

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## ADVENT PROGRAMS

Come! Join us in the celebration of our Savior's birth!

Here are a few of the opportunities to worship and glorify Jesus' name in December:

Sunday, December 21, the Adult Choir and Sunday School students will perform CPC's Christmas program during the worship service. It will be followed by a Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser benefitting the West Fargo High School Cross-Country Team. You won't want to miss this musical retelling of the Christmas story and the fellowship to follow. [See page 3]

Later in the week, on Wednesday, December 24, you'll want to join us for worship at 6:30 p.m. when we'll celebrate a Candlelight Christmas Eve service. On Thursday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m., we will meet again to worship and observe Christmas with communion.

Look for more details regarding these events and other ways to honor Christ's birth elsewhere in this newsletter and in upcoming weekly reminders and announcements.

## ADVENT READERS NEEDED!

We need your help! Grab a family or friend (s) and sign up in the narthex to read scripture and light the Advent Candles during worship services in December.



## 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:

Dec 7	Andrew Thostenson with Communion
Dec 14	Kevin Galt
Dec 21	Carrie Lauber—Cantata
Dec 24	Kevin Galt
Dec 25	Rev. Jim Wilson with Communion
Dec 28	Carrie Lauber
Jan 4	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Jan 11	Kevin Galt
Jan 18	Andrew Thostenson
Jan 25	TBD



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

There will be NO Sunday School on December 28 or January 4. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## NOVEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



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

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer provided by Andrew Thostenson.

### Consent Agenda:

- approval of the minutes of September 17, 2025
- next Session meeting will be December 17, 2025
- annual congregational meeting date – January 18, 2026 with a storm date of January 25, 2026

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, December 7, 2025, will be Becky DeJong, Amy Grossman-Tomsich, and Andrew Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

The preliminary budget was presented and will be finalized and approved in December.

Discussions have started about preparing for CPC's centennial celebration!!!!

### Committee reports:

**Christian Education:** On October 29 we had a Family Fun night that included Bingo and Taco in a Bag. Third grade Bibles were handed out on November 9.

>> Join us after the church service on November 23 for our annual Hanging of the Greens. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite treat to share. The Christian Education Committee will provide hot cocoa and apple cider.

>>On December 21, we will celebrate with our annual Christmas Cantata. Af-

ter the service, the Christian Education Committee, in partnership with the Worship Committee, will host a Spaghetti Feed, continuing our tradition from past years. This year's meal will be hosted by the West Fargo Cross Country Team.

### Sunday school attendance:

9/21: 3 children

9/28: 3 children

10/5: 3 children

- Amy Grossman-Tomsich

**Mission & Outreach:** We did the Kenya hunger fund for October and November and in December we are focusing on the New Life Center.

-Carrie Lauber

**Nominating:** The Nominating Committee is hard at work reaching out to many members of our congregation. We are still looking for Deacons, Session, Presbytery Delegates, and Nominating committee. If you know of anyone interested in serving, please reach out to the nominating committee.

- Melissa Engebretson

**Stewardship:** The committee has been working on preparing the 2026 budget.

- Carolyn Meester

**Worship:** Pulpit supply is filled through the end of December.

- Dave Ruhnke

**No committee reports:** Building & Grounds Trustees, Deacons

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky DeJong



## 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

Come for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wed., Dec. 3, and Fri., Jan. 2, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

## DECEMBER EVENTS

Mark your calendars early and don't miss out on all the activities in December! Watch for details *and* more activities in upcoming church announcements and the December/January newsletter.



Saturday, December 6

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday, December 20, 9:30 a.m.

Christmas program dress rehearsal

Sunday, December 21, 10:00 a.m.

Combined Choir Cantata & Sunday School Christmas program during worship

Sunday, December 21, following worship

Benefit Spaghetti dinner prepared and served by WFHS Cross Country Team

Wednesday, December 24, 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve service

Thursday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Worship service  
To include Communion

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us during worship on Sunday, December 21, for CPC's annual Christmas Cantata and Sunday School program. Directed by Kevin Galt and accompanied by Caleb Lawson, this year's cantata is entitled, Noel: Christ Is Born! created by Dale Matthews. It is a combination of old favorite carols and new joyous songs to delight in God's gift to us all.



