

COMMUNITY CALL

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BIBLE/BOOK STUDIES AVAILABLE



At CPC, there's something for all adults who want to better their learning of God's Word. The following studies are available this Fall. See the calendar for specific dates.

- ◆ Adult Sunday School
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in conf. room
The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
- ◆ Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in narthex
Hope: Your Heart's Deepest Longings
Masks are recommended.
- ◆ Men's Bible Study
Every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the conference room
Subject TBD
- ◆ Ladies Circle
Every 2nd Tuesday in the narthex
at 12:30 p.m. for lunch
at 1:00 p.m. for Bible Study
Into The Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament by P. Lynn Miller
- ◆ Presbyterian Squares
Virtual Bible Study
Devotions sent via email 2x/month
10 Bad Girls of the Bible by Diana Gates
For more info, see page 4.
- ◆ Zoom Bible Study
Weekly online Bible Study
Time and dates TBD
Facing Your Giants by Max Lucado
Contact Carrie Leopold to join.

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



To all who are God's people in Christ Jesus, may the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Philippians 1:1b-2.)

It is officially FALL! It is delightful to see the colors of fall around us. One of the many things I enjoy about living in West Fargo, North Dakota is the distinctive four seasons. When we experience each of the seasons, it provides us the gift of seeing God's creation in action.

In this crazy time of the pandemic, our lives have turned upside down, it seems every routine we had has disappeared. It is easy to tumble into sadness for what was and frustrated at what life has become. The beauty of fall in October could easily be overrun with the chaos that surrounds us. On

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the other hand, we can choose to focus on the gifts God has given us.

Take a moment, or two, and look outside your window. Seek God's creation and hold the image in your heart. Give thanks to God for what you see and the blessings of your life.

Another way to help us focus on Jesus is to read our Bibles. Most Christians have a favorite translation. It is ok if you have a 'go-to' translation. Community Presbyterian Church decided that they would use the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible as our 'go-to' Bible in the sanctuary. Sometimes I will look at other translations to help me understand some of the nuances that can occur because of the difference in translations.

Your challenge this month is to put the chaos away and spend some time reading your Bible. We have been focusing on the Gospel of Matthew during Ordinary Time. Matthew contains "Five Discourses" that make up the majority of Matthew. These begin at Matthew 5:1-12 and end at Matthew 25:31-46 and would be a good place to spend time in your Bible.

Let's look at the beginning of the Five Discourses, with Matthew 5:1-12. That passage will likely sound familiar as it is "The Sermon on the Mount" passage. Remember, I mentioned that it can be helpful to read different translations? We are going to look at verse three, the first of Matthew's nine beatitudes (By the way, the Gospel of Luke also has beatitudes, although he only lists four beatitudes. That's something else you could read.). I have included five translations to give you an idea of the differences. You will note that sometimes there is just a difference in punctuation; in other translations, different words are used. You can find the different translations online at www.biblegateway.com



or in our church library!

NRSV (New Revised Standard Version):
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

NKJV (New King James Version):
Blessed are the poor in spirit. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

CEB (Common English Bible):
Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

The Message: You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

NLT (New Living Translation):
God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Spend some time with several translations and find a couple of others to compare with your favorites. After reading the five translations, did you find differences? Any insights on verse three? Please contact me if you find something that doesn't make sense or you would just like to visit about your Bible study.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

OCTOBER SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP



In October, we will continue the Series: Glimpse of God's Realm.

Below you will find the Dates, Scripture Lessons, and Titles of Sermons for each Sunday in October.

Oct 4: Matthew 21:33-46.

From Fear and Hate
World Communion Sunday

Oct 11: Matthew 22:1-14

Upsetting Our Expectations

Oct 18: Matthew 22:15-22

What Do You Value Most?

Oct 25: Matthew 22:34-46

Loving God & Loving Neighbors

SEPTEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, and Adam Montgomery. Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, and Carolyn Meester were present via conference call. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Carrie Leopold and Mike Misheski were absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Bob Kozojed.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of August 19, 2020
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, October 21, 2020
- c. Bonnie Thompson has requested use of the narthex for a baby shower for Melissa Engebretson on Saturday, October 3, at 2:00 p.m.
- d. Dixon Moorhead has confirmed that the Salvation Army has invited Community Presbyterian Church to serve a Christmas meal on December 24, 2020. Dixon will spearhead the project.
- e. Dixon Moorhead and Steve Hanna will coordinate the Angel Tree project. Names will be available on November 8th. Gifts will be delivered on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Moderator's report -

- Newsletter articles submitted by August 20, 2020.
- Thursday, August 20, 2020, met with Service & Fellowship committee.
- Monday, August 24, 2020, met with Shedrack regarding basketball hoop, filled with water for weight, and talked about usage.
- Tuesday, August 25, 2020, met with Linda Bishop and Boots Misheski regarding upcoming Blood Drive at CPC on September 28.
- Wednesday, August 26, 2020, met with joint Session meeting for

Grandin and Hunter. Moderated Grandin session.

