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After the 12 Days of Christmas, the church year turns to Epiphany!

“The word “epiphany” (from the Greek epiphaneia or theophaneia) means “appearance” or “manifestation” of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. In ancient times, an epiphany meant either a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a ruler venerated as a god.

For Christians, Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. ... Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God’s true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God’s gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.”

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/epiphany/>

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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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COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2016 LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of nine ruling elders, elected in classes of three, 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 2016</u>	Bruce Felger Stacy Kopecky Amy Anderson	Building and Grounds Membership Personnel
<u>Class of 2017</u>	Ronda Marshall Mark Neville Amanda Ross	Finance and Stewardship Clerk Christian Education
<u>Class of 2018</u>	Dave Copeland Ivy Pillers	Nominating Mission Worship and Music

2016 Nominating Committee

Bruce Bigelow, Ann Hesley, Mary Alice Richardson, and Mary Meyer

Deacon representative: Peggy McCarty, Ruling Elder: Dave Copeland, 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 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Louis Bouchard	Peggy McCarty	Carol Bigelow
Judy Leal	Bernie Nicholson	Jennifer Hall

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

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.



A Handbell Quartet!

While at the handbell festival last June, the group from CPC talked about forming a quartet and playing for the congregation as a thank you. The quartet will be practicing in January after worship on Sundays with plans to play in worship early in February.

Other Ways to Volunteer on Sunday Morning:

Join the Choir! Join the Bell Choir in the spring! Help with Sunday School! Or help with Sunday morning coffee!



What's brewing at CPC on Sunday mornings?
Coffee and treats for fellowship after our service!

We need your help in continuing this great tradition. Treats don't have to be homemade or sweets. Sign up with a partner if you wish, and plan to serve 50. Please contact Stacy Kopecky with questions or sign up to be a refreshment host in the narthex or by calling or emailing the office.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays can be found in the printed copy of the newsletter at church.





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

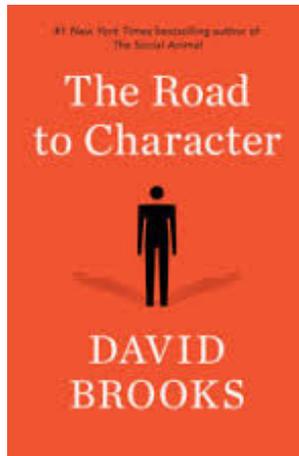
January 1 - No Classes
January 8 * See How God Sees * Matthew 3:13-17
January 15 * Big Call * Isaiah 49:1-7
January 22 * A Call to Follow * Matthew 4:12-23
January 29 * Re-Imagined Realm * Matthew 5:1-12



Adult Education in January

January 1 - Just Worship!
January 8 - tbd
January 15 - tbd
January 22 - Book Discussion - All are welcome
January 29 - Annual Meeting

**BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP**



New Format

The Book Group and Adult Christian Ed are joining forces for the 11:00 hour on Sundays with the Book Group using the 4th Sunday of each month and Christian Ed using the other Sundays. This will be experimental from January through May and we will decide during the summer whether it should be permanent.

Therefore, January 22 we will meet in the CPC Library at 11:00, to discuss The Road to Character by David Brooks. Unfortunately, this does not come “in a bag” so you will need to find your own copies.

Confirmation Class Starting in January

Classes will be led by Session members until the interim Pastor is hired. The program will follow the Presbyterian USA curriculum Professing our Faith. Books have come in and we are ready to get started!



There will be a parent meeting on January 8th after the congregational meeting. Talk to Amanda Ross if you have questions or still want to give input as to when the class will meet.



Sunday, January 29

Annual Meeting: Following Worship

Potluck Dinner: Following the Annual Meeting

Plan to attend the meeting! Your input is needed and important! Plan to stay for dinner to enjoy each other's company and celebrate fresh beginnings!

Watch the bulletins and the e-blasts for information closer to the event. Talk to Stacy Kopecky for more information.



