

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 29th, worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



LET'S PLAY BALL!



Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League has begun. All games are on Wednesday evenings with the first game at 6:30 p.m. All games will be played at North Softball Complex at 6063 45th St N, Fargo.

Spectators are always welcome.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place(AwayOpponent/Home)</u>
6/1	6:30	Field 1 (A)— Lighthouse
	7:30	(H)— Lighthouse
6/8	6:30	Field 4 (A)— Ignite
	7:30	(H)— Ignite
6/15	6:30	Field 3 (H)— Knights
	7:30	(A)— Knights
6/22	6:30	Field 4 (H)— NV Blue
	7:30	(A)— NV Blue
6/29	6:30	Field 3 (H)— Cultivate
	7:30	(A)— Cultivate
7/13	6:30	Field 2 (A)— NV Gray
	7:30	(H)— True North
7/20	6:30	Field 4 (A)— Lighthouse
	7:30	Field 3 (A)— Ignite
7/27	6:30	Field 2 (H)— Knights
	7:30	(A)— NV Blue

Tournaments will be July 29 and 30

For current information on game day and team status, go to

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/fmchurchleaguesoftball/posts/>

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near." Revelation 1:3

Dear friends and members of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo. It truly is spring. We have waited longer than we like to wait. Now our grass is green, the tulips are beautiful, we are dreaming about the fresh vegetables from our gardens...life is good. There is a sense of getting back to a more ordinary time so we can enjoy the spring and summer the next three months. I am chuckling as I write this article because the statement "ordinary time" is also the season of "Ordinary Time" from June 6th to just before Advent!

June (and July) is also the time that
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the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be meeting. This is exciting for me because I am one of the Commissioners this year, as is my husband, Paul Campbell. Paul will be in a different committee in a different meeting time. This year GA 225 is splitting the sections. I will be in Louisville from Wednesday, June 29, through Sunday, July 3. My committee is Group 4. We will be working with Ministry Coordination, Vision, General Assembly Policies and Procedures, and Financial Resources. I have been doing a fair amount of reading as you might expect as I get ready for my tasks. After I return from Louisville, I will be part of worship and the plenary sessions, where all is being done via Zoom. Please keep all of the people involved with the General Assembly in your prayers. This is an exciting time, and I am grateful for the opportunity.

As we look forward to summer, other people are experiencing very difficult times. There were two shootings recently, both where the shooters came in with the intention to kill. On Saturday May 14 at the Tops Supermarket in Buffalo, New York, there were 11 people killed. The person who was responsible had come specifically to kill people that were different from him.

Then on Sunday May 15, in California, that same weekend, members of the Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church and Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods, California were having lunch on Sunday and one person was killed while five were injured.

The intent for those who went to Buffalo, New York and Laguna Woods, California was to kill people they do not like, those the gunmen wanted to get rid of. Those who survived were traumatized

by the shootings, as we would expect.

The question for all of us is, "How many more lives must be lost? How much more blood must be shed before the voices of hate are silenced?" We feel quite sheltered here in the Cass County area where we often hear the news and feel bad, and then we go on living our lives as if nothing were different.

I am struggling with that and wonder if you are too.

We are Christians...what is it that God is calling us to do in this time and in this place?

Please pray for the victims and their families and for those in the communities who will need to work to heal the wounds. Help us all find words to comfort and reassure people. Let us pray for all those who were impacted by the chaos and those who have lost members of their family and friends.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

JUNE MISSION FOCUS

June's mission focus is Churches United. Churches United was formed in 1987 by a group of 11 local faith groups out of the old Bethesda Lutheran Church. In those 34 years, that number has grown to over 100 faith communities supporting the five locations that comprise Churches United. Churches United operates on a low-barrier, housing-first program.

In addition to serving the evening meal every odd month's second Wednesday (Next time is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13.), CPC is collecting diapers-sized 3, 4, 5, and 6-to share with the shelter. For more information watch CPC announcements.

