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HONKERS BASEBALL

Join your CPC friends for a fun night of Honkers baseball! The Honkers are part of the Northwoods League. Watch them take on the St. Cloud on August 3rd at 7:05 p.m. After the game, stay for the Fireworks Extravaganza! Sign up in the narthex so we know how many to save seats for!

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Book Discussion Group 2018-2019

The CPC Book Discussion Group meets following the worship service in the church library for about an hour (time tbd). Anyone is welcome to attend whether you have read the book or not. Come to one or come to all, as it fits your interest. Here are the titles for discussion for this year:

Sept. 23	<u>The Measure of a Man: A Spiritual Autobiography</u> , Sidney Poitier	Nonfiction
Oct. 28	<u>Killers of the Flower Moon</u> , David Grann	Nonfiction
Dec. 2	<u>Being Mortal</u> , Atul Gawande	Nonfiction
Jan. 28	<u>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</u> , Betty Smith	Fiction
Feb. 24	<u>The Kitchen House</u> , Kathleen Grissom	Fiction
Mar. 24	<u>Red Badge of Courage</u> , Stephen Crane	Fiction
Apr. 28	<u>Where have all the Leaders Gone?</u> Lee Iacocca	NF
May 26	<u>Lila</u> , Marilynne Robinson	Fiction



The 39 Forever Group's Annual Potluck Picnic will be Saturday, August 11th at Ann Hesley's home.

4:15 Social Gathering Time
5:00 Dinner

Bring a dish to share and your own utensils. Beverages will be provided. Sign up by contacting the office or on the sheet in the narthex. Questions? Call Ann!



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Rochester, Minnesota

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COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2018 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 2018</u>	Dave Copeland Ivy Pillers	Nominating Mission
<u>Class of 2019</u>	Gene Kopecky Amanda Ross	Building and Grounds Christian Education
<u>Class of 2020</u>	Jean Abels Kim Nickander	Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Alice Richardson Ronda Marshall Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary (Non-voting) Treasurer (Non-voting)

2018 Nominating Committee

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

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 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Jennifer Hall	Louis Bouchard	Marcia Britain
Jeanette Hallbeck	Mary Meyer	Ann Hesley

Staff

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

Ministers to the world

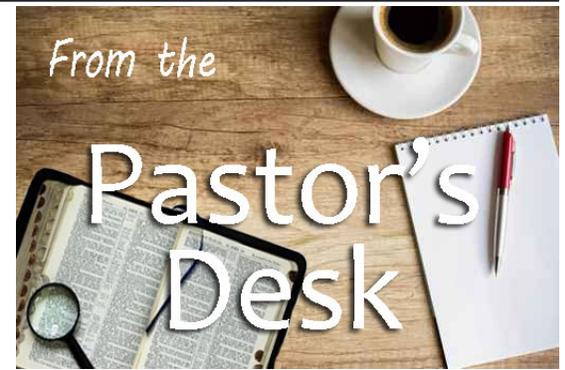
Congregation Members

Where Do We Go From Here?

"The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps."

Proverbs 16:9

*"For 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



It's a joy for me to be with you in this "in between" time. At the same time, I am mindful that you have been in transition for over a year now. I am eager to learn what are some insights that have emerged from your congregational reflection process? How do you understand your particular identity as a congregation? What are some core commitments and values that underlie your life together as the body of Christ in this place? What is happening in our neighborhood and community that God may be calling us to be involved in? What needs does God want us to respond to, knowing we can't do everything? How does our past shape our expectations of the future? How might the future be different from the past? What hopes and visions for the future are taking shape? What gifts, skills, experience, and leadership style are you seeking in your next pastor, to be an effective partner with you in your ministry?

The holy conversation continues! We believe that it is through sharing what is on our minds and hearts that the Holy Spirit works in our midst, to bring forward a sense of direction, imagination and vision. In both speaking and listening, we open ourselves to what God may be calling us to do and to be. We understand our calling to be the church comes to us as a response to God's love. We know that we are called to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God, for our neighbors' sake as well as our own. We know that being on this faith journey together is what gives life joy and meaning.