Following the cantata will be a special message and music performed by our children and youth Sunday School.

### GIFTS FOR THE COLD



*"...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

Matthew 25:40

This December, the Mission & Outreach Committee is asking our congregation to donate Christmas gifts for the men at the New Life Center. In addition to warm clothes, suggested gifts include:

- t-Shirts (M & L)
- boxers (M, L, 1XL, & 2XL)
- white bath towels
- disposable razors
- shaving cream (travel-size)
- Q-Tips
- lotion (travel-size)
- deodorant (travel-size)
- single-dose packs of DayQuil/NyQuil (alcohol free)
- cough drops
- Tylenol /Ibuprofen
- single-use packs of Neosporin

For more information about the New Life Center, go to their website at:

<http://www.fargonlc.org/>

### RINGING THANKS

Thank you all who rang bells for the Salvation Army. You helped CPC add a total of 10 hours for their annual fund drive!



**Plan to attend a Sunday  
full of music, food,  
and fellowship!**

**Sunday, December 21**

**Community Presbyterian Church  
702 Sheyenne St, West Fargo**

**10:00 a.m. Christmas program  
performed by  
CPC Choir &  
Sunday School**

**11:00 a.m. Spaghetti dinner  
prepared & served  
by the WFHS Packer  
Cross Country Team**

**Free Admission  
(Free-will donation to support the  
WFHS Packer Cross Country Team)**

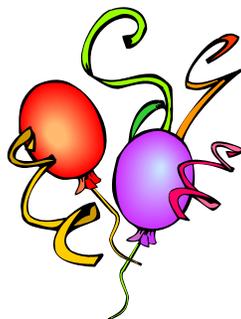
**DECEMBER  
DATES  
TO REMEMBER**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 12-5 Terry Meester
- 12-27 Ty Arvidson  
Becky Mace
- 12-31 Sophia Dobrinz

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12-12-70 Jack and Dixie Smith
- 12-18-82 Andrew and Gayle  
Thostenson



**JANUARY  
DATES  
TO REMEMBER**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1-7 Mitzi Hager
- 1-16 Doris Randle

**ANNIVERSARIES**

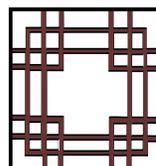
No listed anniversaries in January

**THERE IS ROOM  
FOR YOU**



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



**CHOCOLATE  
FOR THE SOUL:  
WOMEN'S  
DECEMBER & JANUARY  
BIBLE STUDY**

Do you crave something different in your life than what God seems to have planned for you? Perhaps you feel bored with your faith. Our study in December will give you ideas on how to refresh your faith. We will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, at the church.

What about a craving for a bite of chocolate or something salty, and the next thing you realize is that you ate the whole package of chocolate or potato chips? In January, we will discuss how to curb that craving and maybe bring a new flavor of faith and belief in your life. We will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, at the church.

**JOIN US  
FOR  
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!**



We meet in the upstairs conference room at 9:00 a.m. We are continuing our study of Acts which should take us to the year's end when we'll begin a new study--subject yet to be determined. 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.

Please contact Dave Ruhnke for more information.

**LADIES  
CIRCLE**



Join us every second Tuesday for Ladies Circle in the narthex. If you like, bring a sack lunch and have fellowship, coffee, and treats at 12:30 p.m. Otherwise, come ready to begin Bible study at 1:00 p.m.

Our study this year is *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter and Rev. MacKichen Walker.



**YEAR-TO-DATE  
GIVING UPDATE**

10/31/2025

General Operating budget  
2025: \$149,437.00

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

Total Giving October           \$ 7,459.32  
Total Expenses October         \$ 5,433.97

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, \$2,525 has been paid toward 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 or someone you love needs immediate pastoral care, you can call a Deacon for help.



