

COMMUNITY CALL

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PER CAPITA PICNIC

Sunday, October 20, following worship, you are invited to attend a picnic in the fellowship hall. A meal including hot dogs and brats will be provided. A free will of-

fering will be taken to benefit CPC's 2019 per capita commitment.

Per capita is an annual per member apportionment assessed by the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (USA). According to pcusa.org, "it is "the tie that binds" — annual support that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry."

Our personal church's per capita commitment goes largely to fund our Northern Plains Presbytery with portions to our Synod of Lakes and Prairies as well as the PC(USA) General Assembly.

More information regarding the picnic will be forthcoming during October worship services announcements. If you've questions, would like to help or donate bars, contact Chad Nelson at rxchad@cableone.net or 701-541-0940.

More information regarding per capita can be found in brochures on the small table outside the sanctuary or at <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/>



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. (2 Timothy 1:2-New Living Translation)

Officially the "autumn or fall" equinox occurred on September 23. The leaves are turning lush colors. Our hours of daylight are dwindling, and the temperatures have a "fall" feel, even on days that are sunny and warm. Do you have a favorite season? Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall? What is it about that season that draws you to it? Take time for a prayer, and thank God for the marvelous seasons we get to enjoy.

On October 6, we have an opportunity to support the CROP Hunger Walk. Church World Service has continued to work to end hunger around the world. When we walk with the Crop Hunger

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Walk, we become more than just an individual, we come together to provide the resources for food, and provide a sense of HOPE to the people who most need hunger to end. Let's gather as a church together to make a difference. I have the donation envelopes, and we can get more if we run out! Say "YES" to ending hunger.

Our Choir started on September 23, beginning practice for the Christmas Cantata which will be on Sunday, December 8. Come and join with others who love to sing, especially for Christmas!

The joint Bell Choir, with members from Faith Lutheran and Community Presbyterian Church have been practicing. We will play on October 20 at both churches. There is room for more bell players, too. Talk with Pat Smith, Lise Alves, or myself if you would like to play bells. We practice on Tuesday nights at Faith Lutheran at 6:30 p.m. You don't have to know "how" to play, bring your willing heart, a desire to make music with others, and we will help you learn to play bells.

In September, we spent time with scripture from the New Testament Epistles: Hebrews, Philemon, and I Timothy along with Jeremiah, prophet of the Old Testament. In October, we will spend time with the Epistle 2 Timothy and the Old Testament Jeremiah, Lamentations, and Joel. It has been fun to connect the stories of the Old and New Testaments. We will continue our focus on God's grace, mercy, and peace.

On a personal note, September 19 was the first anniversary of my grandson Joe's death. We all have lost loved ones and have grieved again on their death anniversaries, so my experience is nothing new or different. I wasn't expecting to feel his loss so intensely yesterday,

which is a human response! It was hardest to watch and feel the deep pain and grief experienced by my son and his wife, Joe's parents, and his sisters and brother.

I share this with you because we are a family here at Community Presbyterian Church. We all experience grief when we lose loved ones, and when we experience other changes in our lives. It might be letting a child go off to college for the first time, or retiring from our job, changing jobs, moving to a different house or apartment or physical, mental, and emotional struggles. God is with us

through our good times and not-so-good times, and has given us friends and family, including our CPC family to help us walk through the tough times of our lives. Please pray for my family as they work through their grief. Be attentive to the grief of those in our CPC family, their life changes and struggles. We are family. We are blessed!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

**OCTOBER
SCRIPTURES
FOR WORSHIP**



- Oct 6: Sermon scriptures:
Lamentations 1:1-6
and 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Psalm: 137
- Oct 13: Sermon scriptures:
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Psalm 66:1-12
- Oct 20: Sermon scriptures:
Jeremiah 31:27-34 and
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Psalm 119:97-104
- Oct 27: Sermon scriptures:
Joel 2:23-32 and
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Psalm 65



SEPTEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lise Alves, Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Mike Misheski, Adam Montgomery, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Chad Nelson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Also present were Pat Downs, Moore Engineering, Dillon Dunn, Moore Engineering and Larry Peihl, Trustee.

