

COMMUNITY CALL

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

You and family and friends are invited to CPC's All Church Family Night on Wednesday, October 30. We'll begin dinner 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.

So, join us. If you'd like to share something to eat, let us know. Otherwise, just sign up in the narthex, and we know you're coming.

CANTATA AND BELLS PRACTICES BEGIN

Do you tap your foot to the beat of music? Maybe you hum a tune or even sing in the shower. If so, Kevin Galt is looking for you.



The Cantata is a relatively easy 2-part/Unison arrangement that lasts around 25 minutes. It includes traditional Christmas melodies with some newer arrangements and narration. Performance date will be in December. The Bell Choir performs individual selections throughout the year.

Practices for both the Bell Choir and the Christmas Cantata will begin in October. Please contact Kevin Galt if you are interested.

PULPIT SUPPLY

CPC has been blessed with an active and devoted group of preachers. Worship and Pulpit Supply committees have been working to provide messages for each Sunday's worship. Have someone in mind as a guest preacher? Contact Kevin Galt or the Worship Committee with your ideas.



The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks:

Oct 6	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Oct 13	Kevin Galt
Oct 20	TBD
Oct 27	Andrew Thostenson
Nov 3	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Nov 10	Kevin Galt
Nov 17	TBD
Nov 24	Andrew Thostenson

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OCTOBER CLERK'S CORNER

The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Bob Kozojed, Carrie Lauber, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson and Gayle Thostenson. Temporary Moderator and Clerk of Session – Becky DeJong was present. Melissa Engebretson was present via a phone call.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Gayle Thostenson and prayer by Bonnie Thompson.

Consent Agenda:
approval of the minutes of August 21, 2024

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, October 6, 2024 will be Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Session will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of the month for October, November, and December with Becky DeJong acting as the Moderator. Session dates for 2025 will be discussed in December.

Kevin Galt provided a PNC update. There are currently 200 churches looking for a pastor for every one pastor available. In the past eight months, several candidates have been looked at but none have made it to the interview process. The PNC is looking into alternate ways of hiring a new pastor.

The worship committee is in need of members to help with all of the details that are involved in running the worship service. Please help them out.

Carrie Lauber was accepted into the Commissioned Lay Pastor program in the Presbytery last week. She will begin her bachelor work through a college in Austin, TX this fall. Way to go Carrie!!!

Committee reports:

Christian Education: Detailed plans for

Rally Sunday on September 8th were discussed. Theme is Psalm 100:1, *Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord, All the Earth*. Children will make their own maracas and play them during the outside worship service. They will have drumstick ice cream cones for treats and coloring pages and word searches with the verse of the day. Following Rally Sunday, we will focus on different elements of the worship service each week to help the children better connect and participate in Sunday worship.

The adult Sunday School class will be studying Jesus' Parables this year.

For October, we hope to plan a Bingo night. In November, we will present a Christmas film. December's All Church Family event is likely to be a combined Sunday School program and Christmas Cantata. Stay tuned for ways you can participate in all of these activities.

-Gayle Thostenson

Stewardship: Contribution reports will be sent out next week

- Carolyn Meester

Worship: Pulpit supply is filled for all of September and October EXCEPT for Sunday, October 20 – interested?

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: B&G Trustees, Deacons, Mission, Nominating

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong



WEST FEST THANK YOU!

Thanks go to all those who donated their time, money, food, and goodies towards CPC's West Fest Food Stand. We

raised \$527 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 MISSION AND OUTREACH

Last May, we collected money to be sent to Chogoria, to provide meals for the students at the Mpangua school. We realized that we never reported on that collection. We collected \$555, which has been sent to Chogoria through our Presbytery office. When changed into Kenyan dollars, that will buy a lot of food. Thank you!

During August, we collected money to be used to buy winter wear for the children at the Bdecan church on the Spirit Lake Reservation. We collected \$852, which has been sent to the appropriate account at Presbytery. Shopping for the clothing has begun; again, THANK YOU!

