

COMMUNITY CALL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL, WORSHIP, PUPPETS, PIE, AND ICE CREAM

You won't want to miss this! It's for everyone. Come alone or bring your family and join us for a morning of fun, fellowship, and worship on Sunday, September 12th. Sunday School for ages three and older will start at 9:00 a.m. Join the kids for music and a fun group activity or attend adult Sunday School.

Watch for puppets. At 10:00 a.m., the worship service will begin. Pie and ice cream will be shared following the service.

Can't wait to see you then!

THE RACE IS ON

The Fargo Marathon is set to take place on Saturday, September 25, and CPC is gearing up to help. Our location this year will be new along with our venue. But, we'll still need the willing volunteers to provide our traditional CPC hospitality.



Here are the details:

Location—Homestead Park by Toll Bridge Moorhead

Venue—Beginning of Half Marathon

Set-up—Show up at 6:30 a.m.

We'll fill cups to hand out.

Runners will arrive by 7:45 a.m.

Finish Line—Our work should be done by 9:00 a.m.

Sign up in the church narthex.

For more information, see Bob Kozojed.

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"My brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy."

James 1:2 (New Living Translation)

September. Yes, you read this right! Remember we live in what is called the 4-Seasons. September brings a change, not only of weather, but also with our lives.

Summer is waning. It has been a summer of drought. Our lawns have been dormant and our gardens struggle. The words best describing this summer are HOT and busy. CPC reached out into our neighborhood to provide lunch for the children from June 3 through August 20. We have worked with Master Gardeners to revitalize our garden which has already provided fresh vegetables for the children with their sack lunches.

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As our summer turns to fall, we notice changes. The days are already shortening. The activities of summer are changing for our children as they return to school. Teachers are already preparing for the new school year. Evenings are cooler; before the end of September, we will be seeking our sweaters and light jackets.

Changes are often experienced as 'troubles.' For some, change is difficult. Many experience change as welcome, and for others whether change is difficult or welcome, depends on how the change impacts us personally.

Stop and take time to ponder how you experience change and consider what is good change and what is not-so-good change for you. Look for the opportunities God gives you during this time of change.

We will experience changes at Community Presbyterian Church this fall. The first changes will be September 12 when Sunday School for all ages starts, and our worship time moves to 10:00 a.m. In addition, pay attention for some changes in our service. Hint: Kevin Galt will be introducing us to new music experiences! Our combined Bell Choir (CPC & Faith Journey Lutheran Church) will begin practice at CPC on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Have you ever thought it would be fun to play bells? Join us at practice!

In August, we centered on the book of Ephesians. We will concentrate on the book of James starting in September. You will find the themes of James include challenges for us in our daily lives as Christians.

Our Service and Fellowship Committee has been working hard this summer to reinvigorate our time after services and

finding more ways to connect with one another.

More changes around the church: Have you noticed the QR Codes that have been placed in the pews to give us more options to make tithing simple, fast, and efficient?

Another change brings us an opportunity to help at the Fargo Half Marathon on Saturday, September 25. The CPC aide station will be located by Homestead Park in Moorhead. Watch for more information!

Community Presbyterian Church is ready for fall! Bring the children to Sunday School. Stay and watch the fun or join the adult class upstairs in the conference room. We look forward to seeing you in worship. Bring a friend. Stay for coffee and goodies in the narthex after the service. Let's make this an opportunity for joy together!

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. Emergency Food 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 so it is available to people who normally do not receive fresh produce.

