

COMMUNITY CALL

Ministers: The People of God

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WELCOME!

Community Presbyterian Church extends a special invitation for you to attend worship services this Lenten Season. You may do this in person or online at cpcwf.org.



- Mar 24 -- Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for kids, aged Pre-K through 5th grade
- Mar 29 -- Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 31 -- Easter Sunday service with Communion at 10:00 a.m.



SERVANTS NEEDED

We need assistance in the serving of meals. We help dish up the meal at Churches United the second Wednesday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 5:00 p.m. and serve the meal 4:30 P.M. at the Salvation Army every fifth Sunday. Our next service dates will be Wednesday, March 13(CU), and Sunday, March 31(SA).



SPRING FORWARD

On Sunday, March 10th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour.



PULPIT SUPPLY

CPC has been blessed by an active and devoted group of preachers. Worship and Pulpit Supply committees have been working to provide messages for Sunday worship. The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks:



- Mar 3 Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
- Mar 10 Kevin Galt
- Mar 17 Jim Wilson
- Mar 24 Rusty Bender
- Mar 29 Gayle Thostenson
- Mar 31 Andrew Thostenson with Communion
- Apr 7 Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
- Apr 14 Kevin Galt
- Apr 21 Vicki Riedinger
- Apr 28 Andrew Thostenson

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR



There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday, March 31.

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**MINUTES
OF THE
ANNUAL
MEETING
OF THE
CONGREGATION & CORPORATION
OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF WEST FARGO**



January 21, 2024

The annual meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held on January 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Gayle Thostenson. The clerk verified there was a quorum present with 31 members in attendance.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Community Presbyterian Church from January 15, 2023 were presented.

The minutes from today's congregational meeting will be approved at the next Session meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024, after being attested to by the Moderator and Clerk of Session.

Committee reports from 2023 were presented to the congregation. All reports were received.

Andrew Thostenson reviewed the financial reports. A special thanks was given to the many, many volunteers in the church that allow CPC to meet its financial obligations.

Andrew Thostenson presented the Session-approved 2024 General Fund Budget.

Melissa Engebretson presented a full slate of candidates for all open committee positions.

- Carolyn Meester and Bonnie Thompson to be elected as Elders for the Class of 2027 for a three-year term.
- Dawn Larson and Carolyn Talley to be elected as Deacons for the Class of 2027 for a three-year term.
- Veril Larson and Larry Peihl to be elected as Buildings and Grounds Trustees for the Class of 2027 for a three-year term.

- Linda Bishop, Melissa Engebretson, Joan Hall, Melanie Hansen and Dawn Larson to be elected to the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2024 for a one-year term.

Nominations were ceased and a unanimous ballot was cast.

Andrew Thostenson will be one of the delegates to the Presbytery meetings for 2024 and Lee Dobrinz will be the alternate delegate to the Presbytery meetings for 2024. Dixon Moorhead is a Standing Delegate as a former Presbytery moderator, and he does not require approval to serve. *There is one open delegate position available.*

Thank you to the Clerk of Session Becky DeJong, Co-Treasurers Andrew Thostenson and Yvonne Hummel, and Bookkeeper Carolyn Meester for their service.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Moderator Thostenson at 11:27a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong
Clerk of Session

**FEBRUARY
CLERK'S CORNER**



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Acting Moderator – Rev. Sarah Bigwood was present. Melissa Engebretson and Bonnie Thompson were present via Zoom.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of January 8, 2024 and the minutes of the Congregational meeting on January 21, 2024.
- b. Next Session meeting – Monday, March 25, 2024.
- c. Carrie Leopold requests to hold a unity service for Tammy Bjerkebeck and Brad Fossen on February 24, 2024 from 2:00-4:00.

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Carolyn Meester and Bonnie Thompson were welcomed as newly installed elders to Session.

