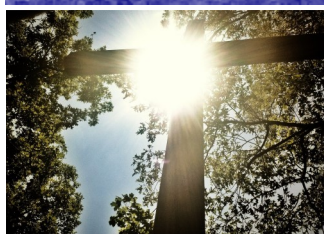


COMMUNITY CALL

Pastor: Rev. Catherine Bishop; **Office Administrator:** Mary Gross; **Ministers:** The People of God
702 Sheyenne St., West Fargo, ND 58078; 701-282-4135; Pastor cell: 712-490-8333; E-mail: office@cpcwf.org; Web: www.cpcwf.org



FRESH AIR, SUNSHINE, AND WORSHIPING GOD

Come, join us for a morning of fun, fellowship, and worship on Sunday, September 13th, with Sunday School indoors and a worship service outdoors in the church yard.



At 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for ages three and older will recommence. Join the kids for a fun group activity or attend adult Sunday School. We will be wearing masks and social distancing.

Kids/Youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks. They will have the opportunity to make a personalized backpack tag. Plus, Pastor Cathie will be on hand to ask for God's blessings for the backpacks and those who use them.

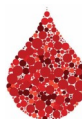


At 10:00 a.m., the worship service will begin. Please bring your own chairs, Bibles, and remember to social distance as we come together to worship our Lord.

There will be no live streaming of this service due to location change.

WATCH FOR IT!

CPC will be hosting a blood drive for Vitalent on Monday, September 28. Watch for details for how you can sign up in future CPC announcements.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

"To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, who are friends and members of Community Presbyterian Church: Grace to you and peace from God our Father." Adapted from Colossians 1:2.

It is September already. This has been quite a year so far, for all of us. We have all missed our church friends during the Covid-19 chaos. We are not made to be by ourselves. God knew that. He created Adam and then Eve because he knew this human, he created, would need a partner and other people like themselves. Clearly that continues these many years later. Some of us are introverts, and others are extroverts, but we all need each other.

Wanting to be with one another also makes it difficult as we try to stay

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6 feet apart from others, wear our masks, and focus on being part of the solution rather than ignoring the guidelines.

Our children and grandchildren were with us this week. Because we all work out in the world where we encounter many people, some who wear masks and others who chose not to, we did not hug, and we tried to stay healthy distances apart. It is difficult when you are with family who come from different parts of the country. We were blessed with great weather so we could be outside most of the time. Our grandchild, Rowan, is now an official student at NDSU and is set up in her dorm. Rowan has been studying the maps of the area and can find the way to my sisters, our house, Target, and Community Presbyterian Church, so you will likely get to meet Rowan.

There is a devotional, d365, that I receive each day. This week the author is Bronwyn Clark Skov, writing about "Blessing of the Lunch Tables." How appropriate to provide blessings for students that are going back to school! It reminds me that we all need to add the students, teachers, administrators, and parents to our prayers. Each school system has a little different approach to getting the kids set up this year in ways they can best learn. As with adults, they all thrive with different approaches, so the administrators and teachers have a huge challenge, as do the parents. The d365 today started with a prayer for them all: "Let me be a friend to those who have few friends, let me find a friend when I feel lonely, let me walk away from danger to safety, and help me Lord, to walk in the light and love of Jesus." Skov also included a verse from Colossians 3:13 CEB; "Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other.

As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other."

Let us all remember the wisdom of the words from Colossians. As we continue to make our way as a congregation, there will be times some may continue thinking we are too slow or too fast in our decisions and movements. As a Session we are asking all of us to think about what we really want to bring back and what we want to do differently so this church can move forward. Rather than just putting things back the way they were, this is a time God has given us to look seriously as we pray, asking God to guide this congregation. We are focusing on being a "Matthew 25" church bringing out the best of us as a vital congregation who cares about poverty and racism. Join the vision!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

VEGGIES FOR THE PANTRY

Bring your excess garden produce to one of the following locations, and Extension Master Gardener will deliver your fruits and vegetables to Moorhead Dorothy Day House for you!

Drop Off Locations:

Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St., West Fargo

Longfellow Recycle Parking Lot
2939 Elm St. N., Fargo

Maplewood Park Parking Area
1504 17th Ave. S., West Fargo

The Bowler
2630 University Dr. S., Fargo

Journey in Faith Church
650 4th Ave E., Fargo

Drop offs will occur every Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., until the first frost.

If you have questions, please contact NDSU Cass County Extension Service at 701-241-5700.