For more information on Churches United, go to

<https://www.churches-united.org/>



MAY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, Adam Montgomery, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Elders not present were Laurie Elhard and Cheryl Montgomery.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Adam Montgomery.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of April 20, 2022
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, June 15, 2022
- c. Paul Campbell and Pastor Cathie will create and maintain a labyrinth on the south lawn
- d. Moderator's report:
 - April 21 – Wrote articles for the newsletter.
 - April 24 – Bell practice and performance during worship
 - April 26 – Bell practice
 - April 27 – Provided Worship Service for residents at St. Catherine's (formerly Rosewood) .
 - April 27 – Met with Confirmation students and mentors to finish preparing for their Confirmation on May 1.
 - April 28 – Attended Faith Community Forum on Human Trafficking.
 - April 29 – Met with Reed and Brittney Montgomery regarding Asher's baptism scheduled for May 15, 2022.
 - May 2 – Boots Misheski and I had a Deacon visit with communion for Kay Munsch.
 - May 3 – Bell practice
 - May 10 – Provided Worship Service for residents at Touchmark at Harwood.
 - May 12 – Attended Stewardship committee meeting and met with the Di-

- versity and Inclusion study group.
- May 17 – Last Bell practice
- May 18 – Moderated Session
- Worship preparation for 4 services: April 24, May 1, May 8, and May 15
- e. Clerk's report -
 - i. 78 served communion on Sunday, May 1, 2022.
 - ii. Asher Todd Montgomery was born on November 20, 2020 and baptized on May 15, 2022. His parents are Reed and Brittney Montgomery.

There is interest in having a digital sign in front of the church. A Digital Sign Committee has been formed, and its first meeting is on May 24. Members of the committee are Cheryl Montgomery, Kevin Galt, Lee Dobrinz, Brian Elhard, Terry Meester.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a second phone line at the church in order to be in compliance with fire codes with regard to the elevator. The church currently uses Consolidated Communications for phone and internet. We will continue with this company with an updated plan.

The elders to help serve communion on June 5, 2022 will be Kevin Galt, Carrie Leopold, and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Shawna Enger requested to use 50 (metal) chairs and 8 (older wooden) tables for her parent's 50th wedding anniversary party on August 17-18.

Bob and Becky Kozojed requested to set up a table during West Fargo Cruise nights to sell old car parts.

The garden club would like to increase the size of the garden in order to grow more produce for the community. The trustees will work with them on this project.

Discussion was held regarding the space vacated by the preschool. The Stewardship Committee would like to advertise the space for rent. They will seek an-

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other preschool, non-profit organizations, or other church-compatible options. A minimum base price will be set and negotiable depending upon the usage needed of the building.

Carrie Leopold requested to establish a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DE&I), to be a sub-committee of the Mission Committee, made up of 4-6 people.

An internal audit of the 2021 financial transactions was performed on April 10, 2022. All transactions were found to be in good standing per the Stewardship Committee.

Committee reports:

Christian Ed.: The Christian Education committee met and discussion was held on Vacation Bible School for 2022. It was decided that VBS for 2022 will be held on July 17-19 from 5:40 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Discussion was held on using Outreach.com to send out invitation postcards to target an area approximately 1.5 miles from CPC. Kevin will bring cost figures to June meeting to see if it's economically feasible.

- Kevin Galt

Deacons: Deacons met to finish plans for May visits to CPC friends. We are trying to see all our friends in need this month. If you know someone who would like to have communion brought to them, please contact Pastor Cathie or myself.

- Gayle Thostenson

Service and Fellowship: The committee is working on determining details for the vendor show such as a date, number of tables, vendors, etc. We are also discussing how to advertise for the vendors. Our committee has some ideas but if you have any suggestions, we would love to hear them. Cheryl Montgomery purchased the backdrop that was put out in the narthex. We have gotten great response to this, so we will be looking into potentially purchasing other backdrops for other occasions throughout the year. We are still missing two

months of head ushers, so please let the committee know if you are interested in serving as head usher.