At the beginning of December, we got the opportunity to thank Lauri for her years of music with CPC. We wish her well in her future endeavors!

Community Presbyterian is serving the Saturday Noon Meal at CUMC on January 21st!

The Saturday Noon Meal was featured in a Post Bulletin Article in September 2012. This is what Harley Flathers said: "The Saturday noon meal provides a social time for people who might have faced numerous challenges in their lives. It gives them something to look forward to.

From the beginning — about 940 consecutive Saturdays — meals have been served for 100,000 people. The only time a Saturday meal is not served is when Christmas Day falls on a Saturday. Also, in mid-December on the Saturday when Christmas Anonymous is held at Christ United Methodist Church, the meal is served at Zumbro Lutheran Church.

The program mission has always been to provide a nutritious meal attractively served in a warm, safe atmosphere.

Meals have all included snacks or appetizers at 11 a.m. with a sit-down meal, served family-style, at noon. There's still a mainstream ministry of volunteers. Curtis said: "These are volunteers that supply continuity in the preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up."

A sign up to volunteer will be available in January. No experience necessary - just willing hands and a warm heart!

The article can be found here: http://www.postbulletin.com/life/lifestyles/church-based-lunch-program-nourishes-the-soul/article_d8b7e09a-fa41-56fc-a53e-e5e5976c3716.html.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



The Bigelows were both born in Claremont, MN, into fairly large families-- Carol one of five, and Bruce one of nine. They went to the same school and the same Presbyterian Church and began dating when they were in high school. After high school, Bruce worked as an orderly at St. Mary's while attending Rochester Junior College; Carol worked in a bank. Two years later they were married and moved to Winona where Bruce finished his education degree at Winona State and Carol worked at a small manufacturing plant. Bruce got his degree the same spring that their first daughter, Michelle, was born. At that point Carol began her work in child-care and Bruce immediately began his teaching career in Rochester.

After one year of teaching, Bruce was drafted into the Army and sent to Fort Bragg. This was during the Vietnam War and he was soon transferred to Ft. Jackson in South Carolina. Carol and Michelle followed him and they lived two years in Columbia, SC. After the war, it was back to teaching for Bruce, for a total of 20 years in the classroom with his last fifteen years before retirement (2004) in

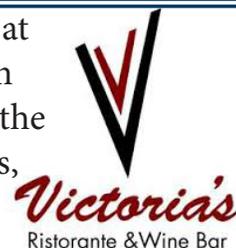
school administration, all in Rochester. Carol, who ran a day care while Michelle and Shannon were young, later worked 8 years at IBM in manufacturing, following which she worked part-time for 12 years at McDonald Playland where she knew the kids so well they called her "Gramma." Bruce also worked part-time for 6 years after retirement managing real estate where he said his biggest headaches came from the student apartments at RCTC. They both volunteer at church, Carol as a Deacon helping in several ways, Bruce is on the Nominating Committee, and both help at the Saturday Noon Meal which Bruce says "is actually fun!"

Asked about their hobbies, Carol told of her collection of over 1000 Hallmark Christmas Ornaments, about making Christmas crafts, and about playing the Facebook game of Candy Crush on her I-pad in which she is competitive with family members. Bruce enjoys golf, pickleball, hunting, fishing, and spectator sports, watching the Vikings and Gophers. Once he parachuted from a small plane, missed his target and landed safely in a cornfield!

The activity they really enjoy together is traveling. Over the years they have taken six cruises-- to the Caribbean, the Mexican Riviera, and Alaska. They bought a motor home and traveled the country – East and West and Canada. Bruce's favorite – "a pearl in his life" was their trip to Gettysburg because of his great interest in history. Now much of their travel is to be with family, especially their four grandchildren, ages 10-19, and friends. And this coming February they plan a special trip, to celebrate their 50th anniversary, a trip to Hawaii and a cruise to visit five of the islands. Happy Anniversary, Carol and Bruce!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Annual PW Luncheon will be Saturday, January 7 at 11:30 am at Victoria's Ristorante, 7 1st Ave SW, Downtown Rochester. Sign up in the narthex! The charity supported will be Families First, formerly the Crisis Nursery. You are welcome to bring either baby items (diapers, etc) and/or your checkbook! Don't miss this fun, annual event!



