

COMMUNITY CALL

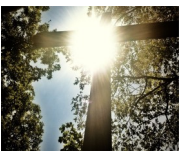
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DON'T FORGET

During the summer months, Sunday fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 23



You won't want to miss church at CPC on Sunday, July 23! There will be a special congregational meeting, an outdoor service, followed by a potluck-all to celebrate Pastor Cathie's and CPC's time together. Here is the schedule:

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Treats
- 9:50 a.m. Special meeting
- 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
- ~11:00 a.m. Potluck/Party

Watch for more details and ways you can get involved in this newsletter, in upcoming CPC announcements, and on sign-up sheets in the narthex.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD



The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo has called a special meeting of the congregation to be held on Sunday, July 23, at 9:50 a.m. in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Rev. Catherine B. Bishop and Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo, ND. The meeting will be moderated by Rev. Donna Monteith.

Members, please make an effort to attend this important meeting.

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



We have been focusing on Genesis and will continue during July. We have discovered that even when God chose the family, it has not always been what we think it should have been. Yet, God helps us find our way. Read the interpretation of humans. "It shows humanity's responsibility to rule creation as God's representative. Human beings are thus considered moderators of God's presence in the world." (Page 5 of Genesis 1 of the Common English Bible/Study Bible).

I hope that you are finding Genesis to be interesting, giving you another perspective as we learn more about all that has gone before us. This is what we will cover in July:

- ♦ July 2: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, & 58-67. Title: "Romance makes a good story!"
- ♦ July 9: Genesis 25:19-34. Title: "When we are all at fault, God is

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still faithful.”

- ♦ July 16: Genesis 28: 10-19a. Title: “Every family has difficult people, but there is always hope for change.”
- ♦ July 23: Genesis 29:15-28 & 37:1-4, 12-28. Title: “We seek power, but God seeks our good.”
- ♦ July 30: Genesis 45:1-15. Title: “God empowers us to forgive.”

I encourage you to look through each of the July scriptures ahead of time. Clearly, we will not cover all of Genesis, but we will have had a good awareness of Genesis!



Welcome to summer! Independence Day is around the corner. It is the time when people enjoy being outside; people like to travel and have barbecue with their friends and neighbors. What are your favorite things to do in the summer? Give yourself some time to ponder how you might want to spend your time this summer.

Have you noticed how wonderful the garden behind the church is looking lately? Even more, did you notice that there is a green sign outside the garden? Several years ago, Alex Misheski dug up the first garden at the church. He worked really hard at making a great garden. This summer, the master gardeners have been working diligently to create wonderful flowers, and food we can share with others. Stop by and take some time to enjoy the garden this month!

We said goodbye to two women who had spent many hours to help make Community Presbyterian Church an awesome place to be: Louise Johnson and Delores Horn. Please continue to pray for the families as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

A big thank you to all the people who helped prepare CPC for the services,

worked in the kitchen, sang, and a number of things we don't always think about when we have a funeral. This week, we had two services, one on a Sunday afternoon and another was on Wednesday morning.

A couple more things to consider:

1. Churches United Dinner Service is on the 2nd Wednesday in the odd months. We need 3 people to prep and service the children and adults on July 12, 2023. See the bulletin board and sign up!

2. Salvation Army Dinner Service is the 5th Sunday at 5:00 p.m. We need people to help on Sunday, July 30. See the bulletin board and sign up, please!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY



If you are a gardener, you may be able to help by sharing your vegetable harvest. Veggies for the Pantry will park in our parking lot Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until the first frost. They will accept donations of surplus garden produce from you and others in the area for the F-M Emergency Food Pantry who will share with people who are in need and normally do not receive fresh produce. CPC itself will be contributing by sharing produce from its backyard garden.

Veggies for the Pantry is also looking for volunteers who will sit in the CPC lot Monday nights and collect garden produce from those who wish to share. Please let Pastor Cathie know if this is something you wish to do.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing your surplus garden produce with the hungry in our community.

JUNE CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 6:05 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Kevin Galt, Carrie Leopold, Gayle Thostenson, Dave Ruhnke, and Yvonne Hummel. Moderator - Cathie Bishop was also present. Melissa Engebretson, Bob Kozojed, and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were absent.

