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A Heartfelt Thank You and Farewell...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Community Presbyterian ,

I'm so grateful for you and I'm remembering you in prayer.

I'm grateful for the entire year, really, for the opportunity and privilege of being your Transition Pastor.

I'm grateful for countless deep and honest conversations. I'm grateful for your trust and time.

I'm grateful for the hope and the healing that has taken place, and for the many ways God has encouraged you (and me too)!

I'm grateful for inspiring worship and our time together there.

I'm grateful for the awesome conversations on being a vital church.

Thank you for sharing so much with me. God be with you and bless you as you move forward.

You've got a special place in my heart, Pastor Steve



We welcome Pastor Susan on Sunday, July 1!

Rev. Susan Li (pronounced "Lee") has specialized training in transitional/ interim ministry through the National Association of Interim Pastors. A graduate of Luther Seminary, her first call was to the First Presbyterian Church of Rushford, Mn. She has served as interim senior pastor at People of Hope Lutheran Church, Rochester; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Austin; Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Rochester, Central Lutheran Church, Winona; and St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Austin. She also has served as interim solo pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church, Winona, and at Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches in Adams.

She and her husband Jim have lived in Rochester for 34 years. In her free time, she enjoys taking walks with her husband and Great Dane Midge, as well as activities in the Twin Cities with her now-grown children.

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John and Gail Elliott stopped by and checked in on CPC!



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

Dear Members and Friends of CPC,

Thank you for welcoming me to Community Presbyterian as a partner in ministry during this time of transition. I am looking forward to getting to know you, and hearing your hopes and dreams for the future of CPC. In conversation with the Session, and with Pastor Steve Pannkuk, I've been impressed by the vital ministries at CPC, and the friendships and connections members share. I've also learned of the many and varied gifts each member brings for the good of the whole church. I am excited to be a partner in ministry with you during this interim time, discovering how and where God is leading you.



I know that during the past year, you have been reflecting on what it means to be the church together, now and in the future. How are changes in our city and community creating new opportunities for reaching out with the love of God? How will you, as CPC, respond?

There is a strong foundation of faith that underlies every aspect of life at CPC. As we identify core commitments and values, we can begin the pastor search process with a better understanding of what gifts, experiences and temperament are important for your next pastor to bring.

I hope you will feel free to stop by the office to talk, or call and we can arrange a time to meet. I'd love to hear from you. To begin, I plan to be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday most weeks, in addition to Sunday mornings.

In interim ministry, I continually pray this prayer for the church, found in Ephesians 3:16-20:

"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, [God] may grant that [we] may be strengthened in [our] inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in [our] hearts through faith, as [we] are being rooted and grounded in love...to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that [we] may be filled with all the fullness of God.

To him, who by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations. Amen."

I hope this will be your prayer, too. God is with us!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Susan Li

Supper Club

FOOD & FRIENDS

CHESTER'S

k i t c h e n & b a r



Join your CPC friends for Supper Club on Sunday, July 29 at 5:00 pm. We will meet at Chester's and dine on the patio, weather permitting! Sign up in the narthex, so we know how many seats to save!

Chester's is located at:
111 S. Broadway
It is on the first floor of
University Square.

Sign up in the narthex!



HONKERS BASEBALL

Save the Date!

Have a fun evening with your CPC family at the Rochester Honkers Baseball



game on Friday, August 3 at 7:05 pm when they take on St. Cloud! Stay afterwards for a great Fireworks Extravaganza! Watch the bulletins and e-blasts for more info!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

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 (or-dained) communion assistants. Please look at your schedule and sign up to help! Sign up in the narthex or by e-mailing/ calling the office!



CPC members attended the Handbell Festival held at the Mayo Civic Center June 22-24. Thank you to CPC for the support to be able to go!

WORSHIP & MUSIC AND MISSION



Financial Gifts to consider....
\$360 feeds 2 families for one year!
\$180 feeds 1 family for one year!
\$90 feeds two family members for one year.
\$45 feed an individual for one year.

In July, Worship & Music and Mission team together to lead a

Channel One Summertime food drive!

From a recent Channel One Food Bank letter....