AUGUST CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melanie Hansen, Carrie Leopold, Mike Misheski, and Adam Montgomery. Melissa Engebretson was present via conference call. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, and Bob Kozojed were absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Melissa Engebretson.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of July 15, 2020
- b. Next Session meeting - Wednesday, September 16, 2020
- c. Fa-La-La - Sunday, December 6 - 5:00-9:00 in the narthex
- d. Bob Kozojed purchased a backup battery for the elevator.
- e. Mike Misheski applied for the North Dakota Economic Resiliency Grant for CPC.
- f. The portable basketball hoop is being made available in the west parking lot for use by several neighborhood kids during the month of August.
- g. Moderator's report -
 - Newsletter articles submitted by Wednesday, July 22, 2020
 - Thursday, July 23, 2020, met with Service & Fellowship Committee at 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, July 28, 2020, met with Stewardship Committee at 6 p.m.
 - Wednesday, July 29, 2020, attended Zoom meeting re: Matthew 25 from 1 to 2 p.m.
 - Monday, August 3, 2020, moderated Session at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church, East Grand Forks at 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, August 4, 2020, provided worship service at Touchmark at 4 p.m.

- Monday, August 10, 2020, participated in Care of Congregation Pod meeting at 8 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 11, 2020, attended Circle Bible Study: *Into the Light; Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament* at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 11, 2020, attended Mission Committee meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 12, 2020, attended Worship Committee at 6 p.m.
- Plan to attend Deacon meeting at 6 p.m. on August 19.
- Plan to moderate Session on Wednesday, September 19, at 7 p.m.
- Vacation on August 17, 18, and 19 while our children are in town, delivering their daughter to NDSU.
- Working on my Thesis proposal for DMin. Due end of August.
- Prepared and led worship service and sermon for the following services: July 15, July 26, August 2, with communion, August 9, and August 16.
- h. Clerk's report -
 - ◊ 26 served communion on Sunday, August 2, 2020.
 - ◊ Jack Clem Montgomery was born on February 13, 2020. His parents are Austin Montgomery and Carmen Borgen. Brecken David Montgomery was born on February 14, 2020. His parents are Adam and Courtney Montgomery. Maverick Ely Engebretson was born on August 15, 2020. His parents are John and Melissa Engebretson.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, September 6, 2020, are Melanie Hansen and Adam Montgomery.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

We will be participating in the Fall Rummage Sale at the Veteran's Memorial Arena on Saturday, September 26. Donate your priceless possessions to the sale! Information will be available soon on how you can help!! [See page 5.] We need everyone!

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A new I-Wave C air purifier will be installed in the church. This is a self-cleaning, bi-polar generator for actively treating a building's air quality.

A discussion was held regarding returning Bibles and hymnals to the pews. Bibles will be made available at the door of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to have one. Bibles should be left in the pews and the ushers will gather the Bibles after worship. You have many options to enjoy the scriptures that are read during church. You can follow along with the PowerPoint, bring your own Bible, download a Bible app on your phone, or simply listen. Hymnals will be made available when needed.

Christian Education: Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 13. There will be Sunday School followed by an outdoor worship service.

Mission Committee is excited to bring new ideas and activities to the church. Currently it is the men vs. the women - to see who can bring the most food for the Food Pantry. Go Team! Path and the New Life Center are the next mission projects. Be looking for ways you can help.

Service and Fellowship: The committee met on July 23rd at the church. We did some brainstorming on events we would like to see happen over the next year (potucks, picnic, cleaning day, blood drive, movie night, and maybe holding the rummage sale at the church w/ the Fall Bazaar). The committee would like to see all the committees come together to make Rally Sunday a great kick off for the year. Linda Bishop is going to contact Cass County Public Health about guidelines for serving food at church events. Also, Carolyn Meester is going work on breaking down the prior Service Groups into 4 groups instead of 5 (She will bring that back to the next meeting.). Our next meeting will be on Au-

gust 20th at 7:00 pm. – Laurie Elhard

Stewardship: A letter showing our financial condition and a pledge sheet will be sent to all members. Those that do not return the pledge sheet will be contacted by the Stewardship Committee.

Trustees: We are continuing to deal with two wall leaks in the basement. One is in the west hallway, SE corner classroom and the other one in the fellowship hall, NE corner. Leaks in these walls occur during a heavy rain. Work to repair these areas will begin soon. There was a ceiling leak in the narthex, north wall coffee area. This was discovered after a recent heavy rain. The roof area, where the potential problem was, has been repaired. – Bob Kozojed

Worship Committee: An outdoor worship service will be on September 13, and an advent devotional is being planned.

No reports: Deacons, Nominating, Personnel committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

**FALL
WORSHIP
SERIES:
GLIMPSES
OF GOD'S REALM**



This fall we will continue our focus as a Matthew 25 congregation: Vitality, Poverty, and Racism. Below you will find the dates, scripture lessons, and titles of sermons for each Sunday.

