

COMMUNITY CALL

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WATCH FOR NEW TIMES AND RALLY SUNDAY!

Beginning on Sunday, September 8, Sunday School for ages three years and older will recommence at 9 a.m.,

followed by worship at 10 a.m.

Make a morning of it! Fun and fellowship. Join the kids for a fun group activity or attend adult Sunday School.

Kids/Youth, bring your backpacks. You will have the opportunity to make a personalized backpack tag. Plus, Pastor Cathie will be on hand to ask for God's blessings for the backpacks and those who use them.



WEST FEST IS SEPTEMBER 21

West Fest is just around the corner (Saturday, September 21st). As in the recent past, we would like to share with the community. We will be hosting a food stand in the parking lot free of charge. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Churches United for the Homeless.

Will you help us? Sign up to donate or volunteer on the West Fest sheet in the narthex.

For more information, to donate, or volunteer, contact Steve Hanna (701-793-5109).

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Philemon 3

Do you ever wonder what happens to time? It amazes me when I think about the changes in seasons. September is right around the corner. School has started for our children. It is already darker in the morning and earlier in the evening.

All through the changes in seasons, lightness and darkness and everyday living, we have something constant that we share: God is with us each and every day whether it is summer or fall or winter or spring. This is a good time to ponder our gratitude and spend extra time with God.

I am grateful for my grown children and my grandchildren. My granddaughter, Gabriella, started her senior

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year of high school. Seems like yesterday that she was 2 years old and became my son and daughter-in-law's little girl. Now she is looking at what is next after high school.

Our life with our ups and downs continues until we are called home to God. Sometimes we live to be 100+, and other times our family and friends leave this earth before we are ready to let them go. My nephew, Nathan Hoag, was called home through an unexpected accident. It has been awesome and encouraging to see people join together for the family.



When we see people coming together for one another, we rejoice. Jesus taught us to be there for one another. In our own world, there is so much negativity, even among those who call themselves Christians. It seems that we have lost track of what it means to care for one another.

We all need to take a good look at our own behavior, and how we treat others. A question for all of us is: are we truly living our lives the way Jesus taught his disciples and us? May we remember that life is precious. None of us know when our time will come.

So, where do you go from here? It is too easy to get busy with our activities and forget that we are God's own, which means we are called to care for others. Take some time after you read the newsletter and seriously ponder what it might be like for others when it is your time to be called home to Jesus. Are there things you might regret? Or things you haven't done, but still want to do?

How do you want to be remembered by your friends and family? Like someone who didn't have time for others? Or like

a person who cared for others, who took time to spend with others?

What matters most to you? Do your actions reflect what you think matters most?

Time goes by quickly, more quickly than we realize. Spend time with God, and listen to the answers.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

Philemon 25

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

TIME TO DONATE BLOOD



Monday, September 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CPC will be sponsoring a Blood Drive. Please sign up in the narthex to ensure that we all can give and that you can save your spot.

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP



- Sept 1: Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel of Luke 14:1, 7-14
- Sept 8: Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6
Philemon 1-21
Gospel of Luke 14:25-33
- Sept 15: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14: 1-7
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel of Luke:15:1-10
- Sept 22: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel of Luke 16:1-13
- Sept 29: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel of Luke 16:19-31

AUGUST CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lise Alves, Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Mike Misheski, Adam Montgomery, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Chad Nelson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. For the purposes of discussing the City of West Fargo's Sheyenne Street and 7th Avenue intersection remodeling project, Moore Engineering's Pat Downs and Dillon Dunn as well as Trustees Larry Peihl and Greg Sterup were in attendance. Dixon Moorhead was also present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Carolyn Meester.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of July 17, 2019
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, September 18, 2019
- c. Fa-La-La - Sunday, December 8 - 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the narthex
- d. Moderator's report -
 - Prepared items for August newsletter.
 - Summer Lunch Program from June 3 through August 16. Served 483 meals in June, 351 meals in July, and 187 in August for a total of: 1,021 meals served. In addition, CPC provided weekend meal packets to children: 117 in June, 76 in July, and 78 in August for a total of: 271 Backpacks. Assisted with SLP food transfer, set up, and clean up personally on Thursday, July 18, Friday, July 19, Wednesday, July 24, Friday, July 26, Wednesday, July 31, Tuesday, August 6, Wednesday, August 7, Wednesday, August 14, and Friday, August 16 (9).
 - Met with Keith and Jessica regarding baptism of their daughter Maevis Sebelius.

