

COMMUNITY CALL

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NEW TIMES

With the arrival of summer comes a change of timing for Community Presbyterian Church. Beginning on May 30th, worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind, just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 1:3-7)

We have indeed, been strengthened through God and through Christ's testimony. Did you hear that? Because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are not lacking in any spiritual gift! Praise the Lord!

Experiencing the changing of our seasons is a spiritual gift. We can enjoy

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SPECIAL CPC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Session supports the vaccination efforts to curb the COVID-19 pandemic.

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) recent guidelines:

- ♦ Fully vaccinated persons are free to choose to wear a mask while inside the church.
- ♦ Unvaccinated persons are strongly recommended to continue to wear a mask while inside the church.

-By Order of the Session
(5/19/2021)

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the experience of the green trees, colorful flowers, and longer days with more sunlight during June. Let us be grateful for each day. After a year of COVID, it is a real treat to experience connecting with others.

When I was home for lunch recently, I noticed the lilac in our tree nursery was filled with blossoms. Another one of those "Praise the Lord!" experiences. They are beautiful. I knew they were growing, but for some reason I did not expect they would have blossomed this year. It was a real treat and a reminder that God does marvelous things!

What are you noticing this year that reminds you that God's world is delightful, filled with wonder and unexpected beauty?

As a congregation, we have lots of good things happening. Last night the Service and Fellowship Committee met, and they are planning some really fun things for us this summer. Pay attention so you do not miss anything! We will have VBS in August...watch for details! One of the huge and exciting things we discussed at Session was the paying off of our debt for the Project Open Door! Halleluiah! We will be celebrating after worship on Sunday, June 27, 2021. Watch for details in this newsletter as well as other information between now and June 27th.

The part-time Youth Ministry position was approved by Session. We are blessed as a congregation to have people who are willing to think outside the box, to not be afraid to listen to God's nudging.

We have received word that we will be able to serve meals to children again this year and...even better, we will be able to use our facilities rather than take the food to another location every day. We will be serving five days a week from June 7 through mid-August. Watch for



the sign-up sheet so you can find a time that works for you.

I was really excited today to receive a call from a gal that had served the children before COVID. She wants to help again this year. It will take a village for this to happen...we have done it before and we can do again. Bottom line, it is not about us, it is about feeding children this summer. This is what God has called us to do this summer! Please consider answering the call to be part of the Summer Food Service Program.

If you have ideas about how we can continue to answer God's call at Community Presbyterian Church, please let us know. What is missing? What would you like to see done differently or better here? Please share your ideas with one of the committees, their liaison, or stop by and share your ideas with me.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

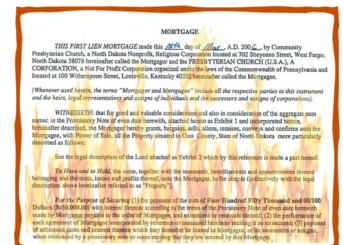
GOD IS GREAT! LET'S CELEBRATE!

March 15, 2006,
we agreed to a
\$450,000 mortgage with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc. to build Project Open Door. Construction was completed on January 9, 2007. Payments against the mortgage began in February of 2007.

On May 14, 2021, CPC's Treasurer, Carolyn Meester, mailed our final payment.

This is a remarkable achievement and we give thanks to God for making it happen!

The Stewardship Committee is putting together a plan to commemorate and celebrate this milestone on Sunday, June 27th. Details will be shared with the membership via direct mail and email within the next two weeks.



MAY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Adam Montgomery, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Gayle Thostenson. Lee Dobrinz and Carrie Leopold were present via Zoom. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Kevin Galt.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of April 21, 2021
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, June 16, 2021
- c. John and Melissa Engebretson would like to have their son, Maverick, baptized on June 6, 2021

Moderator's report:

- Met deadline for May newsletter.
- Thursday, April 22, 2021 - provided worship for Park Place, Moorhead, MN and met with Donna Monteith regarding moderators.
- Friday, April 23, 2021 - officiated at the funeral and burial for Emil Hanson. At 8:00 p.m., officiated at prayer service for Ben Anderson.
- Saturday, April 24, 2021 - officiated at the funeral for Ben Anderson.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27 & 28, 2021 - attended the Virtual Leadership Summit of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.
- Wednesday, April 28 - attended Deacons meeting.
- Thursday, April 29, 2021 - hosted the monthly PCUSA Pastors Gathering at CPCWF.
- Sunday, May 2, 2021 - visited and provided communion with Lise Alves for Carolyn Koerselman and with Boots Misheski for Kay Munsch.
- Monday, May 3, 2021 - moderated

Session of Mendenhall in East Grand Forks.

