

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## CONCRETE & CRANES VBS

Grab your hard hat and tool belt and come to Community Presbyterian Church to build something that will last an eternity! In 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 our faith in Jesus!

Listed below are ways to donate your time or talent. Please let us know right away how you can help for even one day. Sign-up is in the narthex.

- Crew leaders for small groups
- Opening & closing Drama builders
- Jackhammer Music leader—FILLED by Kevin Galt
- Puppet help for Bonnie Thompson
- Bible Blueprint teachers and helpers
- Wrecking Ball Rec leaders & helpers
- Bulldozer Crafts leaders—FILLED by Boots & Cheryl Montgomery
- Photographer(s)
- Food servers
- Decorators
- Folks that just want to join in the building and share the fun

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

## DON'T FORGET

During the summer months our worship services will be held Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



## PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



Greetings! To those who are reading this newsletter: "Know that you are dearly loved by God and called to be God's people. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 1:7 CEB

Remember when we were complaining that spring would not arrive? Not only has spring arrived, so has summer – complete with HOT weather. Have you noticed that it takes a while for us to settle into different seasons?

On the positive side, there are some exciting things happening.

The garden at the back of our church has been expanded so we can plant more food and flowers! Stop by to watch the progress. As our garden grows, we will share the food and flowers with members and people around us. We will also give food to

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the Emergency Food Pantry.

My husband, Paul Campbell, and I set up a labyrinth on the south side of our building. If you have not stopped to see it, please save a little time to check it out. It is available any time to anyone. We are working on getting a sign so it is easier for all to see it.

There are three steps that can help you walk the labyrinth.

1. Take a few deep breaths, and say a prayer as you enter the labyrinth. While you are walking in the labyrinth, quiet your mind, focus on a concern, pray for others, or sing a song.

If there are several people walking at the same time, just remember to be mindful of others. One of the things you can do is to step aside and let others go around if they seem to be walking faster than you are.

2. When you get to the center, pause, stay as long as you want, appreciate the peacefulness, listen to the birds, the wind, and other items that catch your attention.
3. When you are ready, you return on the same path that you entered. It is a time to reflect your experience. If you like to keep a journal, sit in the grass or on the sidewalk as you write or draw your thoughts.

By the way, there is not a 'right' or 'wrong' way to walk the labyrinth. If you have children or grandchildren, bring them out to the labyrinth, so they can experiment with ways to spend time with God. Sometimes they run on the labyrinth or they sit down to think about what they experienced.

You may have noticed that we are including both July and August in this newsletter. Rev. Donna Monteith will be

preaching on July 3 as I will be returning from my adventure as a Commissioner for the 225th General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. I am sure you will hear stories when I return!

During these two months we will be getting to know the Old Testament. Starting July 10, we will begin to learn, or relearn, about Amos. We will also be participating in communion during worship on July 10th.

We will spend two weeks learning about Hosea and two weeks learning about Isaiah. The last two weeks of August and the first week of September will focus on Jeremiah.

Enjoy your summer and make room for God!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Cathie

### **OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY**

If you are a gardener, you may be able to help by sharing your vegetable harvest. Veggies for the Pantry will park in our parking lot Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until the first frost. They will accept donations of surplus garden produce from you and others in the area for the F-M Emergency Food Pantry who will share with people who are in need and normally do not receive fresh produce. CPC itself will be contributing by sharing produce from its backyard garden.

Veggies for the Pantry is also interested in volunteers who will sit in the CPC lot Monday nights and collect garden produce from those who wish to share. Please let Pastor Cathie know if this is something you wish to do.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing your surplus garden produce with the hungry in our community.



## JUNE CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Laurie Elhard, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, Adam Montgomery, Cheryl Montgomery and Gayle Thostenson. Melissa Engebretson was present via Zoom. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Treasurer - Carolyn Meester was absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Cathie Bishop.

### Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of May 18, 2022
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, July 20, 2022
- c. Moderator's report:
  - May 19 - Articles for newsletter turned in to Gayle.
  - May 20 - Loaded trucks for the Fargo Marathon and enjoyed food together.
  - May 25 - Provided worship service for residents at St. Catherine's (formerly Rosewood) on north Broadway.
  - May 26 - attended Deacon's meeting.
  - May 29 - Participated in serving dinner at Salvation Army.
  - June 1 - attended Christian Ed meeting.
  - June 2 - participated in PC-BIZ Training for preparation for the GA that I will be attending June 20-July 3, as well as ZOOM meetings for Plenary from July 5-9.
  - June 5-11 - signed up and vacuumed hallway, conference room, and nursery, and dusted window sills including sills in sanctuary. I will continue this every other week of the summer.
  - June 5 - Paul Campbell and I created a labyrinth on the south lawn. We will mow it as needed. It is available for all CPC folks and friends.

