

COMMUNITY CALL

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, EVENTS

Please join the youth on October 30th for Youth Sunday, a church service led by the youth of the church. The worship theme is Listening to God with the message delivered by puppets and Noah's Ark characters played by Sunday School children.

Afterwards, in the fellowship hall, you are welcome to shop at the Presbyterian Women's Bazaar and purchase a delicious a baked potato lunch or share a treat in the company of your Presbyterian brothers and sisters.

See you then!

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S 2016 FALL BAZAAR & BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH,
11:15 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

BAKED GOODS,
CRAFTS, JEWELRY,
AND MORE
COFFEE AND GOODIES
POTATO BAR LUNCH

MORNING COFFEE
& GOODIES: \$1.50

LUNCH: \$6.00 FOR ADULTS
\$4.00 FOR AGES 4-12



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



Greetings members and friends of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

As I sit down to write to you, I marvel at the wonders of each day. As humans and Christians, we have the capacity to wonder, to be curious, and become aware of the beauty of this world God created for us.

When we were in England recently, we were blessed to spend five days in retreat. We stayed at the Chalice Well Lodge in Glastonbury. Each morning we started with a half hour of quiet prayer and meditation followed with a walk in the marvelous garden, and finished with a simple stretch greeting the day. Then we went into a tasty

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home-cooked English breakfast. I became aware that when I give time to God before the day becomes full with the routine of life, God fills me...because there is a space for God.

My guess is that you are like me in that finding time to be with God takes mindfulness and willingness on our part. God is there, just waiting patiently for us to settle down to spending time with God. I have two "favorite" scripture passages that help me settle into spending time with God. If you have favorite scripture passages that help you get settled in with God, please share them with me.

The first favorite for me, is Psalms 5:2b-3: "I pray to you, O Lord; you hear my voice in the morning. At sunrise I offer my prayer and listen for your answer."

My second favorite passage for settling in, is from Lamentations 3:22-23: "The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease, fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise."

As I continue to ponder my gratitude for a relationship with God, and being here with you to share our love of God, and our lives as Jesus' disciples, I am reminded of the joy of getting back into the activities in the church that come with our fall season. Sunday School has started for both children and adults. Wednesday Bible studies have resumed; confirmation class begins on October 5, and a fuller schedule for our Soul Train group is in place. We are looking forward to having the youth lead worship on Sunday, October 30. There are lots of opportunities to participate in worship and classes...join in!!

The last Sunday in September we baptized Sawyer Lowell Krueger, son of Stephani and Dustin Krueger. It is another reminder of the vows we take as a congregation. We answer "YES" to the

question: "Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture each one baptized, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of the church?"



If you are parents, grandparents, or members, it is your responsibility to pray for each of our children and make sure they are nurtured in the faith. What does that mean in a practical sense? It means being role models, establishing your own routine of attending worship and participating in the life of the church. It means volunteering when we need teachers or helpers. It means taking time to get to know the children of the church, encouraging them as they grow and develop into disciples of Jesus.

A recent study showed children who were brought to church with their family members were more likely to form relationships with both other children and adults. It is this experience that creates a healthy community of believers and engages all of us so that "church" is experienced as a place of God.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cathie

2016-2017 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



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 youth Sunday School scheduled for that day.

Dates CPC youth Sunday School will NOT be meeting are: October 2, October 23, November 13, November 27, December 25, January 1, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16. Last Day of Sunday School will be May 21.

SEPTEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on September 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, Bruce Steele, and Andrew Thostenson. Moderator Cathie Bishop and Clerk Becky DeJong were present. Sue Hanna and Carolyn Meester were absent.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of August 17, 2016
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, October 19, 2016
- c. Christian Education Committee would like a potluck on September 11 for Rally Sunday. (approved via e-mail)
- d. September 30-October 2 – Middle School retreat; November 18-20 High School retreat at Clearwater Forest
- e. Soul Train lock-in - Friday, October 7, at 8:00 p.m. – October 8 at 10:00 a.m.
- f. The Quilters will start their quilt raffle at the Fall Bazaar with the drawing to be held at the potluck in December.

