

COMMUNITY CALL

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FALL BACK

Sunday, November 3rd, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time Ends. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.



IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP TO RING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army relies on money raised in red kettles to serve more than 25 million people in need each year. The easiest way to help them in their mission is to ring a bell at one of their iconic red kettles. Volunteer bell ringers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises the funds that sustain the help they give all year long.

The locations and times for CPC Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year are:

Hornbacher's Osgood
4151 45th St. S. Fargo ND 58104
Description: Inside by produce dept
Date: December 7, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

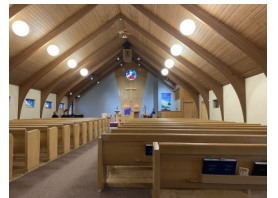
Location: West Acres Fountain
3902 13th Ave. S. Fargo ND 58103
Description: in the fountain area
Date: December 7, 2024
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thank you for your help in supporting our community in need.



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, filling most preaching spots through the month of December. The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks:



- Nov 3 Rev. Donna Monteith
with Communion
- Nov 10 Kevin Galt
- Nov 17 Rev. Grant Patterson
- Nov 24 Andrew Thostenson
- 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



There will be NO Sunday School on December 29th or January 5th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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OCTOBER CLERKS CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Lauber, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson and Gayle Thostenson. Temporary Moderator and Clerk of Session – Becky DeJong was present.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Dave Ruhnke.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of September 18, 2024
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- c. The Thostenson family would like to use the church on Friday, October 25, from 5:00-10:00 p.m. for a memorial service for Roberta Greenwood.
- d. Clerk's report –
 - ◇ The session minutes were read on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 with 0 exceptions.
 - ◇ Ruby McCann died on September 29, 2024. She will be buried at the cemetery in Buffalo, ND.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, November 3, 2024 will be Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson, and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Emergency exit lights will be installed in the sanctuary.

CPC will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 7. Our two locations are at the Osgood Hornbachers and the fountain in the West Acres Mall. Time slots are filling up fast so sign up soon in the Narthex.

The Dakota Vocal Union would like to use the sanctuary on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 to practice. The Stew-

ardship committee will draw up a facilities agreement.

Rev. Serge D. Kabre from South Africa has requested to use the Fellowship Hall every Sunday afternoon starting between 1:00 and 2:00 and the 3rd Friday of the month at 9:00pm. They are a non-denominational church with an Evangelic-Pentecostal tendency. A facilities agreement will be drawn up.

Two digital microphones will be purchased for use during worship.

Committee reports:

Building & Grounds Trustees: The Trustees have gotten the church ready for fall. The thermostats have been changed over; the batteries have been replaced in some fire/emergency lights; the exterior timer was reset; we have prepared the grounds for winter, and we have confirmed the need for service with our snow removal company for the winter.

- Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: Plans were made for the upcoming CPC All-Church Family events.

⇒ October 30, we'll host BINGO with a macaroni and cheese meal. 5:30 p.m. dinner; 6:00 p.m. games. Come hungry and ready to play. Prizes will be awarded for 5-in-a-row with a bigger prize for blackout.

⇒ Sunday, November 24, Worship Committee and Christian Education committees will work together in the Hanging of the Greens. There will be decorating, treats, music, a video for the kids, and lots of fellowship directly after worship.

⇒ Sunday, December 22, Christmas Cantata. Hopefully this will combine with the Sunday School Christmas program and a meal. Details will be forthcoming.

For the Fall, Children's Sunday School is focusing on elements of worship. We want to see understanding, participa-

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tion, and engagement in worship for all of our congregation. So far, we have covered the Call to Worship and parts of the Lord's Prayer.

- Gayle Thostenson

Deacons: Time was spent reviewing the Deacon Care list and planning visits, greetings, and rides for the month of October. Special plans are scheduled for the year's end. The Deacons will be selling calendars again this year. We will be selling them after each worship service for \$9 each.

-Gayle Thostenson

Mission & Outreach: Churches United for the Homeless is the mission project in October. November / December's Mission is the New Life Center.

- Carrie Lauber

Stewardship: The church received a \$1,200.00 gift from Don Rehling and Jodi Faller Scherwert in Memory of Greta Rehling and Shawn Faller to be used for church operations. We put it toward Per Capita Expense for 2024. The General Fund will also add \$1,000.00 for Per Capita and remit to the Presbytery. Pledge letters went out mid-September accompanied by contribution reports.

- Carolyn Meester

Worship: The Worship committee met October 9th with Emma Broe, Dave Ruhnke and Bonnie Thompson in attendance. Gayle Thostenson was also in attendance. We discussed the pulpit supply through December and the advent season. Most of our attention was on the advent season: hanging of the greens, readings, readers, and more particulars to be fleshed out.

- Bonnie Thompson

No reports: Nominating committee.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong



NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

11-3	Mary Bastle Dave Ruhnke
11-5	Jarrett Meester
11-6	Amy Grossman-Tomsich Hannah Mace
11-9	Adynn Tomsich
11-10	Vicki Peihl
11-13	Sean Alves Carrie Lauber
11-24	Bob Gross
11-25	Erika Matzke

HELP IS NEEDED!

Churches United for the Homeless needs volunteers to serve meals. Start at 5:00 p.m.; go home by 7:00 p.m.



If you served before, welcome back; we're happy to work by your side once more. If you haven't had the pleasure of volunteering for this venue, we would be delighted to have you join us.

Address questions to Carrie Lauber. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.



SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Service & Fellowship groups are providing those 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:

Nov 3	Group 1
Nov 10	Group 2
Nov 17	Group 2
Nov 24	Group 3--Ch Ed; C. Meester
Dec 1	Group 3
Dec 8	Group 4
Dec 15	Group 4
Dec 22	Group 1
Dec 29	Group 1

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



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.

