

COMMUNITY CALL

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THE WAY FORWARD FOR CPC

At the May 14 meeting of Session, we had an extensive discussion on where we go from here in our quest for

pastoral leadership. We decided the Pastor Nominating Committee should be reconstituted. Thus, we are looking for four to seven people to serve on a new PNC. The good news is, we will NOT have to develop a new mission profile for our church (The previous PNC did an able job of this, and it is still useful.).

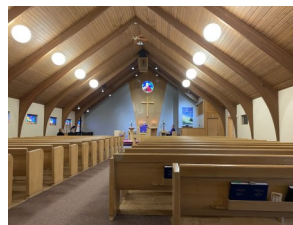
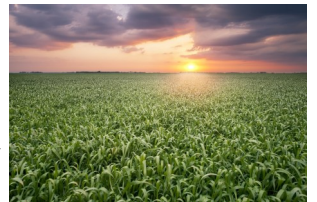
If you are interested in serving, visit with former PNC members to learn more about their work and their experiences. Terry Meester agreed to serve as a point person for this, but you can also have conversations with Linda Bishop, Carolyn Talley, and Kevin Galt for their wisdom as well. If you feel God is Calling you to service, make your name known to any member of Session before the next regular meeting on June 18.

The Presbytery of the Northern Plains also suggested that CPC consider contracting with them for temporary pastoral support for the second half of 2025. The Personnel/Stewardship Committee was tasked with exploring this option and will bring a recommendation on this back to Session as well.

In the meanwhile, you can all help in
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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Join us this Summer! CPC Summer Sunday worship services will occur at 10:00 a.m. Fellowship will follow around 11:00 a.m.



PULPIT SUPPLY

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

June 1	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
June 8	Kevin Galt
June 15	Andrew Thostenson
June 22	Rev. Jim Wilson
June 29	TBD
July 6	Rev. Jim Wilson with Communion
July 13	Kevin Galt
July 20	Andrew Thostenson
July 27	TBD

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MAY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Sitting Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Carrie Lauber, Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, and Bonnie Thompson. Rev. Sarah Bigwood, Temporary Moderator and Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong were present. Terry Meester was present. Andrew Thostenson was present via Zoom.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Dave Ruhnke.

Consent Agenda:

- approval of the minutes of April 16, 2025
- next Session meeting – Wednesday, June 18, 2025
- Yvonne Hummel would like to use 30 folding chairs for graduation on May 29 - June 1.
- Carrie Lauber would like to use 24 folding chairs for graduation on May 24.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, June 1, 2025 will be Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson and +.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

WANTED!! CPC is looking for another piano player to join the Sunday worship rotation. Anyone got any talent with the old ivories?!

The Session met with Pastor Sarah Bigwood and she listed the many positive and exciting options that the church has in moving forward. The Session will spend the next month exploring these options and continue moving forward in the worship of our Lord!

Committee Reports:

Personnel: CPC is looking for a part time secretary. If you have a talent for preparing worship slides and/or maintaining the financial books, let the church know!

- Carolyn Meester

Worship: At the May meeting, we discussed pulpit supply options for the summer. Preaching slots are filled through May 18. May 25 is expected to be filled soon. June 1 is also filled. Filling additional slots is on hold until the Session meets to form a plan on how CPC moves forward.

Discussion was held regarding the need for liturgists and slide flippers. We love having different participation in the worship service, and a liturgist adds a special layer of engagement for the congregation. However, recently, less people have been volunteering for these tasks, and we've needed to fill the positions at the last minute. All our preachers are capable of preaching without a liturgist. So, this summer, if no one has signed up to be liturgist for a Sunday, we will not have a liturgist for that Sunday. Please, if you are able to serve as a liturgist or slide flipper, sign up in the narthex by the Sunday prior.

The option of including all hymns in the worship slides was discussed. While this may be something we should pursue in the future, we will leave worship media as is until a new office manager is hired.

Parament changes were reviewed. The bulletin now displays communion servers' names on the first Sunday of each month. Communion preparation has been scheduled for most of the year. Help is needed for August, October, and December. If interested, please sign up on the calendar in the communion supply closet or contact Emma Broe or Dave Ruhnke.

- Dave Ruhnke

No committee reports: Christian Education, Deacons, Mission, Nominating, Stewardship, and Buildings & Grounds Trustees.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong



**SYNOD SCHOOL
RE-FORMING
"NORMAL":
EXPANDING HOPE**

**JULY 20 –25, 2025
BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY
STORM LAKE, IA**

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. We seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity, clergy, individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children. People come from all over the country with their friends and families to share in this week of worship, study, play, and life together. It is an opportunity to learn something new, to continue conversations begun by key speakers with others over meals or a board game, to share talents of creativity and music, to worship without being in charge, to be energized for service, and to enjoy not having to cook for a week.

Many of us carry perceptions of what "normal" is, without ever really questioning or examining them. Mary Ann McKibben-Dana notes, "the 'myths of normal' permeate almost every aspect of human experience— not just in mental health, but also in race, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, class, disability, nationality, religion, and more." These myths don't really serve us well, or fit every individual, family or community. Both Mary Ann and Liz Theoharris, our worship leader, will explore how our personal experiences of hope might expand as we let go, or reform, our understanding of "normal" in today's world.

"With that kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back!"

2 Corinthians 3:12(The Message)

For more information go to:

<https://lakesandprairies.org/synod-school>

**MISSION & OUTREACH
COMMITTEE UPDATE**



Thank you to all who have donated to our post-Easter project, the replacement of the boys' dormitory at the school associated with our sister congregation in Kenya, Kajiampau. It was somewhat daunting to hear that they needed 1.3 million shillings, but thankfully, that exchanges to only \$10,000 US. Our goal was \$2,000 of that. Our presbytery took an offering and had a mini harambe at our April meeting, so we are not in this alone. We are a connectional church.



