

COMMUNITY CALL

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FAR OUT SPRING BRUNCH

Dig out your bell bottom pants, your granny dress, your fringed vest, throw on the peace necklace and put a flower in your hair. Then, drive to the church in your Psychedelic VW bug for a far out good time and hang loose with the rest of our church ladies! Yes, it's time to re-live the 60's decade during our brunch. We offer great food and an entertaining cool time. It will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 2.

Invite all your flower children, nerd, and hipster friends! Bring a bit of "bread" for a donation to a good cause.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RUMMAGE SALE

It's time to bring out your rummage for the Presbyterian Men's Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 9. The sale will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Arena from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We need your contribution to help make this project a success. 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 2:00 p.m. and until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8.

If you are unable to deliver donated items, we will gladly pick them up. Just call or leave a message with Andrew Thostenson at 492-0630 or 793-2883 or e-mail atgtet@far.midco.net.
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PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



April Greetings! Thank you for your warm welcome to Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo. Both Paul and I are excited about being here with you and feel blessed to become part of the family of CPCWF.

While I am beginning to learn your names and all the family connections, please keep reminding me who you are and share something about yourselves, too. Your openness to helping us get connected is greatly appreciated.

You already know a little about us, but you may not know that between us we have 10 grandchildren (3 girls and 7 boys) and one great grandson. One grandson lives in Mesa, AZ and the others all live in the Toledo, Ohio area.

The word is out that we like biking;
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that is a true rumor! We are looking forward to the great bike/fitness trails in West Fargo. Paul is bringing one of my bikes up on his next trip so I can start riding again. Are any of you pedal-bikers? Do you know of any organized bike rides in the West Fargo area?

On Saturday, April 23, at 11:00 a.m., I will be ordained as a Teaching Elder at Faith United Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, IA. Now – full disclosure – it is a 5-hour drive between West Fargo and Sioux City. If you are up for a road trip, I would love to have you share in the excitement and attend my ordination. You are all invited! Later, at a date yet to be determined, we will have an installation here at Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo.

There are some learning opportunities coming up for members of CPCWF as well as your family, friends, and neighbors.

a. National Health Care Decisions Day is Saturday, April 16. It will be held at Fargo Cass Public Health, 1240 25th Street South in Fargo from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. You are invited to a screening of the documentary “Nine to Ninety” and a panel discussion about making your wishes for end-of-life known. “Nine to Ninety” is a story for all generations and shares personal life stories about the importance of advance care planning. <http://www.hrrv.org/event/national-health-care-decisions-day-nine-ninety-documentary-screening-panel-discussion>

b. We have Synod School coming up July 24-29, 2016. The Synod of Lakes and Prairies has one of the longest running and most well-known Synod Schools in the PC (U.S.A.). I have been looking forward to this year’s school as I finally get to attend, and they have great teachers, including my husband, Paul Campbell, and First Presbyterian in Fargo’s Head Pas-

tor, Paul Lang. It is a great time to worship, study, and play within a Christian community. Learning opportunities range from creative arts to more serious Bible study. There are things for all ages, including lots of activities for the children. It is held on the campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. For more information, check out the website: www.lakesandprairies.org or the Facebook Group: “Synod School: Is this heaven? No, it’s Iowa.”

c. We have just been through the season of Lent and have entered the Easter Season which is 50 days and goes through the Day of Pentecost on May 15. The season of Easter is a joyous time, a time of celebrating the new way of life Jesus has given to us. It seems appropriate that we are celebrating our new relationship as congregation and pastor, too!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cathie

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED!



Having a nursery that is staffed each week provides an opportunity for parents of young children to attend the Sunday worship services. This is just another great feature to point out to prospective members of our church.

In order to continue to provide this service, however, we need your help! We are trying something new, and will be putting up a sign-up sheet (right next to the liturgist sign-up sheet) on the bulletin board. This will no longer be part of the Service and Fellowship group’s duties, but will be a congregation wide request each week, beginning on April 3rd.

We would ask that you consider taking a Sunday or two to sign up and spend some time watching and playing with the children in the nursery.

**MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CONGREGATION
AND CORPORATION OF
COMMUNITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, February 28, 2016



A special meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held on February 28, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary for the sole purpose of approving the pastoral candidate. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Donna Monteith. The acting clerk verified there was a quorum present with 91 people in attendance.

Adam Montgomery, Pastoral Nominating Committee Co-Chair, presented Catherine Bonita Bishop's biographical information to the congregation.

The Terms of Call were presented to the congregation.

The Pastoral Nominating Committee presented Cathie Bishop to be the next teaching elder of Community Presbyterian Church.

The Pastoral Nominating Committee was discharged from their duties with thanks.

Gayle Thostenson, on behalf of the Pastoral Nominating Committee, extended special thanks to all those who have provided for our congregation the past two years. Special appreciation goes to Rev. Rick Kaargard, Rev. Donna Monteith, and Rev. Joan Swanson.

