August 8 - 10

Dinner 5:40 p.m.

Activities 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

For 3 year-olds through 5th grade grads~~~~~



Registration Form

Name(s) and age(s)/*completed* grade(s) :_____

Address:_____

Phone number: _____

All are welcome to dine with us. Please note below how many of you shall join us for dinner.

Sun_____Mon_____Tues_____

Will someone besides parents pick up VBS participants?

If so, who?_____

Emergency contact phone #

Are there any special concerns?

☐ I would like to know more about this church.



Place
Stamp
Here

**Attn: Melanie Hansen
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Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St.
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COMMUNITY CALL

Pastor: Rev. Catherine Bishop; **Office Administrator:** Mary Gross; **Ministers:** The People of God
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HELP BUILD AT VBS!

Grab your hard hat and tool belt and come to Community Presbyterian Church to build something that will last an eternity! In the evenings of August 8-10, CPC will be building foundations of faith at Concrete & Cranes Vacation Bible School. We would love your help to cement our faith in Jesus!

Parents, you can sign up your kids and their friends using the form on the previous pages or click on <https://forms.gle/fXd6uYEgsko1o6GR9> and fill the form online.

Volunteers (6th grade grads and older), we still need your help. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can join our crew for even one day. Sign-up is in narthex.

- 2-3 Crew leaders for small groups
- 2-3 Crew leaders helpers
- Drama builders for opening and closing the worksite
- 1 Bulldozer Crafts leader
- Photographer(s) & Greeter(s)
- Food serving leader
- Set up and take down assistants
- Folks that just want to join in the building and have fun

Volunteers should contact Melanie Hansen (mlh060673@yahoo.com or 701-526-6213) or Gayle Thostenson (atgtet@far.midco.net or 701-412-6387).

SUMMER TIMES

Don't forget! CPC Summer worship begins at 9:30 a.m.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven." Ephesians 1:2-3 CEB

As I sit down to write this "Pondering" article, the first words I think of are: HOT! DRY! And what an awesome garden we have at the church! As humans, we often think about the things that are not necessarily what we would want, and then, we remember God's gifts to us and how much we are loved by God. We have been blessed indeed.

Exciting things are going on in August starting with Vacation Bible School. There are more details in the newsletter, so please take time to see what all is happening in August!

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As a congregation, we have some folks vacationing most of the summer and during August and others are enjoying time at home. For many, being able to spend face-to-face time with family and friends is a gift from God after over a year

of being separated from those we care about.

I was thinking about what we might be able to do now that we are able to reach out to one another. Obviously, people want to connect with family and friends. What about others in the community? Now that we can, what could and should we be doing? What does God want us to do? The first scripture passage I thought of was Micah 6:8!

My 'go-to' Bible is the New Revised Standard Version (NRS). This is the one we read most often. Here is what Micah 6:8 says: "With what shall I come before the Lord?" The Answer: "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?"

Let's look at the Common English Bible (CEB), same scripture: "What does the Lord require? He has told you human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God."

And from the New Living Translation: "What can we bring to the Lord? O People, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." (NLT)

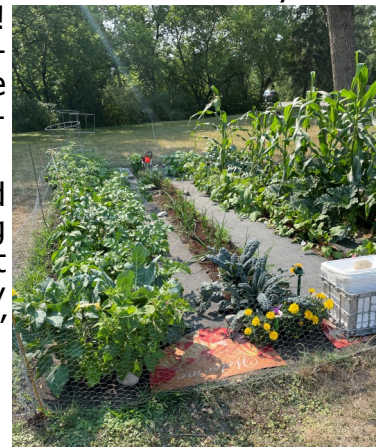
I invite you to ponder these three passages from different translations. When

you are ready, think about each of the passages, the things that were the same and other things that were a little different. Where did the passages make more sense to you than others? Then it is time to ask yourself: what is God's message for me in these similar passages? What is God trying to tell you? Is there something related to doing justice/doing what is right? Or is it about loving kindness/loving mercy/embracing faithful love? Did you notice that all three of the passages used the same words: "walk humbly with your God?"

When I first noticed that there was no difference in the words for, "walk humbly with your God" it was an 'aha' moment. Here is how I understood that message: NO matter what else we do, first you, and I must walk humbly with our God...always! We cannot be effective if we are not walking humbly with our God!

Enjoy August and keep thinking about what 'walking humbly with our God' means to you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie



OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

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 area so it is available to people who normally do not receive fresh produce. More details on page 5.