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

For more information on The Emergency Food Pantry, go to:

<https://www.emergencyfoodpantry.com/>

AUGUST CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lee Dobrinz, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, Adam Montgomery, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Melissa Engebretson was present via Zoom.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Melissa Engebretson.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of July 21, 2021
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, September 15, 2021
- c. Fa-La-La - Sunday, December 5, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the narthex
- d. Moderator's report:
 - Sent in newsletter articles by the deadline of July 22, 2021.
 - From July 22 through August 2 visited with Carol Duggan and her daughters, Michelle and Sherri, five times.
 - After church from July 25 through July 28, 2021, Paul and I 'ran away' for a short respite.
 - July 29 - Attended Pastor Gathering at First Presbyterian Church of Fargo.
 - August 2 - Moderated Mendenhall Session meeting.
 - August 4 - participated in Christian Education Committee meeting.
 - August 5 - Day off for medical procedure.
 - August 6 - Funeral for Carol Duggan, including graveside burial in Page, ND.
 - August 8-10 - Helper for Vacation Bible School.
 - August 11 - Participated in Worship Committee discussion.
 - August 18 - Stewardship Committee meeting at 5:45 p.m. and Session meeting at 7:00 p.m.

- Preparation and Worship Services: July 18, July 25, August 1 with communion, August 8, and August 15.
- Helped daily with summer food program July 22 through August 18.

f. Clerk's report

- ◊ 41 served communion on Sunday, August 1, 2021.
- ◊ Carol Duggan died on August 2, 2021. Her funeral was held on August 6, 2021 at CPC, and she was buried at Page Cemetery in Page, ND.

Elders to serve communion on September 5, 2021 will be Kevin Galt, Mary Jo Moorhead, and one other TBD.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Larry Swingen would like to hold a small prayer service to remember his father at 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2021.

The Fargo Half Marathon will be held on Saturday, September 25. The CPC aide station will be located by Homestead Park in Moorhead. We will need to be set up by 7:45 a.m., and we will be done around 9:00 a.m. Be watching for sign-up opportunities. [Editor's note: for more information see page 1.]

Session continues to monitor the ever-changing Covid situation.

Committee reports:

Christian Education - A sign will be placed in the parking lot to advertise Rally Sunday on Sunday, September 12.
- Kevin Galt

Deacons: The Deacons will be purchasing one communion travelling kit that differs from previous models for comparison purposes. Boots Misheski has put together a bulletin board reflecting activities and correspondence of the Deacons. Check it out above the countertop in the narthex. We continue to enjoy in-person visits and sharing communion. Please let us know if a member or friend would like communion or a visit. - Gayle Thostenson

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Service and Fellowship: S&F would like to work in conjunction with other committees when various projects overlap. A fall vendor show is tentatively being planned for October 16. Watch for further details. A photo directory for CPC is being discussed and planned. S&F groups will be re-activated and start serving in October. -Melissa Engebretson

Stewardship: CPC will return to passing the offering plate in mid-September. QR codes have been placed in the pews to make tithing simple, fast, and efficient. - Yvonne Hummel

Trustees: The exterior walls of the men's and women's bathrooms have been repaired and repainted. The exterior ground around the church is being monitored due to the extremely dry conditions. - Bob Kozojed

Worship: Bob Kozojed presented a proposal for a candle to be placed on the back wall of the sanctuary above the small desk. It would be lit before the congregation arrives. This flame would be used to light the candlelighters that light the candles on the chancel. The candle in back would be extinguished by the head usher. At the end of the service, the chancel candles would be extinguished and the flame in the back would be re-lit. It would be extinguished after the congregation leaves the sanctuary. Kevin Galt requested, that starting Rally Sunday, September 12, we would make some changes to the Sunday service to appeal to more people. He suggested we start the service with a praise song and replace one of the hymns with a more upbeat song. Some current items would be eliminated so the service does not become too long. Kevin suggested that we send out a survey to the congregation to see what they like and what they would change in our worship. On Rally Sunday there will be puppets during the service and ice cream after the service. Masks will be made available but not required

at this time. We will be monitoring conditions to be sure we are taking the proper precautions to keep our congregation safe.

- Mary Jo Moorhead

No reports: Mission, Nominating, Personnel committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator Cathie Bishop at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

**TECHNOLOGY
MAKES IT EASIER
TO GIVE**



Since mid-August, yellow cards with a QR Code have been placed in the pews to help you quickly navigate directly via your smartphone device to CPC's donation site.

