



*“We are all stewards, Guides,  
leading the way. We are the light-  
bearers, brightening the path  
of today.”*

*~Dave Brandon, Dare to be Stewards*

## *Consecration Sunday November 13th at 9:30 am*

On November 13th, we are all invited to joyfully make our pledge of support to Christ's powerful ministry in and through the people of Community Presbyterian Church. As you consider your pledge of financial support for the year 2012, remember to (1) Prayerfully recount the ways God has blessed you through this family of faith, and then (2) With prayer count the opportunities for new growth and service to the needy in our neighborhood and world. And finally (3) Fill out your pledge card and join our celebration of the good and new things God is doing and will continue in our midst.

We are in a position to grow mightily in God's grace this next year. Accept the invitation to this remarkable celebration of Christ's love! Bring your commitment card to be blessed and to be a blessing.

Your friends in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Teresa Roberts, The Finance & Stewardship Committee

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*From the  
Pastor*



## NON- CONFORMISTS AND TRANSFORMERS WELCOME

It sure was fun recently talking with the children of the church about Action Figures and Transformers. Their eyes brightened as we shared our understandings of the purpose, mechanics and names (Bumble Bee and Jesus) of their favorite Action Figures. Did they really get it--how Jesus was and is an action figure of love and that following his way transforms our world and us? Do any of us grasp the enormity of that concept?

The Apostle Paul gives us some help in this idea of transformation as we read his words to the young Roman church:

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God- what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*  
Romans 12:2.

Here’s a coincidence, scholars believe Paul wrote to that church about 25 years after Jesus’ resurrection. It seems we at CPC have a lot in common with the first growing churches of our faith! Think about it...at the age of 25 the Church was already undergoing tremendous pressures to conform to their present society along with equal pressures from the Holy Spirit to be Transformers fueled by Faith! Change, it seems, is inevitable for believers of every age.

My high school age grandson, Kyle, wrote on his Facebook profile: *“I’m on the road to success, but for some reason it’s always under construction.”* I wanted to shout “Great!” Yes, at age 4,9,14,25, 52, and 79, really every age, every day we all are “under construction”, being changed by the transforming power of Jesus Christ, to do what is **good** for those in need, an **acceptable** offering that serves and wholly belongs to God, aka **perfect!**

God is at work, transforming our church here on the hill of Rochester. We need to look closely at our successes, examine where we are conforming and then open our creative imagination and warm hearts to the ways we are being called to be transformed. I’m honored to be sharing this transformation with you. Why? Because, I am certain that through and in Christ, it will bring the gift of transformation to me as well.

Yours with joy in the journey,

Pastor Teresa

+ Be sure to join us at the Sunday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon and viewing of “The Best Years of Your Life!” A great movie that looks at life’s transitions and transformation.


## PROGRESSIVE DINNER-LITE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 5:30PM ATTENTION: THIS IS A NEW DATE!

This year’s event will have yet another new spin...it will be progressive, but a little different. The first stop will be at the Petersen’s, on Lake Zumbro, for hearty appetizers (enough to make a meal out of) and then we’ll journey to Peggy Mc Carty’s home in NW Rochester for dessert.

- Car pooling from Rochester is encouraged
- There is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex
- Sorry about the date change – there was a scheduling conflict

A progressive dinner coordinator will contact you regarding your food assignment – appetizer or dessert. Please contact Colleen Webbles at 288-4677 with questions.