Session met with Pat Moore and Dillon Dunn to discuss the intersection remodeling project on Sheyenne St. and 7th Ave.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Melanie Hansen.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of August 21, 2019
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, October 16, 2019
- c. Brian Elhard would like to use two tables and nine chairs over Labor Day weekend.
- d. Moderator's report -
 - Prepared items for newsletter.
 - Participated in Zoom meeting for Presbytery Personnel Committee.
 - Met with Deacons.
 - Met with Care for Congregations Committee via Zoom.
 - Met with Stewardship Committee and Kenya Trip Committee.
 - Met with Rick Raum regarding Mendenhall moderator role, and supporting them in their transition.
 - Met with Mission Committee.
 - Attended Clergy Text Study in Fargo.
 - Zoom Refresher regarding Conflict Mediation, part 1.
 - Officiated at graveside service for Evelyn Cameron upon request from Westminster Presbyterian Church of Casselton while Paul, their pastor, was in Scotland.

- Moderated Session at Mendenhall in East Grand Forks.
 - Prepared and served supper along with CPC team for Churches United.
 - Met with Worship Committee at 6:30.
 - Met with Jessica from Vitalant and CPC Team regarding Blood Drive.
 - First pre-wedding meeting with Claire and Zack Pfau via FaceTime.
 - Will be meeting with Kristi & Kevin for pre-wedding.
 - Will be attending bell practice at Faith Lutheran.
 - Will attend Christian Education committee at 6 p.m. and Session at 7 p.m.
 - Prepared and led worship and sermons for August 25, September 1 with communion, September 8, and September 15.
- e. Clerk's report -
- i. 50 served communion on Sunday, September 2, 2019.
 - ii. The Session minutes were read on September 7, 2019 with 0 exceptions.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, October 6, 2019 will be Lise Alves, Melanie Hansen, Mike Misheski, and Mary Jo Moorhead.

Larry Peihl will be rekeying the front and back entrance doors to the church shortly after October 13, 2019. Once done, only fobs will open the doors. If you need a fob to gain entrance, please contact the church.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at the church on Thursday, November 28, 2019. Let the church know if you want to join in the festivities!

Christian Education Committee: New high school curriculum has been ordered. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019, with a potluck to follow.

Mission Committee: Path will be the mission focus for September and October.

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ber. Churches United for the Homeless will be the mission focus for November and December. [Editor's note: Mary Jo meant to say, "The New Life Center will be the mission focus for November and December."]

Service and Fellowship Committee: The head usher positions have been filled for the next year. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex listing all volunteer options. Please sign up! There will be a Per Capita Picnic on Sunday, October 20. The food will be provided and all free will offerings will go to pay off the per capita debt.

Stewardship Committee: A major capital campaign to retire the Project Open Door (POD) debt will happen in 2020. On October 9 at 6:30 p.m., POD investors will meet to have a brainstorming session.

Worship Committee: The Cantata will on Sunday, December 8, 2019. A gluten free bread option will soon be available during communion. Please let the Worship Committee know if this is something you would like. Discussion was held regarding the signage within the church.

No reports: Deacons, Nominating, Personnel, Trustees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS
BECAUSE
YOU ARE
INVITED**

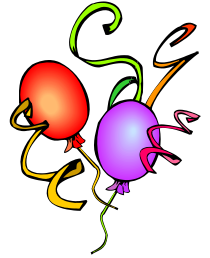


2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at CPC on Thursday, November 28, 2019.

More information will be coming soon.

