

COMMUNITY CALL

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE TO BE OFFERED MARCH 5 AT 6:00 P.M

As preparation for Lent, Carrie Lauber will be leading an Ash Wednesday service on March 5 at 6:00 p.m. You might ask, "What is Ash Wednesday?"

According to crosswalk.com, Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent and the countdown to Easter Sunday. The season brings particular Scriptures to mind, verses that help us meditate on the season's themes.

On Ash Wednesday, many Christians put ashes on their foreheads as a sign of repentance. It also helps us remember our mortality and where we came from. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with an emphasis on repenting from our sins. In the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, we repent of the sins that Jesus died to wipe away.

At CPC, you may choose to have a cross marked on your hand, face, or not at all. Whatever you choose, you will be invited to join in the recognition of God's great love for us, our sin, and Christ's amazing sacrifice that makes us right with God.

Please feel welcome to join us for this meaningful service.

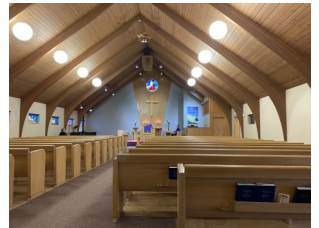
SPRING FORWARD



On Sunday, March 9th, 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:



- March 2 Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
- March 5 Ash Wednesday
Carrie Lauber
- March 9 Kevin Galt
- March 16 Carrie Lauber
- March 23 Andrew Thostenson
- March 30 Rev. Jim Wilson
- April 6 Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
- April 13 Kevin Galt
- April 17 Maundy Thursday
Rev. Jim Wilson with Communion
- April 20 Easter Sunday
Andrew Thostenson
Communion TBD
- April 27 TBD

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FEBRUARY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Carolyn Meester, and Dave Ruhnke. Bonnie Thompson and Andrew Thostenson were present via Zoom. Temporary Moderator and Clerk of Session – Becky DeJong was present. Carrie Lauber was absent.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of January 15, 2025 and the minutes of the Congregational meeting on January 19, 2025.
- b. Next Session meeting – Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Welcome Amy Grossman-Tomsich and Andrew Thostenson!!!!!! Thanks for serving another term Dave Ruhnke!!!!!!

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, March 2, 2025, will be Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Dave Ruhnke, and Andrew Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Discussion was held regarding the church's role in helping with community problems.

2025 Committee Liaisons:

B&G Trustees: Andrew Thostenson
 Christian Ed.: Amy Grossman-Tomsich
 Deacons: Bonnie Thompson
 Mission & Outreach: Carrie Lauber
 Nominating: Melissa Engebretson
 Personnel: Carolyn Meester
 Stewardship: Carolyn Meester
 Worship: Dave Ruhnke

Discussion was held regarding the spring rummage sale.

No committee reports.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Becky DeJong

**PLEASE FEEL WELCOME:
 WE REALLY MEAN IT!**



Are you new to Community Presbyterian Church? Maybe you aren't new, but you don't feel like you belong. You want to be involved, but don't know how. Please look no further. CPC wants you to know you are welcome.

As a friend or member of the church, you are welcome:

- ⇒ To worship with us every Sunday online or in person
- ⇒ To attend Bible Studies
- ⇒ To help refashion greeting cards
- ⇒ To serve on a committee
- ⇒ To volunteer at Churches United For the Homeless or the Salvation Army
- ⇒ To come to Sunday School
- ⇒ To help with a worship service
- ⇒ To receive a newsletter
- ⇒ To share your birthday/anniversary for CPC friends to celebrate
- ⇒ To share treats after worship

Pick up a newsletter outside the sanctuary door, read it online, or contact Gayle Thostenson for more opportunities or how to get involved.

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU



There is room at the table to join the folks making greeting 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 CPC. 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 Thursdays at 1 p.m. The group will welcome you and show you how to make cards!

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3-14-64 Chuck and Bonnie Thompson



JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

This group meets upstairs in the conference room at 9:00 a.m. The current study is the book of Acts. Please join us. There is always coffee, good discussion, and God's gift of the Bible.

LADIES CIRCLE



Ladies, join us every second Tuesday for 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. The study this year is *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia K. Tull.



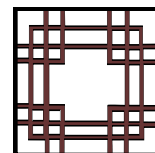
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Attention all men! You are invited to join a Men's Bible Study. It meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church narthex. The studies, led by Steve Hanna, focus on various books of the Bible. The group covers a chapter each meeting with much discussion.

To join the group, bring your Bible (or not, since Bibles are always available) and a concordance, if you have one.

Questions? Please contact Dave Ruhnke.

PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES: LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD BIBLE STUDY



Do you feel like you are giving all you have to worship God but don't feel His presence? How can we keep from getting discouraged?

Join us as we meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the church, to figure out how to improve our spiritual lives. Everyone is welcome.



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 12(CU), and Sunday, March 30 (SA).

Spring Presbytery



Saturday April 5

**Worship 10am
Hybrid Meeting 10:45am**

at

**University of Jamestown
Reiland Fine Arts, Classroom 123**

we hope to see you there

Additional information, registration packet, and Zoom link can be found on website

northernplainspresbytery.com



THE DEACONS CAN HELP YOU



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

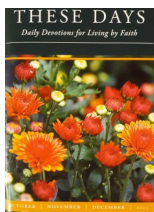
If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized, needs a visit, or would like home communion, please contact the Deacons.

