

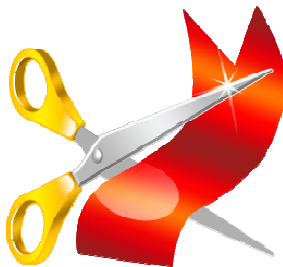
COMMUNITY PRESS

HOLY WEEK
APRIL 1 9:30 A.M.
PALM SUNDAY &
ONE GREAT HOUR OF
SHARING

APRIL 5 6:30 P.M.
MAUNDY THURSDAY,



SEDER COMMUNION
SERVICE
EASTER SUNDAY
SERVICES:
APRIL 8
SUNRISE SERVICE
6:30 A.M.
EASTER WORSHIP
9:30 A.M.

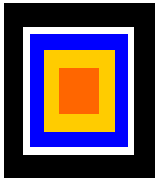


RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR CHANNEL ONE GARDENS

We are most excited to have the Channel One Community Gardens begun this spring. There are 15 plots which are 25' x 25'. To celebrate the beginning of the gardens, we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on Earth Day, April 22 at 10:45 a.m. immediately following our church service. There will be a special program, involving everyone from CPC, Channel One and the gardeners. The ceremony will be as "green" as possible. The Mission Committee will provide the treats. The young people from CPC will participate. There may be a special planting that will happen, too. Stay tuned for details. The local newspaper and TV stations have been invited. Put this on your calendar. This will be a way that CPC helps out the local community by sharing our land.

▶ Inside this issue:

From the Pastor	2
New Member Sunday	2
Mother-Daughter-Friend Luncheon	5
CPC NAMI Walk	5
February Session Highlights	6
Spring Fling	6
Movie Night	7



From the Pastor:

Like a fresh warm wind, this early spring is lifting our spirits and increasing our energy and pace. Jim and I took our earliest spring bike ride ever March 16th. Paul Douglas noted that our Minnesota Mid March high temps have broken all known records in Minnesota. With a little pride we can say we are averaging 30 degrees warmer than Scottsdale, AZ. Take that snow-birds!

You will see in this Newsletter that there is also a Fresh wind of the Spirit of Christ putting a spring in our step here at CPC. Our ministries are buzzing with life: Holy Week and Easter are upon us, our Spring Fling means it's time to freshen up our premises. Movies, books and gatherings abound. Our Channel One Gardeners will soon be planting. New members will join hands with ours, and our youth are gearing up for their "Big Day of Serving." All that is just a small slice of all the glory and work of God creating new life in our midst!

There remains **one BIG Invitation** you don't want to miss. Your Session wants you, wants EACH of YOU to join in the dialog that will bring our new called pastor. They are hoping you will put your heart and spirit into the preparation for our new pastor, and that process begins with a **survey** of your experience in this faith community. Get ready to put in writing your hopes, concerns, witnesses, and visions for all of us here at Community Presbyterian. Currently the session and I are reviewing the survey done 6 years ago, and re-creating an instrument to help us all begin the conversation informed by our past and directed toward our future.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29: 11

In April you will need to carve out a half hour in a 4 week time period to put your pen to paper. Then sometime between mid-May and June we will hold 2 gatherings of our congregation. The first event will be a dialog on the survey responses and an important re-claiming of our church's history. The second event will be a high-energy exercise called Asset Mapping where we hands-on begin creating a new future from our best assets God gives us today.

These are 3 important opportunities for you to be involved in the initial beginning of the search process in the next few months: The Survey, The presentation and discussion of the survey, and The Mapping of our future Visions and dreams.

Yes we will hold firmly to that promise of God as we work hard, preparing this spirit filled spring for our future of hope, dignity, graciousness, caring, and the transforming love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in the hope that claims us and the grace that sets us free,
Teresa



One Great Hour of Sharing

Today we celebrate The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. will be collected The funds from this special Presbyterian offering go to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People Program. Let's try to surpass last year's collection of \$1166. Bulletin inserts reflect the three needs that are being highlighted this year.

Spring New Member Class April 15th & 22nd 10:45 am

Visitors and guests are invited to hear more about programs, ministries and opportunities at Community Presbyterian Church Rochester April 15th and 22nd following the morning worship service and coffee. Meet our Interim Pastor and the leadership of our congregation and explore with us this chance to deepen your friendships with others in this place as faithful followers of Jesus. Please feel free to contact Pastor Teresa at pastor@cpcroch.org for more details.

