

# COMMUNITY CALL

Ministers: The People of God

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## FALL BACK

Sunday, November 5th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time Ends. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.



## IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP TO RING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army relies on money raised in red kettles to serve more than 25 million people in need each year. The easiest way to help them in their mission is to ring a bell at one of their iconic red kettles. Volunteer bell ringers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises the funds that sustain the help they give all year long.

The locations and times for CPC Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year are:

Hornbacher's Osgood  
4151 45th St. S. Fargo ND 58104  
Description: Inside by produce dept  
Date: December 2, 2023  
Time: 10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

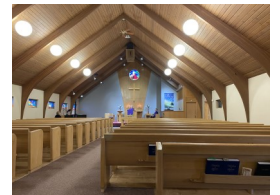
Location: West Acres Fountain  
3902 13th Ave. S. Fargo ND 58103  
Description: in the fountain area  
Date: December 2, 2023  
Time: 10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Thank you for your help in supporting our community in need.



## PULPIT SUPPLY

CPC has been blessed by an active and devoted group of preachers. Worship and Pulpit Supply committees have been working to provide messages for Sunday worship, filling most preaching spots through the month of December.



The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks in November:

- Nov 5 Rev. Donna Monteith  
with Communion
- Nov 12 Carrie Leopold
- Nov 19 Kevin Galt
- Nov 26 Andrew Thostenson



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

There will be NO Sunday School on December 24th or 31st. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## CPC DIRECTORIES ARE HERE



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.

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## OCTOBER CLERKS CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, October, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Carrie Leopold, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Acting Moderator, Reverend Sarah Bigwood, was present. Bob Kozojed and Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong, were absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Yvonne Hummel.

### Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of September 20, 2023
- b. next Session meeting – Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- c. Clerk's report - 37 served communion on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

Becky Mace has been given a key to the church building and has begun taking organ lessons in the sanctuary.

Gayle Thostenson will purchase a whiteboard for the Fellowship Hall this month when a delivery can be properly arranged.

The elders to help serve communion on November 5, 2023 will be Kevin Galt, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was presented by Yvonne Hummel.

We will not be hosting a Blue Christmas service this year.

There are openings for non-delegates from CPC to attend the Presbytery of the Northern Plains meeting on Friday, October 12, during the day at Casselton Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Plans were made to create a Pastor Nominating Committee. This committee will be comprised of 5 members of the congregation. Their work will be important to our congregation and rewarding to each individual. If asked, please

be ready to prayerfully consider this opportunity.

### Committee reports:

Christian Education: Wednesday, October 25, will be our next CPC All Family Fun Night. We will be featuring the movie, *Courageous*, directed by Alex Kendrick. Tacos-in-a-bag dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. with the movie and popcorn to begin at 6:00 p.m. Dessert may come at intermission. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

A Sunday School Christmas program and small Cantata show will be presented on Sunday, December 17, during the worship service.

Plans are being made regarding 3rd grade Bible presentation.

Confirmation is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 11. Please pray for the students, families, and mentors as they walk together in these beginning steps of faith. One mentor is still needed. Contact Kevin Galt or Gayle Thostenson to share how you can serve.  
- Kevin Galt

Mission & Outreach: Feed My Starving Children is the mission project in October. November / December's Mission is the New Life Center.  
- Carrie Leopold

Nominating: Nomination Committee will begin to meet to fill open slots for Building & Grounds Trustees, Deacons, Presbytery Delegates, and Session. The goal is to have all positions filled by early to mid-January.

Personnel: The Office Manager we hired last month resigned prior to beginning work. A university student is being paid to temporarily assemble worship media until another Office Manager can be hired.  
- Kevin Galt

Stewardship: Contribution reports will  
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be sent out soon. The 2024 budget will include a plan to support the arrival of a new pastor sometime within the year.

-Yvonne Hummel

Worship/S&F: Almost all preaching slots have been filled through December.