Thank you, in advance, for your surplus garden produce for the hungry in our community.

For more information on The Emergency Food Pantry, go to:

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

JULY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lee Dobrinz, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Adam Montgomery, and Mary Jo Moorhead. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Melissa Engebretson, Carrie Leopold, Carolyn Meester, and Gayle Thostenson were absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Cathie Bishop.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of June 16, 2021
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, August 18, 2021
- c. The Gideons requested to share news of their work with our congregation on July 18, 2021 and to place a separate offering plate to collect contributions for their mission. Yvonne Hummel made a motion to approve the request. Motion was approved via e-mail.
- d. A previously approved meeting for Horemow has been rescheduled for September 25-26 from 4 to 8 p.m.
- e. Moderator's report:
 - Sent in newsletter articles by the deadline by June 17, 2021.
 - June 17, 2021 - Officiated graveside service for Shirley Holland at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery-North.
 - June 18, 2021 - Visited with Delores Horn & Kristi Dixon and family.
 - June 28-30, 2021 - Quick trip/vacation to Paul's 95-year-old aunt and relatives in Sioux Center, IA.
 - July 7, 2021 - Participated in Christian Education Committee meeting.
 - July 11, 2021 - Visited with Brother Saye Yeanay and Moses Freeman about the Zone Meeting that Session approved and then was cancelled.
 - July 11, 2021 - Co-officiated (after

- church) graveside service for Ann Erickson at cemetery near McLeod, ND.
- Visited with Carol Duggan at Sanford Hospital several times and twice at Sanford Broadway (7/11 & 7/15).
- July 14, 2021 - Attended Worship Committee meeting.
- July 15, 2021 - Attended Stewardship Committee meeting.
- Summer Lunch: helped set up most days Monday through Friday from June 17-July 21.
- Preparation and worship service: June 20, June 27 with Project Open Door mortgage retirement celebration and potluck; July 4 with communion, July 11, and July 18, 2021.
- f. Clerk's report
 - ◊ 29 served communion on Sunday, July 4, 2020.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Elders to serve communion on August 1, 2021 will be Adam Montgomery and Mary Jo Moorhead.

Committee reports:

Christian Education - Plans for Vacation Bible School are proceeding smoothly with good volunteer participation. The VBS sign has arrived and will be put out on boulevard starting August 2. The dates for VBS have been submitted to Life 97.9 and Sparklight community events for approval. We received one Youth Ministry leader applicant, and Elizabeth Strand will contact her. Gayle Thostenson has submitted a job description to NDSU for posting. - Kevin Galt

Deacons: The deacons continue to send cards and make phone calls or in-person visits with and without communion to reach out to the CPC community. Options for replacing or adding to the supply of traveling communion kits is under review. Additional badges, identifying wearers as CPC deacons, were purchased for deacons to wear when visiting CPC friends and members in care centers or hospitals. - Gayle Thostenson

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Stewardship: The Stewardship Committee discussed our fall stewardship campaign. We would like a few people to briefly share their giving "stories" (testimonials) during some worship services. We recommend "normalizing" the offertory each week by returning to passing the offering plate. We are hopeful that this will help increase the weekly giving, both by the convenience of the plate being passed right in front of people and by allowing more time for the offertory so that those wanting to donate online will have time to do so while the collection plate is being passed. Currently, the length of time dedicated to the offering does not allow people to donate online. We will also be placing laminated markers in each of the pew Bible/Hymnal holders with QR Codes on them that go directly to our giving site. – Yvonne Hummel

Trustees: A ballast was replaced for the light in Pastor Cathie's office. The plaster in the downstairs bathroom has been scraped off so that the room will be ready for re-painting.

Worship: There will be an outdoor worship service on Sunday, July 25.

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

Meeting closed with prayer by Lee Dobrinz at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

CPC MORTGAGE IS BURNED

Pictured here is Kevin Galt burning the mortgage for Project Open Door. The congregation completely paid its financial obligations to the bank. With thanks to God, CPC celebrated that accomplishment with a rededication of the building followed by a potluck on June 27, 2021.



AUGUST MISSION FOCUS



August's mission focus is the Bdecan Church, a member of Dakota Presbytery, located south of Tokio, ND on the Spirit Lake Reservation. "Bdecan" (pronounced Bah-DAY Chan) means "Wood Lake" in the Dakota language. Bdecan Presbyterian Church is the only Indian Presbyterian Church in the state of North Dakota. It was founded as a mission church in 1879 and formally organized in 1881.