Let's do Lunch!

“Open Hearted, Open Minded” means Open Communication

Your CPC Session is sincerely interested in making sure that we are listening to every member’s concerns and interests. While you probably know that you can call any Session member, you should also know that you can email all of us with one simple email address: session@cpcrochester.org.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, January 8 after worship. The purpose of this meeting is two-fold - to consider and vote on the recommendation from session to amend the by-laws and to elect elders to session. The recommendations are to have six active elders on session AND then a quorum would be the moderator plus 50% of the active elders on session. Your voice and vote are important! Plan to be here on January 8th!



Januaries in many churches means it’s time for the Annual Meeting! It is certainly the case at Community Presbyterian Church. It’s a good time to look back at what has been and then to look forward and dream about the future!

The deadline for the annual report is January 6. The hope is that it can be assembled and printed for distribution on January 15.

Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 29 after the worship service. Plan to be there as we share in this important responsibility together! After the Annual Meeting, plan to share in the **Annual Meeting Potluck!** Time together with your church family is ALWAYS time well spent! Watch for a signup in January! Questions about the potluck? Talk to Stacy Kopecky!

2017 Holidays (office closed)

The CPC Office will be closed on the following days for holiday observance.

January 2	New Year’s Day Observance
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 20	President’s Day
April 17	Easter Monday
May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 4	Labor Day
November 23	Thanksgiving
November 24	Thanksgiving Friday
December 25	Christmas Day



Note the office will be closed January 2nd, 16th, 25th, and 30th.

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Put these dates on your calendar!

January 6 Annual Report Deadline

January 7 PW Annual Luncheon

January 8: Congregational Meeting: Election of Session

January 8 Confirmation Parent Meeting

January 21 Saturday Noon Meal

January 29 Annual Meeting and Potluck

**A full calendar can always be found
on the CPC website!**

www.cpcrochester.org

AROUND THE COMMUNITY AND PRESBYTERY



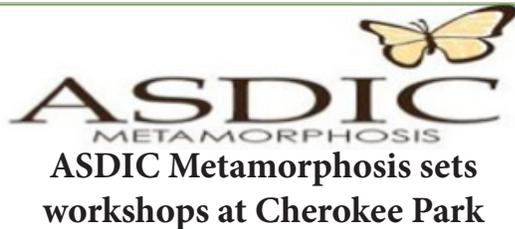
What do the faces of hope look like?

They look like those of the Booker family pictured to the left. When life circumstances landed them homeless and living in a hotel, Channel One Regional Food Bank was able to provide food for their family, offering them hope during this challenging time. Mom Jennifer said, "At the perfect time you guys were just there. You don't even know how this helps our family!"

Now living in their own home in Rochester, the Booker family has a great story of hope to share about how your gift made a difference in their lives. Please visit our website at www.helpingfeedpeople.org to hear more about the Booker family's journey.

Thank you for offering hope to thousands of our neighbors in need! You are feeding people and changing lives just like the Booker family's, and we are looking forward to continuing to work with you to offer hope to many others this holiday season and throughout the New Year!

All of us at Channel One wish you a happy holiday season and a New Year filled with hope and happiness!