- Tuesday, September 1, 2020, met with Rick Raum to transfer my work with Personnel/PNP benefit rep to Rick.
- Wednesday, September 2, 2020, met with Christian Education committee.
- Enjoyed Labor Day at home, thank you.
- Tuesday, September 8, 2020, participated in the Ladies Bible Study on Lament. Stayed in contact and prayed with Gayle while Andrew was in surgery.
- Wednesday, September 9, 2020, attended worship committee.
- Monday, September 14, 2020, moderated Mendenhall Session via Zoom.
- Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15 and 16, met with University of Duluth Theological Seminary Cohort and Professors regarding the second set of meetings for Doctor of Ministry students using Zoom from 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 16, 2020, Meeting at CPC with Myrna Ecker & Louise Bell regarding plans for Memorial Service at Grandin Presbyterian Church for Louise's husband who died in Florida earlier this year.
- Worship preparation for Sunday, August 23 and 30; Sunday, September 6, and Sunday School Rally Day and Blessing for Backpacks along with Outdoor Worship for Sunday, September 13.

Clerk's report -

- i. 28 served communion on Sunday, September 6, 2020.
- ii. The reading of Session minutes has been moved to the spring of 2021.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, October 4, 2020, are Lee Dobrinz and Melissa Engebretson. A clear face shield will be purchased for Pastor Cathie to use during communion.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

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Christian Education Committee: Rally Sunday was a success. 17 kids attended Sunday School. The students' backpacks were given a blessing before the beginning of the new school year. Teachers are needed!!!

Trustees: We are continuing to deal with two wall leaks in the basement. A paintable concrete solution will be applied to the cracks. The Men's Rummage Sale is on September 26. Help is needed from the congregation on Friday and Saturday. Let Bob Kozojed know if you can help.

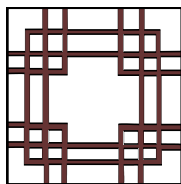
Worship Committee: An advent devotional is being planned and work will begin on it in October. The committee plans to have at least one unique activity planned each month. More music will be integrated into the worship service. Let the committee know if some of your talents are in music.

No reports: Deacons, Mission, Nominating, Personnel, Service and Fellowship, Stewardship

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

**EMAIL BIBLE STUDY
ON BAD GIRLS
IN THE BIBLE**



We all remember Delilah from the Bible. If you don't, read Judges 16. Instead of our regular Wednesday evening fellowship this fall, I am sending out a mini Bible lesson on various bad girls in the Bible. In all, I have ten names to do lessons about. I plan to send it out twice a month.

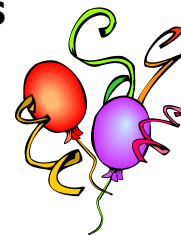
If you would like to get on my email list, please let Gayle or myself (vrpeihl@gmail.com) know. I hope we can meet again in person starting in February.

In the meantime, I'm praying you all stay healthy!

Vicki Peihl

**OCTOBER DATES
TO REMEMBER**

- BIRTHDAYS**
- 10-2 Delores Horn
 - 10-4 Stephanie
Corneliusen
 - 10-8 Denny Braaten
 - 10-9 Brenda Witt
 - 10-13 Carol Braaten
 - 10-16 Rae Irene Kercher
 - 10-17 Jenni Hummel
 - 10-29 Larry Peihl



ANNIVERSARIES

- 10-4-86 Lee and Stephanie Corneliusen
- 10-7-17 John and Melissa Engebretson
- 10-8-94 Paul Campbell
and Cathie Bishop
- 10-13-73 Lynn and Yvonne Hummel
- 10-13-13 Jim Gallagher
and Blair Moorhead
- 10-21-16 Tucker and Amy Bucholz

**BELL CLASSES
OFFERED**



Did you ever wonder what it would be like to play bells? Are you intrigued by their sound, but you've been hesitant to play? Or you can't read music? No problem.

Learn to play bells and/or learn to read music all at the same time. We're starting a new class for beginners. Youth to seniors are invited.

Call Pat Smith (C: 970-209-3517; H: 701-540-6659) or talk to her at church.

**OH, BABY,
IT'S A BOY!**

Maverick
Engebretson
was born this



summer to the joy of his adoptive parents, John and Melissa Engebretson. Help them celebrate at a baby shower in their honor on Saturday, October 3rd, at 2:00 p.m.

Those who are unable to attend are free to drop their gift at the church.

Maverick is registered at Target under his parents' names.

ANGEL TREE



From Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Resources:

Every child has a story. For 2.7 million American children, that story is filled with the abandonment, loneliness, and shame that come from having a mom or dad in prison. For many, it may also include following their parents down the same destructive road to incarceration.

Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship™, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. Through Angel Tree, volunteers are mobilized to deliver a gift, the Gospel, and a personal message of love to children on behalf of their mom or dad in prison. Every Angel Tree parent's family is also given access to a free, easy-to-read copy of the Bible (available in English or Spanish). It starts with a gift and leads to restored relationships.