In lieu of a motion, the meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Cathie Bishop at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Meester, Acting-Clerk
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session

MARCH CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves,

Cathy Birrenkott, Linda Bishop, Lee Do-

brinz, Sue Hanna, Terry Meester, Dawn Larson, Bruce Steele, and Andrew Thostenson. Pastor Cathie Bishop was present. Carolyn Meester was absent.

The financial report was discussed.

Justin and Amanda Buchholz have requested that their daughter, Ava Michelle Buchholz, be baptized on May 15, 2016. Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, and Pastor Cathie Bishop will meet with the family to discuss baptism responsibilities.

The one-hundred-fourteenth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Oakes, North Dakota, on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, 2016. Boots Misheski will be the presbytery delegate from Community Presbyterian Church. She will introduce Pastor Cathie Bishop to the presbytery.

Larry and Uneva Dobrinz would like to have an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 1, 2016. The time and details will be announced soon. Congratulations Larry and Uneva!!!

Communion will be served on Easter Sunday.

Discussion was held regarding having handicapped accessible seating in the sanctuary in places besides the front and back rows.

Christian Education Committee: Sunday School teacher recognition will be held on May 1 and Senior Sunday will be held on May 15. Vacation Bible School is being discussed. Next year's confirmation class will have 5-6 students.

Deacons: Easter baskets will be delivered. On Sunday, April 10, at 5:00 a White Elephant Bingo night is planned with a light meal being served.

The Mission Committee will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. The 'Well' project (One Great Hour of Sharing) is the mission project for March and April. The mission project for May will be the Bdecan church.

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Service and Fellowship Committee: All head ushers have been contacted to see if they wish to continue with their duties. The nursery is an extremely hard slot to fill for the fellowship groups. This will now be posted as a duty for everybody to share. All grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, cousins...are encouraged to sign up in the narthex to help watch and snuggle with our adorable youth.

Stewardship Committee: The church computer is being upgraded with a financial software package. A desktop computer has been set up for the new pastor.

Trustees:

-The Trustees, Christian Education, and Personnel Committees will jointly work on refining the sexual misconduct policy.

-The dishwasher is fixed. The repair costs are being covered by the Presbyterian Women.

-The back door will be re-keyed and only a few master locks will be distributed. More key fobs will be ordered.

-The church signage will be updated with Pastor Cathie's name.

-The electrodes on the AED have expired and will be replaced.

Worship Committee: Pastor Cathie Bishop will begin preaching this Sunday. Liturgists are needed. Please sign up in the narthex. Discussion was held regarding having joys and concerns mentioned on Communion Sundays. Discussion was also held regarding the placement of a Bible on the pulpit.

No reports from Nominating and Personnel committees

Moderator's report: The quarterly meeting of Churches United will be held on March 17 at the Gateway Gardens. Pastor Donna wishes to thank Session and CPC for their support and willingness to do what was needed while searching for a pastor. CPC, and especially Session, wish to thank Donna for her knowledge, wisdom, time and her sense of humor.

She is appreciated and will be missed.

Clerk's report: 69 people were served communion on Sunday, March 6, 2016.

Meeting closed with prayer by Linda Bishop at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

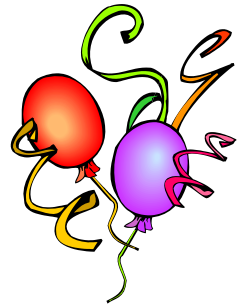
- 4-1 Susan Gross
- 4-2 Becky DeJong
Molly Nelson
- 4-4 Ryder Matzke
- 4-5 Veril Larson
- 4-6 Brent Talley
- 4-8 Hazel Yokom
- 4-10 Dustin Richard
- 4-14 Cathy Birrenkott
- 4-18 Chris Shone
- 4-19 Beverly Montgomery
- 4-19 Mandi Keller
- 4-20 Lynn Hummel
- 4-22 Kaylee VanCleve
- 4-23 Zaryn Hansen
- 4-23 Ellie Strand
- 4-24 Alex Misheski
- 4-25 Audrey Binger
- 4-27 Jack Gellner
Andrew Thostenson
- 4-30 Carolyn Talley
- 4-30 Delbert Jenner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4-2-77 – Greg and Carol Sterup
- 4-9-88 – Dwight and Lisa Steffen
- 4-11-15 – Aaron and Brianne Hass
- 4-13-68 – Denny and Carol Braaten
- 4-21-79 – Larry and Vicki Peihl
- 4-30-66 – Larry and Uneva Dobrinz

SENIOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 15, we will recognize graduating high school seniors: Sophia Dobrinz, Jarrett Meester, Michael Richard, Alex Talley. If you know of any other graduating seniors affiliated with Community Presbyterian Church, please contact Cathy Birrenkott as soon as possible.





NEW LIFE CENTER AUXILIARY PRESENTS PRAYER BREAKFAST/ DESSERT

New Life Center Auxiliary's 39th Annual Prayer Breakfast and the 17th Annual Evening Dessert will be held on Thursday, April 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn of Fargo.

