

COMMUNITY CALL

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GIVING HEARTS DAY

What is Giving Hearts Day? It's the most generous day of the year! It has become a gateway for people

to connect to causes doing good work in areas they passionately care about. If your heart beats for at-risk and unreached teens in Fargo-Moorhead, please make a donation to Red River Youth for Christ on Thursday, February 9, 2017 by visiting givingheartsday.org.

Did you know...

\$10 PAYS FOR A MONTH OF OUR MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 SUBSCRIPTION

\$25 WILL PROVIDE FORMULA OR DIAPERS FOR A TEEN'S BABY

\$25 WILL PROVIDE AN HOUR OF PROGRAMMING WITH A TEEN

\$40 WILL PAY FOR FRIDAY'S TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE RED RIVER ALC FOR ONE WEEK

\$100 WILL FEED 40 STUDENTS LUNCH ONCE A WEEK AT WOODROW WILSON ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

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PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ," the greeting from Paul to the church at Corinth. We are used to hearing this greeting as Paul uses a similar greeting in most of his letters. It has a comforting feel even as we read it or hear it today. We need grace and peace, as individuals, and as a community of Christ Jesus. There is much change in our world today, and life does not always go as we expected. Yet, life does continue.

We have just gone through Advent and the Christmas Season. We have experienced the anticipation of Jesus' birth, Joseph and Mary escaping with Jesus to Egypt and then returning to Nazareth. In our lectionary readings, we were reminded of the preparation of Jesus before he could begin his ministry: being baptized by John and going through the wilderness tempta-

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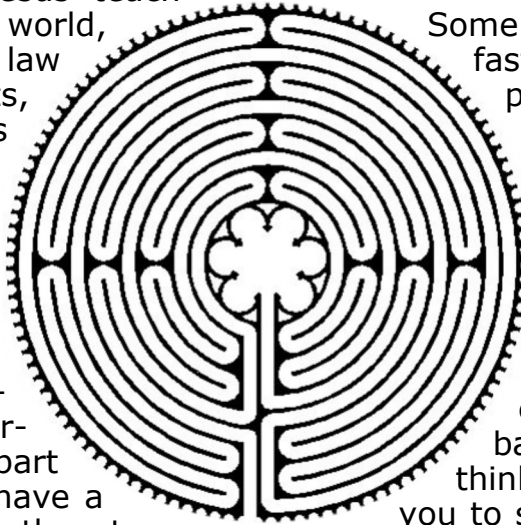
tion with Satan.

During February, we will be focusing on the Gospel of Matthew, as we learn more about, and are reminded about the ministry of Jesus. The first three Sundays are part of the Sermon on the Mount, so we will explore Jesus' teaching on the disciple in the world, his discussion of mosaic law and the ten commandments, the core of Jesus' teachings on nonviolence, and love and wholeness. The last Sunday of February is Transfiguration Sunday.

Our confirmation class meets on Wednesday, February 8. We will be exploring prayer and the different ways we can pray. As part of our experience, we will have a seven-circuit canvas labyrinth set up in the narthex from Tuesday, February 7, through Thursday, February 9. During that time, you are all welcome to explore the labyrinth and walk it yourselves. We will provide information on labyrinths and some finger labyrinths that may be taken home too as part of your prayer practices. You will continue to see our confirmands participating in worship by being ushers and assisting our liturgists. As their church community, if you have ideas about additional volunteer opportunities for our confirmation students, please share them with me.

On Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m., we will recognize the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service. I understand this will be the first Ash Wednesday Service at Community Presbyterian Church in a few years. I invite you to come to the worship service on Ash Wednesday as it provides us an opportunity as a community to remember that our salvation is possible because of the sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus. The

period of Lent is a time of reflection and quiet contemplation of ourselves as Christians. Our time includes prayer, reading and meditating on the Word of God, as well as a time of reaching out to others with works of love, serving those we have been called to care for as Christians.



Some Christians participate in fasting by abstaining from part of their regular routine to remind them of the sacrifice of Christ. Others commit to a sacrifice that stretches them, by serving others such as volunteering to serve those who are homeless at places like Churches United, or helping at a food bank. I encourage you to think about what it means for you to stretch yourselves as Christians. What is it that God is calling you to do during these 40 days of Lent in 2017?

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Pastor Cathie

ANOTHER WAY TO SERVE

We at CPC are in dire need of Pre-K, 1st-5th grade, and middle school Sunday School teachers. Delightful children and youth from these classes are ready to learn from God's word, but they need someone to share it with them.