The meeting was opened with a devotional and prayer by Kevin Galt.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of May 17, 2023.
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, July 19, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
- c. "Veggies for the Pantry" would like to use our parking lot on Monday evenings from approximately July 1, 2023, through the time of frost.
- d. Per request, Amy Bucholz would like to transfer her membership from Community Presbyterian Church to Hope Lutheran Church in Fargo.
- e. Moderator's report:
 - May 18: Newsletter articles sent to Gayle.
 - May 19: Burial for Carolyn Koerselman; 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Rode with Alex Swanson from West Funeral Home.
 - May 24: Met with the local Presbyterian Pastors at First Presbyterian Church.
 - May 24: Provided worship for St. Catherine's on North Broadway.
 - May 30 through June 1: Spent time with Delores Horn on May 30th and stayed overnight with her on May 31 until her daughter, Kristi, arrived.
 - June 1: Attended the Worship Committee meeting.
 - June 2: Watched over the Peyton & John social after their wedding rehearsal, along with Kevin Galt. All went well.
 - June 5-8: CPC coordinated with First

Presbyterian Church Fargo for VBS. Gayle Thostenson, Melanie Hanson, Emma Broe, Kevin Galt, and Pastor Cathie worked along with the group from First Presbyterian Church. The children had a great time!

- June 8: Provided Worship for Park View Terrace in Moorhead.
- June 12: Participated in the CPMT meeting with Sharon Secor and the team regarding preparation for the upcoming trip to Kenya this summer with Kayla Bones, Prakash Matthew, and Carrie Leopold. We were also preparing for our partners in Kenya to come to visit.
- June 13: Provided worship for Touchmark.
- June 18: Worked with the family on a Visitation and performed a Celebration of Life service for Louise Johnson. Members of the church helped in the kitchen to serve a catered meal following the service.
- June 21: With the input of the family, performed the funeral and burial service for Delores Horn. Members of the church purchased and served a meal after the funeral.
- June 21: Moderated the Session meeting.
- f. Clerks report -
 - ◇ 41 served communion on Sunday, June 4, 2023.
 - ◇ A Celebration of Life was held on June 18, 2023, for Louise Johnson and she was buried at Casselton Cemetery.
 - ◇ Delores Horn died on June 2, 2023, and her funeral was held at Community Presbyterian Church on June 21, 2023. She will be buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery.
 - ◇ Amy Bucholz transferred her membership from CPC to Hope Lutheran on June 21, 2023.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

During the summer months, we will continue to have the fellowship time from

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9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the narthex, followed by the church service at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and water may be left out for those who wish to continue fellowship time following the church service. Of that continuing fellowship group, someone should be designated to finish the clean-up process.

The elders to help serve communion on July 2, 2023 will be Gayle Thostenson, Dave Ruhnke, and Kevin Galt.

Church wish list - Carrie suggested that we investigate purchasing Children's Bibles to be placed in the pews. She will research the cost and which version to use. We will discuss this further at the July 2023 meeting.

Discussion was held on holding a special congregational meeting whose purpose is the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of Pastor Cathie Bishop and Community Presbyterian Church. This meeting will take place in the sanctuary at 9:50 a.m. on Sunday, July 23.

Discussed planning a day and time for a celebrating Pastor Cathie Bishop's time at Community Presbyterian Church. An outdoor worship service followed by a potluck gathering will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Please plan to attend.

Committee reports:

Deacons: On June 4th, Deacons held a special gathering to celebrate the Lord's Supper at Sheyenne Crossing's Chapel. About ten people were in attendance including three residents, Pastor Cathie, Deacons, and members of Community Presbyterian Church. This service provided an opportunity to worship together as well as to visit afterwards. We intend to continue these gatherings a couple times a year because of how they connect us to one another spiritually and socially.

For the entire month of July, a prayer quilt for Pastor Cathie will be on display in the narthex. Please take a moment

or more to pray for God's blessings for her and her upcoming retirement and tie a knot on one of the quilt's four corner strands of thread.

-Gayle Thostenson

Trustees: At our meeting this month, we looked at our exterior windows. We have some that have been updated with vinyl clad, we have many others that are wood and beginning to peel. With the heat of this summer upon us, we are looking at early September to scrape off the paint, prime, then repaint the exterior portion of our wood windows. We'll reevaluate in August and then set a September date with a volunteer sign-up sheet for help.

We had two recirculating pumps go down with our HVAC system. One of them has been rebuilt and we will need to replace the other one.

Thank you to Lynn Hummel for taking care of our lawn and mowing. Thank you to Andrew Thostenson for spraying our dandelions/weeds.