Committee Assignments were discussed. For now, Liaisons to Committees are:

Melissa Engebretson – Nominating
Bob Kozojed – Building & Grounds Trustees

Carrie Leopold – Mission/Outreach & Evangelism

Carolyn Meester – Personnel

Carolyn Meester – Stewardship

David Ruhnke/Bonnie Thompson – Worship/Service & Fellowship

Gayle Thostenson – Christian Ed

Gayle Thostenson – Deacons

There will be a Good Friday service during Holy Week. There will not be a Maundy Thursday service. The Easter worship service will include communion.

Elders to serve communion on March 3, 2024 will be Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Committee reports:

Deacons: Cary Talley was welcomed as our newest Deacon. The Deacons Care cupboard was introduced. Cards for First Link, Fargo's clearinghouse of charitable groups that help the needy in our region were distributed. Deacons' responsibilities and care list were reviewed.

One communion visit was made.

Please let the Deacons know if someone would like communion shared with them in their home or elsewhere and if someone would like to be visited.

-Gayle Thostenson

Nominating: We are looking to find one more delegate to attend and vote at Presbytery meetings for 2024.

-Melissa Engebretson

Worship/S&F: The pulpit supply list is posted in the Narthex. Most slots are filled through the end of May.

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Buildings & Grounds Trustees, Christian Education, Missions & Outreach, Personnel, Stewardship

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Thostenson

BRING OUT YOUR RUMMAGE

The Presbyterian Men's Rummage Sale is slated for Saturday, April 27, in the Community Room of the West Fargo Veterans Arena. We need your rummage, but we also need volunteers (men & women) for Friday, the 26th, to set up, manage the sale on the 27th, and afterwards to dispose of leftovers and return tables to the church.

More details will be in the April Community Call. If you have rummage or have questions, contact Andrew Thostenson (atgtet@far.midco.net, H: 492-0630; C: 793-2883). Contact him as soon as possible regarding computer equipment donations, so the items can be properly reconditioned in time for the sale. All proceeds will go to support the mission of the church.

MARCH BLOOD DRIVE CANCELED

We have decided not to hold the March Blood Drive but want to thank those who have donated in the past and encourage anyone interested in donating to make an appointment at Vitalant on South University Drive. We will reassess over the summer and hopefully will have the regularly scheduled blood drive in September.

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 4:19



Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

MISSION FOCUS

Thank you to everyone who donated to our support of the Matthew's Voice Project in January. Our final total was \$330.



The groceries donated to the Emergency Food Pantry in February are still being totaled as this is being written, but thank you again for searching for bargains and bringing nutritious food to share with our neighbors. We plan to be more organized next year for our Souper Bowl of Caring, but thanks for jumping in on our last minute addition.

Our focus for March will be One Great Hour of Sharing. This is the 75th year for this churchwide offering. Currently all donations are divided among three main programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA); Self-Development of People (SDOP); and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). We are probably most familiar with PDA, as they were active in Grand Forks in 1997, and Minot in 2011, as well as other, more minor involvements in the area. Most of us probably don't realize that SDOP has been very active in our area in smaller ways. It provides seed money to groups of disadvantaged people who want to work together to better themselves. The purchase of the International Market Plaza building on Main Avenue in Fargo was partially financed by a grant from SDOP. Refugee women have been taught to drive in a vehicle purchased by SDOP funds, enabling them to get their children to school and themselves to work. And the PHP provides seeds, tools, livestock and education to farmers in poverty areas around the world, in addition to direct food aid to hunger emergencies.

Please give as God leads you to give. There are envelopes in the hymn racks in the pews, or mark your check with OGHS in the memo line.



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

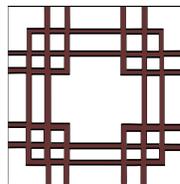
BIRTHDAYS

- 3-3 Karen Steele
- 3-15 Irene Martin
- 3-19 Lydia Leopold
- 3-21 Melissa Engebretson
- 3-22 Bonnie Thompson
- 3-24 Dawn Larson
- 3-30 Stacy Leopold



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3-4-78 – Bruce and Vicki Riedinger
- 3-14-64 – Chuck and Bonnie Thompson



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY

How well do you know your Bible? It is the foundation of God's Words. It will guide you in times of sorrow and frustration as well as times of joy and peace. This month our study will talk about some of the scriptures. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, at the church. Please join us if you can! If you can't make it and would like to read more, just email me at vrpeihl@gmail.com, and I will email it out.