We have great curriculum and resources for each group which allow you to study God's word with a fun lesson plan. The connections you make with these young persons will be ones you'll always cherish. Besides that, you'll be keeping the promise you've made over and over again at each child's baptism.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the old narthex. Why not sign up to teach with a friend for a week or two?

DECEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on December 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Linda Bishop, Lee Dobrinz, Dawn Larson, Terry Meester, and Bruce Steele. Moderator Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong, and Treasurer Carolyn Meester were present. Sue Hanna and Andrew Thosten-son were absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Bruce Steele.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of November 16, 2016
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, January 18, 2017
- c. Session will meet the third Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted and communion will be served the first Sunday of every month, as well as, Easter, Christmas Day, and Maundy Thursday unless otherwise noted.
- d. Jeopardy dinner on Monday, January 9, in the fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator's report –

- Wrote and submitted "Ponderings by Pastor Cathie" article for December/January newsletter. Also, prepared articles for Confirmation Corner and about the Blue Christmas service.
- Attended training sponsored by Jail Chaplain's at the Dakota Medical Foundation on "Understanding Addiction and Shame" on November 17, 2016.
- Participated in church decorating on November 20.
- Multiple home and hospital visits.
- On November 28th, Bruce Steele, Cathy Birrenkott, and I met with Amanda and Kirby Keller regarding Rylan's baptism.
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 3, with Paul Campbell.
- Baptism of Rylan Keller during worship on December 4.

- Met with Lois Usanko regarding membership in the Sanford Faith Communities Advisory Group on December 5.
- Officiated at funeral of family friend's grandmother, Lois Movold, at Memorial Chapel of First Lutheran Church, Fargo on Monday December 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
- Met with Confirmation Class on Wednesday, December 7: Take a Stand – the Confessions, and preparation for writing their Statement of Faith.
- Attended "White Christmas" with CPC group.
- Met with Donna Monteith regarding transition of Presbytery Personnel Committee to me, effective January 1, 2017.
- Participated in Conference Call for Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) on December 13.
- Part of planning committee for SE Ministry Region Progressive Dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2017. Working with Sue Hanna of Service and Fellowship. Appetizers will be at CPC, the main course at First Pres. in Fargo and dessert at First Pres. in Moorhead. Flyer prepared and sent to Alissa at Presbytery who will distribute to the presbytery.
- Prepared and led (with Pastor Sara McManus of Flame of Faith Methodist Church), Blue Christmas Service on December 14.
- Cantata rehearsal and participation.

Clerk's report - 114 served communion on Sunday, December 4. Committee summaries are due on December 31. Pat Langfitt died on October 28, and her funeral was November 1 at CPC. Amy Matzke and Tucker Bucholz were married on October 21, 2016.

Elders to serve Communion on December 25, 2016 will be Lise Alves and Linda Bishop and on January 1, 2017 will be Lee Dobrinz and Dawn Larson.

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The financial report was discussed.

Halftime by Sheri will be having their annual baked potato feed on Saturday, January 14.

Justin and Jessica Hill would like to have their children baptized on Sunday, December 25, 2016. Pastor Cathie and Lise Alves will meet with the parents to discuss baptism responsibilities.

The membership rolls were discussed.

CPC will be participating in the Sanford Faith Community Advisory Group. Pastor Cathie and Linda Bishop will represent our church.

Deacons: There will be card shower for shhh! Listen for details!

Mission Committee: The mission survey is being collected and results compiled.

Nominating: All positions for 2017 are filled!

Personnel Committee: Discussion was held regarding the salaries of the pastor and secretary.

Stewardship Committee: The budget for 2017 was discussed.

Trustees: The automatic front door is fixed. Kevin Galt is upgrading the doors so that the fobs will work on all doors.

Worship Committee: The church has been decorated for Christmas. The decorations will be taken down on January 8 following worship. A list of monthly worship committee duties is being compiled. The organ is having issues. Parts of it cannot be fixed. A new organ is very expensive. The card ladies donated \$200.00 towards the new Christmas tree.