CPC is engaging in another year of Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, which reaches out to the children of inmates and their families. This unique program gives our church an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. CPC will be buying gifts for children on behalf of their imprisoned parents.

Watch for ways you can help in upcoming announcements and on sign-up sheets in the narthex. Address questions to Steve Hanna or Dixon Moorhead.

For more information about Angel Tree and Prison Fellowship, go to: <https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/>



SAVE THE DATE: CONCERT FOR A CAUSE FEATURING VERTICAL WORSHIP

What: Concert for a Cause 2020, a night of worship featuring Vertical Worship

When: Thursday, November 12th, 2020
6:40 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.
Doors opening at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Bethel Church
2702 30th Ave S,
Fargo, ND 58103

Why: Join us for this fundraiser event to worship, to donate, and to learn more about what Youth for Christ is doing in our community.

Tickets: Stay tuned for ticket sales.

For more about Red River Youth for Christ, visit:

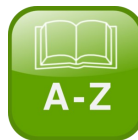
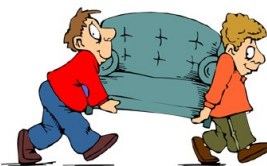
<http://www.redriveryfc.com/>

For more about Vertical Worship, visit their YouTube page at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_eER8NsZDVxmfQZNY0qvvdg

WE BRING OUT OUR THANKS!

Thank you to all donors, workers, and shoppers who contributed to Presbyterian Men's Annual Rumage Sale held on Saturday, September 26. Together, we raised \$1,141.80, all to be used toward church projects. THANK YOU ALL!



CPC DIRECTORIES

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.

**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 path beside a parking lot, from room to room in your house, around the block, or through 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.

MISSION FOCUS



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

For many years, our congregation has supported PATH by contributing to their youth who 'graduate' from the foster care system. Through the now called Chafee Independent Living Program, young adults are provided assistance in the transition from foster care to independent living in the areas of crisis management, education, employment, grocery shopping, housing, life skills, meal preparation, money management, nutrition, personal and home safety, peer socializing, positive parenting, and study skills.

Even with this training, these folks can become overwhelmed as they begin life on their own. That's where we come in. CPC helps provide many of the essential needs for their first home.

You can help by donating the following consumables: toilet paper, Lysol wipes, laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels, toilet cleaner, dryer sheets, and Ziplock bags. Gift cards to grocery stores or gas stations along with personal items like body wash, deodorant, contact solution, etc. can be given. In addition, donations of can openers, pizza cutters, reusable plastic containers, dishes, pots and pans, small vacuum cleaners, hangers, mattress pads and bedding for full or queen-sized beds, and towels would be welcomed.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. It is through your help that these young adults become self-reliant and positive contributors to their communities.

For more information about PATH, go to: <https://www.nexusfamilyhealing.org/nexus-path-family-healing/foster-careadoption-services>

**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**

8-30-2020



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

Actual giving to date	\$ 76,605.39
Actual expenses to date	\$ 86,396.49
Net income to date	\$ -9,791.10

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 and most of November.

Per Capita amount for 2020 is \$47.00 for each confirmed member. We still owe \$4,932.50 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".

The first of September, we mailed out financial statements and pledge forms to all our members and friends. Please take a few minutes to complete the pledge form and return it to the church office. This assists the stewardship committee with budget plans for 2021. There was also a survey about summer worship times.

All we have is a gift from God, all we have belongs to God, and all we have is to be used to serve God and enjoy God.

DEACONS



If you are aware of any of our members or friends who need extra care, please reach out to us. All requests are kept in confidence.

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| 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 |

**THE UNTOLD STORY
NEW LIFE CENTER
EVENT**



DATE: Tuesday, October 13
TIME: 6:30 p.m. Dessert Social
7:00 p.m. Program
LOCATION: Delta Hotel (Fargo, ND)
COST: \$40/ticket
Other packages available
FEATURING: Darryl Strawberry



Throughout the 80s and 90s, Darryl Strawberry was heralded as one of the top sluggers in Major League Baseball. However, life after baseball wasn't glorious. Drug abuse, arrest, cancer, and divorce left him with a deep sense of hopelessness. Join us as Darryl shares his compelling story of recovery and life transformation.

In Darryl's words: "As many people know, much of my life has been filled with the battles that have left me without hope. However, that is not the case today.

"Today I have hope! No matter what comes your way, or how many times you may fall, you do not QUIT! You never give up! You get up and you keep moving. If there is breath in your body, there is purpose and reason for your life. Sometimes that is difficult, if not impossible at times to see. I do not know why we have to go through certain things in life, but I know that there is a purpose and a reason for everything.

"God continues to bring me through, to carry me and breathe life into my body. The spikes are in a box, the bat is retired but the true passion and purpose for my life is just beginning. That passion is being able to make a difference in the lives of others. Today I have hope, a hope I want to instill in others."

**November's Community Call
deadline is
Thursday, October 22**

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

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

