

COMMUNITY PRESS

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From Pastor Steve:

I've been your Transition Pastor now for two months and getting grounded at Community. It's been intense to say the least, but I'm feeling blessed! I have been meeting many people for the first time, leading worship, and attending committee meetings and activities. And I've been asking many questions and beginning to intentionally process our mission and our ministry. I just shared with the Session that the highlight of these months has been the deep and holy conversations, alongside the honesty and trust you've given me.

The following is Poem-like of what I've heard and observed:



The Spirit is moving us...
In us and among us.
"We are deeply committed"
Then and
Now
Called
Connected
Community
Joy has returned
Healing is happening
But it will take time.
This is a new chapter
And we have a new identity
The Spirit is moving us...
So much we're getting a new address!
(But We're Staying in the Same Location)

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**Community Presbyterian is "an open-hearted, open-minded
Christian community sharing a ministry of faith, hope and love."**

Community Presbyterian Church is a proud member of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). We were founded by a group of Rochesterites who were committed to building a church based on the simple idea that Christians should be "open-hearted, open-minded." We're located at 3705 55th Street NW, just across from Sam's Club.

Join us for worship at 9:30 Sunday mornings! You are welcome to join us on this journey of faith!

AUGUST 2017

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2017 LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of six ruling elders, elected for three years. Much of the business of the church is conducted through committees. Each ruling elder chairs one of the committees. The Pastor, who is a teaching elder and moderator of Session, is an ex-officio member of every committee.

<u>Class of 2017</u>	Ronda Marshall Mark Neville Amanda Ross	Finance and Stewardship Worship and Music Christian Education
<u>Class of 2018</u>	Dave Copeland Ivy Pillers	Nominating Mission
<u>Class of 2019</u>	Gene Kopecky	Building and Grounds
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Alice Richardson Kim Nickander Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary (Non-voting) Treasurer (Non-voting)

2017 Nominating Committee

Ann Hesley, Stacy Kopecky, Mary Meyer and Jeanette Hallbeck

Membership (a sub committee of Mission) Chairperson: Stacy Kopecky

Deacons

The Board of Deacons is responsible for ministering to all those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to all those who may be in distress. Deacons provide meals and transportation, among other requested needs. They maintain the Prayer Chain. Deacons are elected in classes of two for three years.

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Peggy McCarty Bernie Nicholson	Carol Bigelow Jennifer Hall	Louis Bouchard Mary Meyer

Head of Staff/ Transitional Pastor
Choir Director
Pianist
Bell Choir Director
Custodian
Office Manager

Ministers to the world

Pastor Steve Pannkuk
Meg Britain
Glenna Muir
Judy Kereakos
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Congregation Members

The church isn't going just anywhere.
The church is going somewhere with God.
This is an Opportunity
Word of mouth is still the most effective!
Spread the Word
Come and find us.
You'll be blessed.



Help Spread the Word

August 2017 is the last month our address is:

3705 55th St NW, Rochester, MN 55901

On September 15, 2017 our new address will be:

Community Presbyterian Church

3705 Fairway Place NW, Rochester, MN 55901

I am really enjoying the role of transition pastor because I get to pastor and coach you at an essential time in your ministry, utilizing a special set of gifts. It is an intentional time, this in-between time. It's hard work, the ministry of the church, the service of love and forgiveness he calls us to. If it were easy... well with God's help it might get easier.

With peace and prayer and hope, Pastor Steve Pannkuk

SESSION SNAPSHOT - JULY 25

Session will meet with Deacons on 8/15 for the annual joint meeting. It is always good to share ideas and learn what each other is doing in supporting CPC.

Session approved the August 3-6 God and Nature Backpacking trip that will be led by Ronda Marshall, Ivy Pillers and Dennis Ross on the Superior Hiking Trail. The youth who are going are Nathan Kopecky, Peter and Heather Marshall, Connor Meyer, and Kathleen and Kiera Ross.

Tonna is repairing the air conditioning unit. Thanks to Gene Kopecky for taking care of this and for making this dishwasher work again. It is amazing how much lime can build up over many years, probably since we moved into our building.