# NOVEMBER 2011

| SUN   | MON   | TUE   | WED   | THU  | FRI   | SAT  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|
|   |   | 1<br>5:30pm Mission<br>6:00pm B.I.G.                            | 2 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers<br>1:00pm Bible Study "The Beatitudes"<br>5:30 Food backpacks<br>6:15pm Jubellation Handbell practice                           | 3<br><br>7:30pm Aikido   | 4   | 5<br>9:00am Aikido                                   |
| 6<br>9:30am worship/ Communion<br>10:45am Sunday School   | 7<br><br>6:30pm Membership<br>7:30pm Aikido           | 8<br><br>4:00pm Presbytery<br>7:00pm Women of the Church        | 9 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers<br>1:00pm Bible Study "The Beatitudes"<br>5:30 Food backpacks<br>6:15pm Jubellation Handbell practice<br>7:15pm Choir practice  | 10<br><br>7:30pm Aikido  | 11<br><br>7:00pm A.S. Support Group in Great Room | 12<br>9:00am Aikido<br><br>5:30pm Progressive Dinner |
| 13 <i>Consecration Sunday</i><br>9:30am worship/ Channel One<br>10:45am Sunday School<br>12:00pm Potluck-- Brunch/Movie-- Veteran's Day celebration | 14<br><br>5:00pm Buildings & Grounds<br>7:30pm Aikido | 15<br><br>5:00pm Christian Education<br>6:30pm Gibbs Cub Scouts | 16 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers<br>1:00pm Bible Study "The Beatitudes"<br>5:30 Food backpacks<br>6:15pm Jubellation Handbell practice<br>7:15pm Choir practice | 17<br><br>7:30pm Aikido  | 18  | 19<br>9:00am Aikido                                  |
| 20 THANK OFFERING-Women of the Church<br>9:30am worship/Noisy Can<br>10:45am Sunday School  | 21<br>7:00pm Finance & Stewardship<br>7:30pm Aikido   | 22<br><br>7:00pm Session  | 23 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers<br>5:30pm Food backpacks<br>7:00pm Choir practice  | 24<br> | 25  | 26<br>9:00am Aikido                                  |
| 27 1st Sunday of Advent<br>9:30am worship<br>10:45am Sunday School  | 28<br><br>7:30pm Aikido                               | 29  | 30 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers<br>5:30 Food backpacks<br>6:15pm Jubellation Handbell practice<br>7:15pm Choir   |  |   |  |

## NOVEMBER 2011 - WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| Dates | Liturgists      | Worship Assistants                              | Communion Servers   | Greeter         | Nursery Attendant (s)              | Library Attendant |
|-------|-----------------|---|---|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 11-6  | Doug Marker     | Mary Alice Richardson<br>Rick Orvold<br>Guy Vig | Bill Webbles,<br>Colleen Webbles,<br>Louis Bouchard,<br>Amanda Ross | Lori Beckman    | Elizabeth Deeds<br>Tabitha Harland | Margaret Gardener |
| 11-13 | Marita Heller   | The Simms Family                                |   | Louis Bouchard  | Elizabeth Deeds<br>Tabitha Harland | Judi Berg         |
| 11-20 | Margie Petersen | Dick Massaro<br>Nancy Massaro<br>Gwen Riggan    |   | Colleen Webbles | Elizabeth Deeds<br>Tabitha Harland | Judy Pucci        |
| 11-27 | Darlene Lucas   | Jake DeGuise, Amy Ward, Peggy McCarty           |   | Lois Nicholson  | Elizabeth Deeds<br>Tabitha Harland | Judy Kereakos     |

### MOVIE "NIGHT"

On November 13, we will have a special showing of the award winning movie "The Best Years of Our Lives." It is a 1946 MGM film, chronicling the lives of three veterans who are returning from World War II. Though the movie is set at the end of World War II, many of the issues it presents are issues that are repeated after every war. Veterans readjusting to changes in family life and, perhaps coming back themselves changed, are consistent themes following every conflict. We are challenged as a society to reintegrate our disabled vets into our daily lives. This movie introduces these topics to the viewer.

As a way of honoring all who have served, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a potluck brunch on Sunday November 13, following Sunday School. We are asking anyone who is a veteran to tell about his/her experiences in serving in the military. Please contact Mary Alice Richardson or Jean Abels to let us know if you would be willing to share something of your military experience.

### ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The Mission Committee is coordinating the collection of gifts for the Adopt-a-Family, "Christmas Family." Please pick up your gift suggestion for the Christmas Family in the narthex after church. Gifts of cash will be used to purchase gift cards or to purchase gifts that might be more expensive. Please help the Christmas Family.

### GIVING REPORT

#### Operating Fund

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Sept. '11 Weekly Average        | \$2,333.50  |
| Year to Date Avg. 2011          | \$3,270.16  |
| Budgeted Weekly for 2011        | \$3,461.54  |
| Per Capita Received 2011        | \$1,373.30  |
| Total Per Capita to be Paid '11 | \$4,0142.56 |

#### Special Offerings

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Peace Offering            | \$ 817.00  |
| USA Disaster Relief       | \$ 774.25  |
| One Great Hour of Sharing | \$1,166.00 |
| Japan Disaster Relief     | \$ 652.00  |

## IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER

The CPC Newsletter is a monthly publication that helps members keep track of all the activities going on within the church. It's also a great way to draw interest and potential new members when shared through email or on the CPC website. We would like it to better feature the life of our congregation and serve as an inspirational tool for growing one's faith.

