

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday in the PCUSA, and many other Protestant denominations. Jesus prayed in his High Priestly Prayer in John 17 that we all might be one, and this is one of the ways that we try to accomplish this, as all partake of the meal he established on the same day.

Did you know that World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the world? It was started in 1933 in Pittsburgh, PA. It was adopted by the National Council of Churches in 1940 and spread worldwide after that. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

To demonstrate how we have become one from many here in West Fargo, if you have something from your particular heritage, whether it is a kilt or a dashiki, lederhosen or bunad, please wear it on October 1.

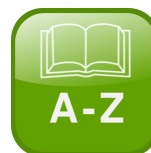


## PULPIT SUPPLY

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 in October:

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| Oct 1  | Rev. Donna Monteith<br>with World Communion |
| Oct 8  | Kevin Galt                                  |
| Oct 15 | Carrie Leopold<br>& Bonnie Thompson         |
| Oct 22 | Dave Ruhnke                                 |
| Oct 29 | Andrew Thostenson                           |



## CPC DIRECTORIES ARE HERE

Newly printed directories of CPC Members and Friends are available in the church narthex.

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

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## SEPTEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, Dave Ruhnke and Gayle Thostenson. Acting Moderator - Reverend Sarah Bigwood, and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Melissa Engebretson was present via Zoom.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Becky DeJong.

### Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of August 16, 2023
- b. Dawn Larson requested to use the narthex on October 7, 2023 from 12:00-4:00 for a baby shower for Casey and Alecs Larson – Congratulations!
- c. Clerk's report -
  - ◇ 44 served communion on Sunday, September 3, 2023.
  - ◇ Session minutes were reviewed on Monday, September 11, 2023 through a Zoom meeting with Rev. Richard Francis. 0 exceptions were found.

Discussion was held regarding the meeting time of Session. Session will meet on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The elders to help serve communion on October 1, 2023 will be Yvonne Hummel, Dave Ruhnke and Gayle Thostenson.

Gayle Thostenson requested that the white board in fellowship hall be replaced.

Two committees, Worship and Service and Fellowship, will be combined. These two committees overlap in many of their responsibilities. Session felt that having a larger committee and combining forces would be beneficial to everyone.

Becky Mace has requested to use the church to take organ lessons.

### Committee reports:

Building and Grounds Trustees: Volunteers worked together scraping and painting many outdoor windows. Thank you!

- Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: Confirmation will be starting on October 3, 2023 and will meet twice a month through May. Mentors are needed for each of the three confirmands. Please contact Kevin Galt or Gayle Thostenson if you are called to do this important mission.

- Kevin Galt

Personnel: Tammey Evans-Brown has accepted the Office Manager position. She will start on October 27, 2023. Welcome Tammey.

- Kevin Galt

Mission & Outreach: West Fest was very successful. The brat/hotdog stand raised \$584.00 for Churches United. Feed My Starving Children will be the mission project in October. The Mission Committee and Deacons have been working together to put together a resource folder detailing help available from groups and entities in the FM area who benefit those in need. Water bottles, energy bars and a First Link card will be available.

- Carrie Leopold

Stewardship: Some money in our checking account will be transferred to our Alerus account so that interest can be earned. A Venmo account will be set up for the church. A stewardship drive will begin at the end of September and early October. Contribution reports will be sent out along with pledge cards for 2024.

-Yvonne Hummel

Worship/Service & Fellowship: Merry Christmas!!! A contemporary worship service, along with communion, will be held on Sunday, December 24, at 10:00

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a.m. A traditional candlelight service will be held on Sunday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m. There will be no worship on Monday, December 25, Christmas morn.  
- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Deacons, Nominating

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Sarah Bigwood at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky DeJong



### **SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SESSION**

An additional meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, in the narthex for the purpose of charting a course for choosing CPC's next pastor. Elders present were Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Carrie Leopold, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Sarah Bigwood was also present. Melissa Engebretson was present via Zoom.

A motion was made and carried to proceed with a search for Designated Pastor and to nominate a Pastor Nominating Committee to perform the work. Some discussion about next steps occurred.