The mission of the Bdecan Presbyterian Church of Tokio, North Dakota on the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation is to grow as Christ's witness in their community and reservation worshipping God through prayer, helping each other, fellowship, and Sunday morning worship. While keeping Christ's love at their center and supporting each one's spiritual journey, they move towards eternal life as one body to fulfill God's will on earth.

It conducts regular Sunday School and Worship services with children's programming in the summer. In addition, it supplies a food pantry and clothes closet for the community's needs.

The need is for winter wear for elementary students. They have long bus rides to and from school each day and are not allowed to ride the bus or go out for recess without warm clothing.

Can you help them? August winter shopping is difficult. The Bdecan Church has found a supplier that will deliver winter wear to them just at the right time. The Mission Committee is asking for money to help them purchase items for winter wear. To help illustrate the needs, it has put together a list of costs. To buy a cap, mittens, or scarf, you can give \$5. To buy snow pants, contribute \$15. To buy a winter coat, donate \$25. To buy snow boots, provide \$40. A full suit of winter clothing would cost \$85. Give as God leads you.

For more information about the Bdecan church, you can go to its website at <https://www.bdecanpresbyterianchurch.org/>

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 Maverick Engebretson
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



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Having a second voice lead the liturgy enhances everyone's worship experience. A "slide flipper" helps the congregation participate using the projected order of worship. We are also in need of a head usher in September and December. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship. To sign up, go to the CPC bulletin board or contact Melissa Engebretson.



SUMMER PEACHES



Red River Youth for Christ (RRYC) is selling peaches, pears, and nectarines this August.

RRYFC offers fruit as a fundraiser to help support its ministry to at-risk youth in the F-M area. YOU make all this possible. When you buy fruit, the lives of young people in our community are impacted and changed forever.

Brochures can be found in the narthex. For more information or to order online, go to <https://redriveryfc.square.site/>

Garden Overflowing???

Donate Your Excess Fruit and Vegetables to
Veggies for the Pantry



DATE: Mondays, starting July 26 to the 1 st frost	Drop Location: Fargo	Drop Location: West Fargo
	The Bowler 2630 University Dr. S.	Holy Cross Catholic Church 2711 7 th Ave. E.
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Longfellow Recycle Parking Lot 2939 Elm St. N.	Community Presbyterian Church 702 Sheyenne St.
	Drop Location: Horace	
TIME: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	In front of the water tower on Main Street	
	Drop Location: Harwood	
Sponsors:	Sheyenne Gardens	
	Donations to the Emergency Food Pantry	
 	Drop Location: Moorhead	
	Trinity Lutheran Church Corner of 8 th St. and 3 rd Ave.	
 	Parking lot of "The Village" 815 37 th Ave. S.	
	Donations 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



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

6/30/2021

General Operating budget 2021:
\$151,788.00
Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$ 12,649.00

Total Giving June \$ 6,701.50
Total Expenses June \$ 9,635.51

Per Capita amount for 2021 is \$48.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope Per Capita. Total Per Capita received to date is \$2,969.00.

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 giving. When we make giving a priority week after week, He is honored.

AUGUST SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

Aug 1 Ephesians 4:1-16
Aug 8 Ephesians 4:25- 5:2
Aug 15 Ephesians 5:15-20
Aug 22 Ephesians 6:10-20
Aug 29 James 1:17-27



CPC YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED



CPC is searching for a youth ministry leader to begin work sometime as early as this summer. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kevin Galt or go to

https://www.facebook.com/jobs/job-opening/485505139234739/?source=post_homepage_stream



CHURCHES UNITED COMMUNITY PICNIC

AUGUST 12--SAVE THE DATE

Let's celebrate! It's been a long time since we've all sat down with you for a meal together. The annual community picnic is our way to say a big "Thank you" to all our volunteers, supporters, and friends. Please join guests and staff for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun to celebrate the good work of Churches United.

Reconnect with the community for
Churches United's
Annual Community Picnic!

Where: Gooseberry Park's Largest Picnic Shelter
100 22nd Ave, S, Moorhead, MN

When: Thursday, August 12th
5:30 PM-7:30 PM

The picnic is FREE and open to all ages.
We look forward to seeing you there!

DEACONS

If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, please contact the Deacons. If anyone in the congregation would like home communion service, please contact Gayle Thostenson.

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

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

	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