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Commemorate and Celebrate Outreach and Mission!

Come celebrate the mission work of CPC on January 28. This is our third annual commemoration of the outreach our church members do to demonstrate Christ's presence in our world. We will review the work that our congregation has done to make a difference in our community, in our nation and in our world. We hope you all will attend for this celebration!

Celebrate

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January means it's time for the Annual Meeting!

In many churches, January means that it's time for the Annual Meeting! That 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 15. The plan is that it can be assembled and printed for distribution on January 21.

Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28 after the worship service. Plan to be there as we share in this important responsibility together!

Time together with your church family is ALWAYS time well spent!



JANUARY 2018

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 Steve Pannkuk
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

Grateful and Hopeful

We are standing on the edge of a new year...

For the body of Christ that is Community Presbyterian Church, 2018 promises to be a huge year for growth and health, for service and celebration; for us to discover the unique gifts God has given us, and how we might better share those gifts with our neighborhood in Rochester.

Looking back with thanksgiving, 2017 was a powerful year. For our church, some have named 2017 the year of healing, a year of hope returning...

Take a few moments right here and now and think and pray with me...

As you think back on 2017, for what are you most grateful?

Lift up that prayer of thanks to God.

As you think ahead to 2018, for what are you most hopeful?

Lift up that prayer to God too.

I'm grateful in 2017, and all the years prior, God has sent me some pretty special people: to help me, to heal me, and remind me that I'm loved, that I'm gifted, and I'm an active part of God's plan... As I look back, I am now like these people, and in 2018, I want to be more like them, as a person and as a pastor.

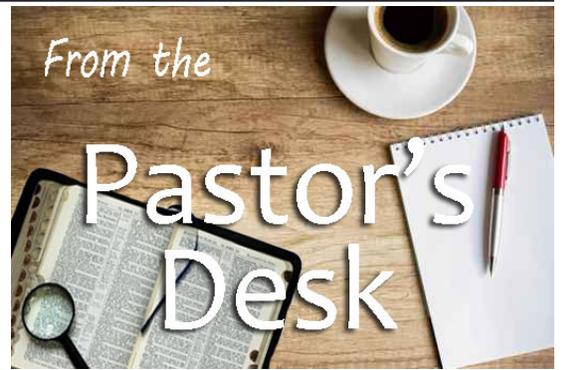
The last time I was with you in worship, I shared a few words about one of my mentors, Pastor Kris Wee. Kris was the real deal and lived out her faith in amazing and wonderful normal ways. In December, she came into my head and heart multiple times, both before and after she had died. She one of my mentors and advocates growing up, and then later in seminary. Truly her funeral was a "Celebration of Life," and I can't help but think to myself, even in death, Kris is teaching me about life. I sat by Pastor Russ Leeper who also grew up in Waterloo, attending Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Lord of Life had the blessing of being the size of Community. Dan Wee was our pastor, and in the late 80's, Kris went to seminary. Neither one of us was able to attend Dan's funeral in Florida, so it was a powerful day to celebrate both of their lives and their impact on us both.

Kris has planned out a beautiful worship, with some of her favorite scriptures and songs. The following was on her bulletin cover. Please join me in contemplating deeply these words.

Listen to what God is saying to us: You are my child. You are written in the palm of my hand. I have molded you in the secret of the earth. I have knitted you together in your mother's womb. You belong to me. I am yours. You are mine. I have called you from eternity and you are the one who is held safe and embraced in love from eternity to eternity. You belong to me. And I am holding you safe and I want you to know that whatever happens to you, I am always there. I was always there; I am always there; I always will be there and hold you in my embrace. You are mine. You are my child. You belong to my home. You belong to my intimate life and I will never let you go. I will be faithful to you.

Henri J.M. Nouwen, "Lecture"

See you in 2018, your Transition Pastor Steve



Christian Education for Children and Youth

January 7 • Beloved • Mark 1:4-11

January 14 • Discerning God's Call • 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

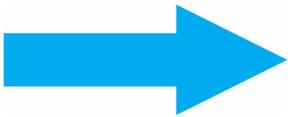
January 21 • Casting Call • Mark 1:14-20

January 28 • Called to Truthful Love • Mark 1:21-28



Christian Education For All Ages!

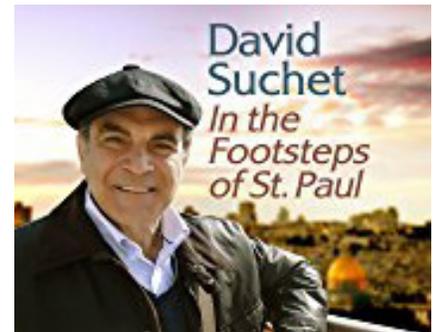
The youth had a good time baking cookies on Sunday, December 17th!



Children are a gift FROM THE Lord. THEY are a reward from Him. PSALMS 127:3

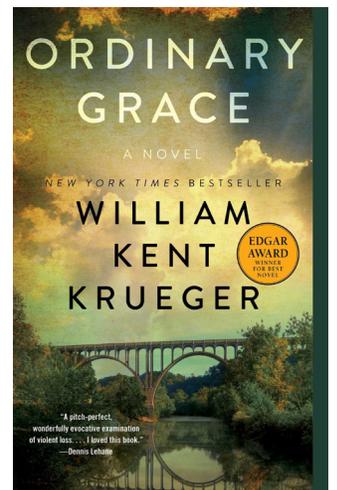
Adult Education! In the Footsteps of St. Paul begins on Sunday, January 21st, 10:45 am.

