

COMMUNITY CALL

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MARATHON AID

Last year, CPC's Marathon Aid Station was flooded, so we assisted by delivering supplies to 12 aid stations on the Friday evening preceding the Saturday race. Because of our help, runners had what they needed, where they needed it.



We have been called to help that way again. Two Penske trucks, loaded with supplies, will be provided. Ideally, four or more people would be available to unload each truck – 6 stations each.

Socializing and eating 'brats on a stick' are a big part of our marathon experience. Everyone who is interested is welcome to come to our house for a BRATFEST! Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. We will eat after all deliveries have been made.

- 5 p.m. at the F-M Marathon warehouse (405 W. Main, next to Deaner's Diner, behind Sandy's Donuts)
 - deliver supplies to each aid station
 - 6:30 p.m. – dinner at Bob & Becky's
- ***please come for brats even if you aren't able to load/deliver supplies***

Please give me a call or text if you are able to help (218-779-4369).

Thank you, Bob



NEW TIMES?

Summer brings a slight change of timing for Community Presbyterian Church. Beginning on May 28th, fellowship with refreshments will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. while worship times will remain the same at 10:00 a.m.

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



God the Father chose you because of what he knew beforehand. He chose you through the Holy Spirit's work of making you holy and because of the faithful obedience and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. May God's grace and peace be multiplied to you.

1 Peter 1:2 (Common English Bible)

Can you believe it? It is MAY already! The not so good news was when we woke up on April 21st to snow after we thought it was done. However, we are going to trust that by the time you read this, the snow will be gone, again! And by then, we will be seeing spring popping up. This is a good time to thank God for life itself...whether you are young or not-so young, or healthy or not so healthy.

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I was reading devotions from "These Days," thinking about May, and there were two messages that I want to share with you. The first one is about Jesus' statement from John 14:14, NRSV (New Revised Standard Version). "If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." I also read two other scriptures: one from the NIV (New International Version) and from the CEB (Common English Bible). Here is what I found: There was some difference. The NIV says: "You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it." And the CEB says: "When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it." Definitely something for you to ponder!

The second devotion is about Core Values. The writer is Sara Lewis from Ocean City, Maryland. Her message is about living and praying with our Bible. She has three ideas for you to pray, and these are likely to be prayers that you have heard before. The first one is, "The Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23." You might remember them being about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These always remind me of my children as they loved the song, "Fruits of the Spirit," and we sang a lot, and I often sang to them, "Have Patience, don't be in such a hurry."

The second core value listed is the "Full Armor of God, from Ephesians 6:14-18." Remember hearing about fastening the belt of truth and the breastplate. Read this core value and think about how important it is for you.

The third core value listed is the "Whatever's, from Philippians 4:8." This is important, especially when we are so busy, we have difficulty focusing on the positives. You may remember this,

"whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy and think (pray) about such things." We all have times that we do not have the words to pray. These core values help us find those words, especially during times that are difficult and as well as times of joy. Let us all remember that whether we are struggling, or when life is going smoothly or somewhere in between, our God is with us always.



Let's go back to May as it is a delightful time. Take time to ponder on what you like most about spring and truly enjoy our longer days, spring weather, being able to take walks, sitting on the porch, and beginning to plant seeds. Our God is an awesome God!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

MAY SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP



May 7	5th Sunday of Easter 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
May 14	6th Sunday of Easter 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
May 21	7th Sunday of Easter Peter 4:12-14 and 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
May 28	Day of Pentecost 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39 John 20:19-23



SENIOR SUNDAY

On May 21, we plan to recognize graduating high school seniors: Isaac Leopold and Lehe Ndofu. If you know of other graduating seniors affiliated with Community Presbyterian Church, please contact Kevin Galt as soon as possible.

APRIL CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engbretson, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Dave Ruhnke and Rev. Sarah Bigwood were present.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Bob Kozojed.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of March 15, 2023
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, May 17, 2023
- c. pay half of the church softball league dues - \$300.00
- d. Moderator's report -
 - March 23: Newsletter articles sent to Gayle Thostenson.
 - March 23: Provided a church service for Park View Terrace, Moorhead, MN, at 9:00 a.m.
 - March 27, April 3, 10, 17: Participated in Bell choir practice.
 - March 27: Participated with the Blood Drive team: Linda Bishop and Boots Misheski.
 - March 29: Attended the Family Game Night at CPC.
 - April 3: Visited with Ruby McCann at Bethany at University and provided communion.
 - April 11: Provided worship for Touchmark at 4:00 p.m.
 - April 12: Met with FM Area Clergy at 1st Presbyterian Church of Fargo at 10:00 a.m. and attended the Worship Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - April 13: Participated with Stewardship Committee meeting.
 - Prepared and provided CPC worship services: March 19, March 26, April 2 (communion), Maundy-Thursday 7:00 p.m. (communion), Good Friday 7:00 p.m., Easter Sunday (commu-

nion), April 9, and April 16. Elliette Truhlicka and Harlow Thompson were baptized on March 19, 2023.

