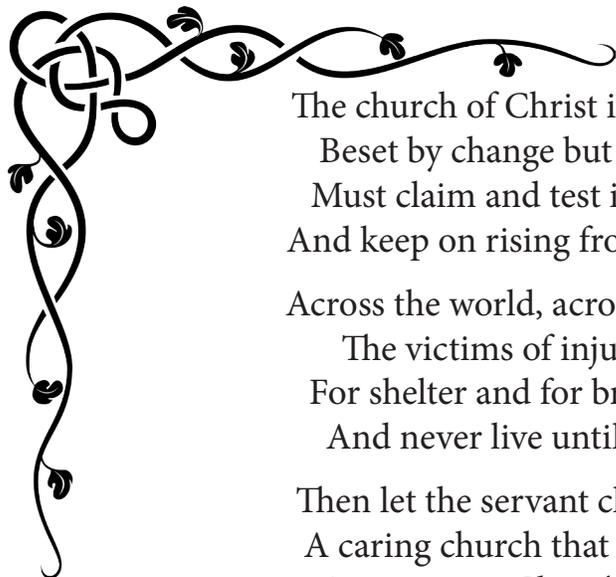


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The church of Christ in every age,
Beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.

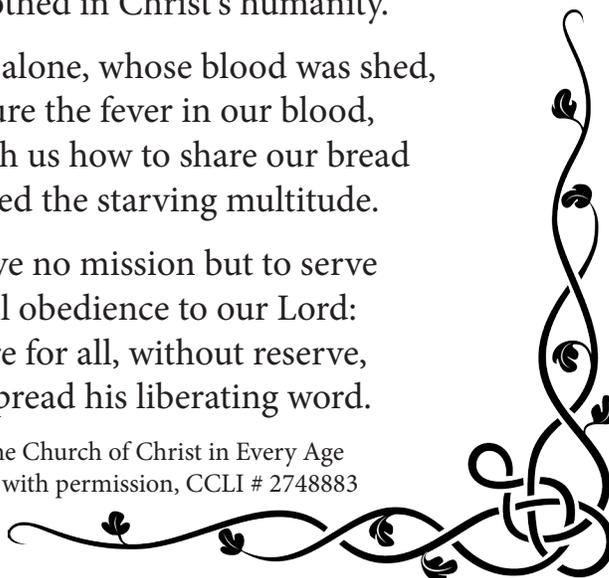
Across the world, across the street,
The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat,
And never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,
And clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,
Can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread
And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating word.

421 The Church of Christ in Every Age
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Community Presbyterian Church
Rochester, Minnesota

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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!

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FEBRUARY 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 Treasurer

2017 Nominating Committee

Ann Hesley, Stacy Kopecky, Mary Meyer and Jeanette Hallbeck

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.

Class of 2017

Peggy McCarty
Bernie Nicholson

Class of 2018

Carol Bigelow
Jennifer Hall

Class of 2019

Louis Bouchard
Mary Meyer

Choir Director

Pianist

Bell Choir Director

Office Manager

Custodian

Ministers to the world

Meg Britain

Glenna Muir

Judy Kereakos

Stephanie Pasch

Carrie Fletcher

Congregation Members

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

“The woods would be silent if only the best birds sang.”



The above quote strikes a cord with me. I like singing in the CPC Choir. Our director Meg Britain encourages us to sing a variety of music. Often in practice she has us sing several songs and then asks: “which one do we like best? “

She often has us choose the anthem we want to sing. Meg is very talented using her skills to show us how to sing our best, including how to pronounce words so they sound well. (She doesn't like “r's.”) Often I wake up in the morning with a song that we have practiced going through my head. Good songs with good messages, often scripture based. You're welcome to come join us.

- Carole Kinion Copeland, alto



Jubellation Handbell Choir will meet in March! Ringers, please mark March 1, 8, 15, and 22 down on your calendars! Plan to play in worship on March 26.



Your help is needed for Worship!