Moderator's report –

- Wrote and submitted "Ponderings by Pastor Cathie" article for September 2016 newsletter.
- Officiated at funeral service held at West Funeral Home, for Linda Pederson Olson, August 20.
- Attended meeting on August 23 for a "Faith Community Conversation about the Drug Epidemic" sponsored by the Dakota Medical Foundation. The conversation was between law enforcement and faith community leaders. After mentioning in sermon on August 28, a couple of members had ideas about reaching out to families of those in prison. Will follow-up about local resources and possibility of CPC participating in future.
- Attended Mission Committee meeting on August 23.

- Met with Laurie Elhard regarding transfer of membership from First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks to CPCWF. She will contact FPCGF and have them send us the letter of transfer.
- Visited with Mike Arvidson. He and his son, Ty, who will be in our confirmation class, would also like to join CPCWF.
- Visited and served home communion to several members.
- Prepared welcome letters for confirmation students and their families, to be mailed after Labor Day.
- Met with Amy and Tucker, visit #2, premarital counseling on September 1 and visit #3 on Tuesday, September 20.
- Vacation from September 2 through 14, including 2 Sundays, September 4 and 11.
- Attended Church's United for the Homeless member board meeting with Donna Monteith on Thursday, September 15.
- Dawn Larson, Terry Meester, and I met with Stephani and Dustin Krueger on Saturday, September 17 regarding the baptism of their son, Sawyer, on September 25.
- Initial meeting on September 20, with Andrew Thostenson, Gayle Thostenson, Sue Hanna, and Boots Misheski, and later with Bonnie Thompson, regarding development of Funeral Resource Guide for CPCWF.

Clerk's report: 60 served communion on Sunday, August 28. Lee Dobrinz will be the CPC delegate at the Presbytery meeting in Rolla, ND on October 14-15. Clerk will have the minutes read in Casseton on Saturday, October 1.

The financial report was discussed. Contribution reports will be sent out in early October.

A Certificate of Transfer was received for Brian and Laurie Elhard from the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks.

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Mike Arvidson would like to become a member of CPC. Welcome to CPC! They will soon be received into membership with a date TBA.

Discussion was held regarding the use of the parking lot during West Fest and other community activities. A suggestion was made to designate the back parking lot for handicap usage.

The use of the church by Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide (HOREMOW) on Saturday and Sunday afternoons was discussed. All is going well and the situation will be re-evaluated in early January.

Christian Education Committee: The Children's Christmas program will be on December 11 during the worship service. Confirmation will begin on October 5 with six students. Sunday School teachers are needed.

Deacons: The Day of Caring in Fargo is October 13. Fall baskets will be delivered at the end of October. Donations are being accepted for the Grocery Fund for the family of Shawn Faller.

Mission Committee: PATH is the mission focus for September. The committee decided to continue to support the Polytech School and the check has been sent. A monitor will be placed in the narthex that can display CPC happenings. A poll will be conducted to see if there are different mission interests.

Nominating Committee: A list of open committee positions is being formulated.

Trustees: The front doors have been worked on and a little more work is still in progress. Small windows have been installed on the doors of all the classrooms. Discussion was held regarding church carpeting with emergent issues being addressed first. The 'no parking' signs in the parking lot will be replaced. Research for a new flower refrigerator is occurring. The insurance policy will be renewed in October.

Worship Committee: Thank you to Vi Galt for being in charge of our communion preparations. We will miss you and Bob. Mary Bastle and Nancy Kassman have taken charge of preparing communion. Carrie Leopold will purchase music for the hand bell choir. Liturgists and special music are needed. There will be a training session soon on how to run the AV equipment. Bruce Steele will form several focus groups to see what the congregation's feelings are regarding music selection, AV options, piano/organ/keyboard, etc.

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

Several of the proposed amendments to the constitution that will be voted on at the Presbytery meeting in October were discussed. Session members shared their opinions on the issues.

Meeting closed with prayer by Lise Alves at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session

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.

Deb Matzke	701-282-9463
Boots Misheski	701-388-7160
Lisa Steffen	701-282-5308
Caroline Talley	701-282-3273
Becky DeJong	701-281-8122
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves, Session Liaison	701-412-8689

**CALLING ALL LITURGISTS AND MUSICIANS**

Some Fall spots are empty. Please remember to sign up for special music or liturgist on the yellow sheets on the old narthex bulletin board.