- Wednesday, May 5, 2021 - attended Christian Education Committee meeting.
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - participated in the Ladies Circle study on Lament.
- Wednesday, May 13, 2021 - attended Stewardship Committee meeting.
- Saturday, May 15, 2021 - officiated graveside funeral for Wayne Sanders, brother of Susan Gross, at Holy Cross North.
- Sunday, May 16, 2021 - played with the Bells at Faith Lutheran and CPC.
- Monday, May 17, 2021 - officiated at the funeral and burial for Marvin Hieb.
- From April 22-May 19 - prepared and preached on April 25, May 2 with communion, May 9, and May 16.

Clerk's report -

- i. 39 served communion on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

Elders to serve communion on June 6 will be Lee Dobrinz, Melissa Engebretson, and Bob Kozojed.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Discussion was held regarding the new CDC guidelines and how they affect CPC.

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CPC will be hiring a new part-time youth director. The job description will be
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posted on various sites.

The start date of the summer food program will be June 7, 2021. We will be serving the children lunch at the church. Please volunteer to help with this mission.

The POD debt has been retired!!!!

Congratulations to all for a job well done! On June 27, 2021 there will be a rededication ceremony after worship with a picnic to follow.

Committee reports:

Christian Ed.: Senior Recognition was held on Sunday, May 16, 2021. Seniors, Preston Elhard, Jacob Witt, and Ty Arvidson were recognized. The final draft for the job description for Youth Ministry Leader will be presented to Session on May 19th for approval. Vacation Bible School will be held August 8-10. The theme will be 'Concrete and Cranes'. – Kevin Galt

Deacons: Flowers donated from Emil Hansen's funeral were delivered to thirteen CPC friends. We had the opportunity to visit additional people in their homes or residences. We were able to share communion in the homes of a couple friends and have plans to do more in upcoming weeks. We will continue to review our lists of those who need care so that no one is missed. If anyone is aware of a CPC member or friend who needs extra care, please contact the Deacons. – Gayle Thostenson

Service & Fellowship: Coffee and juice will be served after worship starting on Sunday, May 23 and snacks will follow in several weeks. Tuesday, July 13, will be a craft night which will include candle making. Wednesday, August 11, will be a movie night – hopefully outdoors so bring your lawn chairs. The movie will be Over-

comer, and popcorn will be served. An outdoor worship service is being planned. Watch for more details.

Stewardship: We discussed a Rededication Service and celebration once the Project Open Door Debt is retired. We also talked about options for redirecting designated giving once the loan is paid off. – Yvonne Hummel

No reports: Mission, Nominating, Personnel, Trustees, Worship

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

LET'S PLAY BALL!

Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League has begun. All games are on Wednesday evenings. Spectators are always welcome.



All games will be played Wednesday evening on a field at Fargo Parks North Softball Complex at 6063 45th St N, Fargo.

Games will be postponed if one field is unplayable. Make-up games will occur on Fridays.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place & Opponent</u>
6/2	6:30	Field 10(H)—Olivet
	7:30	Field 10(A)—Olivet
6/9	6:30	Field 12(H)—Pontoppidan
	7:30	Bethlehem vs. Winner
	8:30	Bethlehem vs. Loser
6/16	6:30	Field 12—Olivet vs. Bethlehem
	7:30	CPC vs. Winner
	8:30	CPC vs. Loser
6/23	6:30	Field 11(H)—St. Joe's
	7:30	Field 11(A)—St. Joe's
6/30	6:30	Field 10(H)—North
	7:30	Field 10(A)—North
7/14	6:30	Field 12(H)—Bethlehem
	7:30	St. Joe's vs. Winner
	8:30	St. Joe's vs. Loser

****Tournaments will be the weekend of July 16th and 17th ****

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 6-4 Mike Gross
- 6-6 Melanie Hansen
LeAnn Tenderholt
- 6-12 Vicki Riedinger
- 6-14 Rylee Montgomery
- 6-21 Patty Smith
- 6-26 Carol Duggan
- 6-30 Ezra Dobrinz
Dixon Moorhead



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6-4-88 – Tom and Cathy Birrenkott
- 6-7-97 – Scott and Melanie Hansen
- 6-8-96 – Terry and Carolyn Meester
- 6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke
- 6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz
- 6-18-72 – Bruce and Karen Steele
- 6-19-93 – Chad and Tammy Nelson
- 6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman

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 Gayle Thostenson.

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| Lise Alves | [C] | 701-412-8689 |
| Linda Bishop | [H] | 701-282-8515 |
| | [C] | 701-200-1818 |
| Dawn Larson | [C] | 701-261-9609 |
| Boots Misheski | [C] | 701-388-7160 |
| Dixon Moorhead | [H] | 701-277-1414 |
| | [C] | 701-200-9709 |
| Vicky Whitcomb | [C] | 701-809-2483 |
| Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison | [H] | 701-492-0630 |
| | [C] | 701-412-6387 |

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Having a second voice lead the liturgy enhances everyone's worship experience. A "slide flipper" helps the congregation participate using the projected order of worship. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship and sign up.



