

COMMUNITY CALL

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SPRING FORWARD

On Sunday, March 12th,
at 2:00 a.m., Daylight
Saving Time begins.
Please remember to turn
your clocks forward one hour.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RUMMAGE SALE IS APRIL 22



It's time to get out your
rummage for the Presby-
terian Men's Rummage Sale on Satur-
day, April 22. More details will be
forthcoming in the weekly reminders
and the April newsletter.

We will need an all-out effort of men
AND women this year because we
have additional logistical challenges.
CPC is set to host the Presbytery of
the Northern Plains on April 21 and
22. This will mean we will have to go
through some interesting gymnastics
to accomplish both feats at the same
time. But, God willing, we will perse-
vere!

If you plan to donate electronic or
computer equipment, please get them
to Andrew Thostenson by very early
April so he can properly recondition
them for sale. If you need help bring-
ing out your rummage, contact And-
rew as well at:

701-492-0630 or
atgtet@far.midco.net .



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ. We
are living Ecclesiastes 3...

"For everything there is a season, and
a time for every matter under heav-
en." The days are getting longer, the
weather is changing, and we are about
to enter the season of Lent, which be-
gins with Ash Wednesday, March 1.

During Advent, we await the birth of
Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son
of Man. During Lent, we anticipate an-
other time in the season of Jesus' life,
his crucifixion and resurrection. Both
events serve as bookends to Jesus' life
on earth. As Christians, we often use
symbols to help us remember and pre-
pare for recognizing and celebrating
the life of Jesus. At Advent, we have
Advent Candles where we light a new
candle each week. The addition of

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light each week reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

We are adding another candle symbol for the season of Lent this year. The journey towards Easter is a darker season, so we will be extinguishing a candle each week during the waiting period of Lent. On Easter day, we will light the white Christ candle as a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus.

During the season of Lent, please join in worship with your community. Invite others to join us as well. We will begin our journey during the season with a worship service on Ash Wednesday. At this service, we acknowledge Lent as a time to look at ourselves. The symbol of imposition of ashes is a reminder of our own humanity and mortality. Individuals will be asked to come forward. I will place an ash cross on each forehead while I repeat verse 19 from Genesis 3: 19, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Throughout the season of Lent, you are encouraged to prepare by increasing your spiritual disciplines individually and with others by increasing the amount of time you spend in the Holy Scriptures. Take time to be with God through prayer—try a new way of praying such as "walking" a finger labyrinth or coloring prayer. Look for opportunities to be in conversation with God, remembering to listen as well. The weather will be more conducive to walking outside, perhaps finding a bench to sit on during your walk to allow another listening time. Reach out to others in service as part of your spiritual discipline. There are many spiritual disciplines and many ways to reflect and connect with God. Try something new this year!

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. It represents the darkest part of the Lent and Easter season. The week begins with the excitement of Jesus coming into Jerusalem. During the week, tensions are high, he eats his Last Supper with

his disciples, Jesus is betrayed and arrested. He is crucified. During holy week, please join us for Palm Sunday and for the Maundy Thursday Service, participating in Communion, the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, please take time to read your Bible, remembering the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. You will find the story of the crucifixion in the gospels: Matthew 27:32-56; Mark 15:21-41; Luke 23:26-49; and John 19:16-24.

On Easter Sunday, come and join us as we gather in worship to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a listing of the scripture verses we will be using during our worship services during the month. You may also find the lectionary readings on-line at:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotions>

Grace and peace as you travel your Lenten journey.

Pastor Cathie

LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

March 1st -7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5 - 10 a.m. - 1st Sunday in Lent
Worship Service with Communion

March 12 - 10 a.m. - 2nd Sunday in Lent
Worship Service

March 19 - 10 a.m. - 3rd Sunday in Lent
Worship Service

March 26 - 10 a.m. - 4th Sunday in Lent
Worship Service

April 2 - 10 a.m. - 5th Sunday in Lent
Worship Service with Communion

April 9 - 10 a.m. - Palm Sunday
Worship Service

April 13 - 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday
Worship Service with Communion

April 16 - 10 a.m. - Easter Sunday
Worship Service with Communion

April 23 - 10 a.m. - 2nd Sunday of Easter
Worship Service

April 30 - 10 a.m. - 2nd Sunday of Easter
Worship Service



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES



The annual meeting of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo was held on January 22, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Cathie Bishop. The clerk verified there was a quorum present with 60 people in attendance.

Carolyn Meester presented the Financial Report with the aid of a power point presentation. Members can see the detailed financial report found in the annual report.

The congregation was asked to look over all 2016 committee reports. No questions were asked or comments made.