Our bins are filling up in the narthex for our September focus on PATH. We are collecting items to set up apartments for young people who are aging out of the foster care system. Items will be loaded for delivery after worship on October 6th, so you have until then to bring items. Or... Boots or Donna will be happy to take your money and shop for you!

By request from several members, our October focus will be Churches United for the Homeless. As you undoubtedly saw on the news, they faced a major shortfall a few weeks ago. While donations did cover that shortfall, they still have continuing expenses through the end of this year. An advantage to donating through the church, according to some members, they won't get your name and address to add to their mailing list. Community Presbyterian has been a member of Churches United for several years, and we have supported the shelter in various ways. This is a concrete way to step up and help those who have fallen through the cracks, especially with the recent crackdown on those living outside the shelter.

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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
10-13-13 Jim Gallagher &
Blair Moorhead



SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Oct 6 - Group 3
Oct 13 - Group 4
Oct 20 - Group 4
Oct 27 - Group 1
Nov 3 - Group 1
Nov 10 - Group 2
Nov 17 - Group 2
Nov 24 - Group 3

If it is your group's turn and you are available to help, please sign up.

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 Monday after 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.

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

WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENCES



Every Wednesday morning through October 29, all are welcome to join us as Bonnie Thompson leads a study on *I AM: Discovering Who Jesus Is*.

In eight studies, Douglas Connelly looks at the "I Am" statements of Jesus. In the midst of friends' grief, a crowd's hunger and followers' fear, Jesus made some bold claims: "I am the Resurrection." "I am the Bread of Life." "I am the Way." His claims are still true in our grief, fear and uncertainty. This study helps us see Jesus more clearly and live with hope and confidence because of who he is.



JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We meet in the upstairs conference room at 9:00 a.m. Our current study: Jesus' parables. 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.

Questions? Contact Dave Ruhnke



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

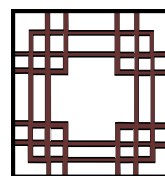
Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

LADIES CIRCLE



Ladies, join us for Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Circle in the narthex. If you like, bring a sack lunch and have fellowship at 12:30 p.m. Otherwise, come ready to begin Bible study at 1:00 p.m. Coffee and treats will be shared later.

The study this year is *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia K. Tull. In this study, we are reminded that we are called to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society's least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by unjust systems. In God's first instructions to the nation of Israel we hear "you shall not pervert the justice due to the poor" (Exodus 23:6); in Moses' final speech at the promised land's border, he reiterated, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20); and from Amos, the earliest recorded prophet, "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream" (Amos 5:24). Scripture reminds us that we are called to speak out to urge our society to act for just transitions in this fast-changing world.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES: LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD BIBLE STUDY

It's time to gather again at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 2, for our Bible study. This month we will learn about God's Personal Touch. He appears to you at the most needed times in your life even when we are so upset we forget to pray. How often can you relate to hearing a hymn or an encouraging word at just the right time in need? Come join us as we discuss more about God and His personal touch. We meet at the church for about an hour on the first Wednesday of the month.

Hope to see you there!

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU

There is room at the table to join the folks making cards! Our Card Makers gather 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!



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 different-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.



WORSHIP HELP NEEDED

Take a moment to look at the West bulletin board outside the sanctuary. There you will see opportunities to share in the leading of worship. You can sign up to be a liturgist, slide 'flipper', or even provide music. These are all very important elements in our worship. Contact Dave Ruhnke or Bonnie Thompson for more information.

NEW LIFE CENTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND SOCIAL



-THE UNTOLD STORY

Dessert Social Fundraiser
Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Delta Hotel, 1635 42nd St SW, Fargo

Join us for an evening of impact, where stories of transformation take center stage. Let's unite to raise the crucial funds needed for 30 nights of shelter for 148 men. Together, we hold the key to unlocking hope and transforming lives.

Visit fargonlc.org to sponsor a table, purchase seats, or to learn more about how the New Life Center works to impact the lives of many in our community.



CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

SAVE THE DATE

Everyone is invited to attend Red River Youth for Christ's annual fundraiser, Concert for a Cause. The event is set to occur on Friday, November 15, 2024, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Bethel Church in Fargo (2702 30th Ave S).

This year's night of worship will be led by Passion Conference worship leader Sean Curran. Curran has toured with Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes, Crowder, and Rend Collective. You may know him from his songs such as "Bigger than I Thought," "Glorious Day," and "1000 Names".

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://redriveryfc.com/event/concert/>

**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING
UPDATE**

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General Operating budget
2024: \$138,671.00
Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$11,556.00

Total Giving August \$ 7,616.26
Total Expenses August \$ 6,914.78

Per Capita amount for 2024 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope as contributing to Per Capita. Total assessment for 2024 is \$6,000.00. To date, \$1,910.00 has been paid towards 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 need immediate pastoral care, you can call 701-353-2020. A Deacon will be able to assist you.

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

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE



CPC's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been meeting regularly in search of a pastor with the right fit to serve our congregation. In our past meeting, we refined our Pastoral Job Description to be placed in the newsletters of Presbytery of the Northern Plains and Synod of the Lakes and Prairies.

We will also begin searching using other means such as Indeed and Zip Recruiter. Our target clientele lives (or would like to live) in the Midwest and has skills and a passion for building a congregation.

Our team is deeply committed to find our new pastor. We understand and are willing to do what it takes to make this happen. It's taking time, and it could take much more, but we remain confident that God will lead us to the person He has in mind for us. We recognize that God's timing is always best. He will guide us to the right person at the right time.

With gratefulness and humility, we thank God for the faithfulness of our congregation. We ask for His guidance and continued encouragement to the PNC. Finally, we request that He prepare the heart and mind of the candidate He has planned for us. We give thanks to God for His answers and to you for your continued prayers.

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 (701-492-0630, cpcnews@midco.net). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.

**November's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, October 24**



OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November news deadline: October 24 Non-church scheduled events: Saturday, Sunday p.m.— HOREMOW Monday evenings—TOPS						
6 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	7 Veggies for the Pantry until the Monday after 1st frost 	8 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Stewardship & Personnel Com. 6:30 p.m.	9 Bible Study 10 a.m. Trustees 7 p.m.	10 PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	11	12 Fall Presbytery Meeting at Grand Forks 
13 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	14 Veggies for the Pantry? 	15	16 Bible Study 10 a.m. Session 6:00 p.m.	17 PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	18	19
20 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	21 Veggies for the Pantry? 	22	23 B. Study 10 a.m.	24 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Newsletter deadline!!!	25	26
27 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	28 Veggies for the Pantry? 	29 Deacons 7:00 p.m.	30 CPC All Church BINGO Night 5:00 p.m. dinner 5:30 p.m. games begin	31 PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	Head Ushers: October: Larry Peihl November: Lee Dobrinz December: Dave Ruhinke	

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison
Lee Dobrinz Larry Peihl
Melanie Hansen Jack Smith
Veril Larson Brent Talley

Christian Education

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Emma Broe Melanie Hansen
Kevin Galt

Deacons

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Lise Alves Dixon Moorhead
Jenni Hummel Patricia Smith
Dawn Larson Cary Talley

Mission & Outreach

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

Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Mel Hansen
Joan Hall Dawn Larson

Personnel

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz Andrew Thostenson
Kevin Galt

Presbytery Delegates

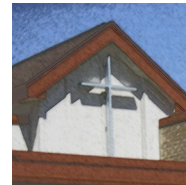
Andrew Thostenson + TBD
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

Stewardship

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Kevin Galt Carolyn Meester
Yvonne Hummel A. Thostenson

Worship/Service & Fellowship

Dave Ruhnke/B. Thompson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Mary Jo Moorhead
Emma Broe Patricia Smith
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 M. Bigwood
Co-Treasurers: Yvonne Hummel
Andrew Thostenson

Melissa Engebretson
Bob Kozojed
Carrie Lauber
Carolyn Meester
David Ruhnke
Bonnie Thompson
Gayle Thostenson

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