Sept 6	<i>Seek Reconciliation</i> Matthew 18:15-20
Sept 13	<i>Forgiving Others</i> Matthew 18:21-35
Sept 20	<i>God's Grace</i> Matthew 20:1-16
Sept 27	<i>Will You Follow Me?</i> Matthew 21:23-32



**WALK,
GIVE,
CHANGE
THE
WORLD**

Our community believes in ending hunger. And, in 2020, we will continue to fight against the new challenges of disease and disaster that leave people hungry. Join with us in raising funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year.

This year's designated day for the Fargo-Moorhead CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 4.

We invite everyone to walk on this day at the time of your own choosing, keeping appropriate physical distance if you choose to walk with others. Choose a parking lot, from room to room in your house, around the block or at a city park. As you walk, we invite you to text, call, or video chat with other friends walking at the same time you are. We walk in solidarity for those near and far who are hungry – especially in this time of pandemic when so many have lost their jobs.

One-fourth of the funds raised stays in our community to support local hunger and poverty fighting programs. This year's walk will support the work of Churches United for the Homeless, Dorothy Day House, Emergency Food Pantry, Great Plains Food Bank, New Life Center, Salvation Army, and the YWCA Shelter. The remaining money is used by Church World Service to alleviate hunger in poor communities throughout the world. We encourage each walker to aim to raise \$100 if possible.

Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world.

For more information or to donate, go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/fargond/> or contact Dr. Kevin Cassidy-Maloney at mmetta57@gmail.com.

RUMMAGE MADNESS: PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RUMMAGE SALE

Setup: Friday,
September 25th
Sale: Saturday,
September 26th



We need rummage. Donated items can be brought to the southwest door of the 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, September 25th.

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 so he can properly recondition them for the Spring. (*Note: tube televisions and exercise equipment cannot be sold.*)

The sale will be held Saturday, September 26th, at the Veteran's Memorial Arena from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

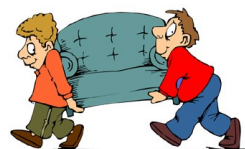
We need help (men and women) moving tables, setting up, pricing, accepting payments, wrangling rummage, and tearing down. Your help in any and all of these endeavors will be greatly appreciated.

- 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 **Bob Kozojed at 218-779-4369.**

All proceeds from the sale will go to support the mission of the church.

Let the madness begin.





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.

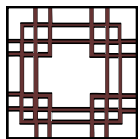
The study this year is *Into The Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynn Miller.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Two Wednesday morning Bible study plans are in the works. You can participate Wednesday, September 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom in a Max Lucado Bible study called, *Facing Your Giants*. Following meeting times are to be determined. Contact Carrie Leopold for details.

An in-person Bible study on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the CPC narthex beginning September 9 is also scheduled. Topic is yet to be determined. We will be wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Contact Bonnie Thompson if you are interested.



WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY SUSPENDED

We all love our Wednesday night fellowship with sharing food and doing a Bible study. This fall we were going to do a Bible study on Wicked Women of the Bible. But with the risk of COVID, our group will be suspending our meetings until 2021. Depending on what is happening with Covid, our group may start up in February. Please watch our upcoming newsletters for details.

In the meantime, anyone who is interested, please share your email with Vicki at vrpeihl@gmail.com. I will be sending out each month a mini-article on Bad Women of the Bible for you to read and ponder.

Praying we all stay healthy during this pandemic. May God be with you all.

MISSION FOCUS



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

For more than 15 years, PATH has provided evidenced-based services and supports to children and families in North Dakota: Case Management, Assessments, Treatment planning and coordination, Relief care, Parent-to-parent mentoring, 24-hour availability, Crisis planning and intervention, Emergency beds, Community-based resource planning, Family reunification, and Specialized adoption.

The agency is licensed as a child placing agency by the North Dakota Department of Human Services and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. All PATH programs are accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Services to Children and Families (COA).

PATH ND offers a continuum of in-home and community-based services to help kids and families throughout North Dakota and Idaho. Programming includes Treatment Foster Care (TFC); Family Support and Family-Based Services (FS); Transition and Assessment Program (TAP); Family & Individual Resolution-Focused Services & Treatment (FIRST); Independent Living; Adults Adopting Special Kids; High-Fidelity Wraparound; Community-Assisted Recovery Environment (CARE); Supervised Alternative Family Environment (SAFE); Case Aide and Parent Support (CAPS); Adoption; Long-Term Foster Care; Guardianship; Continuing Education and Job Training (CEJT); Foster Care; Special Needs Foster Care; Assessment; and Shelter Care; and Counseling.

For more information about PATH, go to: <https://www.nexus-yfs.org/sites/path/index>

For more information about how you can help CPC contribute to PATH, watch upcoming weekly reminders and announcements.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

7/31/2020



General Operating budget
2020: \$153,000.00
Weekly needs to meet budget:
\$2,943.45

Actual giving to date \$66,918.29
Actual expenses to date \$76,012.16
Net income to date \$-9,093.87

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 October.