Andrew Thostenson reviewed the budget with the aid of a power point presentation. The budget is based on actual spending. The detailed budget can be found in the annual report.

Bruce Steele presented the Terms of Call for Rev. Cathie Bishop. She left the sanctuary during this discussion. It was proposed that Rev. Bishop be given a 5% raise. Discussion was held regarding the separation of salary and housing. It was stated that the pastor may divide these amounts as deemed necessary for tax purposes. The pastor's salary is well within the recommendations of the Presbytery. The congregation feels blessed to have Pastor Cathie's life experience to guide our congregation and appreciates how she holds herself, as well as the congregation, accountable.

Terry Meester presented the list of elders for the Class of 2020 to be elected. Lise Alves, Adam Montgomery, and Mary Jo Moorhead were presented. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Terry Meester presented the list of Dea-

cons for the Class of 2020 to be elected. Sue Larson and Boots Montgomery were presented. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Terry Meester presented the list of Trustees for the Class of 2020 to be elected. Larry Peihl and Dwight Steffen were presented. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Terry Meester presented the list for the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2018 to be elected. Steve Hanna, Jackie Petik, Dave Ruhnke, and Jack Smith were presented. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations.

Thank you to all who have served and will continue to serve on the various committees to make our church run smoothly. A special thanks goes to our Treasurer, Carolyn Meester, and the Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Moderator Bishop at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session

BOY, OH BOY, DO WE HAVE COLLECTIBLES FOR SALE!



If you love Cats, you will have a blast looking at over 130 Calico Cat Collectible figurines. Also we have 3 sets of Cat Collectible Plates. There are additional plates with adorable children on them too.

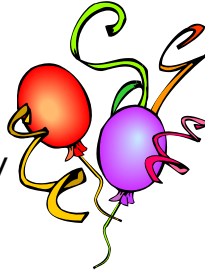
So, please let the Cat Lovers in your life know about the figurines. You can call Carol Sterup 701-293-6603 and she'll meet you and your family, friends, and neighbors at the church in the evenings or weekend. Be sure to check out the tables, found downstairs in the Quilter's Room. You will be amazed at the selection!!!!

All collectible funds will benefit CPC.

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

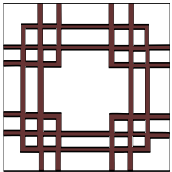
BIRTHDAYS

- 3-3 Karen Steele
- 3-8 Troy Montgomery
- 3-9 Amy Bucholz
- 3-10 Claire DeJong
- 3-11 Bob Galt
- 3-15 Irene Martin
Sophia Petik
- 3-19 Derrick LaCoe
Lydia Leopold
- 3-21 Patrick Talley
Melissa Van Cleve
- 3-22 Bonnie Thompson
- 3-23 Randy Ackerman
- 3-24 Dawn Larson
- 3-25 Michelle Bucy
- 3-27 Patrick Richard



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3-1-14 – Kirby and Amanda Keller
- 3-4-78 – Bruce and Vicki Riedinger
- 3-14-64 – Chuck and Bonnie Thompson



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Our disciple Bible study will have a short lesson on Wednesday, March 1, from 6:00 to 6:40 p.m. so that we are done in time to attend the Ash Wednesday worship service. No supper will be served, so eat before you come!

We will learn more about one of the disciples that was in the background in the Bible. We will also talk briefly about the Spring Brunch.

CHANGES TO SPRING BRUNCH

With Easter so late this spring and the Presbytery meeting at our church the week after Easter, we are going to do something different with the Spring Brunch this year. Plan to raise funds to replace a kitchen stove and mark Sunday, April 30th, on your calendars. Check the April newsletter and weekly announcements for more information.



NEW LIFE CENTER 40TH ANNUAL

PRAYER BREAKFAST & EVENING MOVIE AND MESSAGE



Prayer Breakfast:

Hilton Garden Inn
Thursday, April 20th, 2017
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; \$22/person

Evening Movie and a Message:

Fargo Theatre
Thursday, April 20th, 2017
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; \$12/person

Kim and Krickitt Carpenter are the real life true story behind the #1 Box Office hit, The Vow-The True Events that Inspired the Movie.

The Carpenters have shared their story to a worldwide audience reaching an estimated 400 million people who have either seen or heard their story. They are also a feature biography among books such as Chicken Soup for the Couples Soul.

Dr. Carpenter and his wife have spent the past 12 years interviewing globally and presenting as national speakers having toured with Sara Palin and Candace Cameron.

Their story has become the subject of more than 500 interviews worldwide to include two appearances in People Magazine and the Today Show, three appearances on Dateline NBC and Inside Edition, the Oprah Winfrey Show, Dr. Phil, along with Japanese, German, United Kingdom, and Australian television and print media.