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.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, or email Stephanie at office@cpcrochester.org.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

I would like to introduce myself... My name is Gene Kopecky and I will be taking over Building and Grounds (B & G) committee from Bruce Felger. I want to thank Bruce for his six years of wonderful service and for what he has done for CPC during the tenure. The B & G committee will be staying intact, (myself, Ed Burgstaler, Bill Marshall, Lyal Powell, Carole Kinion Copeland, and Mark Pillers). If you are interested in joining the B & G committee, please contact Gene kopecky at Ekopecky@charter.net or by phone: 507-286-8802. I am looking forward to working with the B & G committee and exploring what the future holds for CPC. Thank you and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Appreciation, Gene Kopecky



**Christian Education for Children and Youth
Sundays at 10:45 am**

- February 5 • Letting the Light Through • Matthew 5:13-20
- February 12 • Heart-felt • Matthew 5:21-37
- February 19 • Going Beyond • Matthew 5:38-48
- February 26 • Glorious Mystery • Matthew 17:1-9



**Confirmation Classes
are off and running!**

This month, the class will meet on these Wednesday evenings at 7 pm: February 8 and 22. See you there!

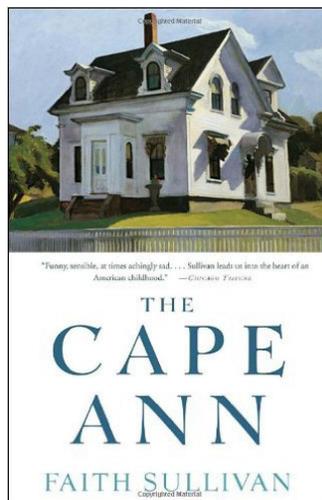
If you have any questions, please talk to Amanda Ross or Gene Kopecky!



**Synod School 2017 —
Let Justice Flow**

Are you ready for the next installment of Synod School? Summer is just a few months away and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies is looking ahead to the last week in July — July 23-28 — when Synod School 2017 takes place at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. More info coming soon!

**BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP**



The Book Discussion book for February is The Cape Ann by Faith Sullivan. We will meet after church on February 26th. We have two more copies so if you need one from the "Book in a Bag" collection, see Marg Nelson. It is fiction and looks like an easier read than the last one, which produced a lively discussion Sunday, January 22nd.

MYSTERY MOVIE NIGHT

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

6:30 PM

IN CPC'S KIDZ KLUB ROOM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Popcorn and Soda provided



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

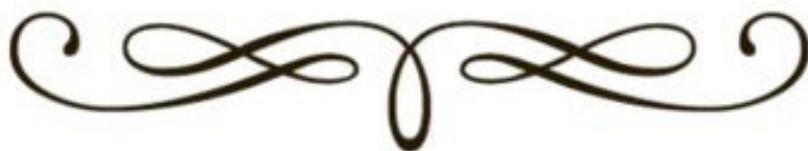


The Richardson's are both from Maryland. Wayne was one of three boys who grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Mary Alice was one of three who grew up in Laurel, a suburb of Washington, D.C. Wayne graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in physics and mathematics and a minor in computer science. Mary Alice graduated from Mary Washington College, the women's college of the University of Virginia and received an LLB from the University of Maryland Law School, being the only woman in her class. They met on a blind date arranged by Wayne's grandmother in 1965 and married on October 2, 1966. They celebrated their 50th anniversary this past October.

Wayne began working on the Apollo Mission in 1966, while Mary Alice began her law practice. Wayne received a job offer in the San Jose, California area in 1967, so they moved to California. Edward was born in San Jose in 1968. The next year, they moved to West Nyack, New York. In 1970, they moved to Maryland where Heather was born, then moved six months later to Succasunna, New Jersey. In 1972, they moved to Cavalier, North Dakota where Wayne worked on the PAR, Safeguard anti-ballistic missile warning site. Mary Alice was a part-time municipal judge in Cavalier. In 1974, they moved to Rochester. In 1988, Joe Brom became part of their family. Wayne worked as a software engineer at IBM until he retired in 2002, after 34 yrs. with IBM. Mary Alice began practicing law in Rochester in 1975 and retired in 2006.

They joined First Presbyterian Church in Rochester in 1975 and were founding members of CPC. Mary Alice has been an elder for 30 years, served on many committees, and is currently the secretary/treasurer of PW and the clerk of session. Mary Alice has enjoyed cooking and serving at Noon Meal for many years.

