

COMMUNITY CALL

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FALL BACK

On Sunday, November 4th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time Ends. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

THANKSGIVING AT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



On November 22, 2018 the nation will celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Many people look forward to spending the day with relatives and friends, stuffing themselves with turkey and all the trimmings. However, not everyone has others to share the day with. It is true at CPC as well. Laurie and Brian Elhard along with Pastor Cathie and Paul Campbell are going to cook a Thanksgiving Dinner at CPC on Thanksgiving Day. We have both experienced the joy of cooking for our friends at church, rather than just cooking for ourselves. It is much more fun to gather together with friends than eat at home by ourselves.

YOU are invited to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner together with friends and family at Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo on Thursday, November 22. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. Come early to visit with one another before dinner.

We will put out a basket for a free-will offering to help cover the costs. If we have more than needed, it will be donated to the Emergency Food Pantry.

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PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 1:7b.

Many people say it, and it needs to be said again...where does the time go? You are reading the November newsletter! Next month is December, and then it is 2019. It is overwhelming to realize how quickly time goes by, yet, there are times when life stops. We hold our breath, and we realize that in all the hustle and bustle, we miss what is most important.

When I got the call on September 19, it was because a life had ended. Our grandson, Joe Roman, died that afternoon. He just turned 30 years old. He had an adorable daughter who loved her daddy. He was a valued employee. Joe made people laugh. He was loved

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by his family and his friends. Joe was also a drug addict. He had been clean for a few years. Then, over the summer, he started using again. On September 19, instead of giving him the high he expected, the drugs he took killed him.

I know I am not the only one who has lost a son or daughter or grandchild to this disease, but it feels like it when it happens. It became personal. I'm the pastor, the one who comforts others. This time others were comforting me, and for that I am extremely grateful. Thank you for all of you who held me on Wednesday night while I cried and rambled on. Thank you to those who prayed for Joe and our family. Thank you for the cards and condolences. Thank you for being my family at Community Presbyterian Church. God held me and Paul, our family in the palm of his hands through you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Life does go on. God continues to walk with us through our grief and through the routine of life. We are back into living and looking ahead for what's to come during the seasons of our church year. Ordinary time runs through the end of November. Advent begins on December 2 this year; the Christmas season begins on the 25th of December and ends on the 6th of January.

While there are all kinds of commercial attempts to entice you into the Christmas Spirit, Community Presbyterian Church is preparing a special Advent Devotional just for you. Almost all of the cards have been taken off the bulletin board. Although, if you see one left, please take it home and write a devotion for the booklet. If you have taken a card, please work on your devotion and turn it in by the first of November so we

have time to put the devotionals in order and print the booklet so you can have it before the first Sunday, December 2.

In the meantime, I am finishing up a sermon series on Hebrews through the month of November. Watch for more information about the Thanksgiving Dinner here at CPC on Thanksgiving Day. The choir is busy practicing for the cantata to be presented on December 2; the children hope to be practicing for their program, too.

I leave you with a quote from the end of Hebrews. "May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

SNOWBIRD REMINDER

Are you ready to fly off to warmer climates? If so, don't forget to take CPC with you.



Please inform our church office specialist, Roberta Cruz (office@cpcwf.org or 282-4135), regarding your temporary address(es) and the time you will be away from 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 along with a charge for the service.

Notify Gayle Thostenson if you would like to be included on the prayer chain e-list. Finally, don't forget to catch the sermons you'll miss on site by visiting the web at <http://vimeo.com/cpcwf>.



OCTOBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Laurie Elhard, Sue Hanna, Melanie Hansen, Mike Misheski, and Mary Jo Moorhead. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Lee Dobrinz, Adam Montgomery, and Andrew Thostenson were absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Melanie Hansen.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of August 15, 2018
- b. Next Session meeting - Wednesday, November 21, 2018
- c. Fa-La-La - December 2 - Narthex 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- d. Dawn Larson would like to use the narthex for a private bridal shower on November 4, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- e. Bluegrass Christmas with Monroe Crossing - Saturday, December 8, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Moorhead at 7:00 p.m. for Church Night Out!
- f. Steve Hanna - Men's Bible Study - Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 2
- g. WF Lions Club requested to place a box at CPC to collect donated eyeglasses. It will be emptied every two weeks.

September Moderator's report -

- CPC completed Summer Lunch Program on Friday, August 17. Total meals served: 954. Total weekend packs distributed: 193. Total individuals serving: 59 (30 from CPC and 29 from BCBS). Average meals served per day by month: June 28.7; July 12.75; August 9.6.
- Attended Sanford Faith Community Advisory Group on Tuesday, August 21.

