

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## FALL BACK

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



## HANGING OF THE GREENS



As the calendar turns to November, the church's attention turns to preparing for Advent. You, a member of our church family, are invited to join in decorating CPC for the Advent Season on Sunday, November 23rd, after worship for the Hanging of the Greens.

Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share as we enjoy each other's goodies, Christmas music, and fellowship. There is plenty to do and a task for all. Please plan on joining us.

## RINGING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

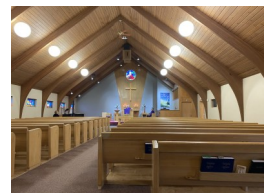


The Salvation Army relies on money raised in red kettles to serve more than 25 million in need every year. The easiest way to help them in their mission is to ring a bell at one of their iconic red kettles. Volunteer bell ringers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises the funds that sustain the help they give all year long.

CPC has committed to ring bells on Saturday, December 6, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hornbachers Osgood. So, grab a family member or friend and sign up to share the joy of giving.

## PULPIT SUPPLY

Many thanks go out to the devoted team of CPC preachers who lead worship and keep our congregation spiritually nourished. The following are scheduled for the upcoming weeks:



Nov 2	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Nov 9	Kevin Galt
Nov 16	TBD
Nov 23	TBD
Nov 30	Andrew Thostenson
Dec 7	Andrew Thostenson with Communion
Dec 14	Kevin Galt
Dec 21	TBD—Cantata
Dec 24	Kevin Galt
Dec 25	Rev. Jim Wilson with Communion
Dec 28	TBD

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



There will be NO Sunday School on December 28 or January 4. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## DECEMBER EVENTS



Mark your calendars early and don't miss out on all the activities in December! Watch for details and more activities in upcoming church announcements and the December/January newsletter.

Saturday, December 6

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Sunday, December 21, 10:00 a.m.

Combined Choir Cantata & Sunday School Christmas program during worship

Wednesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve service

Thursday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

To include Communion



## CANTATA PERFORMANCE PLANNED

Christmas cantata practice has begun. We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Galt directs the group while Caleb Lawson accompanies on piano. The group's performance is set to occur in conjunction with the Sunday School Christmas program during worship on Sunday, December 21.

This year's cantata is entitled, *Noel: Christ Is Born!* created by Dale Matthews. It is a combination of old favorite carols and new joyous songs to delight in God's gift to us all. Be sure to make plans to join this celebration of Jesus' birth.

## PRAYER TIME



*Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.* Psalm 141:2

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

## NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

- 11-3 Mary Bastle
- Dave Ruhnke
- 11-5 Jarrett Meester
- 11-6 Amy Grossman-Tomsich
- Hannah Mace
- 11-9 Adynn Tomsich
- 11-10 Vicki Peihl
- 11-13 Carrie Lauber
- 11-24 Bob Gross



## THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU



There is room at the table to join the folks making cards! Our Card Makers Group gathers on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. for fellowship and an opportunity to recycle and create cards for sale at Community Presbyterian Church. Proceeds from the cards are used for various church projects from supporting children who attend Summer Bible Camp to purchasing items for the kitchen. Plus, they always seem to have sweet treats for a mid-afternoon break.

Interested? Just show up on Thursdays at 1 p.m. The group will welcome you and show you how to make cards!

## COMEDY FOR A CAUSE NOV. 13, 7 P.M. BETHEL. CHURCH, FARGO



Comedy for a Cause is a Red River Youth for Christ fundraising event. The event will showcase the work God is doing in the lives of teens in the FM area and feature a night of laughter featuring Dustin Nickerson.

Dustin Nickerson is an in-demand comic on the rise. In 2020, he released his debut comedy special, *Overwhelmed*, which is currently one of the highest-rated specials on Amazon Prime Video.

Look for ticket information at

<https://redriveryouthforchrist.ticketspice.com/comedy-for-a-cause-2025>

We can't wait to laugh with you!



## JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

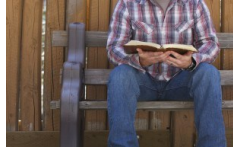
We meet in the upstairs conference room at 9:00 a.m. We are continuing our study of Acts which should take us to the year's end when we'll begin a new study--subject yet to be determined. Don't hesitate to join us. There is always coffee, comradery, and God's gift of the Bible.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Attention all men! You are invited to join a Men's Bible Study. We meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church narthex.

We cover a chapter each meeting with much discussion. Bring your Bible and a concordance, if you have one.

Please contact Dave Ruhnke for more information.



## CHOCOLATE FOR THE SOUL: WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Do you find it hard to take time for yourself? Do you long to rest more than you do? In our study this month we will learn about relaxation and how God wants us to take time for ourselves. We will meet at the church at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, to learn more about God's desire for us to rest. Our study offers interesting recipes each month such as healthy corn bread and corn chowder in this lesson. If you want to receive lessons via email, please let me know at [vrpeihl@gmail.com](mailto:vrpeihl@gmail.com).

