

COMMUNITY CALL

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NEW TIMES?

Beginning on May 28th, fellowship with refreshments will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. while worship times will remain the same at 10:00 a.m.



PASTOR CATHIE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT DATE

On May 19th, at Session's meeting, Pastor Cathie announced her intention to retire on July 31, 2023.

Watch here and upcoming CPC announcements for information about a special congregational meeting as well as activities and events to remember and celebrate our time together.

ANNOUNCING CPC VBS PARTNERSHIP



Join us for an Out of this World Event! CPC is teaming with Fargo First Presbyterian Church to present STELLAR Vacation Bible School.

Time: Mon-Thurs, June 5-8
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Activities 6-8 p.m.

Place: Fargo 1st Presbyterian Church
65- 2nd Ave N, Fargo

Who: 4-yr. olds & 5th grade graduates
All those older are welcome to help.

Register today at
<https://www.firstpresfargo.org/children>

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



This is for you, the holy and faithful people of Christ Jesus. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ.

Ephesians 1-4, 13b CEB

The grass is green, flowers are showing their amazing colors, and our winter coats are put aside. June is an awesome month. It is one of my favorite months. In our family, June is great for riding our bikes, enjoying walking with our pups, Calvin and Siena, grilling, and watching the flowers bloom. It is even fun to weed the garden and mow the grass. What do you

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like most about June?

Last month we were trusting that by the time you read Ponderings, the snow would be gone. It is so amazing that by now, it is spring, and it feels like spring. We have also had several days of very warm weather! God's world is always there for us. Sometimes we don't have much patience. Let's all remember that life happens, and when it is the right time, we will know that God has been with us all of the time!

As I was thinking about the month of June, I came across a list of activities and awareness where you can find things to do and discover new experiences. There were more than we have time and space. This information came from the "National Today." Here are some ideas for you to ponder! <https://Nationaltoday.com/June-holiday>



1. Dinosaur Day (USA). Do you have children at home or perhaps the grandchildren will be visiting you this summer? There are lots of books about dinosaurs at the library.
2. Intergenerational Day (Canada). Summer is a wonderful time to connect our children with grandparents this summer. You would NOT need to go to Canada, you could create your own intergenerational Day.
3. Madarake Day (Kenya). I included this idea because I have been to Kenya a couple times as have people in West Fargo and Fargo from the Presbytery of the Northern Plains. This summer we have people going to Kenya again. Do a little research and find out about the history of Kenya.
4. National Go Barefoot Day (USA). We do not always think about how privileged we are to have shoes to wear. Enjoy the summer when you can choose to go barefoot.
5. National Say Something Nice Day (USA). Remember the saying:

"People may not remember what we do, but they do remember how you made them feel."

6. Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month (International). I included this because it is close to home for me. As most of you know, I have recently learned that I have "Alzheimer's." There is a lot to know and understand; some things are encouraging, and others are very sad. World Alzheimer's Day is September 21, 2023. Take time to learn about Alzheimer's for you and your friends.

Summer is when we have more time outside. Perhaps you enjoy sitting in the shade reading a good book, taking walks, or simply enjoying the warm weather. Whatever you do, take time to enjoy your summer, and Praise God for each day of your life.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

SUMMER PEACHES

Red River Youth for Christ (RRYC) is once again planning 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 programming within their regional 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.

MAY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, and Dave Ruhnke. Gayle Thostenson was present via Zoom. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Rev. Sarah Bigwood and Rev. Mary Holte were present.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Carrie Leopold.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of April 19, 2023
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, June 21, 2023
- c. Celebration of Life for Louise Johnson - June 18, 2023 1:00-4:30 p.m.: visitation at 1:00 p.m. and the funeral at 2:00 p.m. followed with a light lunch (downstairs) that would be catered.
- d. Moderator's report:
 - April 20: Newsletter articles sent to Gayle.
 - April 22: Attended Presbytery of Northern Plains meeting at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church along with Paul Campbell and Lise Alves.
 - Participated with Bells on Sunday, April 23, at Faith Lutheran and Bell choir practice on April 24 and May 1.
 - April 24: Attended Chogoria Presbytery Ministry Team meeting for discussion about our work with our Kenya team. Presbytery students are preparing a trip this summer.
 - April 25: Attended virtual conference (8:30-11:30 a.m.) on Spiritual Companions/Compassion Amidst Difficulty and Gifts. Dr. Courtney Burnett, MD was the speaker.
 - April 26: Provided worship for St. Catherine's on North Broadway.
 - April 27: Provided worship for Park View Terrace in Moorhead at 9 a.m.