-Bob Kozojed

Personnel – Morgan Enderson has asked for her old job back. Kevin will discuss job expectations with her, including having the worship bulletins done and printed on Thursdays, learning the church financials as Carolyn Meester has time to train her. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. weekly, and setting the expectation that she be committed to Community Presbyterian Church. Gayle Thostenson also has duties she will be turning over to Morgan.

Discussed PTO Payout for Pastor Cathie and will have a check issued.

No reports – Stewardship, Service and Fellowship, Christian Education, Mission, Nominating, Worship committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Hummel
on behalf of Becky DeJong

S-W-O-M IS BACK!



Churches United for the Homeless is open for volunteers to serve meals, and they need CPC to help them. That's right, **SWOM**-ies, CPC volunteers who serve meals at Churches United for the Homeless every **Second Wednesday Odd** (numbered) **Months**, are needed as much as ever! Our summer day of service is Wednesday, July 12, at 4:00 p.m.

Address questions to Carrie Leopold or Pastor Cathie.

DEACONS



If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized, needs a visit, or would like home communion please contact Pastor Cathie or the Deacons.

Lise Alves	[C]	701-412-8689
Linda Bishop	[C]	701-200-1818
Jenni Hummel	[C]	701-371-7640
Dawn Larson	[C]	701-261-9609
Dixon Moorhead	[C]	701-200-9709
Patty Smith	[H]	701-540-6658
	[C]	970-209-3517
Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison	[H]	701-492-0630
	[C]	701-412-6387

LET'S PLAY BALL!

Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League has begun. All games will be played at North Softball Complex at 6063 45th St N, Fargo.



Spectators are always welcome.

Date	Time	Place(Away/Home)-Opponent
7/12	6:30	Field 2 (H)— NV Blue
	7:30	(A)— NV Blue
7/19	6:30	Field 3 (A)— Salem
	7:30	(H)— Lighthouse
7/26	6:30	Field 4 (H)— Lighthouse
	7:30	Field 2 (A)— True North

Tournaments will be July 29 and 30

For current information on game day and team status, go to

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/fmchurchleaguesoftball/posts/>



SALVATION ARMY SERVICE

Every fifth Sunday, CPC is responsible for serving meals at the Salvation Army on 304 Roberts Street in Fargo. This has continued to be a joyful service even throughout the pandemic. The Salvation Army and their patrons are always so grateful for our help.

We serve food from behind the warming tables with clean-up duties of wiping down tables and chairs and sweeping the floor following the meal.

The next service time is Sunday, July 30, at 5:00 p.m. Come join us.

SUMMER MISSION FOCUS



We will be continuing our collection of diapers and wipes for Churches United during the month of July. Diapers are requested in sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6; and don't forget the wipes! There are a number of children at the shelter, Micah's Mission, at any given time, and the donated diapers and wipes are shared with those families who live in hotels or other makeshift housing, as well as those who have been rehoused. Thank you for your generosity! You make many little bottoms happy, and ease the stress on parents who feel bad enough about being homeless with their children without their being wet and messy besides.

In August, our mission focus will be collecting funds to help buy winter wear for the children at Bdecan. This enables the church to purchase clothing in the sizes needed for the children. As a side note, if you have ANY children's clothing that is no longer being used in your home, please contact Donna Monteith to get it donated to Bdecan. With the current state of the economy, the clothing closet there is virtually empty. Thank you for your support!

If you would like to join our committee, our next meeting will be 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, at the church. We will start our planning for the fall. Everyone is welcome!



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

5/31/2023

General Operating budget
2023: \$138,671.00
Monthly needed to meet
budget: \$11,556.00

Total Giving May \$ 7,027.00
Total Expenses May \$ 15,232.60

Per Capita amount for 2023 is \$50.00
for each confirmed member. Please
mark on your check or envelope as con-
tributing to Per Capita. Total assessment
for 2023 is \$6,750.00 To date,
\$2,260.00 has been designated for per
capita.

Let us "spur one another on toward love
and good deeds." Let us continue to en-
courage each other, even if times are
tough. We do not trust in one who is un-
reliable; we trust in the one who is
faithful. Let us continue to be encour-
aged and to encourage one another in
the Lord.

SUMMER PEACHES

Red River Youth for Christ
(RRYC) is once again plan-
ning to sell their fresh
peaches in July and August. Pears and
nectarines will be made available in
September.