Hunger speaks a universal language. No matter who you are, you understand the feeling of being hungry. However, **there is a difference between *being* hungry and *going* hungry.**

A teacher at a local school was asking her students what they looked forward to most during summer break. One student, *Paul, replied, "When it is over." The teacher, a little surprised and trying to evoke a more positive response from the student, replied, "There must be something you like about summer! Traveling, swimming, backyard picnics...Isn't there *something* you would like to share?" **The student said, "I have never had a backyard picnic, but I suppose I would like that. But my favorite is still when summer is over so I can come back to school and eat a meal every day!"**

*Either bring items for the barrel or write a check to CPC with "Channel One" in the memo line.
Watch for additional details in the bulletins and e-blasts!*

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



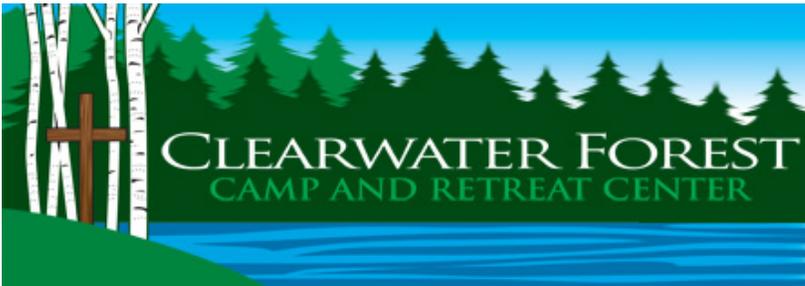
Parking Lot Maintenance

Sometime in July, we will have our parking lot taken care of.... watch the bulletins and e-blasts for exact dates!

Sometime in July, we will also have the carpets cleaned and the tile cleaned. Once again, watch for exact dates in the bulletins and the e-blasts.



AROUND THE PRESBYTERY



'Friends, Neighbors Day,'

'Lake2Lake Bike Tour' set at Clearwater

July 14 will be a busy day at Clearwater Forest. The Presbyterian camp and conference center near Deerwood is celebrating its annual Friends and Neighbors Day and it will also be host to its "Lake2Lake Scenic Bike Tour" to raise money to benefit Clearwater Forest camper scholarships. The bike tour features 50-, 30- or 8-mile rides. Those who aren't riding can sponsor a rider. Throughout the day Clearwater Forest will be offering tours of the grounds and buildings, games and activities, and even the opportunity to take part in sailing, paddle boarding, kayaking, high-ropes, and the "bouldering wall."

The complete announcement about Friends and Neighbors Day can be found at: <http://files.constantcontact.com/17207f49001/37054221-a88d-4ae3-80ca-92c160629415.pdf>

Details about the bike tour are at: <http://files.constantcontact.com/17207f49001/1e263b74-1360-41dc-9fb2-0ae80dde9766.pdf>

Ordination exam readers sought in presbytery

It is that time of year when the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area needs to elect ordination exam readers for the 2018-2019 cycle. The presbytery will evaluate exams the weeks of Feb. 4-8 and May 6-10.

The presbytery has been asked to provide three ruling elders, three teaching elders and one alternate reader.

In the week before reading exams, readers will review general materials about the reading process and resources specific to the exam area they will evaluate. During the weeklong review period, readers will commit 10 to 12 hours for evaluating exams.

Reader training and exam evaluation are done online. Reliable internet access and basic familiarity with website utilization is required.

Those interested in being a reader or those who have questions about being a reader are invited to contact the Rev. Lisa Johnson at pastorlisaj@gmail.com or the Rev. Luke Roske-Metcalf at ljroske.metcalf43@gmail.com.

Spotlight on Frank and Carol Jones

Frank and Carol are Moravians. When they moved to Rochester eight years ago, knowing there was no Moravian Church here, they went hunting, visiting several denominations, and the church that “just felt right” was CPC. But Frank is not only a Moravian but a Moravian Pastor and it wasn’t long before he was asked to be the Interim Pastor at Berea Moravian Church near Whitewater State Park, to which they commute weekly. That church seems to be in no hurry to find a permanent pastor, but we are eager to have them back in our congregation. Carol has joined PW and our Bible Study, but Frank with an annual appointment, likes his work almost too much to retire again.