- Met with Kenya Committee at CPC.
- Officiated at funeral for Henry (Hank) Yokom.
- Watered CPC Garden.
- Met with the family of Nathan Hoag at West Funeral Home; officiated at Nathan's funeral on Thursday, August 1, at West Funeral Home.
- Visited with family (who stopped by CPC when they were in town) of Larry Glover, former pastor at CPC from 1957-1961.
- Mary and Cathie updated the phone message for leaving messages on 101 and 102.
- Moderated Session at East Grand Forks Mendenhall church.
- Attended Mission Committee meeting.
- Provided worship for residents at Park View in Moorhead, MN.
- Visited Michelle Jenner at Rosewood.
- Met with Jackie from Sherwin Williams and representatives from Worship and Building/Grounds committees.
- Met with Worship and Building/Grounds.
- Opened church at 7:00 a.m. for painters.
- Visited Open Door in Fargo with Bonnie Thompson on behalf of the Mission Committee.
- Met with Kristi and Kevin regarding December wedding.
- Attended meeting at First Presbyterian Church Fargo regarding Kenya Trip in January 2020.
- Met with Christian Education Committee and moderated Session.
- e. Clerk's report -
 - i. 45 served communion on Sunday, August 4, 2019.
 - ii. Maevis Dalea Sebelius was baptized on July 21, 2019. Her parents are Keith and Jessica Sebelius.

Dixon Moorhead and Steve Hanna will organize the Angel Tree project this year. Be watching for ways to help.

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on Sunday, September 1, 2019, will be Laurie Elhard and Bob Kozojed.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

An advertising sign will be placed in the parking lot two weeks before the Fall Bazaar which is on September 28-29.

Our Facebook page is up and running. If you have any activities or CPC news that you would like to be on the website please get the information to Courtney or Mike Misheski.

The Crop Walk will be held on October 6. Walk to help stop hunger.

There will a brat and food stand, headed by Steve Hanna, in the parking lot during West Fest on Saturday, September 21.

Christian Education Committee: Rally Sunday will be September 8. The kids will make backpack tags. The back-backs will be blessed and sent with their owners on this year's school journey. A high school Sunday school teacher is needed. Please consider this opportunity!

Mission Committee: The Emergency Food Pantry will be the mission focus for August. PATH will be the mission focus for September.

Trustees: The sanctuary walls have been cleaned and re-painted. Please donate to this project.

Worship Committee: Advent is coming.

December 11 – 7:00 p.m. –
Blue Christmas Service
December 24 – 6:30 p.m. –
Christmas Eve Service
December 25 – 10:00 a.m. –
Christmas Service

No reports: Deacons, Nominating, Personnel, Service and Fellowship, Stewardship committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
2019 BAZAAR**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Coffee & Lunch

Sloppy Joes, Chips, Dessert

MORNING COFFEE & GOODIES: \$2

LUNCH: \$5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

downstairs following worship

Sloppy Joes, Chips, Dessert

with Free Will Offering

Bazaar Sale Items

Sign-up sheets for food and workers are posted on the bulletin board

Please price craft and edible items donated for sale and bring them Friday evening.



**CROP
HUNGER
WALK**

Sunday, October 6

Location:

First Congregational UCC

406 S 8th St

Moorhead MN 56560

Registration Time:

1:00 PM

Walk Distance:

5 km

Contact:

Rev. David Cassidy-Maloney

mrmetta57@gmail.com

More information will be posted soon at
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/fargond/>

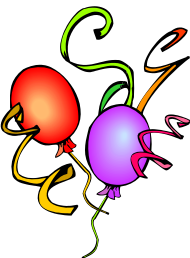
SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 9-1 Andrea Corneliussen
- 9-3 Ava Hauge
- 9-6 Bruce Steele
- 9-12 Preston Elhard
- 9-13 Ann Chale
Parker Nelson
- 9-16 Dale Matzke
Vicky Whitcomb
- 9-17 Lee Dobrinz
- 9-19 Lakken Krueger
Debbie Matzke
- 9-23 Uneva Dobrinz
- 9-25 Joan Hall
Louise Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9-9-78 Larry and Linda Bishop
- 9-18-54 Dale and Gail Matzke
- 9-25-93 Brent and Carolyn Talley
- 9-26-97 Derek and Carrie Leopold
- 9-27-14 Reed and Brittany Montgomery
- 9-29-79 Veril and Dawn Larson



VEGGIES FOR THE PANTRY



Bring your excess garden produce to one of the following locations, and Extension Master Gardener will deliver your fruits and vegetables to the Fargo Emergency Food Pantry and Moorhead Dorothy Day House for you!

Drop Off Locations:

Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St W, West Fargo

Longfellow Recycle Parking Lot
2939 Elm St. N., Fargo

Maplewood Park
1504 17th Ave. S., West Fargo

The Bowler
2630 University Dr. S., Fargo

Trinity Lutheran Church
8th St and 3rd Ave corner
Moorhead

Drop offs will occur every Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., until the first frost.

If you have questions, please contact
veggies4thepantry2019@gmail.com

MISSION FOCUS



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

For more than 15 years, PATH has provided evidenced-based services and supports to children and families in North Dakota: Case Management, Assessments, Treatment planning and coordination, Relief care, Parent-to-parent mentoring, 24-hour availability, Crisis planning and intervention, Emergency beds, Community-based resource planning, Family reunification, and Specialized adoption.

The agency is licensed as a child placing agency by the North Dakota Department of Human Services and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. All PATH programs are accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Services to Children and Families (COA).