- June 7 - Zoom meeting for committee: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- June 9 and June 12 - helped to put up chicken wire for garden (with Paul Campbell).
- June 14 - visited Shelly Van Cleve.
- June 22 - moderated Session.
- Worship preparation and CPC worship services: May 22 and 29; June 5, including communion, and June 12.

- d. Clerk's report -  
45 served communion on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

The elders to help serve communion on July 10, 2022 will be Laurie Elhard, Cheryl Montgomery, and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Worship Committee will be using part of the storage classroom to store their worship supplies.

Consolidated Communications will install the new phone lines on Friday, June 17.

Cheryl Montgomery suggested that the squishy cushions on the burgundy chairs in the narthex be replaced. Thank you to the Presbyterian Men's group for funding this project.

Discussion was held regarding the printing of t-shirts that could be worn at community events to advertise CPC and our worship services. Watch for the opportunity to get yours!

### Committee reports:

Christian Ed.: VBS postcards will be sent to members and the surrounding neighborhood in the next couple of weeks.

- Kevin Galt

Deacons: Spring care packages have been delivered. The Deacon's lists and the directory lists were reviewed to ensure that all members and friends are cared for properly.

- Gayle Thostenson

Mission and Outreach: We collected diapers and wipes for Churches United for

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the month of June. We will be continuing diaper collection in July and focusing on Bdecean in August.

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (as a subcommittee of Mission Com.) is planning the first speaker for October focusing on Autism.

- Carrie Leopold

Personnel: Pastor Cathie has the honor of serving as a commissioner with the PCUSA's General Assembly's ministry agenda. She will be out of the office June 29 - July 3. During this time, Deacons will provide spiritual care, as necessary; the Rev. Donna Monteith will provide pulpit supply for Sunday, July 3, and Communion has been moved to Sunday, July 10. We wish Pastor Cathie safe travels, productive discussion, and best wishes for her work with colleagues of the ministry.

- Adam Montgomery

Service and Fellowship: The service groups have been going well for this first portion of the year. We are hopeful they will continue into the second portion of the year. With the approval from Session, we are moving forward with our vendor show on October 8th and are looking for vendors. We will be sending an email out to the congregation to see if there is interest in filling a table before we open it up to others.

- Melissa Engebretson

Worship: Soundboard update: Adam Montgomery and Duane Broe have agreed to be trained on the soundboard. A time will be scheduled with Andrew Thostenson and Kevin Galt to train them. Kevin and Andrew have created step by step instructions that will help out when needed. The committee will continue to have Emma Broe work on coordinating this effort.

Summer Outdoor Worship Service: The committee would like to recommend the following: July 24th – possible food truck and Sept 11th – Rally Sunday – with picnic. The worship committee is willing to take on responsibilities to cre-

ate sign-up sheets for the tasks that need to be completed for each outdoor service.

More appreciation celebrations to be scheduled for this fall. The groups that will be focused on are the Communion Prep Team, liturgists, and ushers.

The Communion Prep Committee is looking for interested volunteers. The more volunteers there are the less time commitment there is for each member.

- Laurie Elhard

Trustees: The sump pump pipes have been repaired. A recirculating pump went out and will be replaced. The garden was tilled by Kevin Galt.

- Bob Kozojed

No reports: Nominating and Stewardship committees.

Meeting closed with devotions and prayer by Carrie Leopold at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky DeJong

**SUMMER PEACHES**

Red River Youth for Christ (RRYC) is once again planning to sell their fresh Georgia and Colorado peaches in late June through August. Pears and nectarines will be made available in late August.



RRYFC offers fruit as a fundraiser to help support its ministry to at-risk youth in the F-M area. Their mission is to love and bring hope to teens by serving weekly meals to hungry students, providing programming within our regional juvenile center, mentoring and equipping teen moms, providing safe, healthy, and life-giving relationships, and so much more. YOU make all this possible. When you buy fruit, the lives of young people in our community are impacted and changed forever.

To order online or download a peach flyer, go to <https://redriveryfc.square.site/>

Peach flyers can also be found on the small table in the narthex.

**JULY DATES TO REMEMBER****BIRTHDAYS**

7-2 Bob Kozojed  
 7-4 Carly Hager  
 7-8 Curtis Hemm  
 Dolores Meyer  
 7-13 Grace Elizabeth Hager  
 7-16 Cami Birrenkott  
 7-17 Hudson Babb  
 Marj Meester  
 Courtney Misheski  
 7-19 Boots Misheski  
 7-20 Don Rehling  
 7-22 Tammy Bahls  
 7-30 Yvonne Hummel

**ANNIVERSARIES**

7-17-04 Joe and Melissa Eiter  
 7-20-68 Dave and Gloria Ruhnke  
 7-29-06 Brian and Heidi Babb  
 7-30-11 Zachary and Elizabeth Strand

**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., played at North Softball Complex at 6063 45th St N, Fargo. Spectators are always welcome.

