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Reflections from Pastor Susan

“Behold, I am making all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)

A new year brings a new beginning and new possibilities. I love new beginnings! As I look at my 2019 calendar, I give thanks for the blank pages yet to be filled. I wonder what the year will bring. What lies ahead? Each day is a process of discovery, in our lives and in our church.

We can begin each day in the new year by asking, “What is God up to today?” “What part do I have to play in that?” God constantly invites us to keep the big picture in mind.

As the psalmist prays, so should we, “Lord, teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart.” To me, that means, “Lord, give us an appreciation for the fact that each day is a gift from you, and help us to keep your bigger picture in view.” With a broader and deeper perspective, grounded in faith, we realize that today’s challenges and experiences are also opportunities, and through them we gain wisdom for the days to come.

The interim time is a time of both examining the details, and more importantly, considering the long view of what God is calling us to do and be as Community Presbyterian Church. I have already marked Sunday, February 3 on my new calendar. Rev. Jeff Japinga, our executive presbyter, will be worshipping with us, and then meeting with the session to help us discern together in preparation for the Pastor Search Process. Following the conversation, the session will want to engage you, the congregation, in envisioning CPC’s future, and the call of a new pastor. Please pray for the session as they consider the possibilities, and for CPC’s future ministry and leadership.

May the new year bring you God’s peace and joy. We know that God is with us, every day, in the new year and always. Thanks be to God, Emmanuel!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Susan



CPC Annual Meeting

**Sunday, January 27
10:45 am!**

**Stay after worship
and share in the
joys of looking back
as well as the
excitement of look-
ing to the year to
come!**

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JANUARY 2019

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 and serve a three year term.

<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 Cain
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Bell Choir Director	Judy Kereakos
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education for Children and Youth Sundays, 10:45 am

January 6 • Consumed by the Fire of a Star • Matthew 2:1-12

January 13 • Remembering God's Promises • Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20 • Witnessing God's New Way in the World • John 2:1-11

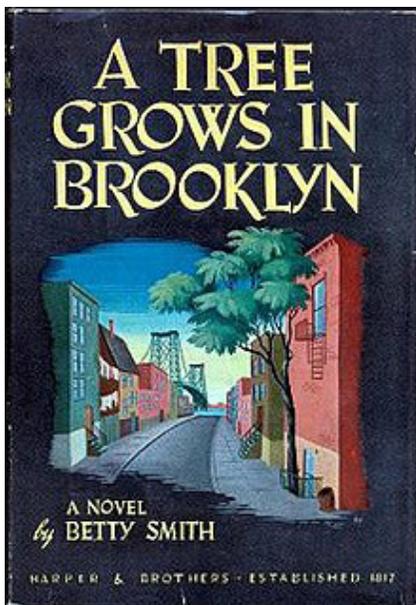
January 27 • Shaped by God's Word • Luke 4:14-21



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Sunday, January 20 at 10:45 am
All are welcome!



The CPC Book Discussion Group has chosen for its American Classic this year A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, a story of a young girl's coming of age at the turn of the [last] century. The best way to get a summary of this book is through its brief Forward. The story is basically autobiographical as told through the life of 11-year-old Francie Nolan, living in the slums of Brooklyn in 1912. Someone has described it as a honest and a true book because it describes the universal experiences of us all. Although the main character is a child, this book has survived, first as a best-seller and then as a classic, because "No matter what our backgrounds, we recognize ourselves." We usually meet after Church in the church library on the fourth Sunday of most months, this month we meet on January 20th at 10:45 am and anyone interested is welcome.

Read the book! Join in the discussion (whether you finish it or not)!

SCRIBBLES FROM SESSION

Just wanted to write a note of thanks to all of the committees for work done this year.

Thanks to Building and Ground for keeping the building in good shape, for installing LEDs to save the energy and to reduce the electric bill, for a new phone system that works better and is cheaper, for the many repairs done throughout the year and other jobs too numerous to mention.

Thanks to Garden committee (Carole Kinion Copeland) and others for the beautiful gardens, trimming and cutting down trees and shrubs.

