

COMMUNITY CALL

Office Manager: Tracie Tveito; Ministers: The People of God
702 Sheyenne St., West Fargo, ND 58078; 701-282-4135; E-mail: office@cpcwf.org; Web: www.cpcwf.org

THE BIG GAME IS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH



FAN FOOTBALL, COMPETITION, FELLOWSHIP, & SOUP/SANDWICHES

We all know the NFL Super Bowl is set to be played on Sunday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. ET, but what about the Souper Bowl of Caring?

It's an annual event where communities come together, inspired by the Super Bowl, to tackle hunger locally. For over three decades, the Souper Bowl of Caring has empowered individuals, organizations, and schools to raise food and funds for food banks and community-based charities.

As millions of people tune in to watch the Super Bowl, we're also tuning in to the needs of our neighbors. The Souper Bowl of Caring is about taking action to fight hunger at the local level, ensuring that no one has to go without the food they need.

CPC Mission & Outreach and Christian Education will be teaming to offer:

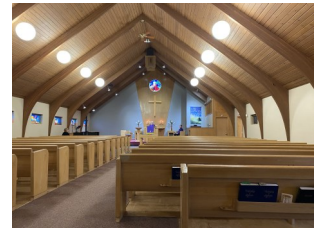
- An Emergency Food Pantry food drive & CPC dueling tote competition
- An Emergency Food Pantry offering
- Soup (gluten-free) & sandwiches following worship.



Join us for the fun, food, and fundraising. We promise we'll have you home before the BIG game begins.

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. The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks:



- | | |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Feb 4 | Rev. Donna Monteith
with Communion |
| Feb 11 | Kevin Galt |
| Feb 18 | TBD |
| Feb 25 | Andrew Thostenson |



PRAYER TIME

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

James 5:13

Come for a half hour of prayer in the CPC sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

In this issue

	Page(s)
Calendar	7
Clerks Corner	2-4
Dates to Remember	5
Focus on Mission	6
Giving Hearts Day	5
Bible Studies	5
Who to Call	6
Year-to-date Giving	6

DECEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Bob Kozojed, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Temporary Moderator and Clerk of Session – Becky DeJong was present. Pastor Sarah Bigwood was present. Carrie Lauber and Bonnie Thompson were absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Bob Kozojed.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of November 20, 2024
- b. Session will meet the third Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted and communion will be served the first Sunday of every month, as well as, Easter, Christmas Day, and Maundy Thursday unless otherwise noted.

Elders to serve communion on Christmas morning, December 25, 2024, will be Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Gayle Thostenson, plus one to be determined. Elders to serve communion on Sunday, January 5, 2025, will be Becky DeJong, Bob Kozojed, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

The active membership was discussed.

Pastor Sarah Bigwood updated Session on the progress of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Session will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month with Becky DeJong acting as the temporary moderator unless otherwise noted.

Committee reports:

Building & Grounds Trustees: Our December meeting consisted of getting the church ready for Christmas. We also discussed budget items and planning our future church needs. The West Fargo Fire Department did our annual fire in-

spection of our property.

- Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: The committee is preparing for the Christmas program in conjunction with the choir cantata. We are grateful for the help of many hands in preparation for this event.

- Gayle Thostenson

Deacons: Visits and calls have been made and cards of encouragement are being sent. Rides to and from church are being given. Phone calls to the church for care are being addressed. Over the next several weeks, the Deacons will be sharing a gifts of Christmas cheer with our CPC Deacon's friends.

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're finishing up the New Life Center in December and will be collecting diapers and a few other items for the YWCA for women in January.

- Carrie Lauber

Nominating: The Nominating Committee has requested that the number of standing members on the Trustees and Deacons be reduced from six members to five members. Per our bylaws Session has the authority to determine a sufficient number of members on Deacons and Trustees to represent the size of our congregation.

The Nominating Committee made a motion to reduce the number of standing members on the Trustees and Deacons from six members to five members. Motion was carried.

- Melissa Engebretson

Stewardship: The Stewardship Committee presented the 2025 budget. The Stewardship Committee made a motion to have the 2025 budget approved. Motion was carried.

- Carolyn Meester

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

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

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Personnel, Service and Fellowship committees.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

JANUARY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Bob Kozojed, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Carrie Lauber and Bonnie Thompson were present via Zoom. Treasurer Andrew Thostenson and Temporary Moderator and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Gayle Thostenson.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of December 18, 2024
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, February 19, 2025
- c. elect Co-Treasurers, Yvonne Hummel and Andrew Thostenson, and Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong, for a one-year term

Clerk's report - Audrey Binger died on December 18, 2024.