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10-2 Vickie Grossnickle
- Delores Horn
- 10-4 Stephanie Corneliussen
- 10-5 Chuck Richard
- 10-6 Sue Hanna
- 10-8 Denny Braaten
- 10-9 Brenda Witt
- 10-13 Carol Braaten
- 10-14 Cindy Shone
- 10-16 Bill Herman
Rae Irene Kercher
Tom Pederson
- 10-17 Jenni Hummel
Brad Sterup
- 10-18 Samantha Herman
Michael Richard
- 10-23 Evelyn Petik
- 10-29 Larry Peihl



ANNIVERSARIES

- 10-4-86 - Lee and Stephanie Corneliussen
- 10-7-89 - Chuck and Kristen Richard
- 10-8-94 - Paul Campbell and Cathie Bishop
- 10-13-73 - Lynn and Yvonne Hummel
- 10-13-13 - Jim Gallagher and Blair Moorhead
- 10-23-04 - Wil and Jackie Petik

IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY!

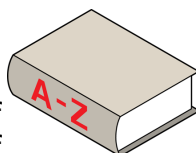
Come celebrate Dorothy Jenkins 80th birthday on Saturday, October 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the narthex of Community Presbyterian Church.

All are welcome!

CPC DIRECTORY IS HERE!

A new edition of Directory of Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo is available in the church narthex.

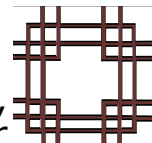
A digital version of the directory is also available. E-mail Gayle Thostenson at atgtet@far.midco.net for your copy.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES-DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY

When Jesus chose his disciples, he didn't go for the scholars or the scribes. He walked along and called guys in their fishing boats. Rather than a holy priest, he called a tax collector. For our next few Bible study meetings, we will learn more about some of these ordinary men that became Jesus' most trusted students. Join us at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, for a light supper, fun, fellowship, and time to learn more about Andrew, Philip, Peter, John, James, Judas and the rest of the disciples. We will zero in on one of the disciples each month.

This is open to all so come join us.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 as we study the majesty of God in the book of Revelation. Most of the lessons on this subject are able to stand alone, so one need not attend every lesson to reap the benefits of the study.

All are welcome! Contact Bonnie Thompson for more details.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Begin your Sunday mornings with coffee, muffins, and Bible Study in the church conference room. We began this season with the study of Proverbs. In December, we will study Advent scripture, resuming our Proverbs focus in January.

No prior study needed. All are welcome.

WALK TO STOP HUNGER



This year's CROP Hunger Walk begins Sunday, October 2, at 1:30 p.m. at First Congregational UCC, 406 8th St S., Moorhead, MN (1:00 p.m. registration).

This is an important way to help feed the hungry, near and far, as we join ecumenically and as interfaith partners in this work of compassion. See <http://www.crophungerwalk.org> for more info.

WEST FEST THANK YOU

Many thanks go to all those who donated their time, money, food, and goodies. We raised \$1,030.94 for Churches United for the Homeless! More importantly, we shared God's love and CPC hospitality with more than a couple hundred of our neighbors.



MISSION UPDATE

The Mission Committee would like to thank all our members for their giving to the Emergency Food Pantry, located at 1101 4th Ave N in Fargo. You gave 224 pounds of food. Wow! This generosity fed and will continue to feed families in our area. For more information on how you can help the hungry of Cass and Clay counties along with the surrounding areas, go to: <http://www.emergencyfoodpantry.com/>



**FACEBOOK,
INSTAGRAM, TWITTER?**



Community Presbyterian Church does not have an official Facebook account, but that could change soon. CPC is looking for a team of individuals to make up a new Social Media Committee. This team will create and manage social media for the church. If anyone is interested in helping on this committee, please contact Sue Hanna (701-781-4325 or srhanna01@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Children's church for those in grades K-2 has begun.



Designed to help children grow as worshipers and to prepare them to participate in the worship service, this program is not traditional Sunday school. It is exclusively focused on worship.

Want to occasionally help with this program? Adult and youth helpers are welcome. Lessons are simple, completely organized, and ready to go for you. Contact Lia Dobrinz for more information.

CHURCH CLEANING DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH



It's been over a year since we got out our dust mops and scrub buckets so it's time to have an old fashioned cleaning day and get ready for all of our fall and winter activities. If you're able to pitch in, we would appreciate the help on Saturday, October 8th at 9:30 a.m. The more people we have will insure that we make it home in time to watch our favorite football team! Thank you in advance!

The Trustees



SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

Oct 2 - 3-5:30 p.m.

