

COMMUNITY CALL

Ministers: The People of God

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RALLY SUNDAY, GOSPEL MUSIC, AND AN ICE CREAM- PIE SOCIAL

You won't want to miss this! A day of fun, music, and fellowship. Beginning on Sunday, September 10, Sunday School **for those aged 3 years and older** will recommence at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 10th, is also Grandparents Day! Why not make a morning of it? Grandkids, come for a fun group activity while your grandparents participate or attend adult Sunday School. Continue the day by attending a Gospel Music worship service at 10:00 a.m. with pie and ice cream to follow.

It is always wonderful to learn more about God's word, tap your toes, sing God's praises, and eat good food while visiting with one another. Make sure to mark your calendars for this day's events.



WEST FEST IS SEPTEMBER 16

West Fest is just around the corner. And once again, CPC will be hosting a food stand in the parking lot in support of a Missions project. We'll need brats, beef wieners, buns, soda, water, bars, condiments and, of course, that loving, caring CPC help.

Will you help us? Sign up to donate or volunteer on the West Fest sheet in the narthex. Contact Bob Kozojed with questions.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains are invited to the PWP Fall Gathering at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 23, at First Presbyterian Church of Fargo (650 Second Ave. N.). The program is entitled, "Who is my Neighbor," based on the Parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10. Programming includes worship, lunch and a presentation by students and adults sharing about their mission trip to Chogoria, Kenya this past summer.

We will also be collecting children's winter outerwear for the Bdecan Presbyterian Church's November Children's Winter Wear Giveaway. New or gently used youth and older youth sizes of snow pants, snow boots, hats, waterproof gloves/mittens would be most welcome.

Registration is at 10:00 a.m. for a cost of \$15.00. Please RSVP your attendance to Lana Schultz by September 18 at lanaj0@casselton.net or 701-238-4538.

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**MINUTES OF
THE SPECIAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF WEST FARGO, ND**

A special congregational meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held on July 23, 2023 at 9:50 a.m. The meeting was opened in prayer by Moderator Donna Monteith. The clerk verified there was a quorum present with 33 people in attendance.

The meeting was called for the sole purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Reverend Catherine Bishop and Community Presbyterian Church. The moderator asked for discussion and hearing none called for a motion to release Reverend Bishop from her call.

Andrew Thostenson made a motion to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Reverend Catherine Bishop and Community Presbyterian Church. Bonnie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator Donna Monteith at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

**AUGUST
CLERK'S CORNER**



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Dave Ruhnke and Gayle Thostenson. Acting Moderator - Reverend Mary Holte, Treasurer - Andrew Thostenson and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Carrie Leopold was present via Zoom.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Kevin Galt.

Consent Agenda:

a. approval of the minutes of July 19,

2023

- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, September 20, 2023
- c. Clerk's report – 31 served communion on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

The elders to help serve communion on September 3, 2023 will be Kevin Galt, Dave Ruhnke and one more.

Andrew Thostenson presented a detailed look at our financial status focusing on the balance sheet, contribution reports and designated funds. The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Kevin Galt made a motion to pay Becky DeJong \$115.00 for two Shutterfly books and a personalized notepad. The money will be taken from the designated fund "brunch money". Motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion was held regarding the devotional books in the narthex. Our Daily Bread and These Days have been renewed for another year.

Committee reports:

Building and Grounds Trustees: Chuck Thompson will be striping the parking lot in September. The wood window trim will be scraped and painted. Please come and assist at 12:00 on Saturday, September 9 – sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

- Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: Back by popular demand – August 23 at 5:00 - All-Church gathering will be a hotdog feed, cornhole tournament and various yard games!!!

Rally Sunday is September 10, 2023. The theme will be Prayer and it will be Gospel Music Sunday – so come prepared to clap and sing!! Grandparents will be recognized.

Details will be coming for the upcoming confirmation class.

- Kevin Galt

Deacons: The Deacons met to form a
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plan for CPC pastoral care for the time the church is without a minister. We want our congregation to know that we are available to coordinate visits, communion, and other related needs. If anyone needs pastoral care, they should contact the Deacons. There is a specific phone number (701-353-2020) for pastoral care which will directly be answered by a Deacon. The plan is to have the number recorded on the CPC phone message. Of course, anyone may also contact individual Deacons directly. Additionally, the Deacons will reach out to local pastors and CPC elders regarding their availability for providing specialized pastoral care.