With that in mind, what types of articles would you like to see in YOUR newsletter? For example, we've discussed spotlighting members of the congregation – what would you like to know about your CPC neighbors? All questions or article ideas accepted! Please see a member of the Worship and Music Committee with your thoughts, or email Shannon Bennett ([tenebnonahs@hotmail.com](mailto:tenebnonahs@hotmail.com)).

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD IS WELL UNDERWAY AT CPC!

The final day of collection is Sunday, Nov. 20 when we will dedicate our boxes before they are shipped out the next day. Wrapped empty boxes are still available in the narthex to be filled using the guidelines in the packing brochures. Remember to leave the lids open so the boxes can be inspected before shipping. Denise has large rubber bands available for securing filled boxes. Please bring your filled boxes with the shipping costs of \$7 included to church anytime before Nov. 20. Our goal this year is to ship 70 boxes.

## 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 Nov. 13.

### November pantry needs:

Complete Meals: pasta & sauce, boxed meals, hearty soups

You can also leave a cash donation in the basket in the Narthex. Last month, CPC members donated a total of 69 pounds of food to Channel One.

## CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH.

On Nov. 8th we will meet at Lois Nicholson's home. We will conclude our study of our Native Americans with a look at two historical events..."Battle (Massacre) at Wounded Knee" and the "Execution of 38 in Mankato". As we learn of these events, we are aware of what "scars" we created with our Native Americans and realize our misunderstanding of these events. Reminder: please call Lois if you plan to attend and learn directions to her home. Her phone number is 252-9398.

At the Women's Thank Offering service on Nov. 20, Elona Street-Stewart will speak on the experiences of a Native American women.

## CROP WALK

Thanks to all of the walkers. It was a lovely October afternoon. We raised \$665.00. We had one of the largest group of walkers, 11 in all. Thanks to all of you who contributed to CROP Walk. Check out the picture on the church website.

## Peacemaking Sunday

Thanks to all who contributed to the Peacemaking Sunday offering, for a total contribution of \$817.00. Rochester Women's Shelter will receive 25%, which is \$204.25. The balance of \$612.75 will go to the Presbyterian Church USA for peacemaking.

## JUBELLATION HANDBELL CHOIR

Scheduled Rehearsals are at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Wednesday, Nov. 16

Wednesday, Nov. 30

And

Sunday, Dec. 4, at 8:45 a.m.



## A TIME TO GIVE

Christmas is coming. CPC will be making a real Christmas Day for a family of 4-5 as well as 2 individuals who are in need of our help. We will provide a list of gift suggestions in the narthex available at the middle of November. The gifts will need to be wrapped and returned to church by December 4. Cash gifts will be accepted and used for the gifts or to purchase gift cards should you prefer. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Alice Richardson or any member of the Mission Committee.

This is a Christmas tradition that has been observed by CPC for many years, even before our church was built. Last year, there were 420 families, about 1002 individuals who received gifts. Olmsted County Community Services provides the desires/needs of "families" to our community. The program is called Adopt-a-Family. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year for the program. Christmas Anonymous and Salvation Army are not serving these "families" but CPC is.

**Please help our Christmas Family this year.**

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

Our November/December meeting will be held in the Church Library on December 4, 2011, at 5 p.m. We will discuss, "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova. Our meetings last about one hour. All readers are welcome. It is stated that this is the best portrayal of the Alzheimer's journey.



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Children's Christmas Program Sunday  
Dec 18th at 9:30 am

The Longest Night Service, Thursday  
Dec 22nd at 7 pm

Christmas Eve Service, Saturday,  
Dec 24th at 6 pm

Christmas Morning Service, Sunday,  
Dec 25th, at 9 am

## WELCOME TO ELLEN SWINBANK



Ellen is a friend already to many here at Community Presbyterian Church, she has been worshipping with us since she moved up to Rochester 5 years ago to be closer to her son Jeff Swinbank, daughter-in-law Denise and her granddaughter Willow. Prior to her arrival here, Ellen hails from Iowa. Born in Hazelton, IA on a farm, she taught public school for 3 years before she married her life-long sweetheart, Clayton. Since they met during the war, she and Clayton were married and stayed in San Diego until he finished his time in the service. Soon afterwards, they moved to Jesup, Iowa, where they had a farm and raised their two sons Barrie Gene and Jeff. Once her boys were older, she returned to public school and taught for 22 years. Ellen retired from teaching at the age of 62. She and her husband were Presbyterians, worshipping in Jessop Presbyterian Church, until they moved to Waterloo, Iowa when Clayton left the farm in 1990. Ellen was very involved in church life; president of the Women's Board and involved on multiple committees and projects. Church life has always been meaningful to her and Clayton. Six years after Clayton passed, her sons liked the idea of her moving north to Rochester to be near Jeff and his family. She agreed and began to come worship here with us! She is a dear friend to many of us here. The reason she is here at CPC? "My son and his family are here! And I want to check off the box that says 'Member' here also!" says Ellen, laughing with joy. Ellen enjoys reading both mysteries and romance novels. Asked what are her hopes for CPC, she replied "I hope this church continues to grow because we really NEED this church!" Welcome to our newest member, Ellen!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Due to the large number of recent donations to the CPC library, the "new to the library" shelf in the narthex is overflowing. To help solve this situation, several areas in the CPC library ---especially top shelves of bookcases---have been designated for display of new materials. Take a moment to meander into the library and see the many new items on display for all ages.