Capture the Flag and
Blanket Volleyball

Oct 7-8 - Lock-In

Oct 9 - Operation Christmas Child?

Oct 23 - 3-5:30 p.m. Halloween Party

Oct 30 - Youth Sunday during worship

GROWING IN GRACE AND GRATITUDE



We have a new curriculum for our Sunday School children. Published through PC(USA), *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* is rooted in the foundation of Presbyterian identity where God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship. It extends an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love; and reaches beyond Sunday morning, encouraging children to live their lives as an expression of God's grace.

Why not help nurture the growth? Sign up to teach the Second through Fifth Grade or Preschooler-Kindergarten class on the teacher sign up in the narthex. Ready to help, but not teach, write *helper* next your name on the sheet and we'll pair you with a teacher to assist.

If you have questions, please contact LeAnn Tenderholt at 701-388-1594 or at LeAnn_T@yahoo.com.



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

for 9/18/2016

General Operating budget
2016: \$154,778.00 / 52
weeks = \$2,976.50 per week.

Actual Giving	\$85,670.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$113,107.00
Budget Shortfall	\$27,437.00-
Actual giving	\$85,670.00
Actual expenses	\$98,926.00
Shortfall	\$13,256.00-

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We currently DO NOT have funds in the building fund account to cover the payment for October.

Per Capita amount for 2016 is \$43.50 for each confirmed member.

Out of love and gratitude for the Lord, we will always want to give to Him. Love compels us to give. To those we love, we give. Friends in Christ, God's counsel tells us that, when we give our hearts to the Lord, our desire to give will follow.

GIVING TREE

The youth will set up a Giving Tree for the 2016 Christmas season on October 30th. Items collected will be going to the YWCA Unique Boutique event. This event is for families using the services of the YWCA, a time when families can shop for Christmas presents for their loved ones at no cost to them.

Please take a tag or two off the Giving Tree and buy specified item(s). Drop the items off by Thursday, December 1st. YWCA would prefer items not to be wrapped. Any extra toys, especially dolls, and scotch tape for families to wrap their presents are also welcome. Just place them under the Giving Tree.

The poster on the "Youth Corner" bulletin board outside the church office has more details about this project. See Samantha or Amanda Herman or any of the youth with questions. Thanks for your donations!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The youth are starting to collect items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for the 2016 Christmas season. Items collected will be made into shoeboxes as a Christmas present for children, 2-14 years old, and shipped around the world. Gift suggestions include: toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and accessories. The list of items can be found on the "Youth Corner" bulletin board outside the church office and are made into lists that you can take with you.

All donated items can be placed in the designated box on the pew under the "Youth Corner" bulletin board. Items will be collected from now until Wednesday, November 2nd, when the youth will put together the shoeboxes and wrap them. If you have any shoeboxes or wrapping paper for this project, the youth will gladly accept those as well.

Shoeboxes cost \$7 per box to ship. If you would like to make a donation, please write a check to CPC with Operation Christmas Child on the memo line. Donations will then be combined and a check made out to Samaritan's Purse and dropped off with the shoeboxes.

Please talk to Samantha or Amanda Herman or any of the youth with questions. Thanks for your donations!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bell ringing for Salvation Army will be Saturday, November 19th, at Hornbachers at Osgood and West Acres Main Entrance as well as Saturday, December 3rd, at Cash Wise in West Fargo and Family Fare in West Fargo. These are all inside locations.

Grab a friend and sign up to help ring bells. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Meester at 793-3245 or cjmeester@msn.com

**November Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, October 20**

Community Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer you a way to make contributions to the church using pre-authorized debits. You can have your contributions paid automatically each month.

- No check writing with associated charges
- Control over funds is guaranteed (via Regulation E)
- Easy to sign up and easy to cancel – easy to change for whatever reason

The authorization below gives Community Presbyterian Church and your financial institution authority to make contributions from your account. To take advantage of pre-authorized debits, simply complete the form as follows:

- Check whether your payment will be deducted from your checking or savings account
- Fill in your name, financial institution name and location, and date
- Attach a voided check for verification of all the financial institution information. If you are unable to attach a voided check, please provide your account number.
- Sign the form

Pre-authorized debits are safe, convenient, and easy. To take advantage of this service, please complete the following and return it to the church office.

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
P. O. Box 546
West Fargo, ND 58078

Forms accepted at any time

(A confirmation will be sent to you)