April 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing/Communion 8:45 Jubellation Handbell choir rehearsal 9:30am Worship	2 Great Room Renovations 6:30pm Lenten	3 Great Room Renovations 6:00pm B.I.G. 6:30pm Deacons	4 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers Great Room Renovations	5 4:30pm set up for service 6:30pm Maundy Thursday/Seder	6 Great Room Renovations	7 Great Room Renovations
8 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sunrise Service 9:30am Worship 10:30am Refreshments & Easter Egg Hunt	9 7:30pm Aikido	10 9:30am Library meeting 6:30pm Women of the Church	11 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers	12 7:00pm Worship & Music	13 7:00pm AS Support Group	14 1230pm Mother-Daughter-Friend Luncheon 5-11pm Great Room
15 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School 10:45 New Member Classes 1-5pm Spring Fling	16 7:00pm Finance & Stewardship 7:30pm Aikido	17 12:00pm NAMI 5:00pm Christian Education 6:30pm Gibbs Cub Scout troop	18 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers	19 7:30pm Aikido	20	21 9:15am Noon meal 10:00am Aikido
22 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School 10:45 New Member Classes 5:00pm Book Group 6:30 Movie night	23 7:30pm Aikido	24 7:00pm Session	25 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers	26 7:30pm Aikido	27	28 10:00am Aikido 6-8pm Great Room in use
29 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School Adult Ed. Subcommittee meet during Sunday school	30 7:30pm Aikido					



Great Room Renovations

April 2012 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
4-1	Penny Murray, Ron Murray, Darlene Lucas	Nancy Massaro	Gwen Riggin	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Margaret Gardner
4-8	Powell Family	Jeff Swinbank	Ivy Pillers	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Judy Berg
4-15	Dick Massaro, Nancy Massaro, Rick Orvold	Amanda Ross	Linda Overton	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
4-22	Jeff Swinbank, Connie Holst, Jean Abels	Marita Heller	Dick Massaro	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci
4-29	Piller Family	Ellen Warner	Darlene Lucas	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Kara Vig

Communion Servers for April: Bruce Felger, Mary Henderson, Girard Calehuff, Guy Vig

Maundy Thursday Volunteers: Greeter: Mary Alice Richardson, Liturgist: Nancy Massaro, Worship Assistants: Rick Orvold & Denise Swinbank

Coming up at CPC!
Lots to look forward in the days to come at our church!
 May 5, Minneapolis
 Big Day of Serving
 May 20, Christian Education Sunday
 May 27

CHANNEL ONE SUNDAYS
 The second Sunday of every month is Channel One Sunday at CPC. Please be generous toward your neighbors who are in need by bringing your canned/dry goods to the church on or before April 11. In March CPC donated 125 pounds of food.
 YOU CAN ALSO LEAVE A CASH DONATION IN THE BASKET IN THE NARTHEX.

They put **him** to death by hanging him on a tree; but **God** raised him on the third day.
Acts 10:39-40, NRSV

GIVING REPORT

<i>March, 2012 Weekly Average</i> \$5,689.16	<i>Special Offerings</i>
<i>Year to Date Avg. 2012</i> \$3,937.46	<i>Christmas Joy Offering</i> \$ 1,254.00
<i>Budgeted Weekly for '12</i> \$ 3,136.19	<i>Thank Offering</i> \$ 635.00
<i>Per Capita Received '11</i> \$ 1,458.86	<i>Peace Offering</i> \$ 837.00
<i>Total Per Capita to be Paid 2012</i> \$ 4,586.35	<i>USA Disaster Relief</i> \$ 774.25
<i>(Per capita contribution per member is \$31.63 for 2012)</i>	

Women of the Church

MOTHER- DAUGHTER- FRIEND

Luncheon



You are cordially invited to come to our luncheon on April 14th at 12:30 at the church. We will be served by our men of CPC. Then sit back and enjoy hearing Father Nick Mezacapa of Calvary Episcopal Church entertain us with "How to survive daily life???" just remember what

Mom said!" Tickets are available from Judy Berg, Gwen Riggan, Jeanette Hallbeck, and Marg Nelson. Cost per ticket is \$10. Please note the deadline for purchase is April 11th. We will be looking for you there.

BOOK GROUP

Meets on April 22, 2012, at 5 p.m. in the church library.

We will be discussing "ZEITOUN" by Dave Eggers.