In the Footsteps of St. Paul is another video hosted by David Suchet. In this revelatory documentary, David Suchet (Agatha Christie's Poirot) sets off in search of one of the great figures of the Bible—St. Paul the apostle. Controversial in his own time, Paul remains so today, a remarkable man of contrasts and confusions, a persecutor of Christians who experienced a miraculous conversion and an all-consuming drive to spread the faith. More than any other single person, Paul transformed Christianity from a small Jewish sect into the most powerful religion on earth. Don't miss this time of study at CPC!



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our book for January is Ordinary Grace by popular Minnesota author William Kent Kruger. It's a murder/mystery about a Methodist minister and his family, and is an unusually good book! Non-members welcome. Due to the Annual Meeting at our usual meeting time, we will meet on Sunday, January 14 at 10:45 am.



FROM THE SESSION AND THE OFFICE

THANK YOU

We give our sincerest thanks to Mark Neville, Ronda Marshall, and Amanda Ross for completing their terms on Session! We also give thanks to Peggy McCarty and Bernie Nicholson for completing their terms as Deacons. Thanks to Stacy Kopecky for serving on the Nominating committee. To all of you, your leadership has been vital to the church!

On December 17th, CPC elected Jean Abels, Kim Nickander and Amanda Ross to Session, Mary Alice Richardson as Clerk of Session, and Jeanette Hallbeck, Marcia Britain, and Ann Hesley as Deacons. Ann Hesley, Jeanette Hallbeck and Mary Meyers will continue on Nominating and Peggy McCarty will join them! Thank you for answering the call to service!

2018 Holidays (office closed)

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



January 1	New Year's Day
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19	President's Day
April 2	Easter Monday
May 28	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
November 22	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

Note the office will be closed January 1-2 and the 15th.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays can be found in the print edition of the newsletter. Pick one up at the church!



BUILDING AND GROUNDS



*Thank you to these
“lumberjacks” for
doing some clean up
work on the property
in December!*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



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

- a liturgist
- worship assistants (2)
- 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 emailing/calling the office!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Christmas in January Luncheon

All women of CPC are invited to lunch at Victoria's Restaurant on January 6, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. As usual, we will be collecting for Families First for supplies for babies. We will collect checks or cash that Families First can use to purchase items most needed. Please make your checks payable to Families First. It will be a great time to kick back and relax after the busy holiday season and share the joy with others. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. See Nancy or Mary Alice for any questions or if you need a ride.



CHRISTMAS CORRESPONDENCE



Hello to all our CPC friends -
We arrived all safe and sound and busy getting settled. I hate to say it, but the weather is very nice.
We miss you and our little church and wish you a new year full of joy and good things to happen.
God Bless you all

May the peace and joy of the holiday season be with you throughout the coming year.

A Blessed Christmas to all
Don- Bernie and
Liz Johnson

O Holy Night
Bethlehem
Shepherds
King Of Kings
Nativity
Silent Night
Three Wise Men

May the PEACE of Christ be your gift at Christmas and your treasure in the coming year.

Merry Christmas

The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area Staff

Paulina Pitter
Lisa Anderson Jeff Japige

Merry Christmas
LITTLE

from the Mission 21 staff, volunteers, and youth survivors at our organization.

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY



CLEARWATER FOREST INVITES YOU TO

Registration opens January 6th!

COME FIND YOURSELF
THIS SUMMER!



Refer a friend and receive a \$25 gift certificate to the camp store!



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



Clearwater Chrysalis

2018 Winter Women's Retreat

Friday, February 23 - Sunday, February 25

Register for Clearwater Chrysalis online at

www.clearwaterforest.org

or call the camp office at (218)678-2325.

Register by February 8, 2018

Listening for the Whisper of God

Keynote Speaker: The Reverend Denise Dunbar-Perkins

When we find ourselves at a crossroads in life, we tend to wait until that "big moment" appears before our eyes that guides us to making the absolutely, no holds barred, correct decision. When in fact, that moment of decision sometimes passes us by, because we may be focusing on the wrong type of message for guidance. Learn how to "be still" and listen in the "quiet" before moving forward.



Workshops

Cooking With the Bible ~ Prayer Flags ~ What's the Buzz About Bees?

Free time book discussion on *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day* by Mark Batterson

Saturday evening entertainment: Chrysalis Game Show!



January 2018 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Closed 1	Office Closed 2 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir 3	5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 4	5	11:30am PW Monthly Luncheon at Victoria's 6
7 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class 8	5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting 9	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir 10	5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 11	12	13
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21 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class 22	5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 7:00pm Session Meeting 23	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir 24	5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 25	26	27
28 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 10:45am Annual Meeting	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class 29	5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 30	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir 31			

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Put these dates on your calendar!

January 1-2 Office Closed

January 6 PW Christmas in January Luncheon

January 14 Book Discussion Group

January 15 Annual Report Items Due

January 15 Office Closed

January 28 Annual Meeting

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

Community Presbyterian
*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 Fair-
way Place NW, just across
from Sam’s Club.*

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

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