Clerk's report -

- ◇ 45 were served communion on Sunday April 2, 2023; 35 were served communion on Maundy-Thursday, and 45 were served communion on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.
- ◇ Elliette Jolynn Dove Truhlicka was born on April 27, 2022 and was baptized on March 19, 2023. Her mother is Erica Truhlicka.
- ◇ The audit of the books was done on February 28, 2023, and all was found in good standing with a few minor suggestions.

The elders to help serve communion on May 7, 2023 will be Kevin Galt, Dave Ruhnke, Gayle Thostenson, and one additional elder to be determined.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Discussion was held regarding the use of tri-fold bulletins and the PowerPoint presentation during worship. The Worship Committee will consider all options.

The Nominating Committee and Session have called a Special Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 30, at 9:50 a.m. for the sole purpose of:

- electing Dave Ruhnke to Session to serve a 2-year term
- electing Veril Larson to Trustees to serve a 1-year term
- electing Jack Smith to Trustees to serve a 2-year term
- electing Brent Talley to Trustees to serve a 3-year term
- adjusting the number of members required on Session to range from seven to nine members

Newly elected officers will be installed during the worship service on April 30, 2023.

Committee reports:

Christian Education: The Christian Education committee met on April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Attending were Kevin Galt,

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Gayle Thostenson, Melanie Hansen, and Emma Broe. The upcoming April "All Church Family" activity was discussed. The May activity, depending on weather, will be an outdoor Corn-hole tournament with an outdoor weenie roast on a wood fire pit along with s'mores.

Gayle Thostenson has purchased Sunday School curriculum for the 2023-2024 schedule. Discussion was held on Vacation Bible School for the 2023 season and senior recognition. Meeting was closed in prayer at 7:00 p.m.

- Kevin Galt

Deacons: Over the last month, the Deacons put together a care package for a CPC member/friend in need. We also signed, sent, and posted Easter cards to our Deacons friends. Visits were made. Additionally, Pastor Cathie provided one communion visit.

- Gayle Thostenson

Missions and Outreach: The mission focus for April is the food pantry and for May we will be buying bus passes. [Editor's note: see p. 6 for more.]

Nominating: The Nominating Committee was able to get together and secure a few people to fill some of the open positions. The committee will meet again about the other 2 open session positions, after Session talks with the Presbytery as we wanted to keep an odd number on the Session. Thank you to those members below who are willing to step in.

The nominated positions are:

Session:

Dave Ruhnke - Replace Cheryl Montgomery, 2-year term

Trustees:

Veril Larson - Replace Brian Elhard, 1 year term

Jack Smith - Replace Brent Montgomery, 2-year term

Brent Talley - Replace Troy Montgomery, 3-year term

- Melissa Engebretson

Stewardship Committee: We reviewed the monthly financials. We plan to add a slide to the weekly announcements PowerPoint which shows net income, net expense, and operating gain or loss by month. The goal is for the congregation to be always informed of our financial condition. Andrew Thostenson is preparing to present a quarterly snapshot of our financials, so the congregation will be informed of the financial needs of Community Presbyterian Church.

We discussed the open Treasurer position. Andrew is willing to Co-Interim Treasurer, along with someone else, until a permanent Treasurer can be found. We need to continue to reach out to members of the congregation to see if anyone is interested in the Treasurer position.

Met with a commercial real estate agent regarding renting out the lower level of our church. He indicated there really isn't much demand for that type of space, especially in a basement. He suggested reaching out to our congregation to see if there was anyone interested in renting it or that we could upgrade our kitchen to a commercial kitchen and then rent that space out. **Our committee recommends that we purchase a sign (cost is about \$200) for the parking lot which says Preschool Space for rent.

Meeting closed in prayer.

- Yvonne Hummel

Building & Grounds Trustees: At the time of our meeting, we were continuing to watch ice dams. Work was done on our flat roof and at the down spouts to get rid of the ice. Water flowed well coming off the roof. Sumps pumps were converted to the outside discharge. There were no water issues in the basement and no issues with any seepage from the basement walls. Furnace filters were changed. Outside automatic light timer was changed.

- Bob Kozojed

Worship Committee: The Worship Committee discussed the attendance and

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outcome of services, decorations, and activities put together for the Lenten season. The Church Season of Easter will continue until Pentecost and so will the Easter décor.

We have many beautiful banners to use for many occasions. The next meeting will be spent organizing them, so one can find them quickly and easily for display during a particular season or event. Another goal for this year is to add two members to the committee.

- Pastor Cathie Bishop, Gayle Thostenson

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 5-2 Tom Kassman
- 5-3 Gloria Ruhnke
Dwight Steffen
- 5-6 Marty Matzke
- 5-8 Jane Leben
- 5-9 Carolyn Meester
- 5-10 Scott Hansen
Zach Hansen
- 5-13 Larry Dobrinz
- 5-17 Edsel Kercher
- 5-20 Greg Sterup
- 5-22 Olivia Dobrinz
- 5-23 Melissa Eiter
- 5-25 Barb Grossman
Mary Jo Moorhead
Mia Strand
Terrance Strand
- 5-26 Reed Montgomery
- 5-27 Vickie Meyer
- 5-29 Zarissa Hansen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5-20-17 - Tim and Grace Chandler
- 5-24-03 - Tim and Carly Hager

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 21 Senior Recognition
& Last Day of S. School



TRUSTEES ARE LOOKING FOR PAINTERS!