Per Capita amount for 2020 is \$47.00 for each confirmed member. We still owe \$4,967.50 toward our assessment for 2020. The unpaid balance at the end of the year is paid out of the church general fund. Please mark on your check or envelope "Per Capita".

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

DEACONS



We encourage all our members and friends in need to 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
Terry Meester	[C]	701-799-5102
Boots Misheski	[C]	701-388-7160
Dixon Moorhead	[H]	701-277-1414
	[C]	701-200-9709
Vicky Whitcomb	[H]	701-282-9292
	[C]	701-809-2483

CPC DIRECTORIES

Newly printed directories of CPC Members and Friends will soon be available in the church narthex.

Need a digital directory? Ask Gayle Thostenson, and she will deliver one to your email address.



SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

9-1 Andrea Corneliussen
9-3 Ava Hauge
9-6 Bruce Steele
9-12 Preston Elhard
9-13 Ann Chale
Parker Nelson
9-16 Dale Matzke
Vicky Whitcomb
9-17 Lee Dobrinz
9-19 Lakken Krueger
Debbie Matzke
9-23 Uneva Dobrinz
9-25 Joan Hall
Louise Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

9-9-78 Larry and Linda Bishop
9-18-54 Dale and Gail Matzke
9-25-93 Brent and Carolyn Talley
9-26-97 Derek and Carrie Leopold
9-27-14 Reed and Brittany Montgomery
9-29-79 Veril and Dawn Larson

HELP!



Community Presbyterian Church needs September Sunday help. Each week we will need a liturgist.

Liturgists add a second voice to leading worship. We also need assistance by someone to electronically move the slides for the bulletin using a laptop, so the congregation can follow the worship service.

To help, please call the office, Pastor Cathie, or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Thanks to all volunteers!

**October's
Community Call
deadline will be
Wednesday, September 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:

<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	113.00	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



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October news deadline: September 23 Non-church scheduled events: Daily Monday through Friday- Preschool in the fellowship hall Mon. evenings—TOPS ; Sat., Sun. p.m.— HOREMOW						
6	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12
 Worship 9:30 a.m.	 Veggie Pantry 6:30–7:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Preschool Orientation 5–6:30 p.m. Missions 6 p.m.	Bible Study Via Zoom TBD Worship Com. 6 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.		
13 S. School Begins 9:00 a.m.	14 Veg. Pantry 6:30–7:30 p.m.	15	16 In-Person Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	17	18	19
Outdoor Worship 10:00 a.m.	S & F Com. 7:00 p.m.		Zoom B. Study TBD Session 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.		
20	21	22	23 <i>Newsletter is due Today!!!</i> In-Person Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	24	25	26 Pr. Men
Sunday School 9 a.m.	Veggies For The Pantry? 6:30–7:30 p.m.		Zoom B. Study TBD	PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.	Set-up Pr. Men Sale	Rummage Sale
27	29	29	30	Oct 1	Head Ushers: September: Adam Montgomery October: Larry Peihl November: Lee Dobrinz	
Sunday School 9 a.m.	Blood Drive 3:30 to 7 p.m.		In-Person Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.		
Worship 10:00 a.m.	Veggie Pantry? 6:30–7:30 p.m.		Zoom B. Study TBD Deacons 6:00 p.m.			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison
Lynn Hummel Jack Smith
Marty Matzke Dwight Steffen
Larry Peihl Greg Sterup

Christian Education

Melanie Hansen, Liaison
Gayle Thostenson

Deacons

Lise Alves Boots Misheski
Linda Bishop Dixon Moorhead
Terry Meester Vicky Whitcomb

Mission

Carrie Leopold, Liaison
Lee Dobrinz Mary Jo Moorhead
Kevin Galt Dave Ruhnke
Boots Misheski Bonnie Thompson

Nominating

Lee Dobrinz, Liaison
Terry Meester Jack Smith
Dave Ruhnke

Personnel

Adam Montgomery, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz Brent Montgomery
Carolyn Meester

Presbytery Delegates

Yvonne Hummel
Andrew Thostenson
Kevin Galt--Alternate

Service & Fellowship

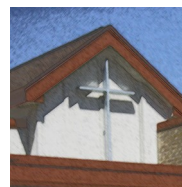
Laurie Elhard, Liaison
C. Meester Vicki Peihl

Stewardship

Mike Misheski, Liaison
C. Meester Andrew Thostenson

Worship

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Dawn Larson Mary Jo Moorhead
Marj Meester
Communion Prep Team:
Mary Bastle Dixie Smith
Mitzi Hager Vicky Whitcomb
Nancy Kassman
Marj Meester



Beginning
September 13
Sunday

Worship Hours:
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
Moderator: Rev. Catherine B. Bishop
Treasurer: Carolyn Meester

Lee Dobrinz
Laurie Elhard
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Carrie Leopold
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**OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;
TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.**