- Sharing moderating duties with Rick Raum for Mendenhall Presbyterian Church of East Grand Forks. Two trips to Mendenhall: August 21 and September 10.
- Wrote and submitted Ponderings article for September newsletter, as well as September scripture passages for sermons.
- Worked with Roger Wadell family, Funeral held at CPC on Wednesday, August 22.
- Met with Christian Education Committee on Wednesday, August 22.
- Met with Deacons on Wednesday, August 29.
- Submitted paper for Doctor of Ministry on Monday, September 3.
- Attended Care for Congregations pod meeting via phone conference call on Tuesday, September 4.
- Met with Mission Committee on Wednesday, September 5.
- With Paul Campbell, mowed lawn labyrinth for CPCWF on Friday, September 7.
- Visited Luiza Martin at Sanford on September 10, 11, and 13th.
- Met with Jenae Meske, Great Plains Food Bank, to debrief on Summer Lunch Program on Tuesday, September 11.
- Met with Courtney Roberts and Adam Montgomery on September 12 for pre-marital discussion.
- Volunteered at CPCWF for Churches United fund-raising at West Fest.
- Participated in Bell Choir practice at Faith Lutheran on September 11 and 18th.
- Attended Choir practice for Cantata on Monday, September 17.
- Ordered confirmation materials, preparation for 2018-2019 confirmation year, identified mentors, first meeting with confirmands will be Wednesday, September 26.
- Prepared and preached for five worship services on: August 19 and 26th, and September 2 with communion, September 9 and 16.

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September Clerk's report

- i. 45 served communion on Sunday, September 2, 2018.
- ii. The Session minutes were read on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, with 0 exceptions.

October Moderator's report

- Six days bereavement leave, September 20-25, 2018. Thank you all for your support.
- Attended Deacons meeting.
- Provided "Reflection Time" for Churches United, in their updated chapel.
- Attended Presbytery pre-session on Sunday, October 7, by Office of General Assembly (GA) Coordinator of Self-Development of People, titled "The Least of These." Held at the First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck. Attended the Presbytery meeting on Monday, October 8, at the First Presbyterian Church of Mandan. FYI. Paul Campbell was elected leadership pod moderator, and both Paul and I were elected as alternate GA Commissioners for 2020 (Paul CLP, Cathie Rev.)
- Met with Courtney Roberts and Adam Montgomery regarding their upcoming marriage.
- First meeting of our 2018-2019 confirmation year. We had 6 confirmands and their parents at the meeting.
- Scheduled to meet with Christian Education committee on October 17.
- Prepared worship and sermons: September 23, I prepared the service and Dixon preached for me; September 30, prepared worship and sermon; October 7, prepared worship with communion, and sermon; October 14, prepared worship and sermon.
- Attended one choir rehearsal and three bell practices.

October Clerk's report –

- i. 79 served communion on Sunday, October 7, 2018.
- ii. Review membership list – it will be discussed at the November meeting.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, November 4, will be Lise Alves, Laurie Elhard, Melanie Hansen, and one additional elder to be determined.

The financial report was discussed.

December calendar:

Dec. 1 - 7:00 p.m. Hanging of the greens

Dec. 2 - 10:00 a.m. Cantata

5:30 p.m.

Fa-La-La - all women welcome

Dec. 12 - 7:00 p.m. - A Blue Christmas

Dec. 16 - 11:00 a.m.

Potluck following worship

Dec. 24 - 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve service

Dec. 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Christmas morning worship

Merry Christmas!!!

****Children's Christmas program – TBA****

HBS Expressions Dance Team will hold their annual Pancake Feed on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Jessica and Justin Hill have requested to have their son, Talen, baptized on November 25, 2018. Mary Jo Moorhead made a motion to approve the baptism.

Session discussed the need to have carts to carry folding chairs and how the soot from candles in the sanctuary affect the furnace filter system. Suggestions will be brought back to Session next month.

Christian Education: Sunday School is going very well. Confirmation has begun. The Children's Sunday School Christmas program needs a coordinator. Please consider volunteering!!!

Deacons: Planning will begin for the delivery of fall baskets.

Nominating Committee: The committee is beginning the search for members interested in serving on all church committees. God is calling you!

Stewardship Committee: Expense sheets will be distributed in November and all committees should review their expenses and return a budget by the first week in December. A Moment for Stewardship will presented on Sunday,

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October 21.