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



DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Our Daily Bread and These Days are available in in large and small print.



Feel free to take one home for daily use.



SAVE THE DATES

Presbyterian Women
Presbytery Spring Gathering
 April 12, 2025
 Presbyterian Church
 of Langdon
 423 8th Ave
 Langdon, ND

Presbyterian Women
Synod Spring Gathering
 June 12-15, 2025
 Ramkota Hotel and Watertown
 Event Center
 1901 9th Ave. SW,
 Watertown, SD

For updated information, watch the websites of Presbytery of the Northern Plains or Synod of Lakes and Prairies (<https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>; <https://www.lakesandprairies.org/>).

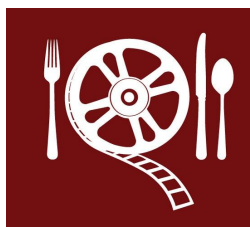
PRAYER TIME



Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

James 5:13

Come for a half hour of prayer in the CPC sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.



ALL CHURCH FAMILY DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT SET FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00ish p.m.
 Place: CPC Fellowship Hall
 Menu: TBA
 Movie: TBA

Something nostalgic for the older, silly for the younger, fun for all

Bring: your favorite blankie/pillow and a friend

We are planning another fun-filled night for this month. All members and friends of CPC are invited to attend on Wednesday, March 26th, starting at 5:00 p.m. and lasting until around 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and participate. We will start with a supper from 5:00-5:30 and then view the movie. Couches and easy chairs will be assembled in the narthex, but you may want to bring your favorite fold-up chair, blankie, or pillow to be completely comfy. Friends are always welcome.

Watch future CPC announcements for the movie and dinner menu. Sign up in the narthex.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Christian Education Committee



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

1/31/2025

General Operating budget 2025: \$149,437.00
 Monthly budget needs: \$12,453.
 Total Giving January \$ 8,238.00
 Total Expenses January \$ 6,280.89
 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. \$600 is paid. The total assessment for 2024 of \$6,000 is paid in full.

- ⇒ 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. Here are the upcoming months assignments:



Mar 2	Group 2
Mar 9	Group 2
Mar 16	Group 3
Mar 23	Group 3
Mar 30	Group 4
April 6	Group 4
April 13	Group 1
April 20	Group 1
April 27	Group 2

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



PRAYER CHAIN

Sharing our needs and concerns in prayer with our church family brings us closer to one another and lightens our load. If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson (cpcnews@midco.net; 412-6387). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just ask Gayle.

FOCUS ON MISSION & OUTREACH



A huge Thank You! to everyone who donated to our January Mission Focus, the YWCA Shelter. When the items were delivered, the shelter manager helped to unload the items, and kept saying, "Thank you so, so much!" The next week, she quoted some of the residents who commented on the quality of our donations, saying we were spoiling them. Good job, everyone!



Our February focus is the Emergency Food Pantry. We collected soup on Souper Bowl Sunday, and will be collecting other food items, as well as personal care items, through the first Sunday in March. The items will be delivered that week. The list of needed items was in last month's newsletter, and can also be accessed at (<https://emergencyfoodpantry.com>).

Beginning on March 9, the First Sunday in Lent, we will begin collecting funds for One Great Hour of Sharing. The collection will continue through Palm Sunday, April 13. OGHS funds traditionally go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Because of the natural disasters that seem to be occurring all over our country, we are dedicating our offering this year to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, to help in those areas. We have set a goal of \$2,000. Let's see if we can make that goal, and maybe even pass it.



Thank you again for all that you do in aid of those whose plights were dear to Jesus' heart!

**April's Community Call
 deadline will be
 Thursday, March 20**

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 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Ushers: March – Lynn Hummel, April – Brent & Cari Talley, May – Melanie Hansen & Amy Grossman–Tomsich						
2 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	3 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Prayer time 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Squares 4:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 p.m.	6 PW Cards Makers 1 p.m. Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins –Set clocks ahead</i>	10 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.	11 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Pers./Stewardship Com. 6:30p.m.	12 Churches United Service 5 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	13 PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	17 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.	18	19 Session 7:00 p.m.	20 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. <i>Newsletter is due Today!!!</i>	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	24 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.	25	26 CPC Family Dinner & Movie Night 5:00 p.m.	27 PW Card Makers 1 p.m.	28	29
30 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Salvation Army Service 4:30 p.m.	31 Bells Practice 6:00 p.m.	April newsletter deadline: Thursday, March 20 Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.— HOREMOW Sunday 12-3 p.m., Friday 7-10 p.m.—GOSHEM—Fellowship Hall				

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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 Dave Ruhnke
Boots Misheski Bonnie Thompson
Rev. Donna Monteith

Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Yvonne Hummel
Mel Hansen Dawn Larson

Personnel

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz A. Thostenson
Kevin Galt

Presbytery Delegates

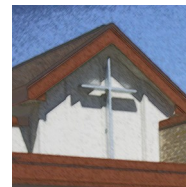
Kevin Galt Carrie Lauber
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

Stewardship

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Kevin Galt 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 M. Bigwood
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.**