River Jordan, a critically acclaimed novelist, playwright, producer, and radio host of Clearstory in Nashville, TN, will be speaking at both events. Her topic will be her book, Praying for Strangers, An Adventure of the Human Spirit. The book has been embraced by readers with a fierce passion and has been said to be "the beginning of something extraordinary" and "a gift of grace." To learn more about River Jordan, visit her website, www.riverjordan.info.

Tickets are \$22 for the breakfast and \$17 for the dessert. Reservations are required. Go to www.fargonlc or call 701-235-4453 for ticket information.



SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

<u>Sun, April 3</u>	5:00-6:30 p.m. Human Game
<u>April 8-10</u>	Crystal Springs Retreat
<u>Sun, April 10</u>	NO SOUL TRAIN
<u>Sun, April 17</u>	5:00-6:30 p.m. Outdoor Game Night
<u>Sun, April 24</u>	NO SOUL TRAIN
<u>Wed, May 4</u>	6:00-8:00 p.m. Mother's Day Celebration
<u>Wed, May 11</u>	6:30-8:00 p.m. World Record Night
<u>Sun, May 15</u>	5:00-6:30 p.m. Year End Party

2016 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 1	Teacher Appreciation
May 15	Senior Recognition
May 22	Last Day of S. School



SPRING INTO ACTION!

The South- East Ministry Region is inviting all Presbyterians and friends to join them in volunteering at Church United for the Homeless (1901 1st Ave N, Moorhead, MN) on Monday, April 11, 2016. We will meet at the shelter at 9:00 a.m. for devotions, a tour, then prepare and serve lunch to the residents, as well as sorting donations and other needed tasks. We should be finished by 2:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by April 4, 2016, to Alissa Anderson at 701-772-0783 or pnpmis-sion@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



PRESBYTERY NEWS

A copy of the monthly newsletter published our Presbytery of the Northern Plains is posted on the left bulletin board in the old narthex. You can access your own copy of *Lights of the Northern Plains* under Publications on its website, <http://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>

FARGO MARATHON



Saturday, May 21, our church has been asked to staff a Fargo Marathon aid station at the intersection of 15th Ave. N. and 3rd St. N. That's Mile 6 (Marathon running S), 12 (1/2 Marathon running N), and 25 (Marathon running N). As usual, volunteers will be handing out water, PowerAde, "Sweet Jesus Brownies," cookies, and orange slices to runners.

Arranging of the tables will begin about 6 a.m. and we'll stay there until the last runner passes. Everyone is invited to help and stay as long as they like.

Sign up and look for more details to come in the narthex. Address questions and t-shirt sizes to Dixon Moorhead.

LET'S PLAY BALL!

Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League will begin in May. Want to play on the CPC team? Contact Reed Montgomery at 701-367-8039 or reed.montgomery.1@gmail.com.



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PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S
RUMMAGE SALE (continued)

If you have electronic or computer equipment to donate, please get them to Andrew Thostenson as soon as possible so he can properly recondition them. (**Please note:** old, tube style televisions cannot be sold and should be disposed of during spring cleanup week.)

Finally, we will need help (men and woman) 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. More details will be coming during worship announcements and the April 3rd weekly reminder.

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends at CPC:

Thank you for a great couple of years as your moderator. I officially hold that title until Cathie is installed, but I have designated her to moderate in my stead in the interim.

I greatly admire the way you seek to live out Matthew 25 in your ministry and missions.

Thank you for the gift card and the beautiful quilt. I will be warmed by memories of you as well as by the quilt.

Yours in Christ's Service,
 Donna Monteith



THANK YOU!

Thank you for the quilt and the gift card to The Olive Garden. You are a special people and I served this church with joy when you were in need of a pastor. I was new in Fargo, new to retirement, and new to the world of an ill father. You took me in, welcomed me, and "put me to work." Just what I needed then. And now I have a whole new set of friends to cherish. Thank you so very much for being you!

Pastor Joan

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR 3/16/2016



General Operating budget 2016:
 \$154,778.00 / 52 weeks =
 \$2,976.50 per week.

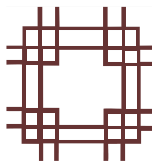
Actual Giving	\$27,720.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$32,741.50
Budget Shortfall	\$ 5,021.50-
Actual Giving	\$ 27,720.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 23,939.00
Net Income to date	\$ 3,781.00

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We currently have funds in the building fund account to cover the payment through June.

Per capita amount for 2016 is **\$43.50** for each confirmed member.

Remember this: *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:6



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES

Our Bible study will be a bit different in April. Mark down your favorite Bible story or passage or verse. We will discuss the Bible and your favorite bits for our lesson. If you haven't come before, this would be a good month to join us. Bring a light appetizer to share for our supper and your own water or pop or tea. Plates and napkins will be provided. We will meet at the church at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, April 13. This will be our last Bible study until September when we will begin a study on the disciples.

Thanks to all who come, who helped with the spring brunch and who furnished this year for our Bible studies! May you all have a blessed summer!

May Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, April 21