

COMMUNITY CALL

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LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

April 2 - 10:00 a.m. -
5th Sunday in Lent
Worship Service with
Communion

April 9 - 10:00 a.m. -
Palm Sunday Service

April 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday
Worship Service with Hand
Washing and Communion

April 16 - 10:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday
Worship Service with Communion

April 23 - 10:00 a.m. - 2nd Sunday of
Easter - Worship Service

April 30 - 10:00 a.m. - 3rd Sunday of
Easter - Worship Service

PRESBYTERY MEETING IS COMING TO CPC!

We have the unique opportunity to host the Presbytery meeting at our church on April 21 & 22. It is an exciting time to be able to host this meeting as the opportunity does not come along very often.

What is a presbytery meeting? It is a time for the coming together, face-to-face, to conduct the business of this particular presbytery, The Presbytery of the Northern Plains (PNP). The PNP includes 59 congregations and one fellowship in North Dakota, western Minnesota, and one county in Montana. We expect about 75 people to attend the meeting.

The official meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.
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PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



To all God's beloved reading this newsletter: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are deep within the season of Lent, and Easter is right around the corner on April 16th. In March, we started Lent with an Ash Wednesday service, asking God to wash us and cleanse our sins; and to guide us as we sought to deepen our relationship with God during this season. As we reflect on our Sunday gospel readings, we spent most of our time in the Gospel of John, with really long passages! How easy it is for us as humans to focus on how long the passage is, rather than the message intended for our ears and heart.

The season of Lent is our time to reflect on Jesus' life, his teachings, and
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all he endured for us, the people of God. This season is the very core of what Christianity is all about. As we walk with Jesus Christ during this season, we hear things in our scripture readings that are difficult to understand, and can be even more difficult to verbalize to others. We have an opportunity each Lenten season to consciously look at ourselves as Christians. We have the opportunity to re-read, and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, reminding us of his suffering and sacrifice. We have been chosen by God, and have received the forgiveness and grace of Christ Jesus. We did not have to earn it; God has called us to eternal life.

When we let the depth, and meaning of Jesus' crucifixion, death, and resurrection sink into our hearts and minds, we are reminded of the greatness of the gift we have received. We remember that we are not to hide our gift, we are to share this good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ with others. We realize and understand that each word we speak and each action we take shouts out to the rest of the world what it means to be a Christian.

During March, we lost three of our Christian friends to death: Dorothy Jenkins, Delbert Jenner, and Harriet Diede. We mourned with their families, and rejoiced at the same time, because we know that they are with God, free from pain and struggle. We will miss their presence, as friends and as family. It is not easy to let our friends and family go; it would be so much better, we think, as humans, if they could stay with us. Ultimately, as Christians, we are grateful that they are now with God.

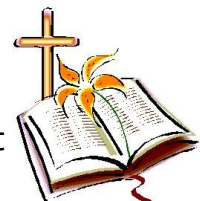
On our Lenten Journey, we also recognize that we must reach out to others in response to Jesus' call to care for those in need, especially those on the margins of society. Jesus demonstrated his intent of reaching out to all of God's children with each and every lesson he

taught while he was on earth. He spent time with those who were judged and rejected by the culture. For example, he talked with a Samaritan woman by Jacob's well, and even offered her Living Water. It is Jesus' behavior that we see and hear in our scripture readings. It is the behavior of Jesus that we are to follow in our own lives, inside our doors and outside the doors of our church.

On Maundy Thursday, you are invited to join us as we ask God to wash us and cleanse us from our sins before we remember our Lord and Savior with communion. Our gospel reading from John 13:1-17 includes the account of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. We are adding "hand washing" as part of the Maundy Thursday service this year to symbolize Jesus' foot washing. You will come forward, stop at the handwashing station, and proceed to the communion table for communion by intinction.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Cathie

**APRIL
SCRIPTURES
FOR WORSHIP**



- April 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Psalm 130
John 11: 1-45 (sermon text)
- April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday
Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16
Matthew 27: 11-31 (sermon text)
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12: 1-4
John 13: 1-17, 31-35 (sermon text)
- April 16 - Resurrection of the Lord/Easter
Jeremiah 31: 1-6
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
John 20: 1-18 (sermon text)
- April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter
Psalm 16
John 20: 19-31 (sermon text)
- April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter
Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
Luke 24: 13-35 (sermon text)