Plans are being made for the September 10 outdoor service that includes the delicious pancake breakfast.

Rev. Julie Beck has accepted a call as Interim Pastor for Braham Lutheran Church so will no longer serve CPC providing pastoral care. We thank her for all of her service to CPC and will keep her in our prayers as she begins her new call in October.

**Come Grow With Us
July 2017**

Donation, Volunteer and Thistles

Thank you Ivy Pillers and family, for the donation of two turtlehead plants. Also known as ‘Chelone’. These will have white flowers in the shape of a turtlehead. They are planted under the pergola in honor of Bill Petersen, Ivy’s father. Turtlehead flowers are hardy, require minimal maintenance and will provide late season blooms in The Garden of Life.

Also, thank you again to the Sunday School children who donated and helped plant annuals in the Garden of Life. The cheery yellow marigolds and white alyssum are in full bloom now.

Other helpers include my former neighbor, Danny Hong. He did an amazing job assisting me with mulching. Others have helped by supplying compost, weeding, and dead-heading. I thank you all!

I’ve sprayed and pulled many thistles in the playground recently. In closing, I leave you with this quote:

“Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.” - Abraham Lincoln

- Carole Kinion Copeland

**BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP**



Books for the 2017-2018 program year!

September	<u>The Water is Wide</u> (Pat Conroy)	Non-Fiction
October	<u>God’s Hotel</u> (Victoria Sweet)	Non-Fiction
Nov./Dec.	<u>When Breath Becomes Air</u> (Paul Kalanithi)	Non-Fiction
January	<u>Ordinary Grace</u> (William Kent Krueger)	Fiction
February	<u>The Life We Bury</u> (Allen Eskens)	Fiction
March	<u>Leap of Faith</u> (Queen Noor)	Non-Fiction
April	<u>A Man Called Ove</u> (Fredrik Backman)	Fiction
May	<u>The Zookeeper’s Wife</u> (Diane Ackerman)	Non-Fiction

MISSION

Community Presbyterian Church did a great job pulling together many, many school supplies for children in Olmsted County. One member explained that she shopped from the John Adams Middle School list - she purchased everything except the swim suit on the list; the cost totaled to around \$50. Now, think about families with multiple children... it's no wonder why some children come to school unprepared! Thank you for helping prepare some of the children and youth in our community!



Community Presbyterian Church is sending several youth and adults on a outdoor adventure trip!

**CPC God and Nature
Backpacking Trip
August 3-6
Superior Hiking Trail**

We look forward to hearing about your trip when you return!



WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Abby Hall attended a Young Ringers Camp the last weekend in June. She prepared ahead of time with the First Presbyterian youth ringers. They had a great weekend working on music and techniques. On Sunday, June 25, she performed a final

concert which the public was invited to attend. A number of people from CPC attended the final concert.

Congrats on a great weekend, Abby! Ring on!



Your help is needed at the Worship services!

Our Worship Volunteers create a warm, welcoming, and orderly environment so the focus of our worship services can remain on worship. Volunteering as a Worship Assistant, Greeter, or Liturgist is an important way to contribute to the CPC community. Nursery Volunteers and Refreshments Hosts are also needed.

Sign up on the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or contact the church office.

Annual Picnic Potluck

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017
5 PM – 8 PM @CPC

Brats, Hot Dogs, Plates, Utensils, and Beverages
provided.

Please bring lawn chairs, yard games, and a dish to
pass if you choose.

Last name: A-L bring salad/side
AND
M-Z bring dessert

Sign up in the narthex TODAY!
or by contacting the office!

Supper Club

FOOD & FRIENDS

Enjoy some food, friends
and fellowship “al fresco”!

Friday, August 18
4:30 pm

Forager’s patio
1005 6th Street NW, Rochester

Questions, please talk to Marcia! Sign
up in the narthex.

CELEBRATIONS AND THANKS!

BIRTHDAY WISHES



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays and anniversaries are listed in the print
version of the newsletter - pick one up at church!

An Interview with Pastor Steve...

