

COMMUNITY CALL

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5th is World Communion Sunday. It was started in 1933 by the Rev. Hugh Thomson Kerr, a Presbyterian, to show the significance of the church of Jesus Christ in the world, and promote unity among denominations. It was adopted churchwide by Presbyterians in 1936, and by 1940 it had spread to other denominations through endorsement by the National Council of Churches, and from there truly became worldwide.

If you have any ethnic or national clothing, you are encouraged to wear it to church on that Sunday, whether tartan plaid or kente cloth; bunad or stroje. Let's reflect our community as we celebrate being one in Christ.

B - I - N - G - O AND A MEAL

You, family, and friends are invited to CPC's All Church Family Night on Wednesday, October 29. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by friendly and competitive rounds of B-I-N-G-O.

This time of fun and fellowship is a way to relax, enjoy the day along with getting to know your church family better, supporting one another in each other's trials and reveling in God's blessings.

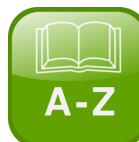
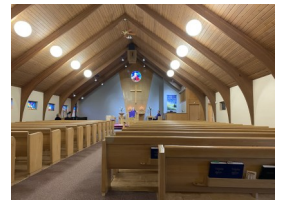
Sign up in the narthex to share food or to let us know you're coming.



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:

Oct 5	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Oct 12	Carrie Lauber
Oct 19	Kevin Galt
Oct 26	Andrew Thostenson
Nov 2	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Nov 9	Kevin Galt
Nov 16	TBD
Nov 23	Andrew Thostenson
Nov 30	TBD



CPC DIRECTORIES

Newly printed directories of CPC Members and Friends can be found on the narthex table outside the sanctuary. Digital directories are available upon request.

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SEPTEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson, and Andrew Thostenson. Temporary Moderator and Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong was present. Carrie Lauber was present via Zoom. Melissa Engebretson was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer provided by Amy Grossman-Tomsich.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of August 20, 2025

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, October 5, 2025, will be Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson and Andrew Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no in-person Session meeting in October. Any necessary business will be dealt with through e-mail.

Discussion was held regarding the spring Presbytery meeting.

Committee reports:

Building & Grounds Trustees: The trustees have treated the HVAC system with bactericide, and monitoring it for the past month would indicate that the system is now performing as expected. We will continue to monitor water use. Water use has been normal since early July.

The AC unit in the conference room has been pulled in preparation for winter. The heating boiler has been placed on standby to deal with cold fall days. The forced air heating system will be activated late in September once the cooling system is no longer needed.

Adjustments have been made to the Family Room toilet in the basement to

reduce the potential for water loss and to improve flushing.

Trustees, with Mel Hansen and Barb Grossman handling merchandising on Facebook, have sold the old Welcome Desk that was in storage for \$250. The buyer will pick up the desk on Thursday, 9/18.

The windows in the Narthex have been washed and the batteries replaced in the emergency lights.

- Andrew Thostenson

Christian Education: Our next Church Family Night will be on September 24. We will be grilling and playing outdoor games. On October 29 we will be playing Bingo!

Sunday school attendance:

Sept. 7 - 5 children

Sept. 14 - 8 children

- Amy Grossman-Tomsich

Deacons: Birthday cards, Anniversary cards and Thinking of You cards are being sent.

- Bonnie Thompson

Mission and Outreach: Our mission for October is the Kenya feeding program and then we'll be focusing on the New Life center in November and December.

- Carrie Leopold

Stewardship: Contribution reports will be sent out by the end of the month.

- Carolyn Meester

Worship: Pulpit supply is filled through the middle of November.

- Dave Ruhnke

No committee reports: Nominating

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

CHRISTMAS CANTATA & BELL CHOIR

Watch for information in upcoming newsletters and CPC announcements and emails on how you can participate and worship through music during the holiday season.



WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENCES



Every Wednesday, beginning September 10th and through October, all are welcome to join us as Bonnie Thompson leads a study of the Lord's Prayer.