## ADVENT READERS NEEDED!

We need your help! Grab family or friend(s) and sign up in the narthex to read scripture and light the Advent Candles during worship services November 30 through December.



## LADIES CIRCLE

Join us every second Tuesday for Ladies Circle in the narthex. If you like, bring a sack lunch and have fellowship, coffee, and treats at 12:30 p.m. Otherwise, come ready to begin Bible study at 1:00 p.m.

Our study this year is *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter and Rev. MacKichen Walker.



## VEGGIES FOR THE PANTRY 2025 COLLECTION INFORMATION



Veggies for the Pantry encourages local gardeners to donate their extra garden produce at locations for transport to food pantries. Produce donated was delivered to Emergency Food Pantry and Dorothy Day Food Pantry by our team of Extension Master Gardeners on Tuesdays. What a great opportunity to help those in need in our area, support the work of NDSU Extension, and end the home-gardeners plight of too many cucumbers, tomatoes, apples, and peas!

This year's CPC total of produce donations was an astonishing 1,285 pounds! The grand total, including all community donation sites was 28,815 pounds!

Thank you all who contributed to this venture. Whether by sharing monetarily to pay for watering our garden or by donating produce, you helped the hungry in our community.



## THANK YOU FROM CHURCHES UNITED WEEKLY EMAIL

9/24/25

Thank you to Community Presbyterian Church in West Fargo for selling hot dogs, brats, chips and many baked goods over West Fest this past weekend. 100% of the proceeds were donated back to Churches United. I may or may not have had more than my share of the baked goods while there.



## MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who donated items for our September project, helping to furnish apartments for young people who are aging out of the foster care system. The folks who work with them at Nexus/PATH are always excited to receive our donations, referring to them as "the good stuff." Thank you again for helping these young people start their adult lives with a more even playing field.

Carrie has reported from Kenya that the principal at the Kajampau school received our donations to help rebuild the boys' dormitory with a large smile, and the comment that it was "too much." They are well on their way to rebuilding the dorm for about 300 boys. Again, thank you for helping to level the playing field. <Please note photos to right.>

Our October focus has been collecting money to send to Kenya for the lunch program at the Mpangua elementary school. For many of the children, this hot lunch is their only meal of the day. It's hard to learn on an empty stomach; again, we are helping to level the playing field for very bright children who live in poverty most Americans can't even imagine.

Our mission focus for November and December is collecting items for the New Life Center. The focus is on basic clothing items, especially warm winter clothing like coats, hats, gloves, boots, sweatshirts, and thermal underwear. The current urgent needs include Men's T-Shirts (Medium & Large), Men's Boxers (M, L, 1XL, & 2XL), New or Nearly New Men's Shoes, White Bath Towels, Disposable Razors / Shaving Cream, Q-Tips, Lotion (Travel-Size), Deodorant (Travel-Size), DayQuil / NyQuil (Alcohol Free), Cough Drops, Tylenol / Ibuprofen, and Neosporin.

Thank you for being the heart and hands of Jesus to our community and beyond.

Below are photos shared by Carrie Lauber of the rebuilding of the dormitory at the Kajampau Secondary School. Carrie and a team from the Presbytery of the Northern Plains visited the school site in Kenya this October.



Sharon greeting Harrison, one of our sponsored students from Kajampau



New Dorm construction at Kajampau



Jennifer receiving our donation for the dorm



Me checking out one of the new beds. This slab is the location of the previous dorm before the fire

## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

09/30/2025



General Operating budget  
2025: \$149,437.00  
Monthly funds needed to meet budget:  
\$12,453.00.

Total Giving September \$ 6,554.56  
Total Expenses September \$ 4,666.10  
Per Capita amount for 2025 is \$50.00  
for each confirmed member. Please  
mark on your check or envelope as con-  
tributing to Per Capita. Total assessment  
for 2025 is \$5,300. So far, \$2,325 has  
been paid toward per capita.

Contribution reports and a letter from  
the Stewardship Committee were mailed  
to all our members and friends in early  
October. Please review your contribu-  
tion report and let us know if you have  
any questions. Thank you for your sup-  
port of the mission of the church.

*All we have is a gift from God, all we  
have belongs to God, and all we have is  
to be used to serve God and enjoy God.*



## THE DEACONS CAN HELP YOU

If you or someone you love  
needs immediate pastoral care,  
you can call a Deacon for help.

If anyone in the congregation is hospi-  
talized, needs a visit, or would like  
home communion, please contact the  
Deacons.

Jenni Hummel	[C] 701-371-7640
Dawn Larson	[C] 701-261-9609
Boots Misheski	[C] 701-388-7160
Patty Smith	[H] 701-540-6658
	[C] 970-209-3517
Cary Talley	[H] 701-282-3273
Bonnie Thompson, Session Liaison	[C] 701-799-8598

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer concern,  
please contact the church of-  
fice or Gayle Thostenson  
([cpcnews@midco.net](mailto:cpcnews@midco.net)); G: 701-  
412-6387).



## SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP AND OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Thanks to everyone who has  
signed up to help serve coffee and  
treats or to usher.

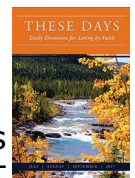
Nov 2 - Group 3  
Nov 9 - Group 4  
Nov 16 - Group 4  
Nov 23 - Group 1  
Nov 30 - Group 1  
Dec 7 - Group 2  
Dec 14 - Group 2  
Dec 21 - Group 3  
Dec 28 - Group 3

We are looking for people to sign up for  
November and December. If it is your  
group and you are available to help,  
please sign up in the narthex. We are  
also in need of liturgists and slide  
'flippers' for the fall. These are unique  
opportunities to participate in worship.

If you are able to help but forgot to sign  
up, please email the church office at [office@cpcwf.org](mailto:office@cpcwf.org) by or on **the prior Sun-  
day**, and we will add you to the list.



## DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE



Jesus answered, "It is  
written: 'Man shall not  
live on bread alone, but on every word  
that comes from the mouth of God.'"  
Matthew 4:4

Searching for daily spiritual nourish-  
ment? Two types of daily devotionals  
are available on the small table outside  
the church sanctuary.

Our Daily Bread and These Days are  
available in large and regular-sized  
print. Both devotionals have specific-to-  
date scriptures accompanied with a re-  
lated lesson and prayer. Feel free to  
take one home with you for daily use.

**Dec/Jan Community Call's data  
is due Thursday, November 20**

## 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 <sup>st</sup> _____ OR 16 <sup>th</sup> _____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u>  1 <sup>st</sup> AND 16 <sup>th</sup> _____
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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

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West Fargo, ND 58078

(A confirmation will be sent to you)

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**Forms accepted at any time**

	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate to Income						
Annual 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





# NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Ushers: March – Lynn Hummel, April – Brent & Cari Talley, May – Melanie Hansen & Amy Crossman–Tomsich						
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends— <i>Set clocks back</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 		Cantata practice 6:00 p.m. Bells practice 7:00 p.m.	Prayer time 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 6 p.m. Building & Grounds Trustees 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.		
9	10	11  <b>HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY</b> Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Mission & Outreach Com. 6:00 p.m. Cantata pr. 6:00 p.m. Bells practice 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.			Presbyterian Squares 4:00 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1 p.m.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	Personnel Stewardship Committee 6:30 p.m.	Cantata Practice 6:00 p.m. Bells practice 7:00 p.m.	Session 7:00 p.m.	Newsletter is due Today!!! PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Deacons 6 p.m.		
23 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens following worship 	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Cantata Practice 6:00 p.m. Bells practice 7:00 p.m.		Happy Thanksgiving! 		
30	December/January newsletter deadline: Thursday, November 20 Mon. eves: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.–HOREMOW; Sun. 12–3 p.m., 3rd Fri. 7–10 p.m.–COSHEM–Fellowship Hall					
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.						

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## Community Presbyterian Church Committees

### Building & Grounds Trustees

Andrew Thostenson, Liaison  
Melanie Hansen    Larry Peihl  
Veril Larson        Brent Talley  
Terry Meester

### Christian Education

Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Liaison  
Emma Broe        Melanie Hansen  
Kevin Galt        Gayle Thostenson

### Deacons

Bonnie Thompson, Liaison  
Jenni Hummel    Patricia Smith  
Dawn Larson    Cary Talley  
Boots Misheski

### Mission & Outreach

Carrie Lauber, Liaison  
Kevin Galt        Rev. Donna Monteith  
Boots Misheski    Dave Ruhnke

### Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison  
Linda Bishop    Yvonne Hummel  
Mel Hansen    Dawn Larson

### Personnel

Carolyn Meester, Liaison  
Lia Dobrinz    A. Thostenson  
Kevin Galt

### Presbytery Delegates

Kevin Galt    Carrie Lauber  
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

### Stewardship

Carolyn Meester, Liaison  
Kevin Galt    A. Thostenson  
Yvonne Hummel

### Worship/Service & Fellowship

Dave Ruhnke, Liaison  
Linda Bishop    G. Thostenson  
Emma Broe    Rev. Jim Wilson  
Carolyn Meester



**Sunday  
Worship Hours**  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship Service  
Fellowship following

## **The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo**

Temporary Moderator  
& Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong  
Co-Treasurers: Yvonne Hummel  
Andrew Thostenson

Melissa Engebretson  
Amy Grossman-Tomsich  
Carrie Lauber  
Carolyn Meester  
David Ruhnke  
Bonnie Thompson  
Andrew Thostenson

**Our mission is to know God;  
to be led by the Holy Spirit; to share Christ.**