We realize that there are others in need beyond our congregation whom we will need to help. Many people enter the church with physical and emotional needs beyond what CPC is normally able to give. The Deacons will put together a resource folder detailing purpose and help available from groups and entities in the FM area who benefit those in need. We would like to move an unused Christian Education cupboard upstairs for the sole purpose of providing accessible emergency amenities for the needy who pass in our doors. Water bottles, energy bars, a First Link card would be included in said bundles. The Deacons' folder would be stored there as would a fully stocked first aid kit. Further discussions on this matter will be coordinated with other committees with the same interest.

-Gayle Thostenson

Personnel: Interviews are currently being held for the Office Manager position.

- Kevin Galt

Stewardship:

- ⇒ Reviewed the monthly financials.
- ⇒ Reviewed the designated accounts detail.
- ⇒ Discussed purchasing a new computer for the church office, costing ap-

proximately \$750.00. The one we have desperately needs to be upgraded.

- ⇒ Andrew will provide an in-depth discussion regarding the church's current financial position during the August Session meeting. We feel this will be helpful in hiring a new pastor.
- ⇒ We will be investigating new multi-media systems for worship.

-Yvonne Hummel

Worship: Pulpit supply is filled through the middle of December. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

- Dave Ruhnke

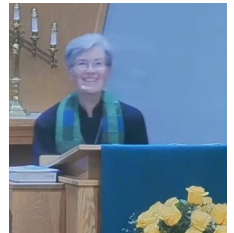
No reports: Mission, Nominating, Service and Fellowship committees

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Mary Holte at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

THANK YOU!

Editor's note: the following message can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.



To the whole church of
Community Presbyterian Church:

Thank you for all you have done as a community and as individuals. From the Outdoor Service, the lunch, the Prayer Quilt, the Gift Card, the night at Heartland Trail Bed & Breakfast and all the energy and care. . . I am eternally grateful for all of you as you said goodbye.

I loved being your Pastor more than you know. Thank you for all you have given, shared God's love for those at CPC and others who needed to feel loved through you.

May all of you feel the presence of God for all you do for Community Presbyterian Church.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Cathie Bishop

WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENCES



Every September and October Wednesday, all are welcome to join us as Bonnie Thompson leads a study of Romans.

According to the study, Romans may be the most important letter you may ever read. It is considered Paul's masterpiece, giving a clear and full explanation of the Bible's gospel message. Come and be encouraged and challenged by the new life and the new lifestyle we have in Christ.



JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We meet in the upstairs conference room at 9:00 a.m. We are continuing our study of Romans which should take us into October when we'll begin a new study--subject yet to be determined. Don't hesitate to join us. 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. We meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church narthex.



Our current study focuses on Hebrews. We 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 TIME



Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2

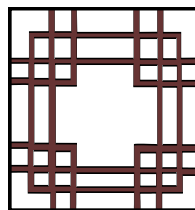
Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

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.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES NEW BIBLE STUDY AND TIME!

You are invited to join us starting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 4, for a new study called "Listening for the Voice of God." Our group will meet once a month so watch for the dates in the newsletters.

In the Old and New Testaments, Noah heard God's voice tell him to build the ark; Moses heard God's voice in a burning bush; Mary had an angel appear to her, and so did the shepherds the night Jesus was born. But how about us in the twenty-first century? If you heard someone say they heard God's voice in a burning bush, what would be your first reaction? At the very least maybe you might roll your eyes! But how do you know when God is guiding you? Do you have meaningful dreams or feel a mysterious nudge? Let's get together and learn how to listen for God's voice.

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 9-6 Bruce Steele
- 9-13 Ann Chale
- 9-16 Dale Matzke
Vicky Whitcomb
- 9-17 Lee Dobrinz
- 9-19 Debbie Matzke
- 9-23 Uneva Dobrinz
- 9-25 Joan Hall

ANNIVERSARIES

- 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 Brittney Montgomery
- 9-29-79 Veril and Dawn Larson



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 the Monday after 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.

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

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.

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS



A HUGE thank you to all who donated diapers and wipes during June and July. They were delivered to Churches United on August 7 and were greeted with absolute joy. The total was a bit down from last year, but we still managed to collect 1,697 diapers and 3,288 wipes. There will be many happy bottoms and thankful parents in the weeks to come. THANK YOU!

The total for our August focus of money to buy winterwear for the children at Bdecan will be announced when the numbers are final.