Date	Time	Place (Away/Opponent/Home)
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/>

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Liturgists, "slide flippers," and head ushers, We are in need of your help in conducting summer/fall worship services. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship. To sign up go to the CPC bulletin board or contact Melissa Engebretson at [melissa-v32@mnjd.org](mailto:melissa-v32@mnjd.org).

**AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER****BIRTHDAYS**

8-1 Gayle Thostenson  
 8-7 Brandon Witt  
 8-9 Donna Jenner  
 8-11 David Hemm  
 8-14 Chuck Thompson  
 8-15 Maverick Engebretson  
 Hunter Hauge  
 Carol Sterup  
 8-18 Dixie Smith  
 8-25 Leo Montgomery  
 8-27 Phyllis Hofsommer  
 Colton Misheski  
 8-28 Stephani Krueger  
 8-30 Erica Truhlicka  
 8-31 Nancy Kassman  
 Lisa Steffen

**ANNIVERSARIES**

8-9-14 Brandon and Kayla Hauge  
 8-18-73 Bob and Susan Gross  
 8-20-66 Rae and Edsel Kercher  
 8-31-96 Brian and Laurie Elhard

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SCHEDULED**

Summer is officially here! Two dates have been set to hold outdoor worship services (of course weather permitting). The first will be on Sunday, July 24th, at 9:30 a.m. on the church lawn. Everyone is encouraged to bring a comfortable chair or a blanket to sit on. However, if you forget, extras will be available. To have an outdoor service it takes a bit more work, make sure if you can help set up or take down to sign up on the bulletin board or contact Laurie Elhard.

The second will be on Rally Sunday, September 12th, at 10:00 a.m. with a picnic to follow. Make sure to mark your calendars for both services. It is always wonderful to praise God out in nature.

## S-W-O-M IS BACK!



Churches United for the Homeless is once again open for volunteers to serve meals, and they need CPC back to help them get on track. That's right, **SWOMies**, the CPC volunteers who served meals at Churches United for the Homeless every **S**econd **W**ednesday **O**dd **M**onths, you are needed as much as ever! Our summer day of service is Wednesday, July 13, at 4:00 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 Dixon Moorhead or Pastor Cathie



## SALVATION ARMY SERVICE

Every fifth Sunday, CPC is responsible for serving meals at the Salvation Army on 304 Roberts St in Fargo. This has continued to be a joyful service even throughout the pandemic. The Salvation Army and their patrons are always so grateful for our help.

The current guidelines have us serving food from behind the warming tables with clean-up duties of wiping down tables and chairs following the meal. Sweeping up afterwards is always encouraged.

The next service time is Sunday, July 31. Come join us.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

Thursday, August 11, 2022  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Gooseberry Park ([map](#))



The Churches United Annual Community Picnic will take place on Thursday, August 11, 2022, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the large shelter at Gooseberry Park in Moorhead. The event is free and includes food, live music, yard games and more! This event is open to the public and anyone for an evening of family fun!

## SUMMER MISSION FOCUS



Thank you to all who have donated to our June Mission Focus of diapers and wipes for Churches United. The items will be taken to the shelter on July 5th. Because the need for diapers and wipes is so great, we will continue the collection through July, to be delivered to the shelter in early August. Diapers are needed in sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6. Wipes and diapers are welcome in any size package, as they are divided up and given out in zipper plastic bags. If you prefer, Donna Monteith and Boots Misheski are willing to take your money and shop for you. Let's keep those little bottoms clean and dry!

Our August Mission Focus will be Bdecan Presbyterian Church, in Tokio ND, on the Spirit Lake Reservation. We will again be collecting money to purchase winter outerwear for school-age children. They are unable to ride the bus to school or go out for recess if they don't have suitable attire. We would like to dress 20 children, at an estimated cost of \$100 per child. Envelopes will be available again this year, with suggested donations of \$5 each for mittens, caps and scarves; \$20 for a pair of snow pants; \$25 for a coat; and \$40 for a pair of boots. Clothes will be ordered in appropriate sizes and distributed to the local children in early November.

Additionally, if you have warm winter clothes that your children or grandchildren have outgrown but are still usable, contact Donna Monteith or Mary Jo Moorhead, who are part of the Bdecan Ministry Team of Presbytery and will see that the items get delivered.

For more information about the Bdecan church, you can go to its website at <https://www.bdecanpresbyterianchurch.org/>

For more information about Churches United for the Homeless, you can visit <https://www.churches-united.org/>



## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

5/31/2022

General Operating budget  
2022: \$144,805.00  
Monthly needed to meet  
budget: \$ 12,067.00

Total Giving May \$ 11,436.00  
Total Expenses May \$ 10,518.80

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 assessment for 2022 is \$6,912.00. To date, \$1,824.00 has been designated for per capita.