2025 committee liaison positions were discussed.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, February 2, 2025 will be Bob Kozojed, Dave Ruhnke, Carolyn Meester, and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

The 2024 Statistical Report was presented.

Committee reports:

Building & Grounds Trustees: The Trustees are updating the concerns listed on the fire marshal's report. The insurance policy is current and up-to-date.

- Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: The committee met on January 8, 2025. In attendance were Emma Broe, Kevin Galt, Gayle Thostenson, and Melanie Hanson. Discussions included planning CPC All-Church Family activities and Sunday School lesson plans.

For February 9, the committee will coordinate with the Mission & Outreach Committee in promoting Souper Bowl Sunday, an event to benefit the F-M Emergency Food Pantry. Children/youth will collect funds after the worship service at the sanctuary exits. Non-perishable food donations will have a competition between favored Super Bowl teams. Put your donations in the tote matching the Super Bowl team you wish to win. After worship, there will be a light lunch of soup, sandwiches, and fellowship. Sign up to attend or share something delicious in the church narthex.

On February 26, we will return to Trivial Pursuit with a meal of pizza, salad, and dessert. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. with games at 5:30 p.m. Again, watch to sign up in the church narthex.

March 26 will feature dinner and a movie. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters and announcements.

--Gayle Thostenson

Deacons: Gifts of holiday cheer have been delivered.

- Gayle Thostenson

Mission & Outreach: The mission project for February will be the Food Pantry and the mission project for March will be One Great Hour of Sharing which will and continue to Easter. If you are interested in preaching there is a pulpit sup-

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

ply class being offered by Pastor Sarah Bigwood from the First Presbyterian Church.

- Carrie Lauber

Nominating: All positions are filled for 2025. Thank you to everyone who is serving.

- Melissa Engebretson

Worship: Grant Patterson will preach on Sunday, January 19 and Andrew Thostenson on Sunday, January 26. There are many vacancies available if you are interested in pulpit supply.

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Personnel, Stewardship.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANNUAL
MEETING
OF THE
CONGREGATION & CORPORATION
OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF WEST FARGO**



The annual meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held on January 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Gayle Thostenson. The clerk verified there was a quorum present with 31 members in attendance.

The minutes from today's congregational meeting will be approved at the next Session meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, after being attested to by the Moderator and Clerk of Session.

Committee reports from 2024 were presented to the congregation. All reports were received.

Andrew Thostenson reviewed the financial reports. A special thanks was given to the many, many volunteers in the church that allow CPC to meet its finan-

cial obligations.

Andrew Thostenson presented the Session-approved 2025 General Fund Budget.

Melissa Engebretson presented a full slate of candidates for all open committee positions.

- ♦ Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Dave Ruhnke and Andrew Thostenson to be elected as Elders for the Class of 2028 for a three-year term.
- ♦ Jenni Hummel and Boots Misheski to be elected as Deacons for the Class of 2028 for a three-year term.
- ♦ Terry Meester to be elected as Buildings and Grounds Trustee for the Class of 2028 for a three-year term.
- ♦ Linda Bishop, Melanie Hansen, Yvonne Hummel and Dawn Larson to be elected to the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2025 for a one-year term.

Nominations were ceased and a unanimous ballot was cast.

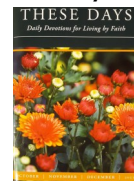
Kevin Galt and Carrie Lauber will be the delegates to the Presbytery meetings for 2025 and Lee Dobrinz will be the alternate delegate to the Presbytery meetings for 2025.

Thank you to the Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong, Co-Treasurers, Andrew Thostenson and Yvonne Hummel, Bookkeeper, Carolyn Meester and Office assistant, Tracie Tveito for their service.

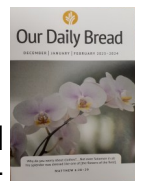
Thank you to the PNC for all of their hard and needful work.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Moderator Thostenson at 11:33 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session



**DEVOTIONAL
BOOKLETS
AVAILABLE**



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



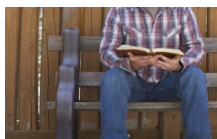
LADIES CIRCLE

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.

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 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!



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.

The studies, led by Steve Hanna, focus on various books of the Bible. They cover a chapter each meeting with much discussion.

Questions? Please contact Dave Ruhnke.

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.



FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

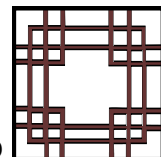
BIRTHDAYS

2-7 Tom Birrenkott
2-8 Jack Smith
2-10 Mike Arvidson
2-10 Linda Bishop
2-17 Kevin Galt
2-20 Lise Alves
2-21 Scott Meyer
2-24 Lia Dobrinz

ANNIVERSARIES

2-19-81 – Dixon and Mary Jo Moorhead
2-24-79 – Scott and Vickie Meyer

PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES: LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD BIBLE STUDY



If we love God, we should also be obedient to God. Yet that is so hard to do at times. Did the Israelites ever disobey God? Of course, and yet God still loved and forgave them. How can we hear His word and do the right thing?

Our Bible study will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, at the church to learn more about obedience. Join us if you can and let's hope for nicer weather!



GIVING HEARTS DAY TO BE HELD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Giving Hearts Day is a 24-hour event for charities in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. Since the first event in 2008, generous donors have given more than \$138 million, 100% of which goes directly to participating charities. Why not join them in the many opportunities to volunteer or give to a good cause?

Giving Hearts Day charities include CPC past mission projects such as Churches United, New Life Center, Nexus-PATH Family Healing, Salvation Army Fargo-Moorhead, YWCA Cass Clay and often include matching funds for donations.

For more information, go to <https://app.givingheartsday.org/>.



**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**

12/31/2024

General Operating budget
2025: \$149,437.00
Monthly funds needed to meet
budget: \$12,453.

Total Giving December \$ 31,802.26
Total Expenses December \$ 6,080.31

Per Capita amount for 2025 is \$50.00
for each confirmed member. Please
mark on your check or envelope as con-
tributing to Per Capita. Total assessment
for 2025 is \$5,300. The total assess-
ment for 2024 of \$6,000 is paid in full.

*Please prayerfully consider the amount
you are able to contribute to the church
so we are able to continue our mission
to serve members and the community.*

**SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**



Service & Fellowship groups are
providing scrumptious drinks
and treats following each worship ser-
vice. To help us remember, group as-
signments will now be posted in each
newsletter.

- | | |
|--------|---------|
| Feb 2 | Group 4 |
| Feb 9 | Group 4 |
| Feb 16 | Group 1 |
| Feb 23 | Group 1 |
| Mar 2 | Group 2 |
| Mar 9 | Group 2 |
| Mar 16 | Group 3 |
| Mar 23 | Group 3 |
| Mar 30 | Group 4 |

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

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

FOCUS ON MISSION



A huge thank you to every-
one who donated items for
the New Life Center in No-
vember and December. Ac-
cording to their staff, the residents were
thrilled with their Christmas gifts, with
some even modeling their new coats.

The items collected in January for the
YWCA Shelter will be loaded after wor-
ship on February 2nd, and delivered that
week. Again, thank you for these need-
ed items for those trying to get their
lives back together.

Our Mission Focus for February will be
the Emergency Food Pantry. Items need
to be unopened and in their original
packaging. Current needs are 1 lb.
packages of white or brown rice; canned
tomatoes, tuna, and beans; peanut but-
ter; toilet paper; diapers, size 5 or 6;
bar soap, dish soap, laundry soap;
toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, con-
ditioner, and body wash.

As part of our focus, the Sunday School
will be leading us in the Souper Bowl of
Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February
9th. Be ready for the fun!

**THE DEACONS
CAN HELP YOU**



If you need immediate pas-
toral care, you can call a
Deacon for assistance.




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

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Jenni Hummel | [C] 701-371-7640 |
| Dawn Larson | [C] 701-261-9609 |
| Boots Misheski | [C] 701-388-7160 |
| Patty Smith | [H] 701-540-6658 |
| | [C] 970-209-3517 |
| Cary Talley | [H] 701-282-3273 |
| Bonnie Thompson, Session Liaison | [C] 701-799-8598 |

**March's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, February 20**



FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March newsletter deadline: Thursday, February 20 Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.—HOREMOW Sunday 12-3 p.m., Friday 7-10 p.m.—GOSHEM Fellowship Hall						
Head Ushers: February: Dwight & Lisa Steffen March: Lynn Hummel						
2 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	3 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Presbyterian Squares 4:30 p.m. Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m.	6 Prayer Time 9:30 a.m. PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.	7	8
9 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	10 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.	11 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study	12 NO Trustees	13 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	14 Valentines Day	15
Souper Bowl of Caring & Meal following worship 		Missions & Outreach Com. 6:00 p.m.				
16 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	17 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.	18 Personnel/ Stewardship 6:30 p.m.	19 Session 7:00 p.m.	20 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. <i>Newsletter is due Today!!!</i>	21	22
23 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	24 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.		26 Trivial Pursuit Family Night Dinner 5:00 p.m. Games 5:30 p.m.	27 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	28	

Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St
West Fargo, ND 58078

701.282.4135 www.cpcwf.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED