

COMMUNITY CALL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



- May 12 Confirmation Day
- May 19 Last Day of Sunday School
Teacher Appreciation Day
Senior Recognition

SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, IS THE DAY!!



The Fargo Marathon is slated to begin on Saturday, May 18, and CPC Helping Hands will be aiding once again. Your help is definitely needed.

We have gained the reputation of bringing warm encouragement to all—regardless of their speed and distance. Brats, cookies, donuts, and fruit have no doubt started this, but our Community spirit has as well. This is a way to share God’s love to many—all in one day.

Watch for more information in the announcements and on the narthex bulletin board.

Let’s gear up! Sign up now along with t-shirt sizes in the narthex. Address questions to Bob Kozojed or 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 26th, worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



To all God’s beloved saints, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!! We have traveled through Lent together and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The day after Easter Sunday can feel a little “off” as we have experienced the top of the mountain-top experience. Now what? Take a deep breath and remember. Remembering Jesus’ teaching is the message from the two “dazzling” men at the tomb when Mary Magdalene, Joanna, the mother of James, and other women discovered the stone at the tomb had been rolled away and Jesus was no longer in the tomb.

How do we remember Jesus’ teachings? On one hand, it may feel like a big task; yet, Jesus’ words are in the

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New Testament of the Bible. Truly, the best way to remember Jesus' teaching is to read and pray with the Bible. On Easter Sunday, I made an offer to anyone who does not have access to a Bible, to contact me. I meant it. For various reasons, not everyone has their own Bible. This isn't to punish or judge people, it is to make sure each person who wants to remember the words of Jesus Christ, has their own Bible. Contact me, and we will get you a Bible.

Easter is still with us and will be with us through Pentecost. You will find we still get to sing Easter hymns! During Easter Season we will be spending time with the Apostle Peter, who had some struggles as he denied Jesus when he was so sure he wasn't going to do that. As we work our way through the book of Acts, we will find some surprises. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of the scripture readings I will be preaching from during May. I encourage you to read the scriptures before Sunday mornings. Reading ahead gives you an opportunity to ponder Jesus' words.

I have wondered...would any of you be interested in getting a small group together to talk about the scripture passage the week before? If you are interested, we can look at times that would work best. Something for you to ponder. Let me know if you would be interested.

Please continue to pray for our confirmands as they finish their class and prepare to be confirmed on Sunday, May 12. While we could always use more time, none of us will ever know everything about what it means to be a Christian, a protestant, or a Presbyterian. What is important is that they have worked together with their mentors and their classmates. They also provided



Stacy Mesa support on Easter as they gathered up front, when she was baptized.

I am getting ready to spend time on campus from May 21-30. In the context of seminary, that means lots of reading and writing papers! Your prayers and support are welcomed as I continue to learn in my work towards a doctorate of Ministry.

Spring has finally arrived. Enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather. Praise God. Remember Jesus' words. Read your Bible. Pray and talk with Jesus, your Savior.

Grace and Peace.
Pastor Cathie

MAY SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

- May 5 – Communion
Acts 9:1-20 (sermon)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
- May 12 – Confirmation
Acts 9:36-43 (sermon)
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
- May 19 – Last day of Sunday School
Acts 11:1-18 (sermon)
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
- May 26 – pulpit supply



SENIOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 19, we will recognize graduating high school seniors: Andrea Corneliussen, Olivia Dobrinz, and Zaryn Hansen. If you know of other graduating seniors affiliated with Community Presbyterian Church, please contact Melanie Hansen as soon as possible.

APRIL CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Mike Misheski, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Chad Nelson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Adam Montgomery was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Bob Kozojed.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of March 20, 2019
- b. Next Session meeting - Wednesday, May 15, 2019
- c. Pay half of the church softball league dues - \$375.00
- d. Summer worship will begin at 9:30 starting Memorial Day weekend (May 26) through Labor Day (September 1) with Rally Sunday to be September 8, 2019.
- e. Moderator's report -
 - Submitted articles for April newsletter by March 21, 2019.
 - Sunday, March 24, met with Laurie and Chad regarding Facebook page for CPCWF.
 - Monday, March 25, Zoom conference call with Care for Congregations Pod.
 - Tuesdays, March 26 and April 2, met with ecumenical pastors for Text Study
 - Wednesdays, March 27, April 3, and April 10 met with confirmation class.
 - Friday, March 29, presented on panel for conference: Stronger Communities: LGBTQ
 - Suicide Prevention at the Delta Hotel in Fargo. The panel topic was: "Working with Faith Communities to Prevent Suicide among LGBTQ+ Populations." Panel members were Dr. Christi McGeorge, NDSU; Rev. Michelle Webber, UCC; Dave Adams, Fargo FLC; Rev. Cathie Bishop, and