FEBRUARY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on February 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Dawn Larson, Lee Dobrinz, Sue Hanna, Terry Meester, Adam Montgomery, and Andrew Thostenson. Moderator Cathie Bishop and Treasurer Carolyn Meester were present. Mary Jo Moorhead and Clerk Becky DeJong were absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Cathy Birrenkott

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of January 18, 2017 and the annual meeting minutes from January 22, 2017
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, March 15, 2017
- c. elect Treasurer, Carolyn Meester, and Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong, for a one year term
- d. New elders and deacons will be installed/ordained on February 12, 2017 - carried via e-mail.

Moderator's report:

- Wrote and submitted article for February, 2017 newsletter.
- Participated in Presbytery Council conference call on January 19
- Submitted information for CPCWF bulletin insert approved by Session for use by Presbytery on January 19.
- With Gayle Thostenson, visited Brenda Bjorklund.
- Sunday, January 22, moderated Annual Congregational Meeting.
- As part of Presbytery Personnel Committee, met with presbytery staff on January 24 and January 26.
- Attended PNP Leadership Training for Committee On Ministry (COM) in Buffalo, MN on January 31-February 2.
- COM Conference Call on Thursday, February 9.
- Phone Conference/Training for Exam Reading on February 3; read exegetis exams February 6-10; 16 hours.

- Prepped for and taught confirmation class on February 8 on prayer; introduced labyrinth to students, mentors, and parents.
- Visited Dorothy Jenkins who was in CCU at Essentia Health February 8 and 9. Dorothy died February 9, funeral will be Saturday, March 4 at CPC. Will meet with family at West Funeral Home on February 15.
- Attended Faith Communities Advisory Group at Hjemkomst Center on Thursday, February 9. They approved CPCWF as an advisory member (approved at December session meeting). Linda Bishop will also represent CPCWF.
- Funeral on Friday, February 10, for FPC-MHD member, Marlys Johnson; "sub" for Paul Campbell, when he was out of town for training.
- During worship on February 12 - Ordination/Installation for our Deacons and Elders; and Commissioning for Boots Misheski and Mary Jo Moorhead, for their trip to Kenya.
- Facilitated Wednesday morning Bible Study on Book of Revelation on February 15.

Clerk's report - 66 served communion on Sunday, February 5, 2017. David Teets was welcomed in membership at CPC on Sunday, February 5, 2017 through a re-affirmation of faith.

The financial report was discussed.

Committee liaison assignments for new Session elders are Adam Montgomery for Personnel and Mary Jo Moorhead for Trustees.

Baptism for Brylee Ann Holte -whose parents are April Shone and Skylar Holte is scheduled to occur February 26.

The Presbytery Squares have requested the Spring Brunch be on Sunday, April 30, and we invite the congregation. Donations will be used for a new stove in the kitchen.

Session will meet with the confirmands on Wednesday, April 26. Discussion was
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held and the April Session meeting will be moved to Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. with a meal to meet and visit with the confirmands. Regular Session meeting will follow the meeting with the confirmands.

Discussion on current bylaws. Adam Montgomery, Andrew Thostenson, and Pastor Cathie will review and bring back for further discussion.

Deacons: A Valentine coffee was held last Saturday and gift bags were delivered to those who were not able to attend. The Deacons continue to deliver communion to the shut-ins.

Mission Committee: Mary Jo Montgomery and Boots Misheski are in Africa. The committee is still going through the surveys.

Nominating Committee: Boots Misheski has volunteered to be a Presbytery of the Northern Plains delegate. Dixon Moorhead and Pastor Cathie serve on presbytery's Committee on Ministry. This means our church has three representatives who will actively participate in presbytery.

Personnel: Our organist, Sue Leyendecker, is still on medical leave.