So, what comes next? Before we enter into the process of calling a new pastor, with the commissioning of a Pastor Nominating Committee, we will want to have some directed conversations focused on the questions above. We will also consider together how we will present Community Presbyterian Church on the Ministry Information Form, which is used to introduce congregations to potential candidates. What would we like potential pastors to know about us, and to understand about us, and our life and mission here? I hope we can continue to do this on Sundays after worship. We may even want to have a special meal together as part of the process. It's always more fun with food!

In the August newsletter, we'll announce dates and times for this important preparation work. And, I look forward to hearing from you individually, and in smaller committee and ministry groups, about where God is working in your life, and at CPC, in the present.

We'll know we are ready to begin the interview process when we are able to understand our identity as a congregation and articulate our hopes for the future. May the Lord direct our steps, and our conversations! One thing is certain, God is with us, and will be working it all for good.

Thank you for welcoming me to CPC.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Don't forget to sign up to volunteer in worship! Each week we need :

- a liturgist
- worship assistants (2-3)
- a greeter
- nursery volunteers
- 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/calling the office!



Louis and Bruce have been then Sound Technicians at CPC for several years! We thank them for their gracious service!

The worship and music committee is working on updating the worship volunteer guidelines. If you have questions or input to be considered, please talk to Jean Abels, chair of worship and music!

Do you like electronics, do you want to understand how to record and amplify the sound. Have we got a job for you!

We are looking for a few people for whom the task of setting up the sound system, recording the service, and ensuring that feed back is kept to a minimum during Sunday worship. The job is not strenuous, but does require arriving before the service with enough time to connect the microphones, load a tape, and then ensure that the levels for recording are correct. We also count attendance.

If you are interested, please let Stephanie know and we, Louis and Bruce, will set up a time for training. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated, especially on Sunday Morning.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed in the print edition of the newsletter. You can pick up your copy at church!

Spotlight on Judy Kereakos

The youngest of three children, Judy was delivered by her grandmother, a midwife, who was valued by the doctor because she spoke Dutch and thus could translate for him in his mainly immigrant community. Judy grew up in a rural area near Pipestone, MN, attending a rural school for eight years followed by high school nearby. When most of us think “Judy,” we think “Music” and I believe that’s the way Judy thinks too. She quotes her mother as saying Judy would sing in her crib, and after she sang in the Sunday school Christmas pageant at age six, she says she had a feeling that “This is something I want to do again.” Before she had piano lessons, she liked to sit sideways in an arm chair, her legs under the arm, ‘accompanying’ the music on the radio as though the arm were her piano. However she was ten before the area had a piano teacher for her to begin her formal music education. In high school she played tuba in the band.



Judy attended MacPhail College of Music in Minneapolis and received a degree in Music Education. She got her first job as Music Therapist here at the Rochester State Hospital (now the Federal Medical Center) in 1962. Judy soon became accompanist for the Rochester Boychoir and continued until 1974. Her soon to be husband, Steve Kereakos, began work at the State Hospital as a Recreation Therapist in 1966 and they soon began to enjoy their mutual interests in music and were married in 1970.

Judy became the accompanist for the Rochester Male Chorus in 1973 and continued until 1993. Steve became a member of the chorus in 1973 as well and remained for nearly 40 years. After their marriage, Judy joined the Greek Orthodox Church, becoming very active there before moving her membership to CPC in 2000. When their son Nicholas was born, Judy left the State Hospital and a year and a half later took a job at Golden Living West Nursing Home as Activity Director. Later she worked for the Rochester Symphony as Education Coordinator and then at the Rochester Public Library where she was hired as Music Librarian, retiring in 2000 as Circulation Manager. Judy taught piano in her home on a part-time basis much of her life and continued until 2015, soon after moving to Charter House.

When the State Hospital closed, Steve who had been teaching part-time and coaching football at RCTC, became Director of Student Life at the college until 2000. Steve passed away in 2012 due to chronic leukemia.