No reports: Christian Education and Service and Fellowship committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong,
Clerk of Session

JANUARY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on January 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Linda Bishop, Lee Dobrinz, Sue Hanna, Terry Meester, and Andrew Thostenson. Moderator Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong, and Treasurer Carolyn Meester were present. Dawn Larson and Bruce Steele were absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Andrew Thostenson – Proverbs 8: 22-31.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of December 21, 2016
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Moderator's report –

- Prepared and participated in Christmas Eve service along with 4 Sunday services.
- Communion on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and baptism for Wesley and Sage Hill on Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve afternoon, met with Jessica and Justin Hill regarding baptism with Lise Alves.
- Volunteered at Salvation Army Christmas Lunch on Christmas Eve.
- Home visits were made and home communion delivered.
- Wrote and submitted Pastor's Report for Annual Meeting Report.
- Led worship for two Moorhead senior facilities: Park View and Golden Living retirement homes on December 29, 2016.
- COM committee: interviewed potential pulpit supply pastor, along with Gracia Fulwiler and prepared report for COM; met with First Pres. Church-Crookston Pastor Nominating Com. as their new vacancy counselor, evening of January 9, 2017; Committee conference call on January 10.

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- Taught confirmation class on January 11, 2017. Topic: Worship and Sacraments (Baptism and Communion). All students present. Good mix of parents and mentors attended.
- Substitute for leading Wednesday morning Bible Study on the Book of Revelation on January 11 and 18.
- Bells and Choir resumed rehearsal week of January 8-14.
- Led worship for Touchmark at Harwood Groves, Fargo on January 17 at 4:00 p.m.
- Attended Worship Committee meeting on January 16 and Deacons January 18.

Clerk's report - 55 served communion on December 25, 2016 and 56 served communion on Sunday, January 1, 2017. Wesley James Hill and Sage Leigh Hill were baptized on Sunday, December 25, 2016.

The financial report was discussed. An audit of the books for 2015 and 2016 was done on January 15, 2017. Yvonne Hummel reported that all reports were in good standing.

The 2016 statistical report was presented.

The 2017 Spring Presbytery meeting will be held on April 21-22 at Community Presbyterian Church. Linda Bishop and Lise Alves will co-chair the committee to plan this event. Please be ready to volunteer.

Deacons: 25 Birthday cards were delivered to Donna Gertz. Happy 90th Birthday, Donna!! A Valentine's Day coffee hour and a Bingo party are being planned. Home communion visits are being made.

Mission Committee: A donated replica of an antique firearm will be raffled, as well as various other items, to help support the Kenyan Instructor Fund. HOREMOW will continue to use our facility. An evaluation of the situation will be reviewed again in three months.

Nominating Committee: Presbytery delegates are needed. Anyone who is an elder of the church is eligible.

Personnel Committee: The organist, Sue Leyendecker, will be gone on medical leave.

Service and Fellowship Committee: S&F lists are being updated and the head usher list completed for 2017. The Presbyterian Progressive dinner is set for Saturday, January 21. Appetizers will be at CPC, the main course at First Pres. in Fargo and dessert at First Pres. in Moorhead.

Stewardship Committee: Designated funds are being re-categorized so they can be used.

Trustees: The insurance policy for the church is up-to-date and renewed annually in October. There has been discussion about placing a handrail in the sanctuary by the organ. The uneven sidewalk in the front of the church will be addressed in the spring. If you adjust the thermostat – please return it to the previous setting when done. Thank you to our cleaning service. They have been doing a great job for one year.

Worship Committee: Liturgists are needed! If no one signs up for special music then an extra song will be added in its place. There will be an Ash Wednesday Service on March 1 at 7:00 p.m. and a Maundy-Thursdays Service on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. with communion by intinction and a unique hand-washing station. There will be special Lenten Candle moments during the worship services. Discussions are being held about seasonal decorations that will enhance worship. The organ is dying – estimates are being obtained.

No reports: Christian Education

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong,
Clerk of Session



FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 2-1 Cora Carlson
- 2-6 Carolyn Koerselman
- 2-7 Tom Birrenkott
Dolores Kinslow
- 2-8 Ann Corneliusen
Jack Smith
- 2-9 Blair Moorhead
- 2-10 Linda Bishop
- 2-11 Tammy Nelson
- 2-14 Randy Meyer
- 2-17 Kevin Galt
- 2-19 Esther Hemm
Alex Talley
- 2-20 Lise Alves
- 2-21 Scott Meyer
- 2-23 Paul Campbell
- 2-24 Lia Dobrinz