Christian Education Committee: Youth Group is requesting a Lock-In to occur March 24 & 25 from 8:00 p.m. Friday to 11:00 a.m. Saturday. Sunday school teachers are still needed. The group is planning for confirmation and graduation Sundays.

Worship Committee: Lenten candles have been purchased. Greg Sterup made a stand for them. Liturgists and special music are still needed. Discussed that Linda Bishop and Lise Alves are co-coordinators of the Presbytery meeting and will be contacting people and sharing the agenda once it is received. The status of the organist was discussed. Dawn tried to find a substitute for this week since she will be away. Since a substitute was not available, the music was recorded for Sun-

day's service.

No reports were presented from the Trustees or the Stewardship and Service & Fellowship Committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Meester

MARCH CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on March 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Dawn Larson, Lee Dobrinz, Sue Hanna, Terry Meester, Adam Montgomery, and Andrew Thostenson. Moderator Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong, and Treasurer Carolyn Meester were present. Cathy Birrenkott and Mary Jo Moorhead were absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Terry Meester.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of February 15, 2017
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – with confirmation students
- c. bridal shower for Paula Sebelius in the narthex – Sunday, July 9 - 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- d. HOREMOW – use the kitchen on Sunday, March 5, from 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. – approved via e-mail
- e. Cathy Birrenkott – baby shower for Holly on Saturday, March 11, in the narthex from 9:30 a.m. to noon – approved via e-mail
- f. Vicki Peihl – use of narthex for bridal shower for Grace Moorhead on Saturday, April 8, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Moderator's report

- Wrote and submitted articles for March newsletter: Ponderings, Confirmation Corner, and prepared Easter Schedule and Scriptures for March newsletter.

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- Attended Presbytery Council meeting in Jamestown on February 16.
- Wrote article for Presbytery on the Progressive Dinner held in January.
- Prepared and led Ash Wednesday service on March 1.
- Spent time with Delbert Jenner and family beginning February 19 through his death on February 21. Met with family regarding funeral planning; prayer service at West Funeral Home on March 2 and funeral for Delbert on March 3.
- Funeral for Dorothy Jenkins (died on February 9) on March 4.
- Led Wednesday morning Bible Study on the Book of Revelation on February 22 and March 15.
- Prepared worship for Sundays—February 19 and 26th; March 5 (Communion) and 12th (baptism for Brylee Ann Holte. Lise Alves and I met with parents, April and Skylar, on March 9).
- Visited Harriet Diede during her earlier hospitalization in February – week of February 26; and keeping in touch with her daughter, Nancy, as she was readmitted on March 12.
- Taught confirmation class on March 8. Our topic was Mission. Lee Dobrinz was our guest speaker. The confirmands are busy working on their statements of faith with their mentors.
- COM conference call on March 9.
- Will attend Worship Committee on March 15.
- Attending choir and bells practices and participating in performances

Clerk's report - 63 served communion on Sunday, March 5. Dorothy Jenkins died on February 9, 2017, and her funeral was held on March 4, 2017 at CPC. Delbert Jenner died on February 21, 2017, and his funeral was held at CPC on March 3, 2017. Brylee Holte was baptized on March 12, 2017. Her parents are April Shone and Skylar Holte.

The financial report was discussed.

Reed and Brittney Montgomery would

like to have their daughter, Rylee Rose, baptized on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Pastor Cathie and Dawn Larson will meet with the parents to discuss baptismal responsibilities. Scott Meyer will be the presenting elder for the baptism.

An ad for our Easter services will be placed in the local newspapers.

Community Presbyterian Church has an open-door policy. When HOREMOW, a Christian-based group, approached our church asking for space to worship, our Mission Committee along with Session granted them permission. This has been a friendly partnership that involves frequent communication and quarterly reviews. They are guests in our church and the Session encourages everyone to extend the welcoming hand of God to them.

The Deacons continue to visit shut-ins and offer home communion.

Mission Committee: An analysis of the mission survey has been completed and will be shared with the congregation.

