

COMMUNITY CALL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 1 Teacher
Appreciation
May 15 Senior Recognition
May 22 Last Day of Sunday
School

FARGO MARATHON

Saturday, May 21, our church has been asked to staff a Fargo Marathon aid station at the intersection of 15th Ave. N. and 3rd St. N. That's Mile 6 (Marathon running S), 12 (1/2 Marathon running N), and 25 (Marathon running N). As usual, volunteers will be handing out water, PowerAde, "Sweet Jesus Brownies," cookies, and orange slices to runners.

Arranging of the tables will begin about 6:00 a.m. and we'll stay there until the last runner passes. Everyone is invited to help and stay as long as they like.

Sign up and look for more details to come in the narthex. Address questions and t-shirt sizes to Dixon Moorhead.

NEW TIMES

With the ending of Sunday School and arrival of Summer comes a change of timing for Community Presbyterian Church. Beginning on May 29th, worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

Everything has a season. May is in the season of Spring. It is a time of gardens being prepared for planting, seeds sprouting, and flowers blooming. In the church we are moving from the resurrection of Jesus Christ during the Easter Season to Pentecost, and on to Ordinary Time. For CPCWF it is a time of reviewing our seasons past and preparing for our future with summer activities. We will move into the rhythm of planning for fall and beyond.

We all have various rhythms in our lives. One we all share is the rhythm of keeping time. Our calendars have 12 months, our weeks have seven days, and each day has 24 hours. These elements of time move our lives from one hour to one day to one week to one month to one year. We pay at-

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tention to our clocks and our calendars as we live each day.

We also have a rhythm to our Christian year. It includes seasons and festivals to provide reminders of Jesus' life on earth; not unlike reminders of what time it is by looking at a clock or noticing it is light or dark outside.

Within the church, we use the calendar as well as scriptures and stories from the Bible to provide us a rhythm. The resurrection of Jesus occurred on the first day of the week according to the gospels. Matthew 28:1 tells us that "after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb." The Christian community begins its rhythm on Sunday, the first day of the week on our calendar. On the first day of the week, Christians gather to praise God and hear the Word of God.

Throughout the Christian year, we recognize, remember, and celebrate times during the life of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Christian congregations use the colors of the season in a variety of ways. One of the ways often used to recognize the season of the year is through something called, "paraments." Paraments are cloth that hangs on the front of the pulpit and as stoles worn by ordained clergy, or placed on a communion table. Some churches also make colored banners to hang within the sanctuary.

After talking with members at CPCWF, it was my understanding that Community Presbyterian Church used paraments at one time. We went looking and we found a box of pulpit paraments neatly folded away in a box in one of our closets!

So, you may be wondering and ponder-

ing...how will you know when we change seasons? One of the ways will be to look at the pulpit and see what color the cloth is on the pulpit. We will start using the paraments again on Sunday, April 24, 2016. I'll give you another clue...

during worship I will begin wearing a clergy stole with my robe; it will match the pulpit cloth.

Our Christian year starts with Advent; the color of Advent is **PURPLE**. During Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus. We move into the season of Christmas at the birth of Jesus and celebrate for 12 days after his birth. The Color of Christmas is **WHITE** and **GOLD**.

After the season of Christmas, we have a short season called

"Ordinary Time," which is **GREEN**. We often refer to Ordinary Time as a season of growth, new life, and hope. It ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Then we move into the season of Lent. Like Advent, the color of Lent is **PURPLE**. Lent is a season of spiritual preparation. The resurrection of Christ begins a season called Easter, which uses the colors **WHITE** and **GOLD** until Pentecost, the day the church received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We use **RED** on Pentecost and also for special celebrations like ordinations and installations!

After Pentecost, we go back to Ordinary Time using the color **GREEN** all the way up to Advent, the beginning of a new church year. There are a few occasional festival days during Ordinary Time where we use **WHITE** and **GOLD**.

Do you have a question about the seasons of the church year? Please ask me (email, note, or just ask) and I will answer it within future "Ponderings from Pastor Cathie."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie



APRIL CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on April 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Linda Bishop, Lee Dobrinz, Sue Hanna, Dawn Larson, Terry Meester, Bruce Steele, and Andrew Thostenson. Carolyn Meester and Boots Misheski were also present.

The financial report was discussed.

A quilt and \$50.00 gift certificate were given to Donna Monteith and Joan Swanson in appreciation for their service to CPC.

The pastor's office hours will be:
M-TH 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
afternoons by appointment

Zach and Elizabeth Strand have requested that their daughter, Mia Strand, and son, Terrance Strand, be baptized on June 5, 2016. Andrew Thostenson, Lee Dobrinz, and Pastor Cathie Bishop will meet with the family to discuss baptismal responsibilities.