**OCTOBER DATES
TO REMEMBER****BIRTHDAYS**

10-2 Delores Horn
10-4 Stephanie
Corneliussen
10-6 Sue Hanna
10-8 Denny Braaten
10-9 Brenda Witt
10-13 Carol Braaten
10-16 Rae Irene Kercher
10-17 Jenni Hummel
10-23 Evelyn Petik
10-29 Larry Peihl

**ANNIVERSARIES**

10-4-86 Lee and Stephanie Corneliussen
10-7-17 John and Melissa Engebretson
10-8-94 Paul Campbell
and Cathie Bishop
10-13-73 Lynn and Yvonne Hummel
10-13-13 Jim Gallagher
and Blair Moorhead
10-21-16 Tucker and Amy Bucholz
10-23-04 Wil and Jackie Petik

**CHRISTMAS
IS
COMING SOON**

Well maybe it isn't around the corner, but it will be here soon enough. This is why the Christian Education Committee is looking for a Sunday School Christmas Program director now. Could they be looking for you?

The Sunday School Christmas Program is slated to occur during worship on Sunday, December 15. The children are energetic with parents who will support them and the director in their learning new songs and acting roles. We have some very talented middle school and high school youth who one may utilize in the program. The Christian Education Committee members are ready to support and assist a new director as requested.

Everything is set to put together a wonderful program except for a director. Are you that piece of the puzzle? Pray about it.

If you are interested in any way, contact Melanie Hansen at 701-526-6213.



NEW LIFE CENTER FOURTH ANNUAL SOCIAL & DESSERT EVENT

DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

TIME: 5:30 VIP Reception

6:30 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Program

COST: \$40/ticket

Other packages available

FEATURING: Ron Hall

This event is a memorable and powerful tool used to bring awareness to the reality of homelessness in our community.

Ron Hall, author of *Workin' Our Way Home* and best-selling book and feature film, *Same Kind of Different as Me*, is our featured speaker, back by popular demand.

For more information about this event, go to:

<https://www.fargonlc.org/events/2019TUS>

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Have you noticed the youth in our church? Some of them play the piano before Sunday School or occasionally as part of the pianist rotation. Some offer special music from time to time or sing in the choir. Many assist in the lighting of the candles at the beginning of the worship service. Some play sports or cheer for local school teams. Some may have been seen tending the church's garden. Many attend Sunday School and worship regularly. Most enjoy the treats after worship.

All of them need a new youth director.

The new youth director doesn't need special skills. Christian Education can help with programs and schedules. BUT the new director does need to meet each of our youth and to take the time to connect and listen to what is important to them.

Do you enjoy youth and getting to know them? Perhaps this position is for you.

Please pray about it, and if God leads you, call Melanie Hansen at 701-526-6213.



MISSION FOCUS



The mission focus for October is PATH. PATH ND is a private non-profit child and family services agency that began operations in North Dakota in 1994.

For many years, our congregation has supported PATH's by contributing to their youth who 'graduate' from the foster care system. Through the now called the Chafee Independent Living Program, young adults are provided assistance in the transition from foster care to independent living in the areas of crisis management, education, employment, grocery shopping, housing, life skills, meal preparation, money management, nutrition, personal and home safety, peer socializing, positive parenting, and study skills.

Even with this training, these folks can become overwhelmed as they begin life on their own. That's where we come in. CPC helps provide many of the essential needs for their first home.

You can help by donating the following consumables: toilet paper, Lysol wipes, laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels, toilet cleaner, dryer sheets, and Ziplock bags. Gift cards to grocery stores or gas stations along with personal items like body wash, deodorant, contact solution, etc. can be given. In addition, donations of can openers, pizza cutters, reusable plastic containers, dishes, pots and pans, small vacuum cleaners, hangers, mattress pads and bedding for full or queen-sized beds, and towels would be welcomed.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. It is through your help that these young adults become self-reliant and positive contributors to their communities.

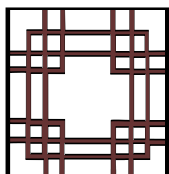
For more information about PATH, go to: <https://www.nexus-yfs.org/sites/path/index> A brochure about the Chafee Independent Living Program can be found on the bookshelf directly left of the church office window.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENCES



All are welcome to join us as Bonnie Thompson leads a study on Jesus' sermon on the mount. Known as one of His best sermons and set in the beginning of His public ministry, it is Jesus' description of what He wants His followers to be and do.