Personnel Committee: A search for a new organist/pianist will begin soon. A rotation or group of pianists is being considered. Barb Jorgenson, our secretary/bookkeeper, submitted her resignation on March 13, 2017. She will be retiring on May 31, 2017. Pastor Cathie has requested continuing education dates: May 15-19 – The Festival of Homiletics (preaching) in San Antonio, Texas and July 23-28 – Synod school in Storm Lake, Iowa. Pulpit supply will be needed for May 21 and July 30.

Service and Fellowship Committee: The S&F groups have been updated.

Trustees: The elevator stopped running—the power pack was replaced. The I & E cleaning service has been cleaning our building for one year with satisfactory results. Miscellaneous odd jobs have been attended to.

Worship Committee: Sue Leyendecker has resigned her position as organist.

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Thank you, Sue, for your many years of dedicated service. Your talents and smile will be missed. May the peace of God go with you!

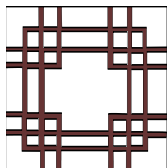
The Ash Wednesday service was well received. The Maundy-Thursday service will be at 7:00 p.m. with communion by intinction and a special hand-washing ceremony. Remember, every morning is Easter morning!!!

No reports were submitted by Christian Education, Nominating, or Stewardship committees.

A nasty virus was found in our computer. Many, many thanks go to Andrew Thostenson for conquering this bug!

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session



**PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES
DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY-
6:05 P.M. WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 12**

Judas Iscariot. The traitor. The betrayer. Who really was Judas, and why was he one of Jesus' disciples? How could he sell out Jesus for a few coins? Join us on Wednesday, April 12, for a light supper at 6:05 p.m., followed by an interesting lesson on Judas and why he followed Jesus only to sell him out at the end. After our lesson we will discuss the upcoming Spring Brunch fundraiser that will be Sunday, April 30.

**BRIDAL SHOWER
FOR GRACE MOORHEAD**

You are invited to a bridal shower in honor of Grace Moorhead from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.



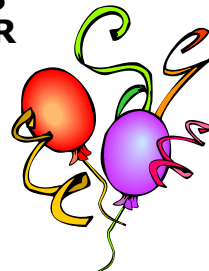
Grace is the daughter of Dixon and Mary Jo Moorhead. She and Tim Chandler will be married in May in the Twin Cities. They are registered at Target.

We invite all the ladies of CPC to join us at this special event for Grace.

**APRIL DATES
TO REMEMBER**

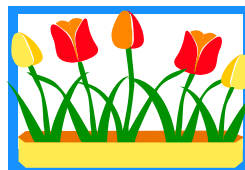
BIRTHDAYS

- 4-1 Susan Gross
- 4-2 Becky DeJong
Molly Nelson
- 4-3 Rylan Keller
- 4-4 Ryder Matzke
- 4-5 Veril Larson
- 4-6 Brent Talley
- 4-8 Hazel Yokom
- 4-10 Dustin Richard
- 4-14 Cathy Birrenkott
- 4-18 Chris Shone
- 4-19 Beverly Montgomery
- 4-19 Mandi Keller
- 4-20 Lynn Hummel
- 4-21 Sawyer Krueger
- 4-22 Kaylee VanCleve
- 4-23 Zaryn Hansen
- 4-23 Ellie Strand
- 4-24 Alex Misheski
- 4-25 Audrey Binger
- 4-27 Jack Gellner
Andrew Thostenson
- 4-30 Carolyn Talley



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4-2-77 – Greg and Carol Sterup
- 4-9-88 – Dwight and Lisa Steffen
- 4-11-15 – Aaron and Brianne Hass
- 4-13-68 – Denny and Carol Braaten
- 4-21-79 – Larry and Vicki Peihl
- 4-30-66 – Larry and Uneva Dobrinz



**SPRING BRUNCH
FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

This year our annual Spring Brunch will be held after worship on Sunday, April 30. All are invited to come enjoy our wonderful egg bakes, along with fruit, rolls, muffins, bars, and other goodies. Are you hungry yet? Good! This is a FUNdraiser for the kitchen – it's time to update our stove and microwave. (That microwave is from 1980!) So please come enjoy the GREAT food and fellowship of our church people and donate to this wonderful yet very much needed cause. Thanks for your support!