The Installation for Pastor Cathie Bishop will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m. at CPC!! A small committee has been formed to plan the events surrounding the installation – watch for the exciting details.

The use of the church building was discussed. Becky DeJong will draft a building use form to be used for future events.

Larry and Uneva Dobrinz's 50th Anniversary party will be held at CPC on Saturday, May 7, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Becky DeJong requested to use six old tables for a garage sale on June 4, and Lee Dobrinz requested to use six old tables and the old metal chairs for a graduation party on May 28.

Christian Education Committee: Sunday School teacher recognition will be on May 1, and Senior Sunday will be on May 15. Becky DeJong will be the direc-

tor of Vacation Bible School. VBS will be June 13-16 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Deacons: Home and hospital visits are being made. Pastor Cathie will lead the deacons in a communion training course on Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Mission Committee: It is hoped that the goal for the 'Well' project (One Great Hour of Sharing) is met by the end of April. The mission project for May will be the Bdecan Church. The committee is excited to continue past missions that our church has a passion and love for, as well as, explore new missions that need our help and enthusiasm.

Service and Fellowship Committee: Our church softball league plays on Wednesday evenings. The schedule will be out soon. Make plans to attend and support our athletes! The church will pay for half the league dues.

Trustees: The Trustees, Christian Education and Personnel committees are working on the sexual misconduct policy. Discussion was held regarding donating our old Bibles to KFNW for HopeFest. A Fall cleaning day will be planned. Sign Pro will be updating our church information in our entry way and on our sign in the front of the church.

Worship Committee: Reminders will be given to turn off cell phones during the worship service. The pulpit Bible will be placed in the library. The Baptismal Font will be moved closer to the pulpit. Two ushers will help during Joys and Concerns so that no one is overlooked.

No reports: Nominating, Personnel, and Stewardship committees.

Boots Misheski reported on the Presbytery meeting that was held on April 1-2, 2016. Highlights discussed were different ways to present the budget, addressing stewardship throughout the year, giving weekly testimonials about what the church does for us, creating a 'Generosity Team' and remembering to tithe our time and our money.

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Moderator's report: Discussion was held about funeral requests for non-members. It was decided that we would try to accommodate the needs and requests when presented.

Clerk's report: 158 served communion on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. 106 served communion on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Meeting closed with prayer by Andrew Thostenson at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session

**PLEASE HELP!
NEW DIRECTORY
IS COMING SOON**



A new paper edition of Directory of Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo is being formed. To make sure we have the most accurate and up-to-date information, please check your and your family's multiple listings in the paper edition on the table in the narthex.

LET'S PLAY BALL!



Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League will begin Wednesday, May 11. Want to play on the CPC team? Contact Reed Montgomery at reed.montgomery.1@gmail.com or 701-367-8039.

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.

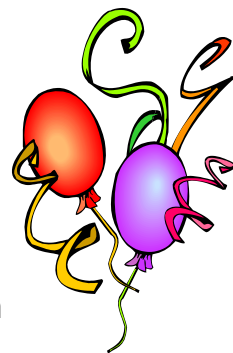


Deb Matzke	701-282-9463
Boots Misheski	701-388-7160
Lisa Steffen	701-238-9355
Caroline Talley	701-282-3273
Becky DeJong	701-281-8122
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves	701-412-8689
Session Liaison	

**MAY
DATES
TO REMEMBER**

BIRTHDAYS

5-1	Lee Corneliussen
5-2	Tom Kassman
5-3	Gloria Ruhnke Dwight Steffen
5-5	Henry Yokom
5-6	Steve Hanna Marty Matzke
5-8	Jane Leben
5-9	Carolyn Meester Cheryl Montgomery
5-10	Scott Hansen Zachary Hansen Justin Videen
5-12	Olive Gellner
5-13	Larry Dobrinz Don VanCleve
5-14	Skylar Pederson
5-17	Edsel Kercher
5-20	Greg Sterup
5-22	Olivia Dobrinz Amy Leopold
5-23	Melissa Eiter
5-24	Bev Christopherson
5-25	Barb Grossman Mary Jo Moorhead Mia Strand Terrance Strand
5-26	Reed Montgomery
5-27	Vickie Meyer
5-29	Zarissa Hansen
5-30	Thomas Meyer



ANNIVERSARIES

5-3-14 - Dustin and Stephani Krueger
5-12-00 - Bob and Violet Galt
5-24-03 - Tim and Carly Hager



**SOUL
TRAIN
SCHEDULE**

<u>Wed, May 4</u>	6:00-8:00 p.m. Mother's Day Celebration
<u>Wed, May 11</u>	6:30-8:00 p.m. World Record Night
<u>Sun, May 15</u>	5:00-6:30 p.m. Year End Party

THE PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RUMMAGE SALE THROUGH THE YEARS



The CPC's community wide rummage sale began in 2002.