Thanks to Christian Education for the Sunday School, youth activities, church programs such as Advent, and to all the youth for their dedication and joy.

Thanks to Finance which keeps our church on solid financial grounds and being good stewards of the money received from each of you.

Thanks to Worship and Music for all of the wonderful music that make CPC so special, for the choir and the bell choir, and for all of the joy that is part of our worship.

Thanks to Mission for directing CPC in mission here, such as Channel One, the community garden, Noon Meal, and Adopt-a-Family.

Thanks to Nominating and Personnel for finding the right people for each position at CPC, from elders, deacons, and church officers to Pastor Susan, Stephanie Pasch, and Nancy Sanford our custodian who keep CPC on the right path. CPC is truly blessed by each of you.

At our last session meeting (12-18-18), Pastor Susan led us in a thoughtful discussion of what model of pastoral leadership will best serve CPC going forward. We committed to keeping an open mind and allowing for all possibilities to be explored. We will meet with Executive Presbyter Rev. Jeff Japinga on Sunday, February 3 to gain insights into the pastoral leadership needed for the future we envision and how the presbytery can work with us in the call process to reach our goals. This process will take some time to do properly but Session feels led by God to fulfill this mission. Please contact any Session member to answer questions or to give Session any ideas you might have.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

FROM THE OFFICE

2019 Holidays (office closed)

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

January 1	New Year's Day
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 18	President's Day
April 22	Easter Monday
May 27	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 2	Labor Day
November 28	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

**Note the office will be closed
January 1 and January 21.**

MISSION

The congregation contributed to making four families Christmases a better one this year. Members contributed many clothing items, DVD's coffee makers, puzzles and more. Those receiving gifts had developmental disabilities, live in foster care for adults and several live alone with no family. But CPC wrapped their collective arms around these members of our community with their gifts. Many helped wrap them with colorful paper and bows. Others offered prayers for these people and signed the Christmas cards that went with the gifts. Those we served are individuals who are not supported by other programs in the community (such as Christmas Anonymous or Salvation Army). **Thank you for making a difference!**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW will have it's Annual January Luncheon at Victoria's Ristorante (7 1st Ave SW, Rochester) on Saturday, January 5 at 11:30 am. Sign up in the narthex or by calling the church!



SYNOD GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

JUNE 20-23, 2019

GATEWAY HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

AMES, IOWA

Program Highlights will include:

Morning and evening worship
Selection of workshops
Mission display
Book display
Movies

Bible study
Hands-on mission project
Many speakers
Fair trade store
Mission trip

Who should attend:

Women of all ages who would like to join in Christian Fellowship and looking for a spiritually enriching experience.

Choose from a variety of workshops including a look at the 2019-2020 PW Bible Study, mission speakers, justice and peace opportunities, leadership training, and some fun things.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Kathy Reeves, retired mission coordinator for Presbyterian Women, Inc.

PLENARY SPEAKERS:

Elona Street-Stewart, synod executive of Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Mary Newburn-Williams, executive presbyter of Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

WORSHIP LEADER: Rev. Suzanne Gorhau

BIBLE STUDY LEADER: Kathleen Keefer

MUSIC LEADER: Kris Peterson

ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE GATEWAY

All events for the Gathering will be held at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center. All participants will reserve their own rooms. Give them the dates and tell them you are with Presbyterian Women. We have rooms with 2 beds blocked off for our use. The room rate is \$119/night plus taxes for 1-4 in a room. If you start saving \$1/day now, you will have your registration and room covered by next June.

Out of the believer's heart

shall flow

streams

of living water



- John 7:38 -

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

January 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Closed New Year's Day	2 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir	3	4	5 11:30pm PW Annual Luncheon at Victoria's
6 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education	7 Annual Report Articles Due 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	8 Office Closed 6:00pm Worship and Music Meeting 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting	9 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir	10	11	12
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20 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 10:45am Book Discussion Group 12:00pm Newsletter articles due	21 Office Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) 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
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3705 Fairway Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Put these dates on your calendar!

January 1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)

January 5 PW Luncheon at Victoria's

January 7 Annual Report Items Due

January 20 Book Discussion Group

January 21 Office Closed

January 27 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 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!**