- Melissa Engebretson

Stewardship: The committee discussed ideas to help make up for the shortfall in income from the preschool leaving. We are concerned about the \$6,750.00 deficit in the budget going forward (\$700 for 9 months). We would like to seek approval from the Session to advertise the space for rent for another preschool once the current preschool vacates the church. Per Capita contributions year to date 2022 are significantly behind 2021. This is concerning. We would like to check into the program Amazon Smiles, to see if it would be worthwhile to sign up for this for our church.

- Yvonne Hummel

Trustees: Lynn Hummel will continue to do our mowing and yard maintenance for the church. We are looking into re-striping the parking lots. There are flags marking our back grass area for utilities. The grass was marked in consideration of moving the garden plot. A new cleaning company for our custodial work is still on schedule to start the beginning of September. A new faucet was installed in the narthex.

- Bob Kozojed

No reports: Mission, Nominating, Personnel, Worship committees

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

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

JUNE LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

- June 5 Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
- June 12 Does Not Wisdom
Call?
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- June 19 Called to Self-Care
1 Kings 19:1-15a
- June 26 Called to Connection
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14



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 Pat Smith
- 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, please contact the Deacons. If anyone in the congregation would like home communion, please contact Gayle Thostenson.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Lise Alves | [C] 701-412-8689 |
| Linda Bishop | [H] 701-282-8515 |
| | [C] 701-200-1818 |
| Jenni Hummel | [C] 701-371-7640 |
| Dawn Larson | [C] 701-261-9609 |
| Boots Misheski | [C] 701-388-7160 |
| Dixon Moorhead | [H] 701-277-1414 |
| | [C] 701-200-9709 |
| Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison | |
| | [H] 701-492-0630 |
| | [C] 701-412-6387 |

PRAYER

Want to share the burdens of others by praying for their needs, contact Gayle (atgtet@far.midco.net or cpcnews@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.



CREATIVE LEARNING PRESCHOOL TO DISCONTINUE LEASE



In April, CPC was notified by Mandi Radcliffe that she was going to exit her lease for her preschool. She has rented space from CPC for nearly 20 years. Mandi and her predecessors collectively have used our Fellowship Hall for more than 30 years. She said she loves working with our church, but it was time for her to sell the business or discontinue the preschool altogether. At the time of this writing, it is not known if Mandi will be able to sell the preschool, but for sure, she will not be continuing her lease in the fall.

While we are sad to see her go, this also will result in a loss of income for the church which annually amounts to \$6,750. Over the summer we will begin to solicit new renters. So, in the meanwhile, if you know of people who could use our space, please let an Elder or Trustee know, so we can follow up on the prospect. We will have more information on this opportunity in the next newsletter.

Andrew Thostenson
for the Stewardship Committee



CLEARWATER FOREST FOR GROWN-UPS

Clearwater Forest Camp registration is open. There are openings for children and youth all through the summer, but there are also opportunities for adults. There are five sets of Grands Camp through June and July where grandparents can attend with their grandchildren. There is also a Women's Chrysalis August 18-21 (register by August 1) available. The winter brings a second Women's Chrysalis on February 24-26, 2023.

For more information see the CPC bulletin board or go to www.clearwaterforest.org



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

4-30-2022

General Operating budget
2022: \$144,805.00

Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$ 12,067.00

Total Giving April \$ 14,179.80

Total Expenses April \$ 8,395.61

Per Capita amount for 2022 is \$48.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope you are contributing to Per Capita. Total assessed Per Capita for 2022 is \$6,922.00.

...each of us grows in faith by assessing the many blessings of our lives and considering our need to give as an expression of our gratitude to God.

Of special note: Special thanks to Cheryl Montgomery for all she does in the church office. Additional thanks to Bob and Becky for helping with the cleaning. If you have a chance, sign up to help clean for the summer. The new cleaning company starts in the fall.