FOCUS ON MISSION

Have you ever invited someone new as a guest to your home for dinner or a celebration? When you did, it is likely that you introduced your guests to everyone in your household and any other guests in attendance as they arrived. If you didn't, some might say that you weren't being a very good host. At Community Presbyterian Church, we have opened the doors of our home to guests and the goal of this article is to help introduce our guests to those in the congregation who may not have had the chance to meet them yet and invite you to extend a welcoming hand, a kind word, and warm smile.

A few years ago, a group of worshipers from a ministry named the "Holiness Revival Ministry Worldwide" approached members of our church and Elders on our Session with a request to use our facility as a place of worship for their new ministry. Their ministry was in need of a place to grow, and not unlike a seed that needs a good pot of soil to emerge, they needed a place to begin as well. Our church chose to welcome them as guests to our home and so began our relationship with our new friends at HOREMOW. I'd like to give you a bit of information to introduce you to HOREMOW but most importantly ask you to think about our role as a good host and what that means for our common goal of worshiping Christ.

The Holiness Revival Ministry Worldwide, also known as, HOliness REvival MOvement Worldwide (HOREMOW), is a non-denominational Ministry given to the promotion of biblical Righteousness and Holiness in Churches and Nations of the world through Crusades, Conferences, Revival Meetings, production and spread of Holiness literature and materials. The membership of the Movement is opened to all who love to live the Righteous and Holy Life and to spread same in their church, Christian community and nation.

The members of HOREMOW are our brothers and sisters in Christ and they are led by Pastor Solomon Reeves who has been our contact when communicating about their congregation's use of our facility. Over time, we have worked to help the HOREMOW ministry as they are working to grow their congregation. When HOREMOW began, they were meeting in our church for worship on Sundays beginning when our service and fellowship was ending. Last year, Pastor Reeves approached our church to see if their ministry could have use of the facility for some additional hours during the week. At that time, Session revisited the topic of their use of the facility. There was thoughtful discussion about granting the request and the basis of the original use as well. Points about cost, risks of use by others, access, and our/their mission were debated. Session made the decision that the use of our facility by HOREMOW at this time, was and is a part of our Church's Mission outreach. The Mission Committee discussed the question further and made the recommendation to continue hosting HOREMOW as a guest of our church, to which the Session agreed.

It was decided that along with inviting HOREMOW as a guest into our Church, we would do a better job of documenting the conditions of use of our facility. So, Session created a document, that HOREMOW has agreed to, which defines the expectations of Community Presbyterian Church around the use of the facility. A few key points are listed below:

- Pastor Solomon Reeves is our point of contact
- Times of use:
 - Sunday Worship
noon to 3:00 p.m.
 - Bible Study Wednesday
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 - Prayer Service Saturday
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- If any Community Presbyterian
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Church event, whether regularly scheduled or special, conflicts with the time of HOREMOW's use, the Community Presbyterian event would have precedence over any of the times of use by HOREMOW. However, we would provide notice to Pastor Reeves as soon as possible if we found that we would need to use the facility during these times so that they can plan and reschedule their events accordingly.

- Access to the church is provided to them through the use of a programmed electronic key FOB only for the hours listed above. Pastor Reeves has the electronic key FOB and is in charge of confirming the doors are locked when their use of the building is complete. He is the only person from HOREMOW with security access.
- HOREMOW is to leave the church clean and in the same condition as before each use throughout the week.
- Children are to have adult supervision during the use of the facility.
- The Session would review the status of the relationship on a quarterly basis and determine continued use.

As recently as this month, Session has revisited the details of HOREMOW's use of our facility. It continues to be our joy to host HOREMOW as a guest in our church until such time that their ministry has either grown in numbers requiring, or as determined by CPCWF or HOREMOW, to find a different location for their ministry.

Along with the members of our Session, I invite you to continue to open your hearts and our doors to this mission. I picture a table that is set with all the blessings that we enjoy and how sharing those blessings with others pleases Christ, brings us together with other be-

lievers and strengthens our love of each other and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Rejoicing and celebrating in Christ together: our common purpose.

"Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory." Romans 5:2

If you have any questions about the use of our facility by our guests, please contact me, any of the Mission Committee members, or any of the Ruling Elders of Session.