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Building & Ground Trustees

Meeting closed in joint recitation of the Lord's Prayer at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Thostenson

**NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 11-3 Mary Bastle  
Dave Ruhnke
- 11-5 Jarrett Meester
- 11-6 Amy Grossman-Tomsich
- 11-9 Adynn Tomsich
- 11-10 Vicki Peihl
- 11-13 Sean Alves  
Carrie Leopold
- 11-24 Bob Gross
- 11-25 Erika Matzke



**ANNIVERSARIES**

No listed anniversaries in November



**SWOM-IES ARE NEEDED!**

Churches United for the Homeless is once again open for volunteers to serve meals. That's right, **SWOMies**, CPC volunteers who serve meals at Churches United for the Homeless every **Second Wednesday Odd Months**, are needed Wednesday, November 9. Start at 5:00 p.m.; go home by 7:00 p.m.

If you served before, welcome back; we're happy to work by your side once more. If you haven't had the pleasure of volunteering for this venue, we would be delighted to have you join us.

Address questions to Carrie Leopold. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.



**SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Service & Fellowship groups are providing those scrumptious drinks and treats following each worship service. To help us remember, group assignments will now be posted in each newsletter. Here is the schedule for the next two months:

- Nov 5 Group 3
- Nov 12 Group 4
- Nov 19 Group 4
- Nov 26 Group 1
- Dec 3 Group 1
- Dec 10 Group 2
- Dec 17 Group 2
- Dec 24 Group 3
- Dec 31 Group 3

For more information see the narthex bulletin board. To be added to a group, see Linda Bishop or Carolyn Meester.

**CONFIRMATION COMMUNIQUÉ**



Confirmation classes have begun! We have three students--Ezra Dobrinz, Grace Hager, and Zach Hansen and two mentors--Kevin Galt and Vicki Peihl. They, along with leader, Gayle Thostenson, will meet for a meal and instruction twice a month from now until May.

Classes will be using the curriculum, *Big God, Big Questions*, which explores the questions asked of a confirmand when making profession of faith before the congregation. Confirmands will also participate in worship, take sermon notes, and help with the church's mission.

Would you please consider how you can support this group? They and their families need your prayers that God will grant them clarity of understanding, perseverance, and a building of faith. One male mentor is needed. Meals can be shared. Additionally, special speakers will be needed to share insights on different facets of CPC. Pray about it. Then, let Kevin Galt or Gayle Thostenson know how you will help.



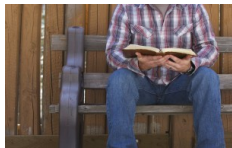


## JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

This group meets upstairs in the conference room at 9:00 a.m. They are finishing a study on Hebrews. Near month's end, they will choose the next study. Don't hesitate to join. There is always coffee, comradery, and God's gift of the Bible.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Attention all men! You are invited to join a Men's Bible Study. They meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church narthex.



The current study, led by Steve Hanna, focuses on Hebrews. They cover a chapter each meeting with much discussion. Bring your Bible and a concordance, if you have one.

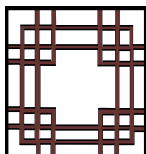
Please contact Dave Ruhnke for further information.



## 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](mailto:atgtet@far.midco.net)). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.

## PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES: "LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD"



What if you were standing before God and He told you to ask for anything you wanted? How would you respond? Our lesson this month will be on that very subject. We will meet at 4:30 Wednesday, November 8, (note that it's on the second Wednesday this month) for an hour. Can't make it? I can email the lesson out each month if you would like to read it. Just let me know at [vrpeihl@gmail.com](mailto:vrpeihl@gmail.com).

## LADIES CIRCLE

Ladies, join us for Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Circle in the narthex. If you like, bring a sack lunch and have fellowship at 12:30 p.m. Otherwise, come ready to begin Bible study at 1:00 p.m. Coffee and treats will be shared later.



The study this year is *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke - Acts* by Olive Mahabir. It invites readers to consider Jesus, "the good shepherd" who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people. Exploring Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostle will reveal the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a radical, inclusive and hope-filled message.

## THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU



There is room at the table to join the folks making greeting cards! Our Card Group gathers on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. for fellowship and an opportunity to recycle and create cards for sale at Community Presbyterian Church. Proceeds from the cards are used for various church projects from supporting children who attend Summer Bible Camp to purchasing items for the kitchen. Plus, they always seem to have sweet treats for a mid-afternoon break.

Interested? Just show up on Thursdays at 1 p.m. The group will welcome you and show you how to make cards!



## DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE



Our Daily Bread and These Days are available in in differently-sized print. Both devotionals have specific-to-the-date scriptures accompanied with a related lesson and prayer. Feel free to take one home with you for daily use.

## NOVEMBER MISSION & OUTREACH FOCUS



We need to do some catching up this month.

Earlier this year we collected money to buy bus passes for our neighbors who lack transportation. We collected \$468! Thank you! Our deacons will have access to some of them, and the others will be shared between various agencies in the community.

Our August mission was collecting money to buy winter wear for the children at Bdecan. We collected \$610, which is a bit less than we had hoped for, but... we also collected some handmade caps and mittens for the cause. Thank you!

In September we collected items for PATH clients who are aging out of foster care to set up their new apartments. Items worth about \$1,000 were gathered. Boots reports that they were thrilled to get the items, as they have been running low since the pandemic. Thank you!

During October we are collecting money for Feed My Starving Children, who will be attempting to pack 10 million meals in 10 days in the FargoDome in January. More on our contributions later.

In November and December, we will again be collecting items for the New Life Center. The Mission Committee picked a few items from the needs list to focus on, but please feel free to bring anything that's on their list.

- ⇒ On November 5 and 12, our goal is 100 chapsticks (any brand.)
- ⇒ On November 19 and 26, 100 containers of deodorant suitable for men.
- ⇒ On December 3 and 10, 100 pairs of boxers (underwear, not dogs) of any size for adult men.

Throughout November and December, you are encouraged to clean out your closets, and bring gently used men's

winter coats, caps and warm gloves, or... better yet, buy new caps and gloves. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community throughout the year.

Jesus is the reason for all seasons!



## DECEMBER EVENTS

Mark your calendars early and don't miss out on all the activities in December! Watch for details *and* more activities in upcoming church announcements.

Saturday, December 2

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Sunday, December 17, 10:00 a.m.

Combined Choir Cantata & Sunday School Christmas program during worship

Sunday, December 24, 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Christmas worship

Saturday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve service

## HANGING OF THE GREENS



As the calendar turns to November, the church's attention turns to preparing for Advent. You, a member of our church family, are invited to join in preparing CPC for the Advent Season on Sunday, November 26th, after worship for the Hanging of the Greens. There is plenty to do and a task for all. Please plan on joining us.



## COME, SING WITH US CANTATA PRACTICE BEGINS

Christmas cantata practice will begin Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. Kevin Galt will lead the choir. Dawn Larson will accompany on piano. All music is fairly simple--hymns, carols, and favorites taken from previously learned cantatas and written in two parts.

"Speaking to one another with Psalms, hymns, and songs from the spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19.



**YEAR-TO-DATE  
GIVING UPDATE**

9/30/2023

General Operating budget  
2023: \$138,671.00  
Monthly needed to meet  
budget: \$11,556.00

Total Giving September \$ 21,787.97  
Total Expenses September \$ 5,674.32  
Per Capita amount for 2023 is \$50.00  
for each confirmed member. Please  
mark on your check or envelope as con-  
tributing to Per Capita. Total assessment  
for 2023 is \$6,750.00. To date,  
\$3,070.00 has been paid towards per  
capita.

Contribution reports, a letter from the  
Stewardship Committee, and pledge  
forms were mailed to all our members  
and friends in mid-October. Please re-  
view your contribution report and let us  
know if you have any questions. Com-  
plete the pledge form and return to the  
church office or drop in the collection  
plate by November 20. Pledge amounts  
are used for budget planning for 2024.

