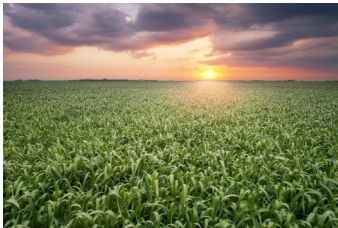


COMMUNITY CALL

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Join us for worship
this Summer! CPC
Summer worship
services will occur
at 10 a.m. with fellowship to follow.

ALL-AGE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TO BE HELD JULY 13TH

The Fruits of the Spirit

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control

Galatians 5:22-23

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

Here are some of the highlights:

Peachy Puppets during Worship
Wee Sing with Dawn
Produce-Your-Own Sandwich
Your Berry Best Workout
All in Due Lime Race
Fruity Bingo
Cherry-ish Your Kindness Jars
Apple-tizing Buffet and Fountain
Picture Pear-fect Group Coloring

>>Special Request for the VBS crafts:
glass jars

Please leave empty, clean jars in
the box labeled VBS under the
pew in the narthex . Thanks!

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

CHURCH PICNIC

5:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
JULY 23



Everyone, plan for good fellowship,
food, and fun on Wednesday, July 23,
when Carolyn & Terry Meester will
host a CPC Church Family Picnic in
their backyard at Reiles Acres.

- ♦ Bring a salad, chips, or dessert AND a lawn chair if you are able.
- ♦ Meet at the church at 4:45 p.m. for rides/carpooling and caravanning.
- ♦ Sign up AND mark if you need a ride or can give one.
- ♦ Plan to play or to be a spectator! We'll have games, and Meesters' yard borders a local park.

Maps/directions will be provided.

Please find a way to join this special outing as our church family enjoys one another in our walk together in Christ.

Contact Gayle Thostenson with ques-
tions (701-412-6387).

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JUNE CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, June 18, 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. Melissa Engebretson and Carrie Lauber were present via Zoom. Rev. Sarah Bigwood was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Carrie Lauber.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of May 14, 2025
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Clerk's report –

- ◇ Audrey Binger's Celebration of Life was June 6, 2025 at West Funeral home.
- ◇ Kay Munsch died on June 15, 2025. Her funeral was held at Riverview Place Chapel in Fargo, ND.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, July 6, 2025, will be Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson and +.

The financial report was read, discussed and received. Contribution reports will be sent out in August.

Discussion was held regarding the vacant pastoral position and re-instating the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Do you have a green thumb? The Master gardeners that have taken care of our lovely garden in the back of our church will not be able to maintain it next summer. They would love to mentor anyone who is interested in taking care of the garden in the future. If you are interested in helping the garden grow, then contact Gayle Thostenson who will put you in touch with the gardeners.

Discussion was held regarding compensation for moderators.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds Trustees: Trustees installed the AC Unit in the Conference Room. Melanie Hanson is merchandising surplus flooring and tenting equipment on-line. Melanie and Andrew are now trained to adjust thermostats. A new power outlet was installed in the conference room to better accommodate the web conferencing system and the AC Unit.

Three bids were obtained to trim/remove trees on the church property. Trustees selected the low bidder, \$700 to remove dead limbs from Ash trees on the back lot and to trim the Birch tree (South of the Narthex).

Lynn Hummel had our lawnmower serviced, sharpened, and bearings and belts replaced on the mower deck. Andrew has sprayed the lawn, surrounding the church building, for weeds twice this growing season. More treatments will take place over the next two weeks to suppress weeds in the rock beds and to control newly emerged weeds in the lawn.

- Andrew Thostenson

Christian Education: We are working on the following upcoming events so mark your calendars:

- June 25 – Family Fun Night
outdoor games and hotdogs
- July 13 – VBS for all ages
- July 23 – Family Fun Night
BBQ at the Meester's

- Amy Grossman- Tomsich

Mission & Outreach: We are continuing focusing on diapers for June and July and then will focus on Bdecean in August.

- Carrie Lauber

Personnel/Stewardship: A new office manager has been hired. Kaylynn Young started on Monday, June 16, and is doing fantastic! WELCOME!!

- Carolyn Meester

Worship: Preaching slots are filled through July 20. Communion prepara-

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tion is scheduled through July. 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.

Bonnie Thompson attended the meeting to present the idea of having an indoor, Old-Fashioned Gospel music service. The Gospel Service will be on Rally Sunday, September 7. Start yer clapping now! Additional discussion occurred regarding an outdoor service. It was thought that this should be held sometime in the fall when our lake visitors will be more able to attend.

- Dave Ruhnke

No committee reports: Deacons, Nominating

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

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.



Produce can be purchased and picked up at the Scheels Home & Hardware parking lot off 13th in Fargo (3202 13th Ave S) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cash/check prices are Georgia Peaches - \$40/box, Colorado Peaches - \$50/box, Fresh Pecans - \$15, Fresh Cinnamon Pecans - \$16

2025 Peach Weeks

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/>

**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 a week without cooking.

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 Wednesdays, July 16 & August 20, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

CHURCHES UNITED UPDATE



Over the last year, Churches United for the Homeless has made changes to make sure they will continue to be available to help those in need in the Fargo-Moorhead area. They've worked hard to maximize their facilities, staff, funds, and volunteers. They have also begun to keep the area churches informed about how the group has improved and what their needs are.

