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The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has begun its work!

Marcia Britain, Stacy Kopecky, Sue Chipman, Dave Copeland, and Mark Neville (chairperson) have met a couple of times and are putting together paperwork necessary to move forward. As a congregation, please keep these people and this committee in your prayers as they go forward on CPC's behalf.

Berne Wood-Fired Pizza Summer Concert Series Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Free concert on the beautiful grounds of Zwingli United Church of Christ; 23148 County Highway 24, West Concord, MN 55985.

Music: 5:00 – Parks & Kleist;
6:30 – FABBAulous (Abba tribute band)

What to bring: lawn chairs or blankets; food for picnic or purchase wood fire pizza on grounds

If there is interest, Marcia Britain will set up carpool from church to West Concord.

Don't miss the fun! Save the date for the annual outdoor worship service on September 8!



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AUGUST 2019

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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 2019</u>	Gene Kopecky Amanda Ross	Building and Grounds Christian Education
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<i>open</i> Kim Nickander	Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Class of 2021</u>	Ronda Marshall Dave Copeland	Mission Personnel
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Alice Richardson Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary (Non-voting) Treasurer (Non-voting)

2019 Nominating Committee

Ann Hesley, Mary Meyer, Jeanette Hallbeck, and Peggy McCarty

Membership (a sub committee of Christian Education) 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 and serve a three year term.

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Louis Bouchard Mary Meyer	Marcia Britain Ann Hesley	Jeanette Hallbeck Jennifer Hall

Staff

Head of Staff/ Transitional Pastor	Pastor Susan Li
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Bell Choir Director	Judy Kereakos
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

Vital Signs

"I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly".
John 10:10

"Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it."
1 Corinthians 12:27

I was thinking about the church as the body of Christ, and each congregation, and each individual church member, as part of that body. Just as the nurse takes our "vital signs" when we go in for our check ups, the interim time is an opportunity for a church to consider the "vital signs" of the congregation.

Early in the transition, Pastor Steve led a congregational conversation in which someone said their vision for the future was that CPC would continue to be a "vital congregation." The phrase became a touchstone for the first phase of your self-study. The dictionary definition of "vital" is "necessary for life" and continued well-being. Vitality is linked to life and health. It connotes energy.

What does vitality in the church look like? These are the qualities of a vital church that were identified recently in a leadership presentation attended by a friend of mine.

- A sense of purpose rooted in God's mission
- A willingness to change
- Shared leadership
- Spiritual growth

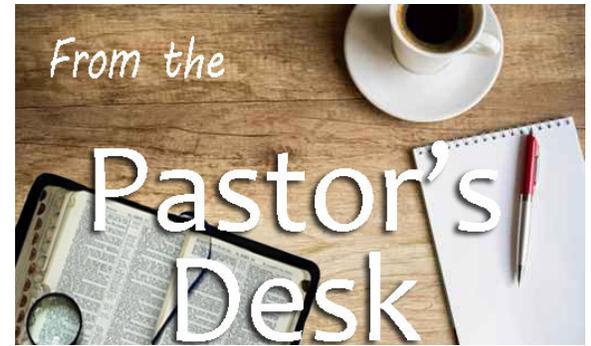
Would you agree? How do these describe life at Community Presbyterian Church? What qualities would you add to this list as indicators of life and health? In our congregational conversations, in session meetings and committee work, we have considered how our ministry together is grounded in God's mission to heal, to bless, to reconcile, to love and to welcome all. You have developed a willingness to change because you understand well that vitality is directly connected to the ability to adapt to a changing world.

One thing I love about being Presbyterian is that shared leadership is in our DNA. Elders, deacons, pastors and church members all play an important role in decision-making and carrying out the church's vision. We both encourage and expect everyone to take part. We know that everyone's participation is needed to add vitality and energy to our life together.

A vital church, just like a vital person, is one that continues to grow. We are always discovering God's presence and working in new ways as we remain open to the Spirit's leading. That is spiritual growth. Trusting God's promises, appreciating God's blessings, taking a chance for the sake of sharing God's love and grace, are aspects of spiritual health.

Just as exercise, eating nutritious foods, and getting enough rest help keep us healthy, so our times of worship, fellowship, service, prayer, and rest nurture our souls and renew our spirits, individually and collectively. Being a vital church means finding the right balance between activity for God and resting in God. Both are essential for faith and life!