In June and July we will again collect diapers and wipes for Churches United. Many infants and young children are becoming homeless with their families, and diapers are necessary for their health and well-being. They are not able to go to daycare if they don't have diapers, which means that their parents are unable to go to work, which adds to their financial distress, and the loop continues. We have donated an SUV full every year for the past three years; let's keep up the good work, and do likewise! Things are not getting easier for families; let's remove one burden for them!

Diapers are requested in sizes 4, 5, and 6; wipes are needed in quantity. Donna and Boots will again act as your personal shoppers if you need assistance. Fill the van!

Thank you for all you do, acting as the hands of Christ in our community and beyond.



PRAYER TIME

for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Philippians 1:19

Come for a half hour of prayer at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.



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this enterprise by praying for CPC and especially for our leaders. Pray that they will exercise wisdom and enthusiasm. Just as Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:9-10:

"So, let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."

**JUNE DATES
TO REMEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

6-6 Melanie Hansen
6-11 Clara Mace
6-12 Vicki Riedinger
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
6-15-02 - Chris and Becky Mace
6-18-72 - Bruce and Karen Steele
6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman

SUMMER PEACHES



Every summer, Youth for Christ brings in fresh, tree-ripened peaches, fresh Georgia pecans, and pears as a fundraiser to help support our ministry with teens. Your purchase allows the lives of students to be impacted throughout this area.

2025 Peach Weeks

Georgia Peaches >> Tuesday, June 24
Georgia Peaches >> Tuesday, July 1
Georgia Peaches >> Tuesday, July 8
Colorado Peaches >> Tuesday, Aug 12
Colorado Peaches >> Tuesday, Aug 19
Colorado Peaches & Pears >> T, Aug 26

You can find brochures with more information in the church narthex or order online here:

<https://redriveryfc.square.site/>

**SAVE THE DATE:
ALL-AGE
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
SUNDAY
TO BE HELD
JULY 13TH
The Fruits
of the Spirit**



Mark your calendars for a full day of joy and learning.

We had so much fun last year, we decided to do it again. Vacation Bible School is coming to CPC for everybody on Sunday, July 13.

>>Special Request for the VBS craft:
glass jars

You can leave the empty, clean jars in the box under the pew in the narthex labeled VBS. Thank You!

Watch for more information on how you can help and participate in upcoming CPC announcements and sign-up sheets.



**CHURCHES UNITED
ANNUAL
COMMUNITY PICNIC**

Tuesday,
June 12, 2025
5 PM - 7 PM

Gooseberry Mound Park

Churches United invites you to a picture-perfect day filled with free food, live music, yard games and more. This event is open to the public and anyone for an evening of family fun!

For more info, go to the link below:
maverickc@churches-united.org

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
SCHEDULED**

Our dear friend and fellow CPC member, Audrey Binger, who passed away at age 87 on Thursday, December 18, 2024, will be remembered at a service at West Funeral Home on Friday, June 6, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at the Veterans Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

04/30/2025



General Operating budget
2025: \$149,437.00

Monthly funds needed to meet budget:
\$12,453.00.

Total Giving April	\$ 8,126.58
Total Expenses April	\$ 8,670.00

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, \$1,735 has been paid toward per capita.

"...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."



SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP AND OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

June 1 - Group 4
June 8 - Group 1 - Linda Bishop
June 15 - Group 1
June 22 - Group 2
June 29 - Group 2
July 6 - Group 3
July 13 - Group 3
July 20 - Group 4
July 27 - Group 4

We are looking for people to sign up for June and July. 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 summer. 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.

THE DEACONS CAN HELP YOU



If you need immediate pastoral care, you can call a Deacon for assistance.

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

WE BRING OUT OUR THANKS!

CPC's Annual Rummage Sale held on Saturday, May 3rd, was a huge success! We netted \$1,608. Pretty good for our first on-site sale.

All funds will be used toward church projects. THANK YOU for all your help, donations, and shopping.



WE APPRECIATE YOU!



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

Psalm 34:11

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the following individuals for teaching Sunday School lessons to the children, youth, and adults of Community Presbyterian Church: Emma Broe, Kevin Galt, Melanie Hansen, Andrew Thostenson, Gayle Thostenson

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

**The July/August Community Call
is Thursday, June 19**

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

	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	113.00	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



JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	2	3	4 Prayer 9:00 a.m. Christian Ed. Com. 6:00 p.m. B & G Trustees 7:00 p.m.	5 PW Cards 1 p.m. Worship/S & F Com. 7:00 p.m.	6	7
8 <i>Pentecost</i>  Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	9	10 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. Bible Study Mission & Outreach 6:00 p.m.	11	12 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	13	14
15 <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	16	17 Stewardship & Personnel Coms. 6:30 p.m.	18	19 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. <i>Newsletter is due Today!!!</i>	20	21
22 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	23	24	25	26 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	27	28
29 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	30	<div> Head Ushers June: Jack Smith July: Terry Meester & Larry Peihl August: Chuck Thompson </div> <div> **July/August newsletter deadline: June 19** Mon. evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m. – HOREMOW Sun. 12–3 p.m., 3rd Fri. 7–10 p.m. – COSHEM–Fellowship Hall </div>				

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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

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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 Carolyn Meester
Yvonne Hummel A. Thostenson

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

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong

Moderator:

Rev. Sarah Bigwood

Co-Treasurers: Yvonne Hummel

Andrew Thostenson

Melissa Engebretson

Amy Grossman-Tomsich

Carrie Lauber

Carolyn Meester

David Ruhnke

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Andrew Thostenson

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