- May 4: Attended the Worship Committee meeting.
- May 6: Participated in the Labyrinth "Walk as one at 1" with Paul Campbell and collaborated with First Presbyterian in Fargo.
- May 9: Met with Nancy and Neil Jordheim to plan the Celebration of Life for Louise Johnson, to be held at Community Presbytery Church on June 18th after church.
- May 9: Provided Worship for Touchmark at 4 p.m.
- May 10: Served dinner at Churches United from 5-7p.m.
- May 11: Provided worship for Park View Terrace in Moorhead at 9 a.m. and participated with Stewardship meeting at CPC.
- Prepared CPC Sunday worship services: April 23, April 30 including installation, May 7 including communion, and May 14.
- e. Clerk's report -
 - ◇ 40 served communion on Sunday, May 7, 2023.
 - ◇ Saturday, April 22, was the Presbytery meeting held in East Grand Forks, MN.
 - ◇ On April 30, 2023, Dave Ruhnke was elected to a two-year term as an elder, Veril Larson was elected to a one-year term as a trustee, Jack Smith was elected to a two-year term as a trustee and Brent Talley was elected to a three-year term as a trustee.

The elders to help serve communion on June 4, 2023 will be Kevin Galt, Dave Ruhnke, Gayle Thostenson and another TBD.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Peyton Muldoon requested to use the narthex from 8:00-10:00 p.m. for a dessert social after her wedding rehearsal on June 2, 2023. They will leave the narthex as it was found and give a free will donation to the church for use of the space.

Dave Ruhnke will serve as the Worship
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Committee liaison.

Reminder – during the summer months the worship time will be 10:00 a.m. but the fellowship time will be from 9:30 to 10:00. This will be a two-week trial period to see how it works.

Carrie Leopold requested the use of the metal chairs from the shed on May 27 for Isaac's graduation party.

Committee reports:

Buildings and Grounds: The sump pump hoses were switched to the outside. Thank you to Lynn Hummel for mowing the church lawn.

-Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: The Christian Education Committee met on May 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Galt, Gayle Thostenson, Melanie Hanson, and Emma Broe.

Discussion was held on how to proceed with VBS. First Presbyterian in Fargo has offered us an invitation to join them to increase the number of kids participating in their program. Gayle Thostenson has been in contact with them and it was decided we would join them this year and offered the possibility of alternating between church's every other year. This is to be determined at a later date. Our committee and anyone else who wishes to join us will help with their program. Final preparations were made for Senior Recognition Sunday with two of our seniors participating.

Meeting was closed with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

- Kevin Galt

Mission & Outreach: We are finishing up collecting bus passes for May and collecting diapers for June and July.

- Carrie Leopold

Personnel: The Personnel Committee met on May 16th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Kevin Galt, Carolyn Meester, and Andrew Thostenson (via Zoom).

Discussion was held on the present situ-

ation of our office assistant. Our present office assistant, Morgan Enderson, took a full-time job with another company but she has volunteered to continue doing bulletins and power points from home until we find someone else. Discussion was held regarding a schedule for pulpit supply after Pastor Cathie's retirement at the end of July. A meeting will be set up with the people who have volunteered to fill in. More on this subject at a later date.

Meeting was closed with prayer at 6:45.
- Kevin Galt

Stewardship: We reviewed the monthly financials; nothing unusual to report during April.

Andrew is working on a snapshot of our financials, so the congregation will be informed of the financial needs of Community Presbyterian Church. This will be presented sometime in the coming months, hopefully in June.

We discussed the open Treasurer position. Andrew is willing to be Co-Treasurer, along with Yvonne Hummel, until a permanent Treasurer can be found. Carolyn, Andrew, and Yvonne will go to the bank to update signature cards, and review contents of safe deposit box.

Worked on details for a sign advertising our pre-school rental space. The sign will be ordered soon.

Andrew shared that the computer in the church office needs updating. The Stewardship committee agrees this is necessary. It will most likely occur sometime this summer, with a cost estimate of approximately \$600.00.

We briefly discussed the job duties of the Stewardship committee.

Meeting closed in prayer.

- Yvonne Hummel

Worship: The Worship Committee made plans for the changing of church seasons from Easter to Pentecost to Ordinary Time and organized the worship banners so that they will be easily ac-

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cessible when needed.