For those unfamiliar with this technology, essentially you open your camera app on your phone, focus on the code, and then a pop-up message will display that you can tap with your finger. This will automatically launch your web browser app and take you directly to our donation site. Once there, you can select donate with your credit/debit card, or if you have a PayPal account, simply log in and then follow the directions to make your donation. Once you have navigated to the site, future visits will be a snap. You simply put in the amount you want to gift and hit pay. It is super fast and takes less than 30 seconds to make a contribution.

Give it a try. This is just another of many methods you can use to support the church.

WATCH FOR IT!



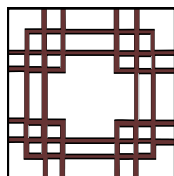
CPC will be hosting a blood drive for Vitalent on Monday, September 27, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Watch for details for how you can sign up in future CPC announcements.



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. This year's Bible study is entitled *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. Introduction and first lesson will be covered September 14.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



Starting on October 6, the plans are to start up our Women's Wednesday night fellowship and Bible study on spiritual gifts. We will be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. This year our study will allow us to either meet in person or be emailed out to whomever would like to read it. Those of us who meet in person can discuss the lesson more thoroughly. I am not sure if we will do our potluck meals right away or wait till January. All will depend on what happens with the COVID Delta variant.

Please watch for an email in September with updated details. In the meantime, anyone who is interested, please share your email at vrpeihl@gmail.com.

Stay healthy and may God bless and watch over you.
Vicki Peihl



CPC YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED

CPC is searching for a youth ministry leader. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kevin Galt or go to

https://www.facebook.com/jobs/job-opening/485505139234739/?source=post_homepage_stream

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	Debbie Matzke
9-20	Lakken Krueger
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



NEW LIFE CENTER FUNDRAISER THE UNTOLD STORY

Tuesday, September 28 at
7:00 p.m.

Delta Hotel – 1635 42nd St SW, Fargo

Featured speaker is Mike Williams, a well-known speaker, author, missionary – and a genuinely funny guy. His personal testimony is powerful, and his humor will have you rolling in the aisles!

6:30 p.m. Doors open

7:00 p.m. Dessert Social & Program

All tickets are General Admission and \$40 each.

Online tickets available [here](#).

You may also send a check made payable to The Untold Story to: The Untold Story, PO Box 1067, Fargo, ND 58107

Hope to see you there!

For more information contact Bev Boone at bev.boone@fargonlc.org.

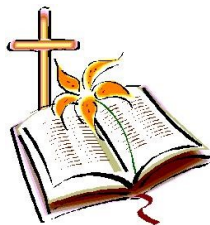


CPC SOFTBALL

Softball for the year ended Wednesday, July 29. The team won three games, lost two games in the tournament, and took fourth over all. Congratulations to the team for a season well played!

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

Sept 5	James 2:1-17
Sept 12	James 3:1-12
Sept 19	James 3:13-4:3
Sept 26	James 5:13-20



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped build something great at Vacation Bible School. Thanks also to all those who shared canned goods with the FM Emergency Food Pantry.

It was wonderful to watch how God provided the people and resources we needed to make this a special, enjoyable learning experience for all involved. With God's help, your building will last an eternity.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



Having a second voice lead the liturgy enhances everyone's worship experience. A "slide flipper" helps the congregation participate using the projected order of worship. We are also in need of a head usher in September and December. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship. To sign up, go to the CPC bulletin board or contact Melissa Engebretson.



October 2nd 3-8PM

SAUSAGE FEST

SCAN
to buy tickets!



A **BIG** sausage meal (the **WURST** you've ever had), Swing Barrel beer, bouncy house, games for all ages, live music and a fall vendor market!

TICKETS
(including meal)

\$15

OR CALL 218-233-1192

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YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

7/31/2021

General Operating budget

2021: \$151,788.00

Monthly needed to meet budget:

\$ 12,649.00

Total Giving July \$ 8,434.00

Total Expenses July \$ 9,532.21

Per Capita amount for 2021 is \$48.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope you are contributing to Per Capita. Total Per Capita received to date is \$3,019.00.