*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.*

**CONCERT  
FOR A CAUSE  
FEATURING BLANCA**



Friday, November 17  
Bethel Church  
2702 30th Ave S, Fargo  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
(Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

This year's concert will feature Blanca.  
You may know her from her songs like  
"Even At My Worst" and "The Healing."  
Blanca has collaborated with Tedashii,  
Dante Bowe, Lacrae, and more. She  
performed at the 2022 K-Love Fan  
Awards and was nominated for Female  
Artist of the Year. We look forward to  
this concert fundraiser event and invite  
you to share in what God is doing in the  
lives of teens in our area.

**THE DEACONS  
CAN HELP YOU**



If you need immediate  
pastoral care, you can  
call 701-353-2020. A  
Deacon will be able to  
assist you.

If anyone in the congregation is hos-  
pitalized, needs a visit, or would like  
home communion, please contact the  
Deacons.

- Lise Alves [C] 701-412-8689
- Linda Bishop [C] 701-200-1818
- Jenni Hummel [C] 701-371-7640
- Dawn Larson [C] 701-261-9609
- Dixon Moorhead [C] 701-200-9709
- Patty Smith [H] 701-540-6658
- [C] 970-209-3517

Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison  
[H] 701-492-0630  
[C] 701-412-6387



**ONE MALE  
CONFIRMATION  
MENTOR  
NEEDED**

CPC has been blessed  
with a small group of youth who have  
begun confirmation classes. There is a  
special joy in sharing the Good News  
and preparing youth for new member-  
ship.

But, it is also an important work and re-  
sponsibility. Mentors and students will  
share a meal, study, and learn together  
two Wednesdays per month through  
May.

Can you help? Has God called you to  
these purposes? Pray about it. Please  
see Kevin Galt or Gayle Thostenson with  
questions on how you can help.

**December/January  
Community Call  
deadline is  
Thursday, November 16**



# NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December/January newsletter deadline: Thursday, November 16 Non-church scheduled events: Saturday & Sunday p.m.-HOREMOW Monday evenings—TOPS						
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.  S & Fellowship Group #3	6	7 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	8  Churches United Service 4 p.m. Presbyterian Squares 4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Trustees 7:00 p.m.	9 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Stewardship 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. S & Fellowship Group #4	13 Session 7:00 p.m.	14 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Missions & Outreach Com. 6:00 p.m. Bells 6:00 p.m. Cant. pract. 7 p.m.	15 Prayer 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.	16  PW Card Group 1 p.m.	17	18
19 S. School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. S & Fellowship Group #4	20 21 Bells 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	24	25	
26 S. School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. S & Fellowship Group #1 Hanging of the Greens  following worship	27	28 Bells 6:00 p.m. Cantata practice 7:00 p.m.	29 Confirmation Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.	30 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	<u>Head Ushers</u> November: Lee Dobrinz December: TBD	



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## Community Presbyterian Church Committees

### Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison  
Lee Dobrinz Veril Larson  
Melanie Hansen Jack Smith  
Lynn Hummel Brent Talley

### Christian Education

Kevin Galt, Liaison  
Emma Broe Gayle Thostenson  
Melanie Hansen

### Deacons

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison  
Lise Alves Dawn Larson  
Linda Bishop Dixon Moorhead  
Jenni Hummel Patricia Smith

### Mission & Outreach

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

### Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison  
Joan Hall Dawn Larson

### Personnel

Kevin Galt, Liaison  
Lia Dobrinz Andrew Thostenson  
Carolyn Meester

### Presbytery Delegates

Lise Alves Andrew Thostenson  
Dixon Moorhead  
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

### Stewardship

Yvonne Hummel, Liaison  
Kevin Galt Andrew Thostenson  
Carolyn Meester

### Worship/Service & Fellowship

Dave Ruhnke, Liaison  
Linda Bishop Mary Jo Moorhead  
Emma Broe Patricia Smith  
Carolyn Meester



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

## The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong  
Moderator: Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood  
Co-Treasurers: Yvonne Hummel  
Andrew Thostenson

Melissa Engebretson  
Kevin Galt  
Yvonne Hummel  
Bob Kozojed  
Carrie Leopold  
David Ruhnke  
Gayle Thostenson

**Our mission is to know God;  
to be led by the Holy Spirit; to share Christ.**