Rev. Sarah Bigwood closed the meeting in prayer at 8:27 p.m.

More detailed minutes of this meeting will be provided in the November Community Call.

### **OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 10-8 Denny Braaten
- 10-13 Carol Braaten
- 10-16 Rae Irene Kercher
- 10-17 Jenni Hummel
- 10-29 Larry Peihl

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10-7-17 John and Melissa Engebretson
- 10-8-94 Paul Campbell & Cathie Bishop
- 10-13-73 Lynn and Yvonne Hummel
- 10-13-13 Jim Gallagher &  
Blair Moorhead



## **NOVEMBER MISSION & OUTREACH FOCUS**



Thank you to everyone who donated items, or money to buy them, for PATH during September. As usual, we collected a good variety of items for these young people setting up their first apartments as they "age out of the system."

Our October focus will be "Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)." If you have been watching TV, you have undoubtedly seen ads for the upcoming Fargo Pack in January at the Fargo Dome. The organizers have set a goal of packing 10 million meals in the 10 days. In order to do that, they need to be able to purchase the ingredients and packaging, and ship them out of Fargo. We will be collecting money for this cause.

To spark your giving, here are some statistics about the pack: at least 6,200 children die daily worldwide from lack of food; FMSC uses less than 10% of donations for administrative costs, meaning over 90% actually goes for food; \$.29 will provide one meal for a child; \$106 will feed one child for one year; \$1000 will feed 9 people for a year. Checks can be written to the church, with FMSC or Feed My Starving Children in the memo line, or put cash in a pew envelope, or other envelope, marked FMSC.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give, remembering what Paul told the church at Corinth, "Do as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



### **WEST FEST THANK YOU!**

Many thanks go to all those who donated their time, money, food, and goodies towards our West Fest Food Stand. We raised \$584 for Churches United for the Homeless! More importantly, we shared fellowship with one another as well as God's love and CPC hospitality with many of our neighbors.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENCES



Every October Wednesday morning at 10:00, all are welcome to join us as Bonnie Thompson leads a study of Romans.

Romans is considered Paul's masterpiece, giving a clear and full explanation of the Bible's gospel message. Come and be encouraged and challenged by the new life and the new lifestyle we have in Christ.



## JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We meet upstairs in the conference room at 9:00 a.m. We are continuing our study of Romans which should take us into October when we'll begin a new study--subject yet to be determined. Don't hesitate to join us. There is always coffee, comradery, and God's gift of the Bible.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Attention all men! You are invited to join a Men's Bible Study. We meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church narthex.



Our current study, led by Steve Hanna, focuses on Hebrews. We 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

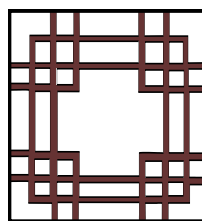
Sharing our needs and concerns in prayer with our church family brings us closer to one another and lightens our load. If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson (492-0630 or [atgtet@far.midco.net](mailto:atgtet@far.midco.net)). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.

## 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 *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts* by Olive Mahabir. It invites readers to consider Jesus, "the good shepherd" who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. Exploring Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostle will reveal the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a radical, inclusive and hope-filled message.



## PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES NEW BIBLE STUDY AND TIME!

You are invited to join us starting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 4, for a new study called "Listening for the Voice of God." Our group will meet once a month so watch for the dates in the newsletters.

In the Old and New Testaments, Noah heard God's voice tell him to build the ark; Moses heard God's voice in a burning bush; Mary had an angel appear to her, and so did the shepherds the night Jesus was born. But how about us in the twenty-first century? If you heard someone say they heard God's voice in a burning bush, what would be your first reaction? At the very least maybe you might roll your eyes! But how do you know when God is guiding you? Do you have meaningful dreams or feel a mysterious nudge? Let's get together and learn how to listen for God's voice.





## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

8/31/2023

General Operating budget  
2023: \$138,671.00  
Monthly needed to meet  
budget: \$11,556.00

Total Giving August \$ 6,088.00

Total Expenses August \$ 6,284.33

Per Capita amount for 2023 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope as contributing to Per Capita. Total assessment for 2023 is \$6,750.00. To date, \$2,470.00 has been paid towards per capita.

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.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29,  
AT 4:00 P.M.  
SERVE THE MEAL  
AT SALVATION ARMY**



It's easy! No cooking or doing dishes... Just dishing up the tray and handing it to someone that you can give a friendly greeting to. Afterwards, help wash tables and sweep.

304 Roberts St N., Fargo

Enter in the back of the building down the stairs.

Please let Carrie Leopold know if you can help serve the Sunday meal.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please check the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for ways you can help during worship services. Opportunities await you in positions of ushering, turning slides, reading as a liturgist, performing special music, and serving refreshments following worship. All ages are welcome to participate.

## 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

Linda Bishop [C] 701-200-1818

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

Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison

[H] 701-492-0630

[C] 701-412-6387



## CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED

CPC has been blessed with a small group of youth who wish to begin confirmation classes. There is a special joy in sharing the Good News and preparing youth for new membership.

But, it is also an important work and responsibility. Starting Wednesday, October 11, we will spend eight months studying and learning together. Mentors are needed for each student and meals will need to be shared.

Can you help? Has God called you to these purposes? Pray about it. Please see Kevin Galt or Gayle Thostenson with questions on how you can help.

**November's Community Call  
articles and  
calendar items  
are due  
Saturday, October 21**

## 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 <sup>st</sup> ____ OR 16 <sup>th</sup> ____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> AND 16 <sup>th</sup> ____
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**Please print the following:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

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Account Number:

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**Please return to:**

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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



# OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following 	2 Veggie Pantry ? 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 	3 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m. Stewardship 7:15 p.m.	4 Prayer 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. P. Squares 4:30 p.m. Christian Ed. 6 p.m.	5 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Worship and S & F 7:00 p.m.	6  Presbytery Meeting in Casselton	7
8 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	9 Veggie Pantry ? Session 7:00 p.m. 	10 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. Bible Study Missions & Outreach 6 p.m. Bells 6:00 p.m.	11 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	12 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	16 Veggie Pantry ? 	17 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	18 Bible Study 10 a.m.	19 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	20	21 <div>Newsletter is due Today!!!</div>
22 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	23 Veggie Pantry ? 	24 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	25 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	26 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	27	28
29 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following Salvation Army Service 4:00 p.m.	30 Veggie Pantry 	31 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	*****November newsletter deadline: October 21 ***** Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings—TOPS Saturday & Sunday p.m.—HOREMOW			

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## Community Presbyterian Church Committees

### Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison  
Lee Dobrinz      Veril Larson  
Melanie Hansen   Jack Smith  
Lynn Hummel      Brent Talley

### Christian Education

Kevin Galt, Liaison  
Emma Broe      Gayle Thostenson  
Melanie Hansen

### Deacons

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison  
Lise Alves      Dawn Larson  
Linda Bishop      Dixon Moorhead  
Jenni Hummel      Patricia Smith

### Mission & Outreach

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

### Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison  
Joan Hall      Dawn Larson

### Personnel

Kevin Galt, Liaison  
Lia Dobrinz      Andrew Thostenson  
Carolyn Meester

### Presbytery Delegates

Lise Alves      Andrew Thostenson  
Dixon Moorhead  
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

### Stewardship

Yvonne Hummel, Liaison  
Kevin Galt      Andrew Thostenson  
Carolyn Meester

### Worship/Service & Fellowship

Dave Ruhnke, Liaison  
Linda Bishop      Mary Jo Moorhead  
Emma Broe      Patricia Smith  
Carolyn Meester



**Sunday  
Worship Hours**  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
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  
Kevin Galt  
Yvonne Hummel  
Bob Kozojed  
Carrie Leopold  
David Ruhnke  
Gayle Thostenson

**Our mission is to know God;  
to be led by the Holy Spirit; to share Christ.**