Our September focus will be collecting household items for clients of PATH who are aging out of foster care, and need to set up apartments for themselves. Many of these young people entered the foster system because their parents lacked a support system to get them through a rough patch. This focus enables us to become a sort of support system for these young people, and hopefully, help to break the cycle for them.

New items needed are pretty much anything to set up an apartment. Dishes, glassware, flatware, pots and pans and small appliances for the kitchen; towels and rugs and cleaning supplies for the bathroom; linens and pillows, etc., for the bedroom. Pretty much anything for an apartment. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these young people!



MEMORY BOOK AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

With Pastor Cathie's permission, her July 23rd guestbook has been replicated. This way, Community Presbyterian Church has its own copy of Pastor Cathie's Remembrance Book.

The book of memories of Pastor Cathie and CPC's time together is available for viewing in the church narthex.

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU

There is room at the table to join the folks making 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!

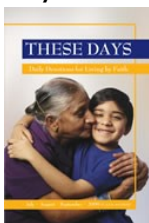


DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

Are you searching for daily spiritual nourishment? You need look no further. Two types of daily devotionals are available on the small table outside the church sanctuary.

Our Daily Bread and These Days are available 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.



CALLING S-W-O-Mies!

Churches United for the Homeless needs CPC volunteers to serve meals. Our volunteers serve meals at Churches United for the Homeless every Second Wednesday Odd-numbered Months (SWOMies). Our next day of service is Wednesday, September 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Interested? Contact Carrie Leopold.

NEW LIFE CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND SOCIAL -THE UNTOLD STORY



Dessert Social & Program
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Delta Hotel

The guest speaker will be Bob Dalton, TEDx speaker and author, entrepreneur, as well as founder and CEO of Sackcloth & Ashes. Bob's perspective of homelessness changed when his hardworking mother ended up on the streets. And now he is taking action. That's not all. For the first time ever that evening, you'll hear from a former guest and his mom as they share the raw and honest story of where love and addiction meet. You won't want to miss it!

Visit fargonlc.org to sponsor a table or purchase seats. Questions? Contact connect@fargonlc.org or 701-535-4423.



CONCERT FOR A CAUSE FEATURING BLANCA

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 17, 2023
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 (feat. Dante Bowe)." 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.



**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**
7/31/2023

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

Total Giving July \$ 8,222.00
Total Expenses July \$ 14,446.44

Per Capita amount for 2023 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope as contributing to Per Capita. Total assessment for 2023 is \$6,750.00. To date, \$2,470.00 has been paid towards 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.

**BUILDING PAINTING
PLANNED**



The outside trim around our basement windows has weathered. It is time to freshen up those windows with scraping and a fresh coat of paint. You can help in that effort! Please come and assist the Building Trustees with the painting at noon on Saturday, September 9.

Food and drink will be provided. A sign-up sheet is be in the narthex. Questions can be directed to Bob Kozojed.



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. A complete list can be found on the bulletin board.

**Congratulations, CPC Softball
Tournament Champions!**



For a second year in a row, our CPC Softball Team is the year's Twin City Church Softball League Tournament Champion!

The CPC Softball Team started back in 2006. There have been many members of our church playing on the team through the years, creating great fellowships on and off the field. The team has improved each year, bringing us to a year of winning the Championship!

**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 hospitalized, 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

**October's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, September 21**

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:









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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



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
***** October newsletter deadline: September 21 ***** Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings — TOPS; Saturday & Sunday afternoons — HOREMOW						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	4 Labor Day Veggies for the Pantry 		Bible Study 10 a.m. Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m.	7 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday School Begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Pie & Ice Cream Following	Veggie Pantry?  6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Missions & Outreach 6 p.m.	Prayer time 9:15 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Churches United  5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.		 West Fest
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	Veggie Pantry?  6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Personnel Com. 6:00 p.m. Stewardship 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study 10 a.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.  Newsletter is due Today!!!		Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	Veggie Pantry?  6:30 to 7:30 p.m.		Bible Study 10 a.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.		

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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

Service & Fellowship

Linda Bishop Mary Jo Moorhead
Carolyn Meester

Stewardship

Yvonne Hummel, Liaison
Kevin Galt Andrew Thostenson
Carolyn Meester

Worship

Dave Ruhnke, Liaison
Emma Broe Mary Jo Moorhead
Patricia Smith



**Sunday
Worship Hours**
Starting September 10
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
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**Our mission is to know God;
to be led by the Holy Spirit; to share Christ.**