The trustees are getting the church ready for winter and they are looking for a new snow removal company.

Worship Committee: Please take your advent devotional and return it by November 1. Thank you!

No reports: Mission, Service and Fellowship, and Personnel committees

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong



SERVANTS NEEDED

We need you to assist in the delivery and preparation of meals at Churches United for the homeless and Salvation Army. We help serve the meal at Churches United the second Wednesday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 4:00 p.m. and the Salvation Army every fifth Sunday. See Dixon Moorhead for details of how you can help.

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 or would like your name added to the prayer chain elist, please contact Gayle Thostenson (atgtet@far.midco.net or 492-0630).



2018-2019 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



Sunday School for those aged 3 years and beyond will be meeting every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. with the following exceptions:

CPC youth and children Sunday School will NOT be meeting November 25. There will be NO Sunday School December 23 and 30.

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 11-3 Mary Bastle
Dave Ruhnke
- 11-5 Jarrett Meester
- 11-6 Amy Grossman-Tomsich
- 11-8 Adam Montgomery
Joy Taffe
- 11-9 Charlie Elhard
Jackie Petik
Adynn Tomsich
- 11-10 Susan McIntyre
Jim Martin
Vicki Peihl
- 11-13 Sean Alves
Carrie Leopold
- 11-15 Heidi Babb
- 11-18 Brianne Hass
- 11-19 Kayla Hauge
- 11-21 Brent Montgomery
- 11-24 Bob Gross
- 11-25 Erika Matzke

THANK YOU!



Presbyterian Women would like to thank all who contributed to a very successful Fall Bazaar. Even with a light turnout, we raised more than \$1,300 to be used for the church and its ministries. Thanks to everyone who donated crafts, goodies, produce, and supplies; to those who set up on Friday and took down and cleaned on Sunday; to those who helped prepare and serve food, carry heavy loads, and to those who took time to enjoy the meal and purchase items. We couldn't have done it without you.

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES

November 4 (Communion):

Hebrews 8:1-13

Psalms 146

November 11: Hebrews 9:1-22

Psalms 127

November 18: Hebrews 9:23-10:18

Psalms 16

November 25: Hebrews 13:1-25

Psalms 132:1-12



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Let us know if you will be joining us for dinner so we have the right amount prepared. Look for the sign-up list on the bulletin board.



There may be some board games available to play after dinner while your dinner settles. If you have a favorite board game or cards, bring them with you!

Come and join us for Thanksgiving Dinner!

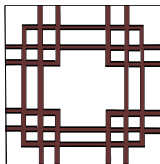
**MINISTRY OF GREETING**

The Worship Committee has launched a new ministry at Community Presbyterian Church (CPC) and we want you to be part of it. Over the last several weeks, committee members and others have been greeting people as they enter the church at the front door. We know this concept is not new, however a simple handshake and "Hello" is a great way to spread the JOY with our church family.

If you are interested greeting on a Sunday morning, please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Center desk by the front door or contact Carol Sterup.

PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY

Prayer is our subject this year in our study. Do you fearlessly approach God when you are in need, or are you worried that He doesn't want to hear your concerns when you pray? Is it hard to ask for a prayer for yourself? Do you pray to God or don't mention His name when you pray? Join us as we discuss prayer at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday, November 7. Bring a dish to share and your own water or soda. If you have questions call Vicki Peihl.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The church's office hours are:

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Other times by appointment

CONFIRMATION

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We finally got started with the 2018-2019 Confirmation class on October 10th! We will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parents are sharing the task of feeding our 7 confirmands supper. We are using a new PCUSA curriculum, "BIG GOD, BIG QUESTIONS: Confirmation for a Growing Faith." Each of our confirmands selected a tag so they and their family can prepare a devotion for our CPC Advent Devotional project. You will see them helping in church on Sundays, and volunteering for ringing bells and other activities through the year. They have begun taking sermon notes each Sunday.

Please notice our confirmation class members and let them know you appreciate their work and presence. Ask them about their experience in confirmation. Our confirmands are: Preston Elhard, Zoe Elhard, McKenzie Irish, Stacy Mesa, Alex Misheski, Parker Nelson, and Jacob Witt.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO TEACH

Teach a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.



Proverbs 22:6

What better way to do this than to join our Sunday School team as a teacher? We have several openings for this coming year, and we need you! Share your love of Christ with CPC children or youth. No experience is necessary, curriculum is provided.