Two members provided critical leadership in the early years: Jim Bjorklund and Al Meyer. They both went to be with our Savior this past year. They had very modest expectations for this effort.

They both wanted to make a few dollars to help the church out so we could convert old stuff to new useable things like paint, a sprayer for the yard, windows, lighting fixtures, paying down debt so the church did not end in the red on December 31, plumbing fixtures, tile, doors, sump pumps. You names, if the building or church needed it, the proceeds from the rummage sale were employed.

Over the years we got rid of plenty of rummage; others would call it junk. Sometimes we made hundreds of dollars; sometimes it exceeded \$2,000.

Regardless, it was always work. Physical work. unglamorous, tedious, and even down right boring work. Still we did it.

The good news for rummage suppliers and rummage wranglers was, there was always a sense of community. We were working for the betterment of CPC, but we were also spending time with one another and engaging the community.

In sum, the money was and is, only an excuse. From a practical perspective, it has been and is a time to visit and work with brothers and sisters in the faith. As a founding member of this dedicated band of rummage aficionados, my joy has been getting to know others in the faith and sharing in their personal stories, good humor, and hilarious experiences by working the rummage sale.

Earlier this past month, we cleared a bit more than \$1,300 dollars. It was not a king's ransom, but it was a precious opportunity to be with friends. You can't calculate the joy we've experienced over

the years. I can still see Jim and Al, munching on a Sandy's donut. Al hawking everything you can put in a "bag for a buck", Jim talking me into buying an electric trolling motor for a boat that I did not have.

Next year, get your rummage together, and come down to help, you will treasure the experience.

Many thanks,

Andrew Thostenson
Rummage aficionado,
and humble servant of the Lord.

PRAYER TIME



"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

John 15:7-8

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord.

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED!



Having a nursery that is staffed each week provides an opportunity for parents of young children to attend the Sunday worship services. This is just another great feature to point out to prospective members of our church.

In order to continue to provide this service, however, we need your help! We are trying something new, and will be putting up a sign-up sheet (right next to the liturgist sign-up sheet) on the bulletin board. This will no longer be part of the Service and Fellowship group's duties, but will be a congregation wide request each week, beginning on April 3rd.

We would ask that you consider taking a Sunday or two to sign up and spend some time watching and playing with the children in the nursery.



**SYNOD SCHOOL
2016:
CONECTING
WITH JESUS
IN AN
OVER-CONNECTED
WORLD**

July 24-29, 2016
Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

John Bell, the world renowned lecturer, preacher and teacher, will be the convocation speaker at this summer's Synod School that runs July 24-29 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Bell is a member of the Wild Goose Resource Group, an autonomous project of the Iona Community. He has produced many collections of original hymns and songs, but he remains primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship.

Worship Leaders

Burns Stanfield, with a team of talented musicians and worship leaders including his wife, Lorraine, are slated to be evening worship leaders. Stanfield, raised in Iowa (and at Synod School) was a professional musician before entering ministry and receiving his call to serve as the pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Boston.

Stephanie Anthony and Jody Branson will lead morning worship. She grew up in Florida, served a congregation in Nebraska and then moved to Hudson, Wis., where she is the pastor of that community's First Presbyterian Church. Jody has been the organist, accompanist, and director of music and liturgical arts for more than 25 years while also working as executive director of the Hudson Housing Authority.

For more information, links to the catalog of classes, and course descriptions, along with registration details, go to

<http://lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool>

**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**
For 4/20/2016



General Operating
budget 2016:

\$154,778.00 / 52 weeks =
\$2,976.50 per week

Actual Giving	\$40,639.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$47,624.00
Budget Shortfall	\$ 9,985.00-

Actual Giving	\$ 40,639.00
Actual Expenses	<u>\$ 30,556.00</u>
Net Income to Date	\$ 10,083.00

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

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

"We sometimes ask God to give us what we don't have, when we aren't even being faithful with what we do have."



PRESBYTERY NEWS

A copy of the monthly newsletter published by our Presbytery of the Northern Plains is posted on the left bulletin board in the old narthex. You can access your own copy of *Lights of the Northern Plains* under Publications on its website,:

<http://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>

**1960'S SPRING BRUNCH
THANK YOU!**



A far-out thank you to all our flower children who came to our blast and donated some bread for the Kenyan teachers. \$140 was collected at our groovy brunch. An awesome time was held by all. Will there be a disco ball next year for the 2017 spring brunch? Stay tuned.

**June Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, May 19**



The Presbytery of the Northern Plains
and
Community Presbyterian Church
of West Fargo
invite you to
the Installation of

Catherine Bonita Bishop

Sunday, June 5, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

Community Presbyterian Church,

702 Sheyenne Street

West Fargo, ND 58078

Reception to follow