Judy has many interests beyond music; gardening is one. She took the U of M Master Gardener class around the time CPC moved into our present building and had been on our Garden Committee for several years. As a Master Gardener one must maintain certification by volunteering forty hours each summer. She has done this at American Cancer Society Hope Lodge with its many large gardens. Although now a retired Master Gardener, Judy led a crew of seven other Master Gardeners from 2000-2011. Library is another interest as books and reading have always been a part of her life. Besides working at Rochester Public Library, she has been on the CPC Library Committee and she set up the CPC Archives. She currently volunteers at the Olmsted County Detention Center Library. Biking is a big part of Judy’s life. It furnishes the exercise she needs to rehab her hips following replacement in 2013 and 2014. But of all her interests, her greatest is her family—son Nicholas, a Senior Vice President at Minnesota Public Radio, his wife Carolyn, the U of M Assistant Dean of Research, and grandchildren Kevin, 14 and Katie, 11, talented and creative children.

To return to Judy, our musician: handbells have become another one of her musical interests. She directs the CPC bell choirs for special church occasions. She rings with the Jubilate Deo Handbells at First Presbyterian Church. She attends regional handbell conferences to continue to improve her knowledge of handbell and handchime ringing and music.

Judy’s comment, looking back at her life: “The future can even be more exciting than the past.”

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY



Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation
Opening Doors to Brighter Futures

Applications being accepted for OPSF Lifelong Learning Program Grants

The Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation is accepting applications through Aug. 15 for its Lifelong Learning Program Grant. Through the years, the Foundation has provided more than \$1 million to support many educational events, workshops and seminars that cover a wide range of topics and serve anywhere from 10 to more than 200 people. Teaching elders, commissioned pastors and lay leaders all benefit from lifelong learning events. Details are available at <https://omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/learning-answering-the-call/continuing-education-for-pastors/>



On Tuesday, July 10 a group of 10 volunteers (including Jean Abels) took off from the parking lot of First Presbyterian church while simultaneously 2 volunteers left the Ely area. Their destination and purpose: to teach Bible School at the Bdecan Presbyterian church on the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation near Tokio, ND.

Children arrived early on Wednesday. During the day, kids were kept busy with different craft and service projects, singing, and hearing Bible stories, along with enjoying games. Kids also completed tying fleece blankets, making warm fleece hats and constructing and painting bird houses. The kids really focused on the bird houses, holding their attention for a long time. We had a total of thirty two children, with maybe eighteen being the highest daily attendance.

The weekend saw a number of events, including visitors from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA who were there to help celebrate the fifth year that Joe Obermeyer has served as youth and outreach minister. There were also many local people, representing the Bdecan Ministry Team of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains.

This is the fourth year that First Presbyterian has conducted Bible School at Bdecan and Jean's second year going with them. It has always been a great experience. The teamwork of the volunteers is wonderful and the kids are just fun.



Presbyterian Women
Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

Applications Accepted for Presbyterian Women's 2019 USA Mission Experience

A group of Presbyterian women will travel to the Finger Lakes Region of New York in July 2019 for the fifth USA Mission Experience. They will explore the history that Presbyterian women have had in the women's and civil rights movements, and will also have the opportunity to learn more about themselves and about some of the issues that confront the people of the Finger Lakes Region, including migrant workers and Native Americans. Applications to participate are being accepted until Aug. 15. Details are available at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/downloads/2019-usa-mission-experience-application/>

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

August 2018

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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			6:30am Prayer Group 8:00am Med City Driving 12:00pm Bulletin info due	8:00am Med City Driving 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	8:00am Med City Driving 7:05pm Rochester Honkers	
5 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship	6 8:00am Med City Driving 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	7 8:00am Med City Driving 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	8 6:30am Prayer Group 8:00am Med City Driving 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Med City Driving Parent Meeting	9 8:00am Med City Driving 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	10 8:00am Med City Driving	11 4:15pm 39 Forever Potluck Picnic
12 Channel One Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	13 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	14 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Worship and Music Meeting 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting	15 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	16 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	17	18
19 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	20 12:00pm Newsletter articles due 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	21 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	22 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Active Clergy Meeting at CPC 12:00pm Bulletin info due	23 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	24	25
26 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	27 Office Closed 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	28 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 7:00pm Session Meeting	29 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	30 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	31	

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Put these dates on your calendar!

August 3 Rochester Honkers Outing

August 11 39 Forever Potluck Picnic

August 27 Office Closed

Save the Date!

September 9 Outdoor Worship

& Pancake Breakfast!

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

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is “an open-hearted, open-
minded Christian commu-
nity 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!**

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