Where did you grow up? Waterloo, Iowa. Dad worked at John Deere, Mom was a church secretary. I have a younger brother, Brian who now lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. About eight years ago, I met my birth family; so I was introduced to my other family as well.

Where did you go to college? University of Iowa. I got a degree in Leisure Studies, with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation and a minor in Sociology. While going to college (and continuing through seminary), I worked at Lutheran summer camps. It is through that work experience that I started feeling the call to ministry. I worked at camps in Iowa, South Dakota, Montana and four years in Colorado. At the camp in Colorado, Sky Ranch, I met my wife, Alicia.



I went to seminary at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN from 1994-1998. I did my internship at Bethesda Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN. One highlight from my time in seminary was getting to go to Zimbabwe, taking classes there and living with a family for two and a half months. I also visited my future wife, Alicia, who was in Central African Republic with the Peace Corps. The people of Zimbabwe taught me about hospitality.

A funny side note, about a year ago, I went to a local celebration (Mayday or something) and ran into the middle daughter from the family that I stayed with. It was fun to reconnect with her and hear that the two daughters are both in the Twin Cities and the son is in Sweden. The parents are still in Zimbabwe.

You are now a Transition Pastor, how did you become interested in that? I was serving as an Associate Pastor in a congregation in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and the senior pastor of fifteen years announced he was leaving. So, the church was getting an interim pastor. I was interested in learning the process for interim pastors and for healthy churches. My interest was piqued with how to coach and guide a congregation during those in-between times. So, I did some extensive training with the National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors in 2009. It was done at Luther Seminary, once again, but all of my reflection papers were connected to my congregation in Cedar Rapids where I got to observe and practice what I learned.

Looking ahead.... I love being a pastor. I love people. People bring me joy. Mother Teresa said to "spread love where you go"... that is my mission statement. So, in the future I hope to be contributing to the whole Church, helping grow healthy churches, healthy people, and healthy pastors.

Picture (above)

I was interim last summer at Word of Peace Lutheran in Rogers, MN. I was preparing the congregation to welcome a first call pastor as a member of their large staff. The amazing "small world" connection was that I worked with Tyler Strom when he was a youth and family director in Spokane, WA. What a joy it was to be at his recent ordination.



Interfaith: Creating a Culture of Peace
August 4-6
Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul

Creating a Culture of Peace (CCP) is a nationwide program for community-based and spiritually-grounded active nonviolence. The training explores dimensions of violence in our culture, resources for interpersonal nonviolence, dynamics of nonviolent social movements, perspectives on community building, and strategic action planning. Learn more and register here: <https://spinterfaith.org/events/creating-a-culture-of-peace-retreat/>



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**
Presbyterian Women
Fall Gathering in Burnsville

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will hold their Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 7 from 9 am to 3 pm at Presbyterian Church of the Apostles in Burnsville. The program is titled "Interfaith Outreach: Understanding Our Muslim Neighbors." Details will be available on the presbytery website and in future issues of EMerge (the Presbytery E-Newsletter).



Transform Ideas: Creation Care
September 28, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: TBD

Explore the effect of a changing environment on resources and vulnerable populations. What are the changes occurring? Who do they impact? Learn and discuss at the Transform Ideas public forum on Creation Care.

Local speakers include:

- Paul Douglas national meteorologist and author of Caring for Creation
- Joel Light, Ph.D., Professor of Biology at University of Northwestern St. Paul
- Andy Carr, VP of Development and Marketing for Feed My Starving Children
- Emily Pahl, Global Teams Leader at River Valley Church

Learn more here: <http://transformmn.org/event/transform-ideas-creation-care/>

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
website: <http://www.presbyterytwincities.org/>

PTCA weekly email newsletter...
contact communications@ptcaweb.org
or go to the above website.