This is a true story of Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a Syrian-American resident of New Orleans at the time of Hurricane Katrina, who chose to stay in the city, traveling the flooded streets in a second-hand canoe handing out supplies and helping in any way he could. In September, 2005, he abruptly disappeared. Please join us.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

April Birthdays

1 Anne Steensma
3 Cal Ward
6 Melanie Jensen
7 Gene Kopecky
8 Sherry Garness
11 Bruce Felger
13 Audrey Crawshaw
14 Alex Hall
14 Margaret Nelson
15 Wendy DeGuisse
15 Sarah Vig
16 Ryan Hill
20 Ellie Hauser
25 Claire Anderson
26 Kellen Bachman
30 Adam Bouchard
30 Eileen Hand

April Anniversaries

4 Teresa Roberts and James Secord
11 Lyal and Joanne Powell
16 Rick Orvold and Marita Heller
18 Buster and Sherry Garness
20 Jennifer and Frank Hall

Women of the Church

Another opportunity awaits us as we journey to Austin, Westminster Presbyterian Church for Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 21. The theme for the day is "Mission Possible - Projects "Serving Those Near and Far".

April 4th Continue Beatitudes with Tammy Rider`

"Quarterly Update" from Noisy Collection

In January, the youth of CPC started skimming the quarters off the top of the monthly Noisy Collection to be used for a new mission project. We just don't know what that will be yet! All members of CPC are welcome to submit ideas for an end of the year project to be funded using just the quarters from the monthly noisy collections. Our youth will make the final project choice.. Our first "quarter report" totals \$64.50! Watch the graph rise on the youth board and submit your project ideas to Denise anytime.

CPC to Walk for NAMI

How would you like to go for a walk with a group of friends on a beautiful Spring day? Throw in some food, some kids activities, clowns and maybe even some cheerleaders and what more could you ask for? A good cause? That would be NAMI: the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Our Southeast Minnesota Affiliate will be holding its annual fundraiser and walk on May 5th this year at the RCTC campus, and the event will be held rain or shine. Last year (rain), everything was simply moved inside the field house and a fun time was had by all. One in four families has a family member with a mental illness. In addition, one in four Americans will develop a mental illness at some point in their lifetime. NAMI works to support families and individuals living with mental illness, educate the public, and reduce stigma. If you'd like to join our CPC team and walk with us this year, contact Tammy Rider at 507-456-7409 or trider7140@yahoo.com or talk to Mission Committee Chairperson, Ronda Marshall.

Organ Recital at Madonna Towers

Madonna Living Community Foundation will be sponsoring the second organ recital of our 2012 Organ Recital Series. The recital will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the 20th of March at Madonna Towers Chapel, celebrating the Feast of St. Benedict. Our featured musician will be Brian Williams, Director of Music and Arts for the Calvary Episcopal Church. Two of his students Anastasia Bruss and Teresa Kramer will also perform for our guests. Anastasia and Teresa are both recipients of the J. Isabelle Dyck and Southeastern Minnesota American Guild of Organists Scholarship for organ study. Open to the public. Refreshments following the recital.

Channel One Food packs currently serve 11,073 students in Rochester. 600 backpacks are being sent to all elementary schools in the district each week.

Update on School Food packs through Channel One:

This month, two middle schools are being added to the program as well as surrounding community schools. CPC continues to pack for families at Longfellow School on Wednesday nights at 5:30. Come join in the fun!

Denise

Kwanzaa



Rev. Alika Galloway will speak on the Kwanzaa ministry at First Presbyterian Church on April 19 at 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please sign up by April 15 as luncheon plans must be made. All are welcome to come. CPC sponsored Kwanzaa as a new church development when CPC moved into our present building so this is a chance to see what we helped build.

2012 Service Trip



The 2012 service trip (Big day of Serving) to north Minneapolis is quickly approaching. Now is the time to signup!! The signup sheet is in the Narthex; do NOT miss your chance to part of this great day to help with painting and minor repairs and most importantly a perfect opportunity to connect with the wonderful youth at CPC. The last day to signup in April 15th, as registration is due that week. The cost of the trip will be \$29 per person, plus cost of 1 meal. We will make carpooling plans once we know how many people are going. Anyone 6th grade and older is welcome to join us. For more information, check out the web page <http://www.thebigdayof-serving.com/locations/spring-2012/minneapolis>

February Session Highlights



- * Session discusses tools for congregational visioning, participates in World Cafe.
- * Music and Worship plus Building and Grounds prepare for upcoming Great Room redecorating and AC repair during April 1st Spring Break.
- * Mission confirms May 5th Youth/Adult Mission to North Mnpls plus plans to welcome Channel One family gardeners this Spring and also hold a Fall Harvest Festival.
- * Finance & Stewardship amend lease and designates nursery room as office for CE Director and CPC nursery.
- * Christian Education grateful to members who generously supplied educational toys and books for our new nursery.
- * Membership hosts Chili Cook-off plus plans for summer gatherings and New Member classes in April.
- * Pastor Teresa hails CPC hosting Wounded Veterans Seminar, promotes available presbytery funds for congregational mission, and explains her efforts on Presbytery Council to prepare a balanced Gracious Separation Policy for some PC churches desiring dismissal to other reformed denominations.
- * Aaron Simms will lead the Technology Task Force.