The motion picture debuted in more than 67 countries and their book is now in more than 20 languages worldwide.

Today, Kim and Krickitt live in Farmington, New Mexico with their two children. Kim serves as the CEO of San Juan County and Krickitt is a substitute high school teacher.



MARCH SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

March 1 - Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalms 51:1-17;
Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21 (sermon text)

March 5 - First Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Ps. 32;
Matthew 4:1-11 (sermon text)

March 12 - Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalms 121;
John 3:1-17 (sermon text)

March 19 - Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalms 95;
John 4:5-42 (sermon text)

March 26 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalms 23;
John 9:1-41 (sermon text)

SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE



Mar 5 - Food Pantry
Mar 24-25 - Lock In

**Apr 7 - 5:00 p.m.-? - Progressive Din.

***Apr 19 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Parents Appreciation Day

****April 28-30 - Crystal Spring Retreat

May 7 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Games TBA

*****May 21 - 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Year End Party

**R.S.V.P. by Sun., March 5th
***R.S.V.P. by Wed., April 12th
****R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 14th
*****R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 14th

Also, please check both your e-mail and the Youth Corner for the latest and most detailed information regarding Soul Train activities.

PRAYER TIME



for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Philippians 4:19

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

ANOTHER WAY TO SERVE



We at CPC are in dire need of Pre-K, 1st-5th grade, and middle school Sunday School teachers. Delightful children and youth from these classes are ready to learn from God's word, but they need someone to share it with them.

We have great curriculum and resources for each group which allow you to study God's word with a fun lesson plan. The connections you make with these young persons will be ones you'll always cherish. Besides that, you'll be keeping the promise you've made over and over again at each child's baptism.

Bring questions to Cathy Birrenkott, Lia Dobrinz, Melanie Hansen, Tammy Nelson, or Gayle Thostenson. Sign up on the bulletin board in the old narthex.

2016-2017 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Youth Sunday School schedule will be coordinated, for the most part, with the West Fargo Public School schedule. So, if there is no school scheduled on a Friday or Monday, there may be no youth Sunday School scheduled for that day.

Dates CPC youth Sunday School will NOT be meeting are: March 19 and April 16. Last Day of Sunday School will be May 21.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

A copy of Presbytery of the Northern Plains' monthly newsletter is on the narthex bulletin board. You can access your own copy of *Lights of the Northern Plains* under Publications on its website,:

<http://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>

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). Also, it's never too late to join the prayer chain. To become a member, just let Gayle know.

CONFIRMATION

ORNER

Our confirmands continue to meet with their mentors, meet monthly with me along with parents and mentors, and participate in the life of the church and community. We focused on Prayer in February, learning different ways to pray such as praying in color and walking the labyrinth. During March, we will focus on mission.

All our confirmands will be participating in the Lenten Candles Service. In addition, we will be asking others in the congregation to participate in a couple of the Sundays.

We ask that you continue to pray for our young people who are going through confirmation this year. It is a time of learning and growing as Christians for our students. When you see them participating in the life of the church, thank them, introduce yourself to them, especially if you do not know them yet, let them know you are praying for them, and help the confirmands see this congregation as their congregation...a place where they are welcomed.

Pastor Cathie

REMINDER TO RETURNING SNOWBIRDS



You told us when you were ready to fly off to warmer climates and you haven't missed a newsletter or CPC mailing. But now as you plan to return to your northward home, please don't forget to let us in on your plans

Please inform our church secretary, Barb Jorgensen (office@cpcwf.org or 282-4135), regarding the time you will return home so you won't miss any CPC mailings. Please note: the U.S. Postal Service does NOT forward CPC newsletters. They are returned to us with when the address is vacant along with a charge for the service.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

For 2//15/2017

General Operating budget
2017: \$151,229.52 / 52
weeks = \$2,908.26 per
week.

Budgeted Exp. to date: \$ 20,357.82

Actual giving \$ 13,097.00

Actual expenses \$ 15,287.21

Net income to date \$ 2,190.21-

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We have funds designated to pay the mortgage through April.

Per Capita amount for 2017 is \$44.00 for each confirmed member. The unpaid balance at the end of the year is paid out of the church general fund. Please mark on your check or envelope funds you are contributing to Per Capita.

For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give - large or small - will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Luke 6:38

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.

Sue Larson	701-893-6484
Deb Matzke	701-282-9463
Boots Misheski	701-388-7160
Lisa Steffen	701-282-5308
Caroline Talley	701-282-3273
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves, Session Liaison	701-412-8689

**April Community Call
deadline will be
Wednesday, March 22**