ASDIC Metamorphosis, an anti-racism workshop provider based in St. Paul, will conduct two workshops this winter at Cherokee Park United Church. The workshops are designed to challenge white-framed thinking and racism in everyday life. The first workshop, "Sleight of Mouth," takes place Friday, Jan. 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The second workshop, "Anti-racism Study - Dialogue Circle," is planned Saturdays, Feb. 4 through April 8, with sessions running from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The programs of ASDIC Metamorphosis, recommended by the Anti-Racism Advisory Team of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, are noted for their depth of analysis, dialogue and reflection, relationship and community building, and transformative change. Individual workshop details are at <http://www.asdicircle.org/january-13-14-using-sleight-mouth-address-race-based-beliefs/> and <http://www.asdicircle.org/dialogue-circles/>.



Presbytery churches co-sponsor refugees with Council of Churches

When Ben Walen of the Refugee Resettlement Program of the Minnesota Council of Churches spoke during a pre-presbytery event of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area in September, he told of the struggles of refugees adjusting to life in the United States. A few of the presbytery's churches have recently co-sponsored refugee families with the MCC, helping to welcome refugee families, providing support and connections. Church members befriend new arrivals and learn first-hand from their experiences. Macalester Plymouth Church kept a detailed log of the adventures with a sponsored family this summer. That log is available at <http://www.mnchurches.org/refugeeservices/co-sponsor-highlight-macalester-plymouth-church>.

January 2017 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	2 Office Closed	3 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee	4 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers 12:00pm Bulletin info due	5 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	6 Annual Report Deadline	7 11:30am PW Annual Luncheon at Victoria's
8 Channel One Sunday 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Congregation Meeting 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Confirmation Parent Meeting 10:45am Christian Education	9 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	10	11 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	12 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education	16 Office Closed 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	17 12:00pm Area Presby Clergy Group 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship, Building & Grounds	18 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	19 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	20 12:00pm Newsletter articles due	21 9:00am Saturday Noon Meal
22 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 11:00am Book Group @ CPC	23 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	24 7:00pm Session Meeting	25 Office Closed 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	26 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 9:30am Worship 10:30am Annual Meeting and Potluck 10:45am Christian Education	30 Office Closed 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	31				



CLEARWATER FOREST INVITES YOU TO

Registration opens January 6th!

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THIS SUMMER!



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Clearwater Forest
16595 Crooked Lake Road
Deerwood, MN 56444
218-678-2325

Come connect with others and God through Christ as we explore our theme, Branching Out, Connecting Through Christ. Each camp gives opportunities to share meals in covenant with one another; learn that your actions can be transformative to others; learn that in the choices that you make, your brokenness strengthens you and binds you to one another in God's love; accept God's forgiveness and grace; and continue the experience of camp in your everyday life.

Discovery Programs (Grades 3-6)

- Discovery 1 June 18 - 24
- Discovery 2 June 25 - July 1
- First Timers Camp July 5 - 8
- Discovery ECO July 9 - 15**
- Discovery 4 July 16 - 22
- Discovery 5 July 23 - 29
- Discovery 6 July 30 - Aug 5

Senior High Programs (Grades 9-grad)

- Sr High 1 June 18 - 24
- Sr High 2 June 25 - July 1
- S.A.L.T. July 5 - 15**
- Jr & Sr High Sail July 9 - 15
- Sr High Beach July 16 - 22
- Sr High Two Week July 16 - 29
- Endless Summer July 30 - Aug 5

Junior High Programs (Grades 6-9)

- Jr High 1 June 18 - 24
- Jr High 2 June 25 - July 1
- Jr High ECO July 9 - 15**
- Jr & Sr High Sail July 9 - 15
- Jr High 4 July 16 - 22
- Jr High 5 July 23 - 29
- Pedal, Paddle, Climb July 23 - 29
- Jr High 6 July 30 - Aug 5
- Boundary Waters Trip Aug 6 - 12**

Intergenerational Programs (All Ages)

- Grands 1 June 18 - 21
- Grands 2 June 25 - June 28
- Family Camp July 5 - 8
- Grands 3 July 9 - 12
- Grands 4 July 16 - 19
- Chrysalis August 16-20

Registration & more information can be found at www.clearwaterforest.org