Prayerfully Submitted by:

Lee Dobrinz

Elder and Mission Committee Chair

**SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE**

Apr 7 - 5:00 p.m.-?

- Progressive Dinner

*Apr 19 - 6:00-8 p.m.

Parents Appreciation Day

**April 28-30 - Crystal Springs 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., April 12th

**R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 14th

***R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 14th

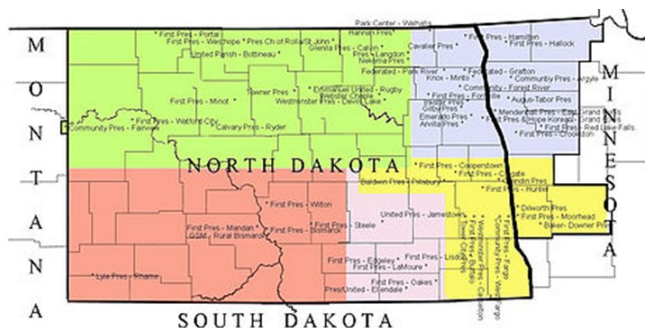
Also, please check both your e-mail and the Youth Corner for the latest and most detailed information regarding Soul Train activities.

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 youth Sunday School scheduled for that day.

CPC Children/Youth Sunday School will NOT be held on April 16. Last Day of Sunday School will be May 21.





PRESBYTERY TO MEET AT CPC (Continued from page 1)

on Friday, April 21st. However, we will have people arriving earlier as registration begins at 11:00 a.m. On Friday, the meeting begins with a worship service. At 2:00 p.m., the reports of the committees and ministry teams are given. We will be serving dinner to the attendees at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:15 p.m. there will be a worship service led by the Presbyterians Earth Care.

On Saturday, the presbytery meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. with devotions, followed by reports on the new structure of the presbytery, as well as discussion and a vote on one of the proposed amendments to the Book of Order, 16-H Directory for Worship. The morning finishes off with CRE Commissioning, unfinished business, and installation of the new officers. The meeting will finish by 11:45 a.m.

YOU are invited to sit in on the whole meeting or any part of the meeting. If you have ever wondered just what happens at a presbytery meeting, this is a great chance for you to check it out!

We need help...with registration, preparing meals, helping to serve, providing child care, moving tables (yes, we will still have some to use), and just being available to answer questions from our guests.

Linda Bishop and Lise Alves are co-coordinators for our CPC preparation. If you would like to help, please talk with either of them. You may reach them on their cell phones: Linda - (701) 200-1818; Lise - (701) 412-5425; or talk with them when you see them in church.

RUMMAGE MADNESS: PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, April 22, 2017



The sale will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Arena from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (Note, the sale is 60 minutes shorter this year.)

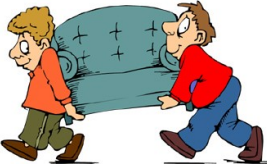
We need rummage. Donated items can be brought to the southwest door of the Arena, which is the delivery entrance to West Fargo High School, any time after 2:00 p.m. and until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21. If you are unable to deliver donated items, we will gladly pick them up. If you have electronic or computer equipment to donate, please get them to Andrew Thostenson as soon as possible so he can properly recondition them. (Tube televisions cannot be sold and should be disposed of during spring cleanup week.)

We need help (men and women) moving tables, setting up, pricing, accepting payments, wrangling rummage, and tearing down. Your help in any and all of these endeavors will be greatly appreciated. With Presbytery being hosted at CPC on Friday, the 21st, and Saturday, the 22nd, we will have some logistical curveballs to respond to. So, this is the plan:

- If you have folding tables, (approximately 2' X 6') that can hold rummage, we could sure use them. (Ordinarily tables are not an issue, but we are going to have to keep some back at the church for Presbytery.)
- Loading tables into pickups—Thursday Evening, 7:00 p.m. Again with Presbytery coming, we need to load tables on Thursday and hold them overnight on vehicles. Meet at CPC.
- Table and rummage setup—Friday, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Arena.
- Rummage sale—Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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- Sale tear down and move tables back to the church - Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

If you have rummage, questions on logistics, and/or you can supply a table or two, just call or leave a message with Andrew Thostenson at 492-0630 or 793-2883 or e-mail atgtet@far.midco.net .