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 church narthex.



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

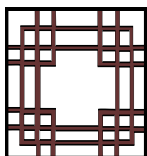
Please contact Dave Ruhnke for further information.



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 (412-6387 or cpcnews@midco.net). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.

PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES: "LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD" BIBLE 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 pm Wednesday, November 6, at the church, to learn more about how God talks to us. Everyone is welcome.

LADIES CIRCLE

Join us for Tuesday 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 always 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.



THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU

There is room at the table to join the folks making greeting cards! Our Card Group gathers on Thursdays from 1 to 4 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 p.m. The group will welcome you and show you how to make cards!

NOVEMBER MISSION & OUTREACH FOCUS



Thank you to all who brought items in September for PATH, to help the young people transitioning into their own apartments. Boots delivered the items, and reports that she was greeted with, "Here comes Boots, with the good stuff." She pointed out that it's the congregation, not her. It's good to be recognized as being the source of "the good stuff."

Please remember to donate generously to Churches United by the end of October. Jesus said that the poor will always be with us, and as his disciples, we need to help those who are less fortunate than we are. So far, CPC has donated. \$1,115. Thanks!

Our November and December Mission Focus is the New Life Center.

URGENT Mission Needs:

- ◇ Men's White T-Shirts (Size S-6XL)
- ◇ Men's Boxers (Size S-L)
- ◇ Men's Jeans & Sweatpants (All Sizes)
- ◇ Men's Work Boots (Size 9 - 10.5)
- ◇ Fingernail Clippers
- ◇ Hairbrushes
- ◇ Reading glasses
- ◇ Benadryl
- ◇ Icy Hot Patches

Basic Mission Needs:

- ◆ Pillows & Pillowcases
- ◆ Dental Floss
- ◆ Razors
- ◆ Men's Socks
- ◆ Full-Size Bath Towels

Please give generously.

HANGING OF THE GREENS



As the calendar turns to November, the church's attention turns to preparing for Advent. You, a member of our church family, are invited to join in preparing CPC for the Advent Season on Sunday, November 24th, after worship for the Hanging of the Greens. There is plenty to do and a task for all. Please plan on joining us.

DECEMBER EVENTS



Mark your calendars early and don't miss out on all the activities in December! Watch for details and more activities in upcoming church announcements and the December/January newsletter.

Saturday, December 7

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

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

Combined Choir Cantata &
Sunday School Christmas program
during worship

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

Candlelight Christmas Eve service

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

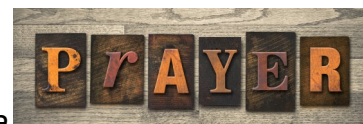
CANTATA PERFORMANCE PLANNED



Christmas cantata practice has begun. We meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Kevin Galt directs the choir while Dawn Larson accompanies on piano. The group's performance will occur in conjunction with the Sunday School Christmas program during worship on Sunday, December 22.

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



Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.



**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**

9/30/2024

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

Total Giving September \$ 9,059.56
Total Expenses September \$ 4,003.96

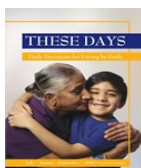
Per Capita amount for 2024 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope as contributing to Per Capita. Total assessment for 2024 is \$6,000.00. To date, \$4,280.00 has been paid towards per capita.

Contribution reports and a letter from the Stewardship Committee were mailed to all our members and friends in early October. Please review your contribution report and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of the mission of the church.

All we have is a gift from God, all we have belongs to God, and all we have is to be used to serve God and enjoy God.



**DEVOTIONAL
BOOKLETS
AVAILABLE**



Are you searching for daily spiritual nourishment? You need look no further. Two types of daily devotionals are available on the small table outside the church sanctuary.

Our Daily Bread and These Days are available in differently sized print. Both devotionals have specific-to-the-date scriptures accompanied with a related lesson and prayer. Feel free to take one home with you for daily use.

**December/January
Community Call
deadline is
Thursday, November 21**

**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 hospitalized, needs a visit, or would like home communion, please contact the Deacons.

- 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



**CONCERT
FOR A CAUSE
YOU ARE INVITED**

Everyone is invited to attend Red River Youth for Christ's annual fundraiser, Concert for a Cause. The event is set to occur on Friday, November 15, 2024, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Bethel Church in Fargo (2702 30th Ave S).



This year's night of worship will be led by Passion Conference worship leader Sean Curran. Curran has toured with Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, Crowder, and Rend Collective. You may know him from his songs such as "Bigger than I Thought," "Glorious Day," and "1000 Names".

We look forward to celebrating and invite you to share in what God is doing in the lives of area teens on this night of worship.

Look for ticket information at <https://redriveryfc.com/event/concert/>



NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*****December/January newsletter deadline: November 21***** Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings — TOPS: Sat & Sun afternoons — HOREMOW Sun Noon-3 p.m., Fri 7-10 p.m.—GOSHEN Fellowship in Fellowship Hall						
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	4 Bells 6 p.m. Nominating Comm. 6 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	11  Bells 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	12 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Mission & Outreach 6 p.m.	13 Churches United 5:00-7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Trustees 7:00 p.m.	14 PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	18 Bells practice 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	19 Stewardship & Personnel 6:30 p.m.	20 Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	21 Dec/Jan Newsletter due Today!! PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Chr Ed. 6 pm	22	23
24 Sun School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following Hanging of the Greens following worship	25 Bells practice 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28  Thanksgiving	29	30

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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

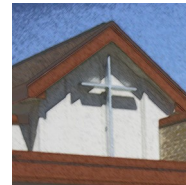
Andrew Thostenson + TBD
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

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.**