## CPC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RED KETTLE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

The Red Kettle Christmas Campaign enables the Army to provide food, toys and clothing to over 6 million people during the Christmas season and helps more than 34 million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide.

The Red Kettle campaign, first started in San Francisco in 1891, has traditionally been The Salvation Army's most prominent fund-raiser. In 2004, the campaign raised over \$100 million in communities nationwide, with the nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars all remaining in the towns where the money was deposited into the kettles. The funds raised help support many of the 37 million people in poverty who turn to the Army for food and toys at Christmas, utility and homeless assistance, senior and child care, drug abuse treatment and many other social service needs.

CPC will assist in reaching these goals by ringing bells on Dec. 17 from 8-5 at HyVee South/Crossroads. All groups and individuals from the church are encouraged to sign up to ring. Denise has a portable CD player and Christmas music to sing along with to get everyone in the Christmas giving spirit. Traditionally our congregation has raised a significant amount of money for the Red Kettle Campaign during our shifts. Let's keep the spirit ringing! A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex soon.

4. Margaret Gardner
4. Doug Marker
6. Judy Kereakos
6. Kathy Remtema
7. Jeff Swinbank
7. Leanne Turner
- 12 Bruce Bigelow
18. Keara Ross
- 22 Carol Bigelow
29. Kendrick Bachman
30. Darlene Lucas

## TITHING IS NOT OUTDATED

Tithing—a dirty word? Oh, well, the text is from Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 14:22-29) and that's in the Old Testament, so that doesn't really bind us anymore today. Anymore today. Right? Wrong! We have gone far beyond the limits of an agricultural society such as Israel was when these laws were handed down to the people. And yet—the basic reasons for these requirements remain valid even in our highly industrialized and computerized society. The Lord God is well aware of our very human limitations and reactions. Given anything at all, our first impulse is to keep it—every last speck of it! But, says God, "That's not fair. What about those who don't own land, who are disabled or blind or weak and unable to fend for themselves?" And, of course, they are part of our responsibility too. In the original context of this requirement to tithe, the idea was that, since God is the real owner of the land, it's only fair that He be given a percentage of the produce. Well, that sounds logical enough. And, in addition, the law given in Deuteronomy states very clearly the religious purposes of the tithe—to care for the Levites, so that they may put all their energies and time into serving in the sanctuary. But—and it's a very big BUT indeed—this wasn't the chief purpose of the tithe. The chief purpose was to teach the people the proper way to show reverence to the Lord. This wasn't to be a grudging "Well-if-I-have-to-I-have-to" sort of giving, but a joyous giving, a giving of all that we have, all that we are, in gratitude to God for the things that He has given so freely to us. No, tithing is not outdated, and it is not likely to become outdated in the future, unless human beings stop needing to express gratitude for God's great gifts to them.

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9. Harry & Jeanne Samways
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 and Sunday School.



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**Give Praise**

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

|                           |                             |                                       |                                |                        |                            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give<br>Take<br>Grab   | 2. peanut<br>praise<br>pear | 3. temple<br>house<br>Loro            | 4. proclaim<br>past<br>present | 5. name<br>boy<br>lad  | 6. ruin<br>destroy<br>make |
| 7. pine<br>acorn<br>known | 8. train<br>nations<br>bus  | 9. done<br>donut<br>muffin            | 10. Sing<br>Sleep<br>Yawn      | 11. she<br>him<br>girl | 12. sun<br>praise<br>moon  |
| 13. tell<br>fast<br>slow  | 14. red<br>all<br>blue      | 15. horrible<br>dreadful<br>wonderful | 16. acts<br>sisters<br>aunts   |                        |                            |

" \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, sing \_\_\_\_\_ to him; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his  
 \_\_\_\_\_ . " PSALM 105:1-2, niv

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. Loro, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts  
 Give praise to the Lord; proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, niv)