- Ray Baker, UMC
- Sunday, March 31, went with confirmation class to the Salvation Army for a presentation of what the Salvation Army does. Then, set up, served, and cleaned up after the meal.
- Monday, April 1, moderated Session at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church in East Grand Forks.
- Thursday, April 4, provided worship service for Park View (MHD) residents.
- Saturday, April 6, attended Spring Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead.
- Saturday, April 13, FaceTime meeting with Mary DeJong and Michael Hickman.
- Palm Sunday, April 14, met with Worship Committee.
- Tuesday, April 16, Boots Misheski and I met with Jessica Kinzler with Vitalant (former United Blood Services) regarding possibility of CPC re-establishing Blood Drives (last one was in 2011).
- Will be meeting with Christian Education Committee on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m.
- Attended Bell Choir practice on March 26, April 2, 9, and 16.
- Prepared worship and sermons for 4 Sundays: March 24 and 31, April 7 (communion), and April 14.
- Sent my first payment into Presbytery for the Chogoria trip January 28-February 12, 2020.
- f. Clerk's report -
 - 85 served communion on Sunday, April 7, 2019.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, May 5, 2019, will be Lise Alves, Laurie Elhard, Melanie Hansen, and Mary Jo Moorhead.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

A meeting was held with Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services) and the Deacons will work with them on organizing a blood drive for early this fall.

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The confirmands and their mentors will meet with Session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

Christian Education: Confirmation Sunday will be on May 12 and the last day of Sunday School will be May 19 which will include Senior Sunday and Teacher Appreciation.

Deacons: Home visits and communion visits continue. Spring baskets will be delivered.

Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing is going well. There will be a clean-up day at Bdecean Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 11. The summer lunch program will begin soon. Please volunteer any weekday from June 3-August 17.

Service and Fellowship: Sandy Sundays was a success! The list of head ushers is being reviewed. Church picnics are being discussed.

Stewardship: A new plan has been adopted for tracking cash donations. All donations for the community garden will be placed in a designated fund. Church members are encouraged to tithe using ACH - an automatic withdrawal system. Minute for Stewardship will be scheduled for May 5 and 12.

Trustees: The city is surveying the parking lot. Part of the parking lot will be turned into a sidewalk and green space. The community garden will be placed in the yard west of the church. Child pads are now available for the AED.

Worship: Greg Sterup will install tiles on the shelf in the front of the sanctuary to help make it waterproof and more easily cleaned. Summer outdoor worship services are being planned.

No reports: Nominating or Personnel committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Come, my young friends, and listen to me, and I will teach you to honor the Lord.

Psalm 34:11



Sunday, May 19, is Teacher Appreciation Day. The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the following individuals for teaching Sunday School or leading the young and old of Community Presbyterian Church:

Lise Alves
Pastor Cathie Bishop
John Engebretson
Melissa Engebretson
Amy Grossman-Tomsich
Carly Jo Hager
Tim Hager
Melanie Hansen
Dawn Larson
Carrie Leopold
Dixon Moorhead
Elizabeth Strand
Andrew Thostenson
Gayle Thostenson

For every lesson they prepared, the love of God has been shared.

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

A delicious Spring Brunch was held on March 31 after worship. Thanks to everyone who brought food, who stayed and ate, who took food to shut-ins, and who gave generously to help Parent Life, a division of Red River Youth for Christ.

Linda Bass had been scheduled to come and visit more about the program but had a family emergency. One of our church members stepped in and talked about what the program does for young mothers.

Our church members were awesome in responding with \$513 collected at the brunch. Many people brought diapers, baby and toddler clothing and other necessities. What a fun way for our church to enjoy fellowship with one another and give to a great cause!

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
 5-13 Larry Dobrinz
 5-17 Edsel Kercher
 5-20 Greg Sterup
 5-22 Olivia Dobrinz
 Amy Leopold
 5-23 Melissa Eiter
 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
 5-24-03 - Tim and Carly Hager
 5-20-17 – Tim and Grace Chandler

LET'S PLAY BALL!



Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League will be starting again soon. Want to play on the CPC team? Give Reed Montgomery a call at 701-367-8039.

Excepting tournaments, all games will be on Wednesday evenings with the first game at 6:30 p.m. and the second to follow. Spectators are always welcome.

WE BRING OUT OUR THANKS!

Thank you in advance to all donators, workers, and shoppers who plan to contribute to Presbyterian Men's Annual Rummage Sale to be held on Saturday, April 27th. Remember: all funds will be used toward church projects. THANK YOU ALL!



CONFIRMATION

O May is a big month for our confir-
R mandants! They are working on
N their statements of faith and
E memorizing the Apostles' Creed.
R On Wednesday, May 8, our confir-
 mandants will meet with the CPC
 Session, and Sunday, May 12,
 they will be confirmed.

Please continue to keep our confir-
 mandants, mentors, and parents in your
 prayers as they prepare for being confir-
 med members of Community Presby-
 terian Church.

SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN



CPC is again partnering with the Great Plains Food Bank to provide summer meals for children. We will be serving noon meals at the playground south of South Elementary School on 7th Avenue. Great Plains provides the food; we provide the servers, from 12:10 to 12:40, from June 3 through August 16. Training from Great Plains Food Bank is scheduled for Friday, May 17, at CPC. Watch for Weekly Reminders and Announcements for more information.

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 (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) 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, please contact Gayle Thostenson (492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.