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.

Bring questions to Cathy Birrenkott, Lia Dobrinz, Melanie Hansen, Tammy Nelson, or Gayle Thostenson. Sign up on the bulletin board in the old narthex.

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.

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| Sue Larson | 701-893-6484 |
| Deb Matzke | 701-282-9463 |
| Boots Misheski | 701-388-7160 |
| Lisa Steffen | 701-282-5308 |
| Caroline Talley | 701-282-3273 |
| Boots Montgomery | 701-281-0028 |
| Lise Alves, Session Liaison | 701-412-8689 |

**ANNOUNCING:
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S
SPRING
GATHERING**



Place: 1st Presbyterian Church
2900 5th St S, Moorhead, MN

Time: Saturday, April 29, 2017

Topic: Instruments of Peace

Guest Speakers:

Elona Street-Stewart, first Native American Synod Executive, on racial/ethnic ministry and Sue Medsker-Nedderman, former Synod Peace and Justice coordinator, on USA Mission Experience

Donations of fruit, pre-packaged jello, pudding, granola bars, crackers, and tied fleece blankets/pillows will be collected for mission giving to the families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Registration 9:30 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

Registration fee:

\$15.00 payable to PWP

RSVP by April 15

to PWP Moderator Lana Schultz

By phone 701-238-4538

or email lanaj0@casselton.net



PRAYER CHAIN

Sharing our needs and concerns in prayer with our church family brings us closer to one another and lightens our load.

If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson (492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net). Also, it’s never too late to join the prayer chain. Just let Gayle know you’d like to receive e-mail prayer updates.

SENIOR SUNDAY



On Sunday, May 14, we will recognize graduating high school seniors: Angela Corneliussen and Matthew Thompson. If you know of any other graduating seniors affiliated with Community Presbyterian Church, please contact Cathy Birrenkott as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION

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During April, our confirmands will be finishing up their statements of faith and preparing for their meeting with Session on April 26. All our students have or will have participated in the Lenten Candles call to worship during Lent. The confirmation class will be participating in serving dinner on the 5th Sunday to the folks at the Salvation Army. In their April 5, monthly meeting, they will also learn more about the recent Kenyan mission trip, and discuss what it means to build community for Christians. Our last meeting together will be on May 3. We will focus on grace and gratitude, practice for confirmation Sunday, and enjoy our last meal together as a confirmation class.

Please continue to pray for our students as they finish up their confirmation program with their classwork, statements of faith, time with their mentors, and experiences with volunteering in the community and within their church community.

Pastor Cathie

REMINDER TO RETURNING SNOWBIRDS



You told us when you were ready to fly off to warmer climates and you haven't missed a newsletter or CPC mailing. But now as you plan to return to your northward home, please don't forget to let us in on your plans.

Please inform our church secretary/bookkeeper, Barb Jorgensen (282-4135 or office@cpcwf.org), regarding the time you will return home so you won't miss any CPC mailings. Please note: the U.S. Postal Service does NOT forward CPC newsletters. They are returned to us when the address is vacant with a charge for the service.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

For 3/15/2017

General Operating budget
2017: \$151,229.52 / 52
weeks = \$2,908.26 per
week.

Budgeted Exp. to date: \$ 31,990.86

Actual giving \$ 21,590.52

Actual expenses \$ 28,210.40

Net income to date \$ 6,619.88-

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We have funds designated to pay the mortgage through April.

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 Per Capita.

God speaks to all of us about the importance of giving, Jesus said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35) He also said, "*Freely you have received, freely give.*" (Matthew 10:8). If we choose not to give faithfully and generously, we forgo the blessings that God gives to those who give cheerfully. There is no better time than now to examine your level of giving, and, if need be, to take a leap of faith and increase your giving. In the words of Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Sue Leyendecker for her many years of service as our organist and wish her God's blessings.

CPC Session

**May's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, April 20**

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
 (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