September 16-17, 2017

The Women and Spirituality Conference

**La Mesa delle Donne
(A Month of Women)
art exhibit and show**

Maker's Space

The Women and Spirituality Conference is a ticketed event including a keynote and 6 workshops with 72 concurrent offerings. There will also be an exhibit hall featuring 80 vendors that is open to the public. In addition, Lilac Wellness Center will be hosting a Wellness Retreat Room for also open to the public with both appointment and walk-in services. A variety of healing modalities will be offered by experienced therapists for a fee. Free Wellness Consultations will be available. A Wellness Retreat menu and price list will be available soon.

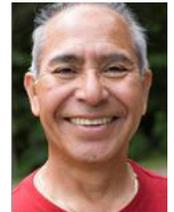
La Mesa delle Donne is a free art exhibit at the Rochester Art Center and Mayo Civic Center in the Women and Spirituality conference space. There will also be a performance on Saturday evening that is free and open to the public.

The Maker's Space will be held in the lobby of the Civic Center outside of the Women and Spirituality Conference. It is free and open to the public. Stop by to make beautiful international art projects. Special thanks to the Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust for funding the art supplies for this area.

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.womenandspirituality.org/>



Living Well with Diabetes



Are you looking for new ways to better manage your diabetes?

A group workshop designed to increase self-management skills and address specific concerns and goals for people with diabetes. Participants set goals and make a personalized plan to improve their health. Workshops are interactive and focus on peer support.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays, June 6 – July 18 (skipping July 4)

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Elder Network

1130 ½ 7th St NW, Suite 205, Rochester

Tuesdays, September 5 – October 10

9:30 – 11:30 am

Elder Network

1130 ½ 7th St NW, Suite 205, Rochester

For more information or to register, contact Elder Network at 507/285-5272

Registration required – Class size is limited

*In gratitude for your appreciation
of Community Clothesline
an Open House for Sister Chrishelle's
60th Jubilee Anniversary
will be held at*



**Calvary Chapel
814 11th Avenue NE
(former Community Clothesline building)**

**Saturday, August 5th
11am until 5pm**

Refreshments served



Thank You!

Diversity Council



Christ United Methodist Church
Creating committed Christ-followers for the transformation of the world.

Community In Motion

faith ♦ culture ♦ connection



Sunday, September 10, 4 p.m.
Olmsted County Fairgrounds 4-H Pavilion

Christ United Methodist Church and the Diversity Council invite you to join the first annual Community in Motion celebration. This family-friendly event is an opportunity for people of faith to share music, food, and discussion.

All Rochester faith organizations are welcome.

The facilitated discussion will develop concrete action plans around themes identified in previous community conversations.

*No two leaves are alike,
and yet there is no
antagonism between them
or between the branches
on which they grow.*

- M.K. Gandhi



Registration

REGISTER YOUR
ORGANIZATION TO
PARTICIPATE

<http://bit.ly/2uiMY7I>

SIGN UP TO ATTEND

<http://bit.ly/2vglZIN>

Questions?

info@diversitycouncil.org

Diversity Council

507.282.9951

www.diversitycouncil.org

United Methodist Church

507.289.4019

www.cumethodist.com

August 2017 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00am Med City Driving 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	2 6:30am NO Prayer Group at CPC 9:00am Bulletin info due 9:00am Med City Driving	3 CPC God and Nature Backpacking Trip Office Closed 9:00am Med City Driving 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	4 CPC God and Nature Backpacking Trip 9:00am Med City Driving 5:00pm Church Picnic	5 CPC God and Nature Backpacking Trip
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13 Channel One Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 3:00pm Redemption Church	14 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	15 12:00pm Area Presby Clergy Group 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship 7:00pm Joint Deacons and Session Meeting	16 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	17 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	18 4:30pm Supper Club: Forager's on the Patio	19
20 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 12:00pm Newsletter articles due 3:00pm Redemption Church	21 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	22 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	23 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	24 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	25	26
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Rochester, MN 55901

Put these dates on your calendar!

August 3-6 - God in Nature Backpacking Trip

August 4 - Annual Church Picnic

August 18 - Supper Club: Forager's Patio

Looking ahead:

September 10 - Outdoor Worship Service

September 17 - Sunday School Resumes

**A full calendar can always be found
on the CPC website! www.cpcrochester.org**

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