There was considerable discussion regarding the bulletin and PowerPoint display for the Order of Worship. Currently in preparation for a worship service, two bulletin types (tri-fold version for congregational members and a stapled 8.5X11 version for the worship team), a liturgist script, and two PowerPoint slide displays (one for worship, one for announcements) are produced. It is the recommendation of Worship Committee that the PowerPoint worship slides include any congregational readings and responses that aren't included in hymnals or Bibles. Hymns and scriptures should be included in the PowerPoints as Hymn titles and numbers and scripture references only (ie., John 14:6 as opposed to typing the entire verse). Lyrics from songs not in the hymnals should be included in the PowerPoint. Copyright acknowledgements should be included in the PowerPoint and not in the bulletin.

As for the bulletins, it was suggested that the tri-fold bulletin production be dropped in favor of a pared-down, outline-only version of the stapled bulletin which is produced for worship participants. The goal would be to eventually move to a 4-sided 8.5X11 paper bulletin to include announcements. A sample is included.

On a side note, in lieu of a specially made worship team bulletin, the worship team could get liturgist script. Since visually-impaired individuals aren't always able to read the PowerPoint slides, they could receive enlarged liturgist scripts (8.5 X 11-inch paper is easier to convert to large-print bulletins.).

-Pastor Cathie Bishop, Gayle Thostenson

No reports: Deacons, Nominating, Service and Fellowship

Pastor Cathie informed the Session of her intent to retire on July 31, 2023. She will be missed and celebrated!

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 7:04.

Respectfully submitted
Becky DeJong



**MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEST FARGO, NORTH
DAKOTA**

A special meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held on April 30, 2023 at 9:50 a.m. The meeting was opened in prayer by Moderator Rev. Cathie Bishop. The clerk verified there was a quorum present with 27 people in attendance.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Dave Ruhnke was nominated for the position of elder to fulfill the remaining term of the vacant position which ends January of 2025. Veril Larson was nominated for the position of trustee to fulfill the remaining term of the vacant position which ends January of 2024. Jack Smith was nominated for the position of trustee to fulfill the remaining term of the vacant position which ends January of 2025. Brent Talley was nominated for the position of trustee to fulfill the remaining term of the vacant position which ends January of 2026.

The Clerk, Becky DeJong, called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

PRAYER CHAIN

Want to share the burdens of others by praying for their needs, contact Gayle Thostenson (cpcnews@midco.net) and she'll add you to the CPC email prayer chain. When someone asks for prayer, you'll receive a blind-copied prayer request in your personal email box.



JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 6-4 Mike Gross
6-6 Melanie Hansen
LeAnn Tenderholt
6-12 Vicki Riedinger
6-14 Rylee Montgomery
6-21 Patty Smith
6-30 Ezra Dobrinz
Dixon Moorhead



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6-4-88 – Tom and Cathy Birrenkott
6-7-97 – Scott and Melanie Hansen
6-8-96 – Terry and Carolyn Meester
6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke
6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz
6-18-72 – Bruce and Karen Steele
6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman

DEACONS



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

Pastor Cathie or the Deacons.

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| 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] 701-412-638

WE BRING OUT OUR THANKS!

Presbyterian Men's Annual Rummage Sale held on Saturday, April 29th, was a success! We netted \$1,610.59! All funds will be used toward church projects. THANK YOU for all your help, donations, and shopping.



LET'S PLAY BALL!

Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League has begun. All games are on Wednesday evenings with the first game at 6:30 p.m. 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

6/7	6:30	Field 2 (A)— Ignite
	7:30	(H)— Ignite
6/14	6:30	Field 3 (A)— Lighthouse
	7:30	(H)— Lighthouse
6/21	6:30	Field 1 (H)— Knights
	7:30	(A)— Knights
6/28	6:30	Field 4 (A)— NV Gray
	7:30	(H)— NV Gray
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/>



CPC ALL CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT SOFTBALL TAILGATING

Bring your lawn chairs, sunglasses, sunscreen, appetites, and possible bug spray for CPC's church family June event. We're going to join our church softball team, watching as they play their two games on Wednesday, June 28.

Come at 5:30 p.m. at North Softball Complex at 6063 45th St N, Fargo to eat with the team. Then, sit back, and watch last year's league champions play ball.



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

4-30-2023

General Operating budget
2023: \$138,671.00

Monthly needed to meet budget: \$11,556.00

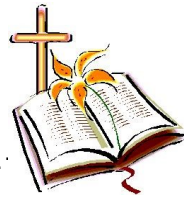
Total Giving April \$ 11,380.00

Total Expenses April \$ 9,446.35

Per Capita amount for 2023 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope you are contributing to Per Capita. Total assessed Per Capita for 2023 is \$6,750.00.

...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.

JUNE SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP



- June 4 Trinity Sunday
I Corinthians 13:11
Matthew 28:16-20
- June 11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-38; 10:8-23
- June 25 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 10:24-39



MARATHON PREP THANK YOU!

Thanks to those who helped deliver supplies in advance of the Fargo Marathon. Your help made it possible for the runners to have what they needed for the race.

SUMMER MISSION FOCUS



The Mission Focus for this month is diapers. Because the need for diapers is so great, we will continue the collection through July, to be delivered to the shelter in early August. Diapers are needed in sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6. They are welcome in any size package, as they are divided up and given out in zipper plastic bags. If you prefer, Mission & Outreach Committee members are willing to take your money and shop for you. Let's keep those little bottoms clean and dry!



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We talk as though we know what grace means. But do we really understand it? Have we settled for wimpy grace? It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, "Do you believe in grace?" who could say no?

Max Lucado asks a deeper question: Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Emboldened by grace? Softened by grace? Snatched by the nape of your neck and shaken to your senses by grace? Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then give us the power to pull it off. Let's make certain grace gets you.

Join Bonnie Thompson and crew for a study on Grace. They meet Wednesday mornings May 31, June 7, and June 14 at 10:00 in the sunny narthex.

**The July Community Call
deadline is
Wednesday, June 22**

Congratulations Class of 2023!

Isaac Leopold

Hey, I'm Isaac. Some of my hobbies include motor-cycling, programming, and archery. I'm involved in the WFHS Drumline and am the Executive Producer of Packer Media. After high school, I will be majoring in Criminal Justice at MSUM, where I'll also continue my music education in the Dragon Drumline.

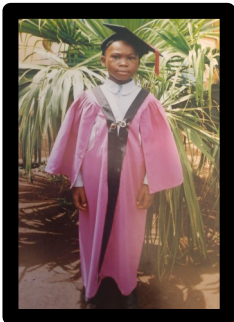
The biggest part of high school that I'll miss most is being able to hang out with and see friends daily, as well as the routine it gave me in my life, however, I'm also very excited for what's to come next. In the future, I'd like to pursue a career in law or law enforcement.



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Hi, my name is Leke. My future plans are to become a pediatrics doctor. After high school, I will work at a hospital as a medical assistant to experience what I'd need to do as a doctor. I plan to go to Lindenwood University where I will pursue their nursing program.

After leaving high school, I will mostly miss the friends I have here, as they have encouraged me to pursue my passion in the medical field. I plan to keep my faith by staying in church, praying more than I already do, and following the Commandments as fully as I can.





JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
..... <u>July newsletter deadline: Thursday, June 22</u> Non-church scheduled events: Saturday & Sunday p.m. – HOREMOW; Monday evenings – TOPS						
4 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	5  VBS at 1st Pres	6 VBS at 1st Pres	7 Bible Study 10 a.m. VBS at 1st Pres Softball 6:30 p.m.	8 VBS at 1st Pres PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.	9 10	11 12
11 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.	12 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.	13 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study	14 Prayer 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. Softball 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	15 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m. Stewardship 7:00 p.m.	16 17	18 <i>Happy Fathers Day!</i> Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Celebration of Life C. Louise Johnson Viewing 1:00 p.m. Service 2:00 p.m.
19 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	20 Personnel Committee 6:00 p.m.	21 Session 6:00 p.m. Softball 6:30 p.m.	22 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m. <div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> Newsletter is due Today!!! </div>	23 24	25 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	26 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.
27 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	28 CPC All Church Family Softball Tailgating 5:30 p.m. Softball 6:30 p.m.	29 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.	30 Head Ushers: June: Jack Smith July: Mike Thompson August: Chuck Thompson	31 Head Ushers: June: Jack Smith July: Mike Thompson August: Chuck Thompson	32 Head Ushers: June: Jack Smith July: Mike Thompson August: Chuck Thompson	33 Head Ushers: June: Jack Smith July: Mike Thompson August: Chuck Thompson

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Worship

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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
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Treasurer: Yvonne Hummel/
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OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;
TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.