**A LETTER FROM THE REV. DR.
MARJORIE ACKERMAN,
NEW EXECUTIVE LEADER
OF PRESBYTERY OF
THE NORTHERN PLAINS**



These first two weeks have been an exciting start. Being brought up to speed on all of the things that have been happening here and getting oriented to the workings of this presbytery have been absolutely amazing.

I've had a chance to worship with a few congregations and am putting together some "meet & greet" opportunities in different parts of the presbytery. I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Minto church on Tuesday, April 30, 10am-1pm for the first of these events. I am also looking forward to meeting many more of you at the outdoor worship and summer picnic in the Bismarck area on July 21. More events like this are currently being planned and I hope to see you at one of them somewhere along the line.

Moving ahead, I would like to join more of you for worship on Sunday mornings, but I am having a hard time tracking down service times for churches without a website. If this describes your church, please send me an email at revmarji19@gmail.com with the name of your church in the subject line and the time of your Sunday morning services. If the schedule changes during the summer months, please include that information as well. This will be tremendously helpful to me as I travel around the presbytery.

For those of you who were not able to attend the April Presbytery meeting, I am here to help you in these five general focus areas:

- Re/building connections
- Addressing financial concerns
- Providing training
- Incorporating Spiritual pieces into all that we do
- Preparing for an unknown future

You may notice that this is a little different from what you might be used to, but

with societal changes and new presbytery structures, these are the basic ideas behind this position. Things will be very fluid as we make our way forward, but since we trust that God will lead us where we need to go, we need to be open and receptive to some adaptations along the way. Let us enjoy the adventure together!

May God be with each of you as we journey through the rest of Holy Week and into the joy and blessings of the Easter season.

Yours in Christ,
Marji

**NEWSLETTER
MAY MAILING**



We continue to work towards better distribution of CPC's Community Call, sending out a small number of first-class mail newsletters, delivering the remaining newsletters in electronic form via email and in paper form for whomever would like a copy on the front welcome table and the table directly outside the sanctuary.

The goal is to make certain we get the newsletter into the hands of those who will use and gain value from it. So, if there is a family member who you know would benefit from the electronic version of this newsletter, please send their email to Gayle (492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net). She'll add them to the blind-copied e-list.



**OUTDOOR
WORSHIP PLANS**

Spring has sprung and summer is soon to follow. The Worship Committee is planning ahead and hoping to have an outdoor worship service this summer. To make the service as comfortable as we can, we are looking to see if anyone has canopies or gathering tents that they wouldn't mind sharing for this event. If you do, please contact the church office or Laurie Elhard with your name and size of your canopy or tent by May 19th. More information about the outdoors service coming soon.

**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**

4-18-2019



General Operating budget
2019: \$149,928.50
Weekly funds needed to meet
budget: \$2,883.24

Actual giving to date \$ 38,653.45
Actual expenses to date \$ 38,569.98
Net income to date \$ 83.47

This does not include the mortgage pay-
ment of \$3,146.54. There are funds in
the building fund account to cover the
mortgage payment through November.

Per Capita amount for 2019 is \$46.00
for each confirmed member. The as-
sessed amount for 2019 is \$8,326.00.
So far \$1,694.00 has been designated
to our per capita assessment. Please
mark on your check or envelope funds
you are contributing to Per Capita.

*Stewardship is the path,
Generosity is the adventure.
Generous givers make God and His
purposes their highest priority.
Enjoy God's generosity to you
Then share it with others.*



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2**

The National Day of Prayer is
Thursday, May 2, 2019, and
will be observed at noon to 1:00 p.m.
and 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn
at 3803 13th Avenue South in Fargo. All
are welcome to come to one or both
times.

The National Day of Prayer was signed
by President Harry Truman on April 17,
1952. President Ronald Reagan amend-
ed it in 1988, designating the first
Thursday of May as the National Day of
Prayer. The purpose of the National Day
of Prayer is to call together all people of
different faiths in the United States to
pray for our nation and its leaders.

**June's Community Call
deadline will be
Wednesday, May 22**

**SYNOD SCHOOL
2019:
CULTIVATING
CIVIL
COMMUNITY**

July 22-27, 2018
Buena Vista
University
Storm Lake, Iowa



Come to Synod School, an annual mid-
summer ministry of the Synod of Lakes
and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.)...

to grow in faith through action,
relationships and a centering of
the spirit.

for continuing education,
a special family week together,
or for individual inspiration and growth.

to participate in a unique experience of
Christian community as we worship,
study, play, and live together.

to laugh create, worship, question,
grow, think, and learn.

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www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool
800-328-1880, ext. 207

DEACONS



If anyone in the congrega-
tion is hospitalized or needs
a visit, contact the Deacons.

If anyone in the congrega-
tion would like home communion service
please contact Lise Alves.

- Linda Bishop [H] 701-282-8515
[C] 701-200-1818
- Steve Hanna 701-793-5109
- Boots Montgomery 701-281-0028
- Dixon Moorhead [H] 701-277-1414
[C] 701-200-9709
- Gayle Thostenson [H] 701-492-0630
- Vicky Whitcomb [H] 701-282-9292
[C] 701-809-2483
- Lise Alves, Session Liaison
701-412-8689

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
 702 Sheyenne St.
 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