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.

AFTER CHURCH TREATS ARE BACK!

The Service and Fellowship Committee is bringing service groups back in October.

Everyone loves the treats, coffee, etc. So, please keep an eye out for the list to find what group you are in. We are looking for a leader/coleader for each group to get volunteers lined up. Please contact Melissa Engebretson (701-866-8767) if you are interested in being a leader for one of these groups.



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

Dawn Larson [C] 701-261-9609

Boots Misheski [C] 701-388-7160

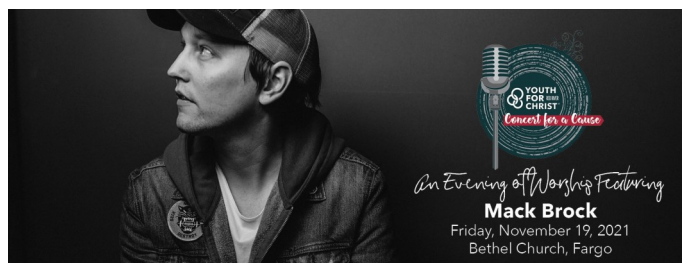
Dixon Moorhead [H] 701-277-1414

[C] 701-200-9709

Vicky Whitcomb [C] 701-809-2483

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

[C] 701-412-6387



CONCERT WITH A CAUSE

Save the date for an evening of worship featuring Mac Brock, Friday, November 19, 2021, at Bethel Church in Fargo. Proceeds will go to support Red River Youth for Christ.

Location: Bethel Church

2702 30th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103

Date: November 19, 2021

Time: 6:40-8:40 p.m.

Doors Open: 6:00 p.m.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.redriveryfc.com/events/concert/>

OUT OF THE DARKNESS FARGO/ MOORHEAD AREA WALK



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**

Date: 09/12/2021

Location: Scheels Arena

Registration: Noon

Event Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact:

Samantha Christopherson

Phone: 701-371-1194

Email: schristopherson@afsp.org

Or go to:

<https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseac-tion=donorDrive.event&eventID=7575>

**October's
Community Call
deadline will be
Wednesday, September 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> 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

Community Presbyterian Church

702 Sheyenne St.

West Fargo, ND 58078

(A confirmation will be sent to you)

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



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October newsletter deadline: Wednesday, September 22 Non-church scheduled events: Saturday & Sunday p.m.—HOREMOW Mon. to Fri.—Preschool in the fellowship hall; Monday evenings—TOPS						
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 9:30 a.m. 	Veggie Pantry 6:30–7:30 p.m. Pending 1st Frost	Bells at CPC 6:30 p.m.	Worship Com. 6 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.		
12	13 Veg. Pantry 6:30–7:30 p.m. Pending 1st Frost	14 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Bells at CPC 6:30 p.m.	15 Prayer 9:30 a.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	16 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	17	18 West Fest
Sunday School Begins 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	Pending 1st Frost 7:00 p.m.			Group 1 p.m.		
19	20 Veggie Pantry? 6:30–7:30 p.m. Pending 1st Frost	21 Bells at CPC 6:30 p.m.	22 Newsletter is due Today!!!	23 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	24	25 Fargo Marathon Aide Station
26	27 Blood Drive 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Veggie Pantry? 6:30–7:30 p.m. Pending 1st Frost	28	29	30	Head Ushers: Sept: TBD Oct: Larry Peihl Nov: Lee Dobrinz	
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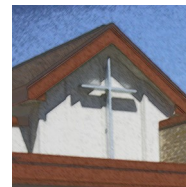
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Communion Prep Team:

Mary Bastle Marj Meester
Mitzi Hager Dixie Smith
Nancy Kassman V. Whitcomb



**Sunday
Worship Hours:
starting 9/12/21**

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

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
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**OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;
TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.**