Blessings to you,
Pastor Susan



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Confirmation class starting in September!

This fall we will have a confirmation class running from September 2019- June 2020 if you have a youth interested in joining, please contact Amanda Ross. All youth ages in seventh grade and up are welcome to the confirmation class if parents feel they are ready for this journey with God.



Also Coming in September!

CPC will, once again, offer a new Sunday School for all ages starting September 8. Youth, ages kindergarten through high school, will follow the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum. Studies will happen in a one room school house setting. Engaging youth in thoughtful study of our Bible passages for the week and focusing on living the teachings in daily life.

Adult studies will sometimes meet for thoughtful discussions and guided topics.



If you are interested in learning more or helping with our programs please contact Amanda Ross (akayross@gmail.com) or the CPC office.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays and anniversaries are listed in our paper edition of the newsletter. Pick one up at church!

SCHEDULE FOR BOOK DISCUSSIONS 2019-2020

September 22	<u>The Residence</u> , Kate Anderson Brower	Non-fiction
October 27	<u>The Girl Who Wrote in Silk</u> , Kelli Estes	Fiction
December 1	<u>Becoming</u> , Michelle Obama	Non-fiction
January 19	<u>Before We Were Yours</u> , Lisa Wingate	Fiction
February 23	<u>The Matriarch</u> , Susan Page	Non-fiction
March 22	<u>Educated</u> , Tara Westover	Non-fiction
April 26	<u>Brinkley's Beat</u> , David Brinkley	Non-fiction
May 24	<u>Olive Kitteridge</u> , Elizabeth Strout	Fiction



AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Addiction, Faith Conference planned in September in Twin Cities

Noting on its website the “growing concern over the devastation of all forms of addiction, including the

ever-increasing opioid crisis,” organizers of this fall’s Addiction & Faith Conference say the conference will “raise awareness of the terrible addiction problem we face and how the church and people of faith can help to address it.” The conference is planned Friday through Sunday, Sept. 20-22, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Bloomington, Minnesota. The conference is presented by the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy in partnership with the Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church.

Conference details are at <https://www.addictionandfaithconference.com/>.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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The CPC PW group has been busy over the summer to spread a little love to the children in Puerto Rico.

Three Presbyteries in Puerto Rico have partnered with Presbyterian Women of the US to create a “hands across the water” project to receive from the women in the States to decorate pillowcases with cloth pictures, appliques, and painted pictures. These pillowcases will be distributed to the young people in their churches. Our goal at CPC was to have 20 pillowcases to send. We achieved our goal by one more! We have included our photos, a brief message and a photo of our church. They have been sent to Louisville for them to transport to Puerto Rico. In addition, we sent art supplies for use at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium which met July 16-20.



Community Presbyterian's Calendar

August 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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				8:00am Med City Driving School	8:00am Med City Driving School	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship	8:00am Med City Driving School 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	8:00am Med City Driving School 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 8:00am Med City Driving School 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Med City Driving Meeting 6:00pm Special Session Meeting	8:00am Med City Driving School	8:00am Med City Driving School	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	6:00pm Worship and Music Meeting 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:00pm Berne Woodfired Pizza and Concert			possible building rental
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	12:00pm Newsletter articles due 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Volunteer Opportunity!

Community Presbyterian Church has beautiful gardens and greenspace. This does not come without regular care and nurture. If you are interested and willing to lend a hand pulling weeds or trimming plant materials, please contact Carole Kinion Copeland. She will let you know where the current needs are and what you can do to help!

Sign up to volunteer in worship!

Each week we need : a liturgist, worship assistants (2-3), a greeter, and a refreshment host. Once a month,

we need 4 (ordained) communion assistants. Please look at your schedule and sign up to help!

Sign up in the narthex or by e-mailing or calling the office!



Community Presbyterian is "an open-hearted, open-minded Christian community sharing a ministry of faith, hope and love." CPC is a proud member of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA).

We're located at 3705 Fairway Place NW, just across 55th Street from Sam's Club.

**Join us for worship at 9:30
Sunday mornings!**

**You are invited to join us
on this journey of faith!**