Sign up sheets are on the narthex bulletin board. Teachers for the preschool-first grade and second-fifth grade classes are especially needed, but substitutes are welcome at all levels. Address questions to Melanie Hansen at mlH060673@yahoo.com or 701-526-6213.



DECEMBER IS COMING SOON!

Mark your calendar early and don't miss out on all the activities in December! Details and more activities will be posted soon.

Saturday, December 1

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Choir Cantata during worship

Sunday, December 2, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Fa-La-La Festivities

Saturday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Church Night Out: Monroe Crossing

Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 16, after worship

Potluck in the fellowship hall

Monday, December 24

Salvation Army Christmas Luncheon

Monday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship service

Tuesday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day worship service

Children's Christmas Program TBD

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY



Bell ringing for the Salvation Army will be Saturday, December 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Cash Wise in West Fargo and West Acres Main Entrance. These are all inside locations.

Grab a friend and sign up to help ring bells. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Meester at 793-3245 or cjmeester@msn.com



CALLING ALL LITURGISTS AND MUSICIANS

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS



Each year I look forward to sharing a special time with my family as we bring out our Christmas decorations and prepare our house to help us focus on the true meaning of the season. You, a member of our church family, are invited to join in preparing CPC for the Advent Season on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on joining us. Music, laughter, joy and a light refreshment will be shared.

Laurie Elhard, Worship Committee Liaison



LADIES 9TH ANNUAL FA-LA-LA FESTIVITIES

When: December 2nd

Time: 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosts Becky DeJong and Carol Sterup invite you to share in an evening of Fellowship, Food and Fun. We request the presence of ALL the Ladies, age 14 and up. There will be a Christmas gift exchange with a \$5.00 limit. Feel free to wear your favorite holiday attire!!

A BLUEGRASS CHRISTMAS WITH MONROE CROSSING



Saturday, December 8,
at 7:00 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Church Night OUT! Everyone is welcome – invite anyone and everyone that would enjoy a Bluegrass Christmas. We will meet before the show for appetizers and after the show for more appetizers!! Join us for some or all of the evening. Specific details are being discussed.

If we get 20 or more people to go then we will get a reduced rate of \$13.00 per ticket. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Any questions – contact Becky DeJong at bfdejong64@gmail.com or 701-281-8122.



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

10/17/2018

2018 General Operating budget:
\$146,185.80 / 52 weeks = \$2,811.26
per week.

Budgeted Exp. to date:	\$115,261.66
Actual giving	\$ 99,059.94
Actual expenses	\$ 97,810.92
Net income to date	\$ 1,249.02

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. There are funds in the building fund account to cover the mortgage payment through December. So far we have received \$ 6,243.00 toward the \$15,000.00 pledge for the building fund account.

Per capita amount for 2018 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 you are contributing to Per Capita.

We sometimes think of stewardship as an administrative task to meet the needs of the church. In fact, it is a spiritual exercise through which each of us grows in faith by assessing the many blessings of our lives and considering our need to give as an expression of our gratitude to God.

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.

Linda Bishop	[H] 701-282-8515
	[C] 701-200-1818
Steve Hanna	701-793-5109
Sue Larson	701-893-6484
Lisa Steffen	701-238-9355
Carolyn Talley	701-282-3273
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves, Session Liaison	701-412-8689

MISSION FOCUS



The mission focus for November and December is The New Life Center. The New Life Center has been meeting needs and transforming lives through the love of Christ since 1907. They help people who are homeless and hurting go from merely surviving to truly thriving. Their aim is to help them discover value and find hope. Founded as the Glad Tidings Mission, the New Life Center has evolved from an organization that primarily conducted religious services and neighborhood outreach work to a Christian multi-faceted emergency and crisis service center.

Go to <https://www.fargonlc.org/> for more information.



NEW LIFE CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND SOCIAL -THE UNTOLD STORY

Dessert Social & Program
Save the Date:

Thursday, November 15, 2018
Avalon Events Center

Our guest speaker will be Chad Williams who is a former Navy SEAL with tours of duty in Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, Bahrian, and Iraq. His book, Seal of God, tells of grueling experiences and his own radical conversion story. Chad is now engaged in full-time ministry work.

Visit fargonlc.org/the-untold-story for tickets. Of special note: this year we are honoring our US Armed Forces. 12% of the men we serve at our Rescue Mission are Veterans. There is a Military Discount for those that are Veterans or currently serving.

**December/January
Community Call
deadline will be
Tuesday, November 20**