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  
Patricia Smith                 [C] 970-209-3517  
Cary Talley                     [H] 701-282-3273  
Bonnie Thompson, Session Liaison  
  [C] 701-799-8598



**CALENDARS FOR SALE!**

The Deacons are selling 2026 calendars for \$10. They are as beautiful as ever with scripture listed for each week. Look to purchase yours while they last on Sundays in December.

**SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP  
AND WORSHIP SUPPORT**



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

- Dec 7 - Group 2
- Dec 14 - Group 2
- Dec 21 - Group 3
- Dec 28 - Group 3
- Jan 4 - Group 1
- Jan 11 - Group 1
- Jan 18 - Group 2
- Jan 25 - Group 2

We are looking for people to sign up for December & January. 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 winter. 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](mailto:office@cpcwf.org) by or on **the prior Sunday**, and we will add you to the list.



**2026  
ANNUAL  
MEETING**

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026, in the sanctuary immediately following worship, with a storm date of January 25, 2026.

Committee chairs please deliver annual reports to the clerk by December 31. Everyone, please make an effort to attend this important meeting.

**SNOWBIRD REMINDER**



So you don't miss any important mail, please remember to inform our church office (282-4135; [office@cpcwf.org](mailto:office@cpcwf.org)), regarding your temporary address(es) and time away.

**February's Community Call data  
is due Thursday, January 22**



# DECEMBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Head Usher: Dave Ruhnke</p>	1	2 Cantata practice 6 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m.	3 Prayer 9:30 a.m. C. Education 6 p.m.	4 Pw Card M. 1 p.m. Worship com. 7:00 p.m.	5	6 S. Army Bell Ringing
7	8	9 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Cantata practice 6 p.m.	10	11 Pw Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	12	13
<p>Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.</p> 	<p>Steward./ Personnel Coms. 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>16 Cantata practice 6 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17 P. Squares 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Pw Card Makers 1:00 p.m.</p>	19	20 Xmas Program Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.</p>		<p>23 Bells 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>24 Session 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Pw Card Makers 1:00 p.m.</p>	26	27
<p>21 Sunday School 9 a.m. Xmas practice 9:30 a.m. Christmas Program during Worship 10 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to Follow</p>	22	23	24	<p>25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> Christmas Service 10:00 a.m.</p>  	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p>31 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.</p>  		
<p>NO Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m.</p>						

\*\*\*February newsletter deadline: January 22\*\*\*

Non-church scheduled events:

Mon. evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.—HOREMOW Sun. 12-3 p.m., Fri 7-10 p.m.—GOSHEN Fellowship Hall



# JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
February newsletter deadline: <u>Thursday, January 22</u> Non-church scheduled events: Mon. evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.— HOREMOW ; Sun. 12-3 p.m., Fri 7-10 p.m.—GOSHEN Fellowship Hall Head Ushers: January: Terry Meester February: Dwight & Lisa Steffen							
4 NO Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m. 	5	6 Bells at CPC 7:00 p.m.	7 Presbyterian Squares 4:30 p.m. C. Education 6 p.m.	8 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. B&G Trustees 7 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.	1 	2 Prayer 9:30 a.m.	3
11	12 Stewardship/ Personnel Coms. 6:30 p.m.	13 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Bells at CPC 7:00 p.m.	14	15 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	16	17	
18 S. School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting <u>following Worship</u> <u>in the Sanctuary</u>	19	20 Bells at CPC 7:00 p.m.	21	22 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. 	23	24	
25 S. School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting Storm Date after Worship	26	27 Bells at CPC 7:00 p.m.	28	29 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.	30	31	

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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 Rev. Donna Monteith  
Boots Misheski Dave Ruhnke

### 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 A. Thostenson  
Yvonne Hummel

### Worship/Service & Fellowship

Dave Ruhnke, Liaison  
Linda Bishop G. Thostenson  
Emma Broe Rev. Jim Wilson  
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

Temporary Moderator  
& Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong  
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.**