CPC Interim Process

Brief Outline

Months are guesstimates only!

Interim Pastor

March: Session Meeting to discuss Options and strategies for effective Survey of the Congregation and best ways to implement the survey.

April to Mid-May: Revisit 2006 Percept Survey to glean what still holds true, what can we use, what is changed? Task Force builds 2012 Survey tool. 4 weeks for congregation to complete the survey. 2 weeks for compiling and summarizing comments.

Mid-May thru June: Report on All Congregational survey. And updated church history time-line. How are we different now compared to when Bill arrived?

"Visioning Our Future" Event. Asset Mapping and intentional conversations. Maybe one or two events.

June thru July: Compile our self- made Mission Study, Meet with COM rep. seek approval to begin compiling CIF.

Aug/Sept: Session Task force works on compiling and completing CIF

Sept: Seek approval of COM for CIF and permission to form the PNC

Oct/Nov: Congregation Nominates and COM trains the PNC.

Jan 2013: PNC begins receiving PIF's and search process work with COM rep initiated.- PNC works closely with COM and reports on progress to Session and tracks it online with congregation.

June- Sep: Top candidates interviewed, PNC selects and presents candidate to congregation. New Pastor is installed.

Movie Night

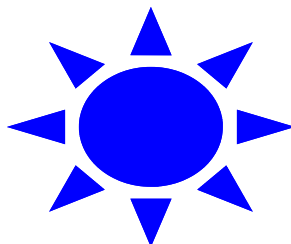
On April 22nd at 6:30 pm, the Mission Movie night will be an evening of discussing the Kony 2012 movement. Come join us to watch the 30 minute video by Invisible Children informing the world about Joseph Kony. After watching the video, we will reflect upon the video and discuss some of the controversy around the movement. The evening will be a very interesting time for us to reflect upon our reactions and the world's reaction to this movement.

Spring Fling 2012!!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 15th..... to participate in CPC's SPRING FLING!! Get together with friends to do (one of...) your good deeds for the month. After a winter of abuse.... snow cover....ice..... the CPC grounds and building are ready for your help. There are lots of indoor and outdoor projects. Something for everyone!! We will meet to.....

- Replace shingles
- Trim plants/bushes
- Clean furnace filters
- Clean windows
- Clean "X".....you fill this one in!
- Hang shelving in the store room
- Wall paper repair/replacement
- Good old fashioned kitchen clean-up
- Hymnal and Bible review/repair
- Socialize
- Enjoy some games/activities for kids
- Scrub away winter and share a meal!!!

Mark your calendar to join us for the afternoon of April 15th! Pick an activity and bring your tools/supplies. Feel free to send any additional maintenance suggestions to pillersmn@charter.net, or dropped them in the Building and Grounds cubby in the office. Thanks....and see you "here"...





Community Presbyterian Church
 3705 55th Street NW Rochester, MN 55901
 Phone: (507) 280-9291 Fax: (507) 282-0338
 www.cpcroch.org

Place
 stamp
 here

"Open Hearted—Open Minded"

Come Be Our Guest!
 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (September - May)
 Nursery is provided during Worship
 and Sunday School.




COMMUNITY PRESS STAFF:

Editor:
 Rev. Dr. Teresa Roberts
Design & Production:
 Cara Pederson
Proof Reader:
 Margaret Nelson
**Deadline for Copy for
 May 2012 Newsletter:**
 April 15, 2011
 Editor reserves the right to
 edit for content and space.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN STAFF:

Pastor:
 Rev. Dr. Teresa Roberts
**Director of Children
 & Youth Ministries:**
 Denise Swinbank
Choir Director:
 Denise Swinbank
Pianists:
 Judy Kereakos
 Laurie Priniski



The purpose of the gospel

The gospel of John records many signs and miracles that Jesus performed in front of his disciples. Discover why these were written.

Directions: Use a Bible to fill in the missing letters of John 20:31. Then write the shape-enclosed letters in the corresponding boxes and circles below, in order of appearance, to discover John's message.

"... e ie e hat es us
 is th es iah, the S n
 of od, nd tha by
 be ing ou m y
 ha e lif i hi na e."

JOHN 20:31, NIV

u

○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ !

Just Believe!

Answers: "... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."