Wayne and Mary Alice have traveled to 49 states during their marriage, Alaska being the only state they have yet to travel to. They have been in most of the Canadian provinces, with British Columbia and Nova Scotia, being their favorites. To celebrate their 25th anniversary, they toured England and Scotland, by rail and car. They have made 5 trips to Ireland, 2 trips to France, as well as a number of trips to the Caribbean. They are devoted bi-coastal grandparents to Linus (12) and Silas (9) who live in Amherst, Massachusetts and Rowan (9) and Asher (5) who live in Vista, near San Diego.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays and Anniversaries can be found in the paper copy of the newsletter at church....



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The February meeting of Presbyterian Women will be held at the church at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, February 15. (note the date and day change). We will put together Birthday bags for children at Channel One. Bring cake and frosting mixes, small toys, books, and games, and large gift bags.

Another heads up notice - World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on March 4, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.





**Elder Network
Murder Mystery Fundraiser**

DEADLY

SEALED WITH A ^ KISS

February 11, 2017

6:00 and 8:30 pm Performances
Plummer House, Rochester MN

For tickets,
call **507-285-5272**

Elder Network

A local non-profit agency whose mission is that
**Individuals impacted by the limiting effects of aging have
an optimal quality of life.**

www.elder-network.org
Serving Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona Counties

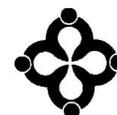
Jim and his groovy friends have decided to split the rat-race and hit the road in a VW bus for a far-out experience. They've chipped in some bread on a swell pad with plans to crash and let it all hang out. But will their killer weekend be the death of them?

Bring your main squeeze and join the cool cats for a hip time! Join the fun and be a part of Elder Network's 20th Season of Murder Mystery Theater. Sample wine and desserts as you solve the mystery. Produced in Cooperation with Absolute Theatre. Written/directed by Suzie Hansen. Music by RavensFire. Tickets are only \$40 and must be purchased in advance. Must be 21 to attend.



ELDER NETWORK SUPPORT GROUPS

www.elder-network.org



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

Are you caring for an older adult such as a spouse, partner, family member, friend or neighbor? Here's an opportunity to meet with other caregivers to exchange helpful tips, give and receive support and learn about new resources.



For more information
or if you are
interested in meeting
individually for
caregiver coaching,
phone 507-285-5272

Elder Network - Rochester
1130 1/2 7th Street NW, Ste 205
Elevator located at the West Entrance

1st Tuesday of each month from 1:30-2:30 pm
AND
3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:00-11:00am

Saint Elizabeth's, Wabasha
1200 Grant Blvd W
1st Thursday of each month
From 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Elder Network - Winona
1756 Kraemer Drive, Suite 110
1st Wednesday of each month
from 2:00- 3:00 pm

CONVERSATIONS: LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Do you have a condition such as high blood pressure, chronic pain, diabetes, COPD, heart disease, arthritis, depression or anxiety?



Are you dealing with residuals from a stroke, the effects of long term chemo or trying to manage a dialysis treatment regime? Have you completed a Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop and would like a support group to help reinforce what you learned? If you answered yes to any of these questions and are age 55 or "better," then this support group is for you! For more information, phone (507) 285-5272

ELDER NETWORK ROCHESTER
1130 1/2 7th Street NW, Ste 205
Elevator at West Entrance
2nd Monday of each month
from 2:00-3:00pm

SAINT ELIZABETH'S WABASHA
1200 Grant Blvd W
3rd Monday of each month
From 1:30 - 2:30 pm



1130 ½ 7th St. NW
Suite 205
Rochester, MN 55901
507/285-5272

Elder Network is currently seeking volunteers for the following programs:

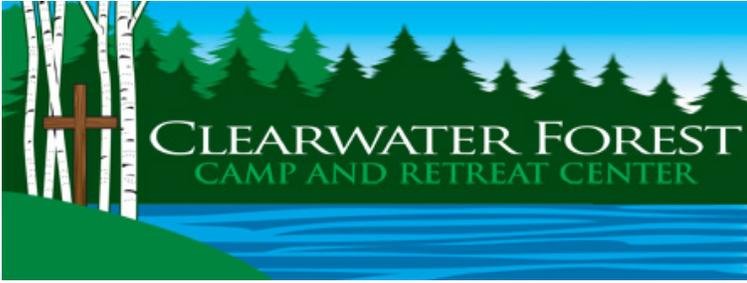


- ❖ **Peer Support Program-** must be 55+
Provide a listening ear, support and encouragement for positive change. 1-2 hours per week
- ❖ **Visitors-** Great opportunity for all ages & families.
Casual conversation and socialization in the community, playing cards, watching movies, going for walks, etc. with an isolated senior. 1-2 hours per week
- ❖ **Respite Care** – High demand for male volunteers
Give caregivers a much needed break by providing non-medical support and companionship to their loved one while they care for themselves. 2-4 hours a week
- ❖ **Transportation Drivers-** High demand in winter months
Door-to-door rides for mobile seniors to medical, dental and other health related appointments. Sign-up when you are available.