There are many ways that one can support them with in-kind or monetary donations (see previous column). Additionally, one can volunteer to help serve a meal at Micah's Mission, staff the Dorothy Day Food Pantry, or clean Bright Sky Apartments. Groups or individuals can sign up to help at <https://www.churches-united.org/volunteer>

Finally, Churches United is looking for a Kitchen Manager to join their team! Pastor Devlyn Brooks, ChU CEO says, "The Kitchen Manager is one of the most important roles in our organization. This person does not just cook meals. They help restore dignity. They offer comfort and consistency to people who are experiencing some of the hardest moments of their lives. Every meal served is an act of compassion and a reminder that our community cares deeply for its neighbors." If you have questions or know someone who could help, contact: <https://www.churches-united.org/>



CHOCOLATE?

Mark your calendars for YWCA's annual Chocolate for Change event on Thursday, September 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Delta by Marriott.

Starting July 18, tickets will be on sale for the YWCA Chocolate for Change Event. Activities include Desserts & Chili, a Silent Auction, and Games of Chance. To-go desserts will also be available for purchase.

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 7-2 Bob Kozojed
- 7-4 Carly Hager
- 7-8 Curtis Hemm
- 7-13 Grace Hager
- 7-16 Cami Birrenkott
- 7-17 Marj Meester
- 7-19 Boots Misheski
- 7-20 Don Rehling
- 7-22 Tammy Bahls
- 7-30 Yvonne Hummel
- 7-31 Rhonney Greene

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7-17-04 Joe and Melissa Eiter
- 7-20-68 Dave and Gloria Ruhnke

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 Gayle Thostenson
- 8-9 Donna Jenner
- 8-11 David Hemm
- 8-14 Chuck Thompson
- 8-15 Maverick Engebretson
- Carol Sterup
- 8-18 Dixie Smith
- 8-27 Phyllis Hofsommer
- 8-31 Nancy Kassman
- Lisa Steffen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8-18-73 Bob and Susan Gross
- 8-20-66 Rae and Edsel Kercher



SAVE THE DATE 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.

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



GROWING OPPORTUNITIES RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARD

Have you noticed how wonderful the garden behind the church is looking lately? Alex Misheski started the garden at the church many years ago. NDSU master gardeners have been caretaking it ever since, yielding lovely flowers and fresh food we can share with others via the F-M Emergency Food Pantry's Veggies for the Pantry.

The news is that, due to health concerns, this is the NDSU master gardeners' last year of gardening at CPC. **BUT**, they are willing to mentor someone new to continue the project.

Is that someone you or someone you know? If you have questions, if God is nudging you, or if you know someone who would be great for this project, let Gayle Thostenson know and she will connect you with the gardeners.

MORE GROWING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY



If you have a garden at home, you may be able to help by sharing your vegetable harvest. Veggies for the Pantry will soon park in our parking lot Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until 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 watering its backyard garden and sharing its produce.

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

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

05/31/2025



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

Total Giving May \$ 7,843.54
Total Expenses May \$ 7,486.71

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, \$1,855 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.

July 6 - Group 3
July 13 - Group 3
July 20 - Group 4
July 27 - Group 4
Aug 3 - Group 1
Aug 10 - Group 1
Aug 17 - Group 2
Aug 24 - Group 2
Aug 31 - Group 3

We are looking for people to sign up for July and August. 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.

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:

July 6	Rev. Jim Wilson with Communion
July 13	Kevin Galt
July 20	Andrew Thostenson
July 27	TBD
Aug 3	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Aug 10	Kevin Galt
Aug 17	Andrew Thostenson
Aug 24	TBD
Aug 31	TBD



THE DEACONS CAN HELP YOU

If you or someone you love needs 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

**The September
Community Call
deadline is
Thursday, August 21**

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
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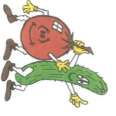
JULY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Ushers >> July: Terry Meester & Larry Peihl August: Chuck Thompson September: Duane & Emma Broe October: Larry Peihl		1	2	3	4 <i>Happy Independence Day!</i>	5
6 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	7 	8	9 Christian Ed Com. 6:00 p.m.	10 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13 VBS Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Fruit of the Spirit VBS following 		15 Personnel / Stewardship 7:00 p.m.	16 Prayer 9:00 a.m. Session 6:00 p.m.	17 PW Card Markers 1:00 p.m.	18	19
20		22	23 CPC Picnic Hosted by Carolyn & Terry Meester 5:00 p.m. dinner	24	25	26
27 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	28	29	30	31 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	September newsletter deadline Thursday, August 21 Non Church Activities Mon. evenings: TOPS Sat. & Sun. p.m. – HOREMOW Sun. 12–3 p.m., 3rd Fri. 7–10 p.m. – GOSHEM–Fellowship Hall	
Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following						



AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HEAD USHERS: August–Chuck Thompson; September–Duane & Emma Broe ; October–Larry Peihl						
3 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following 	4 Veggies for the Pantry 	5	6	7 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.	8	9
10 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	11 Veggie Pantry 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 	12 Missions & Outreach 5:30 p.m.	13 Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m.	14 PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	15	16
17	18 Veggie Pantry 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 	19	20	21 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. <div>Newsletter Items Are Due Today!!!</div>	22	23
Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following	Trustees 7 p.m.	Personnel / Stewardship 7:00 p.m.	Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Session 7:00 p.m.			
24	25 Veggie Pantry 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 	26	27	28 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	29	30
Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following						
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Kevin Galt

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Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

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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

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