RRYFC offers fruit as a fundraiser to help
support its ministry to at-risk youth in
the F-M area. Their mission is to love
and bring hope to teens by serving
weekly meals to hungry students,
providing programing within their re-
gional juvenile center, mentoring and
equipping teen moms, providing safe,
healthy, and life-giving relationships,
and so much more. YOU make all this
possible. When you buy fruit, the lives
of young people in our community are
impacted and changed forever.

To order online, go to
<https://redriveryfc.square.site/>

Peach flyers can be found on the small
table in the church narthex.

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

7-2 Bob Kozojed
7-4 Carly Hager
7-8 Curtis Hemm
7-13 Grace Elizabeth Hager
7-16 Cami Birrenkott
7-17 Marj Meester
7-19 Boots Misheski
7-20 Don Rehling
7-22 Tammy Bahls
7-30 Yvonne Hummel
7-31 Rhonney Greene

ANNIVERSARIES

7-17-04 Joe and Melissa Eiter
7-20-68 Dave and Gloria Ruhnke
7-30-11 Zachary and Elizabeth Strand

PRAYER QUILT FOR PASTOR CATHIE



*We are bound together
in Christ*

*With a bond that cannot be broken,
No matter how far life takes us,
We are tied together with Love.*

*Reach out and touch one another,
God's grace will shine for you,
Tie a knot with a prayer*

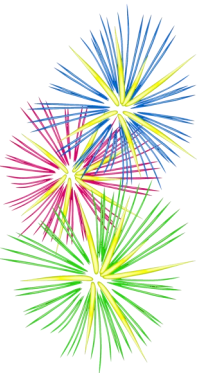
*for your neighbor,
We are tied together with Love!*

Doris O'Dea







Every time CPC Quilters stitch together
a prayer quilt, they pray for the reci-
pient of their quilt. Most of the time, they
don't know who that will be. There's a
bit of amazement and joy each time the
prayers, quilt, and recipient are met.

You can share that joy. During July, join
them in praying for blessings for Pastor
Cathie and her retirement as you tie a
knot or two on the corners of her prayer
quilt on display in the narthex.

**August's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, July 20**



JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Ushers: July: Mike Thompson; August: Chuck Thompson						
2 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	3 Veggies for the Pantry 	4	5	6 PW Cards 1:00 p.m. Worship Com. 6:30 p.m.	7	8
9 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	10 Veggies for the Pantry  Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	11 Missions & Outreach 6 p.m.	12 Softball 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	13 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m. Stewardship 7:00 p.m.	14	15
16 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	17 Veggies for the Pantry  Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	18 Personnel Com. 6:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Com. 7:00 p.m.	19 Prayer 9:30 a.m. Session 6:00 p.m. Softball 6:30 p.m.	20 Newsletter is due Today!!! PW Cards 1 p.m.	21	22
23 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting 9:50 a.m. Outdoor Worship 10 a.m. Celebration Potluck to follow	24 Veggies for the Pantry  Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	25	26 Softball 6:30 p.m.	27 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	28	29 Softball Tournaments —————>
30 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Salvation Army Service 4:00 p.m.	31 Veggies for the Pantry  Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m.	***** Non-church scheduled events: Saturday & Sunday p.m.—HOREMOW; Monday evenings—TOPS ***** <u>August newsletter deadline: July 20</u>				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

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Lee Dobrinz Jack Smith
Melanie Hansen Brent Talley
Lynn Hummel

Christian Education

Kevin Galt, Liaison
Emma Broe Gayle Thostenson
Melanie Hansen

Deacons

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Lise Alves Dawn Larson
Linda Bishop Dixon Moorhead
Jenni Hummel Patricia Smith

Mission & Outreach

Carrie Leopold, Liaison
Lee Dobrinz Mary Jo Moorhead
Kevin Galt Dave Ruhnke
Boots Misheski Bonnie Thompson
Rev. Donna Monteith

Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Joan Hall Dawn Larson

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Kevin Galt, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz Andrew Thostenson
Carolyn Meester

Presbytery Delegates

Lise Alves Andrew Thostenson
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

Service & Fellowship

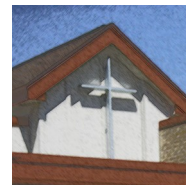
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Worship

Dave Runke, Liaison
Emma Broe Mary Jo Moorhead
Patricia Smith



Sunday Worship Hours

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship Service

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
Moderator: Rev. Catherine B. Bishop
Treasurer: Yvonne Hummel/
Andrew Thostenson

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OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;
TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.