To support your community and provide assistance to an older adult in Olmsted County, call our office at **(507) 285-5272** or go to **www.elder-network.org**.

Individuals impacted by the limiting effects of aging have an optimal quality of life.

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY AND BEYOND



Will winter never end? Cabin fever has set in for sure as we dream of the long, sun bathed days of summer! Clearwater Forest is busy preparing for our 63rd summer of life-changing, faith forming, friendship making, and incredible memories! Come spend a week or more at camp, where you can worship by the lake, hang out on high ropes, play in and on the lake, try new games, dance to energizers, build relationships with others, and

more, all while learning more about yourself and God! Registration is being accepted for youth entering 3rd grade all the way through those currently finishing their senior year, plus our ever popular Grands Camp continues to expand to include new activities.

SIGN UP SOON! We know of several programs that have filled up each year for the past five summers, and we anticipate more filling this year! New – refer a camper who has not been to Clearwater before and the referee will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the store! Scholarship funds are available – either through your church or Clearwater Forest, please don't let financial need get in the way of attending camp this summer! Register at www.clearwaterforest.org or contact us at 218-678-2325 for more information.



PC(USA) daily prayer app provides pathway to ancient practices

What if a smartphone could breathe new life into time-honored spiritual disciplines and age-old practices, such as making New Year's resolutions? According to recent statistics compiled by the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Theology, Formation and Evangelism ministry area, not only can it revitalize such practices, but for over 10,000 users of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s daily prayer app, it already has. Since the Presbyterian Church(USA) launched its first smartphone application four years ago, it has dramatically altered the contemporary landscape of doing daily devotions. The complete Presbyterian News Service story by Emily Enders Odom can be found at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/ringing-new-year-smartphone/>.



MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Manifesting Unity and Building the Common Good

Respectful Conversation on "Where do we go from here?"

February 1, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton

"We must reject any attempt to alienate one part of our country from the rest," said President Obama in his farewell address last week. Respectful Conversations are great opportunities you can either participate in or host in order to defeat the alienation in your community between people who disagree over divisive issues. Respectful conversations are effective at depolarizing conflict and helping people live together in community. Learn more here: <http://www.mnchurches.org/respectfulcommunities/respectfulconversations.html>



Early NASA mathematician is longtime Presbyterian

"Hidden Figures" - the movie about a group of brilliant female African-American mathematicians that aided NASA during the space race -- took the second spot at the box office in its first weekend of wide release, narrowly

bested by "Star Wars: Rogue One." The movie features the story of Katherine G. Johnson, a longtime Presbyterian and 2015 Presidential Medal of Freedom awardee. Based on the non-fiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly, the film tells the true story of Johnson and her colleagues, Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan, who worked as "human computers" with the burgeoning space program of the late 1950s and early 1960s. The complete Presbyterian News Service story by Gregg Brekke can be found at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/real-life-hidden-figures-mathematician-longtime-presbyterian/>

February 2017 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4
5 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 12:00pm Deacons Meeting 3:00pm Rental: Redemption Rochester	6 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	7 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 6:00pm Christian Education Committee	8 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Confirmation	9	10 6:30pm Mystery Movie Night	11
12 Channel One Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 3:00pm Rental: Redemption Rochester	13 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	14	15 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 12:30pm PW Monthly Event 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 3:00pm Rental: Redemption Rochester	20 Office Closed 12:00pm Newsletter articles due 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	21 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship, Building & Grounds	22 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Confirmation	23	24	25
26 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 10:45am Book Group @ CPC 3:00pm Rental: Redemption Rochester	27 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	28 7:00pm Session Meeting	Note: Ash Wednesday is March 1st!			

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Put these dates on your calendar!

Mystery Movie Night - February 10
PW Monthly Event - February 15 (note: date change)
Office Closed - February 20

Looking ahead - Ash Wednesday - March 1
Maundy Thursday - April 13
Easter Sunday - April 16

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