We'll meet each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to study these beautiful words.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY

Time to fall back into our Prayer Bible study. We hope to see you at 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, at the church. Bring a dish to share and your own water or soda to drink. Our study will be on keeping a spiritual journal.

Hope you can make it. Any questions please call Vicki at 361-1339.

CANTATA PRACTICE HAS BEGUN!



Come and sing with us. Christmas cantata practice has begun on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Dawn Larson leads the choir and will offer separate parts sessions for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass throughout the season if requested.

"Speaking to one another with Psalms, hymns, and songs from the spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19.



LADIES CIRCLE

Ladies, 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 be shared later.

The study this year is *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Ann Gamble.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TO STUDY THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS



This C.S. Lewis book, in 97 pages, chronicles letters between two devils. They discuss the best ways to corrupt a person and how to turn that person against the church. Of course, it is make-believe, but the scenarios, the nature of man, and the methodical and diabolical ways of the devils are quite real. *The Screwtape Letters* are widely available in bookstores, on Amazon, and free on the World Wide Web. A pdf copy is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/screwtape-lewis>

We will spend the first 10-15 minutes of class watching a video lecture discussing the letter of the day. (There are 31 letters in all.) Then we will spend the next 30 minutes of class discussing the main themes of that letter. During September we will tackle Letters 1, 2, and 3. In October we will cover 4, 5, 6, and 7.

But wait, let's say you can only pop into Adult Sunday School from time to time, and you may not know where we are in the study. No problem. That is why we will watch a small video on each letter to keep everyone on the same track. My best advice, to fully enjoy this exploration, is to be in the conference room by 9:03 a.m., because then we will roll the clip. Join us for something "completely different."

For more information on adult Sunday School, contact Andrew Thostenson by phone at 701-492-0630 or via e-mail at atgtet@far.midco.net



WEST FEST THANK YOU

Many thanks go to all those who donated their time, money, food, and goodies. We raised our highest collection yet! \$1,200 for Churches United for the Homeless! More importantly, we shared God's love and CPC hospitality with more than a couple hundred of our neighbors.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

8-31-2019



General Operating budget
2019: \$149,928.50
Weekly funds needed to meet
budget: \$2,883.24

Actual giving to date \$ 79,788.07
Actual expenses to date \$ 88,002.47
Net income to date \$ -8,214.40

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 January.

Per Capita amount for 2019 is \$46.00 for each confirmed member. The assessed amount for 2019 is \$8,326.00. So far \$2,904.00 has been designated to our per capita assessment. Please mark on your check or envelope funds you are contributing to Per Capita.

If we give generously to others and for the building of God's kingdom, He will find ways to bless us. We can never out give God. Jesus tells us to "give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38). Our giving will reap blessings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER(S) NEEDED



CPC has been blessed with many volunteers who share the duties of teaching classes. Andrew Thostenson is leading the adult class in a study of C. S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. Melanie Hansen is teaching the high schoolers *52 Great Bible Studies for Youth*. Gayle Thostenson is guiding the middle school students through a study of Bible Basics. Elementary students will use the "13 Very" series of Bible Stories, and Melissa Engbretson teaches the preschoolers.

As you may have noticed, a specific need this year is for elementary school teachers.

Please see Melanie Hansen or sign up on the church bulletin board if you are able to help.



CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 6

Location:

First Congregational UCC
406 S 8th St
Moorhead MN 56560

Registration Time:
1:00 PM

Walk Distance:
5 km

Contact:

Rev. David Cassidy-Maloney
mrmetta57@gmail.com

More information will be posted soon at
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/fargond/>

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.

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| Linda Bishop | [H] 701-282-8515 |
| | [C] 701-200-1818 |
| Boots Montgomery | 701-281-0028 |
| Dixon Moorhead | [H] 701-277-1414 |
| | [C] 701-200-9709 |
| Gayle Thostenson | [H] 701-492-0630 |
| Vicky Whitcomb | [H] 701-282-9292 |
| | [C] 701-809-2483 |

Lise Alves, Session Liaison
701-412-8689

**November's Community Call
deadline will be
Wednesday, October 23**

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:

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| <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 |