Should this prayer really be called the Disciples' Prayer since Jesus shared it with His friends to teach them about prayer? In this study, we hope to begin to pray as Jesus instructed us and develop a passion for prayer along the way.



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.

Our current study focuses on Acts. We cover a chapter each meeting with much discussion. Bring your Bible and a concordance, if you have one.

Please contact Dave Ruhnke for further information.



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 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 1, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

LADIES CIRCLE



Ladies, beginning September 9th, 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.

In this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. So, what exactly is resilience?

Resilience is the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or stress—such as from family, relationships, health, workplace, and financial stressors. People who survive and thrive well in change are resilient.

The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy.

Joy is sometimes confused with happiness. For Christians, joy can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded by love and followed by peace. [Gal. 5:22-23] Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We have joy in our suffering, because ultimately our joy is found in Jesus Christ.

We will also seek to rediscover our identity.

Identity is more than who we are or who we show ourselves to be. At its core, it points to our humanity. Our core identity is not found in our titles, our positions, our spouses, our partners, or our possessions. For Christians, our identity is found in Jesus Christ.

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

During the month of August, we collected \$779 and a number of items of winter wear for the school children of Bdecan church and the surrounding area. The collected items were delivered to Bdecan on September 13. From the people of Bdecan, "Pidamaya," which is "Thank you" in Dakota.



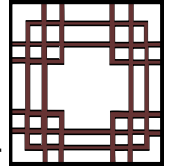
September's mission is collecting items for young people served by Nexus-PATH who are aging out of the foster care system. These young people have not been able to live in their family of origin and lack the support system most of us and our children had when we were ready to set up our first apartment or dorm room. Everything needed for an apartment, other than furniture and large appliances, is needed. As always, if you are unable to shop yourself, Boots or Donna will be happy to shop for you.



For October, we are again collecting money to be sent to our partners in Kenya, to support the food program at the Mpangua school. Our Presbytery helped to build the school, and we have been assisting to provide food for their lunches. Kenya does not have a USDA type agency to help provide hot lunches for the students. Each parent is to provide a certain amount of money and groceries so that lunch can be prepared for the students. Because Mpangua is in an impoverished area, and there is a severe drought there, the parents can barely feed their children at home, much less provide anything to the school. This is an ongoing problem for which we collect money on a regular basis. They do provide detailed receipts showing that the money has been spent the way we intended. We built the school so that the children could be educated, and have a better life; and we know that they can't learn when they are hungry, so we need

to help feed them so that they will be able to better provide for their children in the future. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for your support.

CHOCOLATE FOR THE SOUL: WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY



At 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, we will start a fun Bible study called Chocolate for Your Soul. We will learn how much God wants us to crave Him and His Word. Our study will include a recipe to take home.

Join us as you are able or let me know if you would like to get the study through email. (Vicki - vrpeihl@gmail.com) Our lessons last about an hour, and we enjoy supporting one another.

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!

WEST FEST THANKS

Thanks go to all those who donated their time, money, food, and goodies towards CPC's West Fest Food Stand. We raised \$600 for Churches United for the Homeless! In addition, we shared fellowship with one another as well as God's love and CPC hospitality with many of our neighbors.





OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

10-8 Denny Braaten
10-13 Carol Braaten
10-16 Rae Irene Kercher
10-17 Jenni Hummel
10-29 Larry Peihl

ANNIVERSARIES

10-7-17 John and Melissa Engebretson
10-13-73 Lynn and Yvonne Hummel

PRESENTING NEW CPC EMPLOYEES

During the summer, CPC added two employees, Caleb Lawson and Kaylynn Young. Kaylynn serves as our office manager, and Caleb is one of our pianist/organist team.



Originally from Illinois, Caleb works for Amazon. He holds a master's degree from NDSU's Challey School of Music that you'll appreciate when he plays on Sundays.

Kaylynn comes to us from Texas and is a new resident of Horace. Kaylynn can be seen on occasional Sundays with her young nieces in tow.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome Kaylynn and Caleb.