CLEANING CHANGE AND REQUEST

CPC is between custodial services. Our current custodian, I & E Cleaning is closing their business.



Until another contracted service begins, we could use your help to keep the church building clean and in good shape. There is a sign-up sheet for vacuuming, dusting, sweeping, and mopping, etc. (Trustee Liaison, Bob Kozojed has volunteered to clean the bathrooms--unless you'd like to.)

Many hands make light work. Watch for your chance and sign up to help just a little, so the larger job gets done.

Thank you!

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 eternity! The evenings of July 17 -19, 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
- Puppeteers
- 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 who gave to One Great Hour of Sharing. You helped us raise \$2,870!

All funds will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for those suffering in Ukraine.

Blessings to all of you!

**The July/August Community Call
deadline is
Wednesday, June 22**

Congratulations Class of 2022!

Zoe Elhard



Next year, I plan to go to UND to study chemistry and forensics. I hope to one day become either an investigative forensics specialist or a crime scene specialist. I recently tried out for the cheer team up at UND and made it, and plan to continue playing piano.



Stacy Leopold

Alex Misheski



After graduation I plan to spend my summer with friends, enjoy time down at the lake, and continue working at the gas station. When summer is over, I plan to attend NDSU and grow as a person and meet new people. I also intend to keep playing music with my band and keep studying foreign language and linguistics as well.



Parker Nelson



After high school, I plan to go to college at UND. I will major in business or communications. After leaving high school, I will most miss football.

I plan to stay active in my faith by attending a church in Grand Forks.



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

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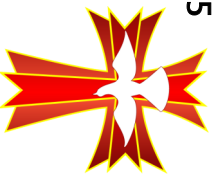

(A confirmation will be sent to you)

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



JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>***July/August newsletter deadline: June 22***</div> <div>Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings—TOPS; Sunday p.m.—Holy Revival Move. Worldwide</div>						
5  <i>Pentecost</i> Worship 9:30 a.m. 	6	7	8 1 Prayer 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m. Softball 6:30 p.m.	9 2 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.	10 3	11 4
12 Worship 9:30 a.m.	13 Service & Fellowship Com. 6:30 p.m.	14 Mission & Outreach Com. 7:00 p.m.	15 Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m. Softball 6:30 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	16 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	17	18
19 <i>Happy Fathers Day!</i> Worship 9:30 a.m.	20	21	22 Newsletters deadline is today!!!	23 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	24	25
26 Worship 9:30 a.m.	27	28	29 Softball 6:30 p.m.	30 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Deacons TBD	31	<div>Head Ushers: June: Jack Smith July: TBD August: Chuck Thompson</div>

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison
Lee Dobrinz Brent Montgomery
Brian Elhard Larry Peihl
Lynn Hummel Dwight Steffen

Christian Education

Kevin Galt, Liaison
Melanie Hansen Gayle Thostenson

Deacons

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Lise Alves Dawn Larson
Linda Bishop Boots Misheski
Jenni Hummel Dixon Moorhead

Mission

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

Nominating

Cheryl Montgomery, Liaison
Laurie Elhard Dave Ruhnke
Terry Meester Jack Smith

Personnel

Adam Montgomery, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz Brent Montgomery
Carolyn Meester

Presbytery Delegates

Lise Alves Andrew Thostenson
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

Service & Fellowship

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Cheryl Montgomery
C. Meester Vicki Peihl

Stewardship

Yvonne Hummel, Liaison
Kevin Galt Andrew Thostenson
Carolyn Meester

Worship

Laurie Elhard, Liaison
Dawn Larson Patty Smith
Mary Jo Moorhead

Communion Prep Team:

Mary Bastle Dixie Smith
Mitzi Hager V. Whitcomb
Nancy Kassman



**Sunday
Worship Hours**
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship Service

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
Moderator: Rev. Catherine B. Bishop
Treasurer: Carolyn Meester

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Cheryl Montgomery
Gayle Thostenson

**OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;
TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.**