Let us "spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Let us continue to encourage each other, even if times are tough. We do not trust in one who is unreliable; we trust in the one who is faithful. Let us continue to be encouraged and to encourage one another in the Lord.

## 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.

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



## CLEANING REQUEST

Everyone, please help keep CPC clean for a short time between custodial services. Sign up for one (or two) jobs on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

## VENDORS WANTED FOR UPCOMING CPC VENDOR SHOW



## AND YOU GET THE FIRST CHANCE AT A BOOTH!

The Service and Fellowship Committee is excited to announce the premier of the CPC Vendor Show on Saturday, October 8, 2022!

We are looking for vendors to fill spots on that day, and we want to open it up to our congregation before we fill the spots with other vendors. If you have interest in having a booth, please contact the Service and Fellowship Committee by July 15. Registration form is on page 8. Booth space is limited.

Melissa Engebretson (Liaison) -  
PH: 701-866-8767,  
Email: [melissav32@mnjd.org](mailto:melissav32@mnjd.org)  
Linda Bishop - PH: 701-200-1818,  
Email: [lindabishop@far.midco.net](mailto:lindabishop@far.midco.net)  
Carolyn Meester - PH: 701-793-3245,  
Email: [cjmeester@msn.com](mailto:cjmeester@msn.com)  
Cheryl Montgomery - PH: 701-367-8037,  
Email: [cheryl825@hotmail.com](mailto:cheryl825@hotmail.com)  
Vicki Peihl - PH: 701-361-1339,  
Email: [vrpeihl@gmail.com](mailto:vrpeihl@gmail.com)

## SUMMER SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP



July 3	Galatians 6:1-16 with featured speaker Rev. Donna Monteith
July 10	Amos 7:7-17
July 17	Amos 8:2-12
July 24	Hosea 1:1-11
July 31	Hosea 11:1-11
Aug 7	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Aug 14	Isaiah 5:1-7
Aug 21	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Aug 28	Jeremiah 2:4-13
Sept 4	Jeremiah 18:1-11

**September's  
Community Call  
deadline will be  
Thursday, August 18**



**Community Presbyterian Church  
Vendor Show  
Saturday, October 8, 2022  
10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Vendor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(We welcome one vendor in each category)

**Consultant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release and forever discharge Community Presbyterian Church from any responsibility, claims, loss, or damage while at the show.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$20.00 Booth Fee** 10' x 10' space includes one 8' table and 2 chairs

**PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION NO LATER THAN  
JULY 15, 2022  
Before we open it up to all local vendors**

Checks made payable to Community Presbyterian Church or call for Venmo instructions  
702 Sheyenne Street  
West Fargo, ND 58078  
(701) 282-4135  
[office@cpcwf.org](mailto:office@cpcwf.org)  
Attn: Cheryl

**Set up & Breakdown:**

Vendor set up is between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday Morning. Do not mount, tape, or nail anything on walls. Show is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Breakdown time begins at 5 p.m. and not beforehand.



## 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 <sup>st</sup> _____ OR 16 <sup>th</sup> _____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u>  1 <sup>st</sup> AND 16 <sup>th</sup> _____
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**Please print the following:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

\_\_\_\_\_

Account Number:

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West Fargo, ND 58078

(A confirmation will be sent to you)

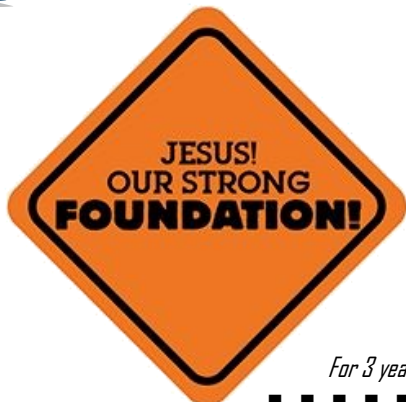
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**Forms accepted at any time**

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

Fill out the form below, cut it out, fold it in half, tape it, stamp it, and post it or drop it at the church office to register your child for VBS!

Please register by July 2nd



## Concrete & Cranes

Community Presbyterian Church

Vacation

Bible School

July 17 - 19

Dinner 5:40 p.m.

Activities 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

*For 3 year-olds through 5th grade grads*



### Registration Form

Name(s) and age(s)/ *completed* grade(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

All are welcome to dine with us. Please note below how many of you shall join us for dinner.

Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Mon \_\_\_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_\_\_

Will someone besides parents pick up VBS participants?

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special concerns?

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to know more about this church.





Place  
Stamp  
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**Attn: Melanie Hansen  
OR Gayle Thostenson  
Community Presbyterian Church  
702 Sheyenne St.  
West Fargo, ND 58078**