THERE'S STILL AN OPPORTUNITY

Gardeners, you can still bring your harvest to CPC's parking lot on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Veggies for the Pantry will continue to collect your produce until the Monday after the first frost.

Veggies for the Pantry accepts donations of surplus garden produce from you and others in the area for the F-M Emergency Food Pantry. The pantry shares with people who are in need and normally do not receive fresh produce.

Thank you for your help in feeding our community!

NEW LIFE CENTER -THE UNTOLD STORY DESSERT & FUNDRAISER



6 PM | Social & Light Appetizers
7 PM | Program

Discover what lies beyond the surface. Join us on October 7 for The Untold Story—an evening of desserts and testimonies that invites you to see the humanity in every life impacted by hunger, homelessness, and addiction. Come for dessert. Leave inspired.

For more information or tickets, go to <https://www.fargonlc.org/events>

Don't wait—seating is limited, and your presence is vital.



COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 13TH, 2025 7:00 PM
BETHEL CHURCH, FARGO**

After six years of Concert for a Cause, we are excited to bring back Comedy for a Cause, and we're kicking it off with a bang. You will have the opportunity to see and hear about what God has been doing over the past ministry year while enjoying lots of laughs. This year's event will feature Dustin Nickerson, a rising comedian who has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, Comedy Central, and Netflix on Kevin Hart's Hart of the City, as well as The Late Late Show with James Corden. He is also a regular on After Midnight with Taylor Tomlinson and has had a comedy special on Amazon.

We look forward to celebrating and invite you to share in what God is doing in the lives of area teens on this night of worship.

Look for ticket information at

[https://
redriveryouthforchrist.ticketspice.com/
comedy-for-a-cause-2025](https://redriveryouthforchrist.ticketspice.com/comedy-for-a-cause-2025)

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

08/31/2025



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

Total Giving August \$ 7,983.10
Total Expenses August \$ 7,524.22

Per Capita amount for 2025 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope as contributing to Per Capita. Total assessment for 2025 is \$5,300. So far, \$2,045 has been paid toward per capita.

God wants us; He wants the givers, not just the gifts from the givers. He doesn't need our gifts, but we have a need to give. God wants us to honor Him through our faithful and generous giving. When we make giving a priority week after week, He is honored.



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 hospitalized, 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

With the CPC prayer chain, we share the needs and concerns of our church family. If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson (701-412-6387, cpcnews@midco.net). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.



SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP AND OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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

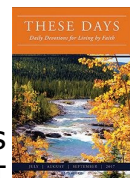
Oct 5 - Group 1
Oct 12 - Group 2
Oct 19 - Group 2
Oct 26 - Group 3
Nov 2 - Group 3
Nov 9 - Group 4
Nov 16 - Group 4
Nov 23 - Group 1
Nov 30 - Group 1

We are looking for people to sign up for October and November. 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 by or on **the prior Sunday**, 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 nourishment? 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-the-date scriptures accompanied with a related lesson and prayer. Feel free to take one home with you for daily use.

**November Community Call's data
is due Wednesday, October 22**



OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November newsletter deadline: October 22 Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.—HOREMOW Sunday 12-3 p.m., Friday 7-10 p.m.—GOSHEN Fellowship Hall						
5 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	6 Veggies for the Pantry ? 	7	8 Bible Study 10 a.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	9 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Worship com. 7:00 p.m.	10	11 Fall  Presbytery Meeting at Langdon
12 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	13 Veggies for the Pantry ? 	14 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Stewardship/ Personnel Com. 7:00 p.m.	15	16 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	20 Veggies for the Pantry ? 	21	22 Bible Study 10 a.m. Newsletter is due Today!!!!	23 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	27 Veggie Pantry ? 	28	29 Bible Study 10 a.m. Family Fun Night — B-I-N-G-O>>5 p.m.	30 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	31	Head Ushers: October: Larry Peihl November: Lee Dobrinz December: Dave Ruhnke

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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**
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.**