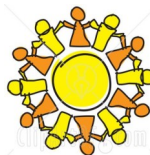
JUNE SCRIPTURES

In June, we begin a six-week series entitled *Echoes of the Holy Spirit*.



- June 6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 31:1-5; 35:30-35
- June 13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Numbers 11:16-30
- June 20 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Judges 6:33-7:8
- June 27 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 51

PRAYER



Want to share the burdens of others by praying for their needs, contact Gayle (atgtet@far.midco.net) and she'll add you to the CPC email prayer chain. When someone asks for prayer, you'll receive a blind-copied request in your personal email box.

CPC MISSION COMMITTEE PRESENTS



GOAL
50 OF EACH!!

JUNE 13
TUNA/CHICKEN/SALMON (CANS)

MAY 30
RICE (1LB BAGS)

JUNE 20
TOILET PAPER

JUNE 6
PEANUT BUTTER

JUNE 27
BAR SOAP



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

4-30-2021

General Operating budget
2021: \$151,788.00

Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$ 12,649.00

April Total Giving >>>>>>\$10,187.25

April Total Expenses>>>>> \$ 8,395.61

Per Capita amount for 2021 is \$48.00
for each confirmed member. Please
mark on your check or envelope you are
contributing to Per Capita. Total Per
Capita received to date is \$2,332.00.

*...each of us grows in faith by assessing
the many blessings of our lives and con-
sidering our need to give as an expres-
sion of our gratitude to God.*

CRAFT N' CREATIONS



Craft n' Creations is back
with another fun activity! We
are excited to share in fel-
lowship and make candles on July 13th
at 6:30 p.m. This is an event for those
who have never made candles to the
most to those skillful candlemakers.

All supplies to complete the project will
be provided for anyone who signs up at
no cost. Goodwill donations will be ac-
cepted but are not required.

Spread the word and invite your friends
in joining in for a few hours of creativity,
laughs and friendship. To sign up,
please contact the church office (701-
282-4135 or office@cpcwf.org), email
melissav22@mnjd.org, or sign up on the
bulletin board by Thursday, July 8th.

**July's Community Call
deadline is
Thursday, June 17**



CONCRETE & CRANES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Why don't you grab your
hard hat and tool belt
and come to Community
Presbyterian Church to
build something that will last an eter-
nity! The evenings of August 8-10,
CPC will be building foundations of
faith at Concrete & Cranes Vacation
Bible School. We would love your
help to cement all our faith on Jesus!
Listed below are ways to donate your
time or talent. Please let us know as
soon as possible if you can join our
crew. We appreciate any help!

- Crew leaders for small groups
- Actors for Bible Time
- Drama builders for opening and closing the worksite
- Music leader(s)
- Bible teacher(s)
- Recreation leader(s) & helper(s)
- Crafts leader(s)
- Photographer(s)
- Kitchen helpers
- Decorators
- Folks that just want to join in and have fun

Volunteers should contact Melanie
Hansen (mlh060673@yahoo.com and
701-526-6213) or Gayle Thostenson
(atgtet@far.midco.net or 701-412-
6387).

WE GIVE OUR THANKS

A big "Thank you" goes to all
of you, young and old, who
gave to our March and April
mission, One Great Hour of
Sharing. You helped us raise \$1,886!



There should be many happy farmers
and animals on the receiving end. God is
great!

Blessings to all of you!

Congratulations Class of 2021!

Ty Arvidson



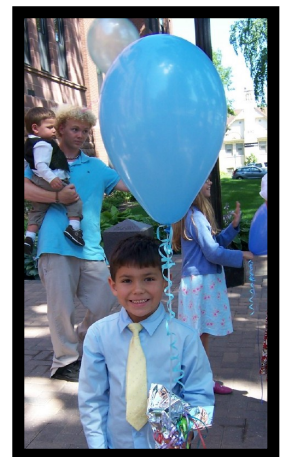
After graduation, I will be working for Triad Landscaping while I start my summer classes at NDSU, and continue my education into the fall. I plan on majoring in Management Information Systems (MIS). After high school, I will miss seeing my friends every day.



Preston Elhard



I will be attending Quentin Burdick Job Corps in Minot, ND starting this summer. I plan to focus my training on either Automotive/Machine Repair, Carpentry, or Culinary Arts. I hope to travel abroad to visit Japan, Germany, and Australia sometime in the future. As I move into the next stage, I hope to gain more independence to be able to live a happy healthy life.



Jacob Witt



For the future, I am open to lots of possibilities. After high school, I will continue to work at Taco Bell and will be looking for another part-time job. I am thinking about starting college at Moorhead Tech and then transferring to a 4-year college later. I will most miss seeing my friends on a regular basis. I plan to stay active in my faith by continuing to go to church.



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	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