PATH ND offers a continuum of in-home and community-based services to help kids and families throughout North Dakota and Idaho. Programming includes Treatment Foster Care (TFC); Family Support and Family-Based Services (FS); Transition and Assessment Program (TAP); Family & Individual Resolution-Focused Services & Treatment (FIRST); Independent Living; Adults Adopting Special Kids; High-Fidelity Wraparound; Community-Assisted Recovery Environment (CARE); Supervised Alternative Family Environment (SAFE); Case Aide and Parent Support (CAPS); Adoption; Long-Term Foster Care; Guardianship; Continuing Education and Job Training (CEJT); Foster Care; Special Needs Foster Care; Assessment; and Shelter Care; and Counseling.

For more information about PATH, go to:
<https://www.nexus-yfs.org/sites/path/index>

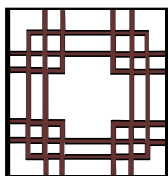
For more information about how you can help CPC contribute to PATH, watch upcoming weekly reminders and announcements.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENCES



Beginning September 11, all are welcome to join us as Bonnie Thompson leads a study on Jesus' sermon on the mount. Known as one of His best sermons and set in the beginning of His public ministry, it is Jesus' description of what He wanted His followers to be and do.

Join us each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. to study these beautiful words.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY

Praying with Power is our Bible study which we will resume on Wednesday, October 2. September is just too busy for everyone as we get back into a regular routine.

Our next lesson talks about how overloaded we become trying to remember appointments, dates, passwords, phone numbers, and supplies to be purchased. If you are like most people, you have a list of things to do and things to buy. This lesson talks about keeping a spiritual journal. So for the month of September, take a few minutes to write a letter to God each week. Pour out your stress to Him and thank Him for all He has given you. Let this help you get settled back into the fall schedule. See you at 6:00 p.m. October 2 at the church. Bring a dish to share!

CANTATA PRACTICE BEGINS!



Christmas cantata practice will begin Monday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. Dawn Larson will lead the choir, and will offer separate parts sessions for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass throughout the season if requested.

"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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TO STUDY THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS



This C.S. Lewis book, in 97 pages, chronicles letters between two devils. They discuss the best ways to corrupt a person and how to turn that person against the church. Of course, it is make-believe, but the scenarios, the nature of man, and the methodical and diabolical ways of the devils are quite real. *The Screwtape Letters* are widely available in bookstores, on Amazon, and free on the World Wide Web. A pdf copy is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/screwtape-lewis>

We will spend the first 10 to 15 minutes of class watching a video lecture discussing the letter of the day. (There are 31 letters in all.) Then we will spend the next 30 minutes of class discussing the main themes of that letter. During September we will tackle Letters 1, 2, and 3. In October we will cover 4, 5, 6, and 7.

But wait, let's say you can only pop into Adult Sunday School from time to time, and you may not know where we are at. No problem. That is why we will watch a small video on each letter to keep everyone on the same track. My best advice, to fully enjoy this exploration, is to be in the conference room by 9:03 a.m., because then we will roll the clip. Join us for something "completely different."

For more information on Adult Sunday School, contact Andrew Thostenson by phone at 701-492-0630 or via e-mail at atgtet@far.midco.net



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 *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Ann Gamble.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

7-31-2019



General Operating budget
2019: \$149,928.50
Weekly funds needed to meet
budget: \$2,883.24

Actual giving to date \$ 69,314.92
Actual expenses to date \$ 76,379.93
Net income to date \$ -7,065.01

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 December.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER(S) NEEDED

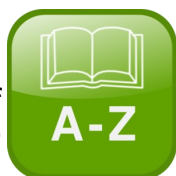
CPC has been blessed with many volunteers who share the duties of teaching classes. Andrew Thostenson will be leading the adult class in a study of C. S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. Gayle Thostenson will be leading the middle school students in a study of Bible Basics. Elementary students will use the "13 Very" series of Bible Stories, and Melissa Engebretson will teach the preschoolers.

As you may have noticed, specific needs this year are for elementary and high school teachers.

Please See Melanie Hansen if you are able to help.

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.

BUILDING PAINTING COMPLETED



The sanctuary painting project has been completed! The project was finished in a faster time frame than we anticipated, which means we get to enjoy the new look now. The cost of the project was \$3,900, which included cleaning the soot from the walls, applying primer and two coats of paint.

A special fund will be set up for individuals who would like to make a donation towards the cost of this project. If you were planning on making a donation, don't worry, you still can. To make a donation, please make out your checks to Community Presbyterian Church or fill out a pew envelope clearly indicating it is for "Painting."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Bob Kozojed, Trustee Liaison, or Laurie Elhard, Worship Committee Liaison.

DEACONS

If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, contact the Deacons.



If anyone in the congregation would like home communion service, please contact Lise Alves.

Linda Bishop	[H] 701-282-8515
	[C] 701-200-1818
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Dixon Moorhead	[H] 701-277-1414
	[C] 701-200-9709
Gayle Thostenson	[H] 701-492-0630
Vicky Whitcomb	[H] 701-282-9292
	[C] 701-809-2483

Lise Alves, Session Liaison
701-412-8689

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