Let's hope March weather is more lamb-like than lion-like!

SPRING PRESBYTERY MEETING



The spring meeting of Presbytery of the Northern Plains will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at 10:00 a.m. at Room 132 in the Unruh Sheldon Centre of the University of Jamestown (706 College Ln, Jamestown, ND).

Watch for a registration link at the Presbytery of the Northern Plains website <https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>

**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE
1/31/2024**



General Operating budget
2024: \$124,012.00
Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$10,334.33

Total Giving January \$ 8,025.71
Total Expenses January \$ 4,342.42

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.

- ⇒ Stewardship is the path; Generosity is the adventure.
- ⇒ Generous givers make God and His purposes their highest priority.
- ⇒ Enjoy God's generosity to you ... then share it with others.



**SERVICE
& FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

Service & Fellowship groups are providing scrumptious drinks and treats following each worship service. To help us remember, group assignments will now be posted in each newsletter. Here is the schedule for the next two months:

Mar 3	Group 4
Mar 10	Group 4
Mar 17	Group 1
Mar 24	Group 1
Mar 31	Group 2
Apr 7	Group 2
Apr 14	Group 3
Apr 21	Group 3
Apr 28	Group 4

For more information see the narthex bulletin board. To be added to a group, see Linda Bishop or Carolyn Meester.



**DEVOTIONAL
BOOKLETS
AVAILABLE**



Our Daily Bread and These Days are available in in differently-sized print. Feel free to take one home for daily use.

**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.

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| Lise Alves | [C] 701-412-8689 |
| 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 |
| Cary Talley | [H] 701-282-3273 |
| Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison | [H] 701-492-0630 |
| | [C] 701-412-6387 |



**2024 SPRING GATHERING
OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
OF NORTHERN PLAINS
PRESBYTERY
AT ARVILLA, ND**

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024
Registration: 10:00 a.m.
Cost: \$15
RSVP to: Lana Schulz by phone at 701-238-4538 or at lanaj0@cassleton.net by April 22, 2024.

Their speaker is Louella Voigt from Luverne, Minnesota. Louella is a member of the USA Mission Experience to the Arizona-Mexico border, will share her perspective on immigration issues.

The mission focus is the clothing closet at Bdecan Presbyterian Church. Household items, such as bedding and kitchen items, are a great need. Additionally, the clothing closet can always use t-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans, shorts, outerwear, shoes, and all types of children's clothes.

**April's Community Call
deadline is
Thursday, March 23**

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

Annual Income	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate to 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



MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Ushers: March – Lynn Hummel, April – Brent & Cary Talley, May – Melanie Hansen & Amy Grossman–Tomsich						
3	4	5	6 P. Squares 4:30 p.m. Confirmation	7 Cards 1 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.	8	9
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 		Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:00 p.m.	Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:00 p.m. Class			
10	11	12 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Missions 6 p.m. Bell Choir 6 p.m. Pers./Stewardship Com. 7:05 p.m.	13	14	15	16
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.			Prayer time 9:30 a.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1 p.m.		
17	18	19	20	21 News deadline Deacons 6:30 p.m. PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	22	23
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.		Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:00 p.m.				
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Easter Eggstravaganza to Follow in Sanctuary	Session 7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:00 p.m.	Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:00 p.m. Class	PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	Worship 7:00 p.m.	
31 Easter Rejoicings!	***** April newsletter deadline: March 21 ***** Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings — TOPS Saturday & Sunday afternoons — Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide					
NO Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m. 						

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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

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Lise Alves Dixon Moorhead
Jenni Hummel Patricia Smith
Dawn Larson Cary Talley

Mission & Outreach

Carrie Leopold, 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**
9 a.m. Sunday School
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 Leopold
Carolyn Meester
David Ruhnke
Bonnie Thompson
Gayle Thostenson

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