Trustees are asking for volunteers to help paint two classrooms in the new addition. (These rooms have not been painted since construction in 2005.) We also would like to prime and paint an outside-facing wall in one of the older classrooms where cement work was completed this past summer.

The plan is to do it on Saturday the 6th of May, 8:30 a.m. The good news is Bob Kozojed will tape the rooms ahead of time, so it should go quickly. We'll have Coffee and donuts available. Paint supplies and equipment will be provided by the Presbyterian Men's Fund, so just come with your painting clothes, and we will get after it. If you can help please let Andrew Thostenson know via e-mail at atgtet@far.midco.net or by cell phone at 701-793-2883.



ALL CHURCH FAMILY CORNHOLE GAME NIGHT MAY 24 - 5:30-7:30 P.M.

To be held *Outdoors*
at Community Presbyterian Church
or *Inside* if inclement weather

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun for a cornhole game night. Some may refer to this game as bean bags. A dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by friendly games of cornhole. If the weather is nice, this event will be hosted outdoors at CPC. Teams will be determined based on who is in attendance and not set ahead of time. No experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome, from preschool and beyond. Bring a friend along too!

LET'S PLAY BALL!



Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League will be starting again soon. Want to play on the CPC team? Contact Terry Meester at 701-799-5102.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

03/31/2023

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

Total Giving March \$ 8,090.00
Total Expenses March \$ 12,044.19

Per Capita amount for 2023 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope you are contributing to Per Capita. Total assessment for 2023 is \$6,750.00.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."



WE NEED YOU, SWOMIES!

Churches United for the Homeless is open for volunteers to serve meals, and on May 10 they need CPC to help them. That's right, **SWOMies**, the CPC volunteers who served meals there every **S**econd **W**ednesday **O**dd **M**onths, you are needed as much as ever!

If you served before, Thank you; 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 or Pastor Cathie.

DEACONS

If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized, needs a visit, or would like home communion please contact Pastor Cathie or 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



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES MORGAN ENDERSON



CPC is happy to introduce Morgan Enderson as its new office manager. A West Fargo High School graduate (Go Packers!), Morgan is the proud owner of Sadie and Wally, a pair of Lhasa Apso canines. Additionally, she is pursuing a degree in the medical field at Moorhead Tech. She loves to learn new things. "You never stop learning."

Morgan's dream is to travel the world, but for here and now, she looks forward to meeting you in person. Please take a moment to welcome her. You can stop by and introduce yourself to her almost any weekday morning from 8:00 a.m. until noon.



MAY MISSION FOCUS

Access to transportation is a major factor in getting out of homelessness or making homelessness more comfortable. For example, getting to social services, traveling to work or seeing a doctor can be much harder or even impossible without public transit.









So for the month of May, the Mission & Outreach Committee has decided to collect bus passes! The cost of an adult ticket is \$1.50 (75 cents for elderly, disabled and youth) or \$5.00 for a day pass. We have a goal of collecting 500 bus passes to help support the 950 homeless people in the F - M area.

You can purchase bus passes at the MAT Bus office located at 650 23rd St. North in Fargo or make a contribution at the church and a Mission & Outreach Committee member will happily do the purchasing of tickets for you!

**The June Community Call
deadline is Saturday, May 20**



MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>Head Ushers:</div> <div>May: Peihls 7th & 21st</div> <div>Meesters 14th & 28th</div> <div>June: Jack Smith</div> </div>	1 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	2	3 Christian Education 6:00 p.m.	4 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m. Worship Com 6:00 p.m.	5	6 PaintingDay 8:30 a.m. 
7 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	8 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	9 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Mission & Outreach Com. 6:00 p.m.	10 Churches United Service 5:00 p.m.  Trustees 7:00 p.m.	11 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m. Stewardship Com. 7:00 p.m.	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	15 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	16 Personnel Com. 6:00 p.m.	17 Session 6:00 p.m.	18 PW Cards 1 p.m.	19 Fargo Marathon Aid 5:00 p.m. 	20 Newsletter due Today!!! Fargo Marathon 
21 Last Day of Sunday School Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	22 Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	23	24 Prayer 9:30 a.m. All Church Family Game  Night 5:30 p.m.	25 PW Cards 1 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	26	27
28  Pentecost Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	29 Memorial Day	30	31	<div> <div>June newsletter deadline: May 20</div> <div>Non-church scheduled events:</div> <div>Monday evenings – TOPS</div> <div>Saturday & Sunday p.m. – HOREMOW</div> </div>		

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> 1st _____ OR 16th _____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u> 1st AND 16th _____
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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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

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

Christian Education

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Melanie Hansen

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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

Service & Fellowship

TBD, Liaison
Linda Bishop Mary Jo Moorhead
Carolyn Meester

Stewardship

Yvonne Hummel, Liaison
Kevin Galt Andrew Thostenson
Carolyn Meester

Worship

TBD, Liaison Mary Jo Moorhead
Emma Broe Patricia Smith



**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: Vacant

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

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