ANNIVERSARIES

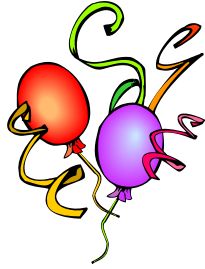
- 2-19-81 – Dixon and Mary Jo Moorhead
- 2-24-79 – Scott and Vickie Meyer



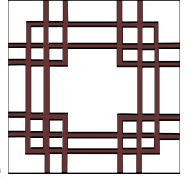
SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

- Feb 11 - Ski Trip?
- Feb 15 - 6:30-8:00 p.m. - Era Party
- Mar 5 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Human Game
- *Mar 24-25 - Lock In
- **Apr 7 - 5:00 p.m.-? - Progressive Din.
- ***Apr 19 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Parents Appreciation Day
- ****April 28-30 - Crystal Spr. Retreat
- May 7 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Games TBA
- *****May 21 - 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Year End Party
- *R.S.V.P. by Wed., February 15th
- **R.S.V.P. by Sun., March 5th
- ***R.S.V.P. by Wed., April 12th
- ****R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 14th
- *****R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 14th

Also, please check both your e-mail and the Youth Corner for the latest and most detailed information regarding Soul Train activities.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES- DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY



Did you know that the disciple James was a fiery intense follower of Jesus? We learned all about James in January and how outspoken and passionate he was. Now in February we will learn about his brother John, the disciple Jesus loved the most. Come join us if you want. We will meet at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, for a light supper followed by our Bible study. Bring your Bibles. We hope to see you there!



CALLING ALL LITURGISTS AND MUSICIANS

Having a second voice lead the liturgy enhances everyone's worship experience as does music in worship. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship as liturgist or sharing your musical gifts. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

2016-2017 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



Children/Youth Sunday School schedule will be coordinated, for the most part, with the West Fargo Public School schedule. So, if there is no school scheduled on a Friday or Monday, there may be no Children/Youth Sunday School scheduled for that day.

Dates CPC Children/Youth Sunday School will NOT be meeting are: February 19, March 19, April 16. Last Day of Sunday School will be May 21.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

A copy of Presbytery of the Northern Plains' monthly newsletter is on the narthex bulletin board. You can access your own copy of *Lights of the Northern Plains* under Publications on its website, : <http://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

1-18-2017

We ended 2016 with \$5,744.26 in the building fund account. Our monthly payment on the building is \$3,146.54. The money to make our building payment comes from funds that are strictly designated "building fund;" they do not come out of the general giving fund. To make a contribution to the building fund, write "building fund" on your check or use one of the pew envelopes and mark "building fund". Thank you for your continued contributions.

Currently the operating loan is at a zero balance.

2016 ended with operating income totaling \$130,269.11 and operating expenses totaling \$128,194.23 for a net income of \$2,074.88. Thank you to all the members of the congregation who volunteer their talents to complete projects for the church. This helps reduce the overall expenses for the church.

Per capita amount for 2017 is \$44.00 for each confirmed member. The unpaid balance at the end of the year is paid out of the church general fund. Please mark on your check or envelope funds when you are contributing to per capita.

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you.

Seek joy in what you give not in what you get.

PRAYER TIME

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.



Philippians 4:6

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 6, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

FOCUS ON MISSION



CPC's mission focus for February is our sister presbytery, Kajiumpau in Kenya.

The Kajiumpau Poly-Technic school has a new Board of Management who was pleased to know that two instructors, both the Hairdressing instructor and the Computer instructor, are being paid by donations from West Fargo CPC.

Efforts are being made to re-open the computer school in Chogoria.

Mpangua School has applied for a grant to build latrines at the school. If obtained, students will work with the community this summer on the project.

Sharon Secor, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Boots Misheski will be traveling to Kenya in February. They are asking for your support with prayer.

We are also asking for donations of panties for girls who are approaching adolescence. Sizes should be GIRL's size medium or large (these girls are tiny!) Colorful is great!

At Mpangua School, young girls are traditionally unable to attend school during their menstrual cycles. The Presbytery of the Northern Plains supports a program to educate and provide items needed for these young girls. Providing panties for these girls is part of the plan. Thanks for your help!

CHILDREN'S TIME VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED



If you would like to present Children's Time during the worship service using Sunday's scripture as an individual or team please contact Pastor Cathie, Carrie Leopold, or Gayle Thostenson.

**March's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, February 16**

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 _____

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Financial Institution: _____ Branch: _____

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Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

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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