The Joneses were both born in Pennsylvania. They met in college where they say they didn’t like each other very much at first. However, that changed somehow, as after they graduated one June, they married the following August and will soon celebrate 56 years of happy marriage. They moved to the town of Bangor, PA, and Frank commuted to the Moravian Seminary in nearby Bethlehem. Frank had a Supply pulpit in a Bangor Methodist church and a job in road construction; Carol taught English and Social Studies.

Frank’s first Call was to Newfoundland, PA, where they lived 4 ½ years in a beautiful spot overlooking a large lake. There, their first child, David, was adopted. From there they moved to Graceham, Maryland, five miles as the crow flies from Camp David and also fairly near Gettysburg. The many historic functions during the bicentennial and the historic country they really found fascinating. Frank’s church was built in 1790 though the congregation dated from 1758, They adopted Louellyn (spelling in deference to the Joneses’ Welch background.) They call her Sue. It was at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary that Frank got his Master’s Degree in Sacred Theology, an STM. Frank’s church and a black Moravian church in Brooklyn, NY, formed a partnership and decided on a one-day pulpit exchange. It didn’t surprise Frank that his family had the only white faces in church that morning, but the NY pastor was very apprehensive about a black man preaching in a white church in the South. Frank must have done a good job preparing his congregation for the event as all went well. In fact it went so well that the two churches did a week-long youth exchange. This was unusual in the 1970s.

The Jones family moved from Maryland to Minnesota by way of the Berea Moravian Church in August of 1969. Later they moved to a church in Victoria, near Minneapolis, from which Frank retired. As a retirement city they chose Rochester and bought a house here. Their children are now grown, David and his wife live in Mississippi, just south of Memphis, TN, and he works for Fed Ex globally. Their daughter Sue and her husband live in Rochester, he in the automotive repair business and Sue, a homemaker. Frank and Carol have 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. They fly to Florida frequently to visit Carol’s mother.

We look forward to Frank’s next retirement and their return to CPC. Carol comments: “We have been blessed with wonderful congregations and marvelous and committed members. It has been a joyful and fulfilling life!”

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Put these dates on your calendar!

Running Start for School now through July 29

Office Closed July 4-10

Med-City Driving July 9-20, July 30- August 10

Newsletter Deadline July 20

AARP Technology Classes July 23 and 25

Supper Club at Chester's July 29

**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
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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Be sure to "like" us on Facebook!
Look for "Community Presbyterian
Church". Announcements and
interesting articles are shared here
regularly!

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

July 2018

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship</p>	<p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class</p>	<p>5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 6:00pm Worship & Music meeting</p>	<p>Office Closed - Independence Day 6:30am Prayer Group</p>	<p>Office Closed 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo</p>		
<p>Channel One Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship</p>	<p>Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class</p>	<p>Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting</p>	<p>6:30am Prayer Group 8:00am Med City Driving 12:00pm Bulletin info due</p>	<p>8:00am Med City Driving 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo</p>	<p>8:00am Med City Driving</p>	
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<p>9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship</p>	<p>10:00am AARP Technology Class 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class</p>	<p>5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 7:00pm Session Meeting</p>	<p>6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 1:00pm AARP Technology Class</p>	<p>5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo</p>		
<p>Running Start for School Drive ends 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 5:00pm Supper Club: Chester's</p>	<p>8:00am Med City Driving 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class</p>	<p>8:00am Med City Driving 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo</p>				

AROUND THE COMMUNITY (AND AT CPC!)



United Way's Running Start for School is a community-wide backpack and school supply drive to ensure every child in need is prepared to succeed in school.

#UWRunningStart
www.uwolmsted.org/runningstart

Bring donations to CPC
June 24 - July 29!



Collect school supplies!
Be a collection site or drop off supplies at one of our partners listed on our website or at United Way!



Drop off supplies at the Stuff the Bus event on July 20th at Walmart North and the 21st at Walmart South.



Shop our quick & easy online store **Roonga** to purchase Running Start for School supplies online.



Volunteer to help sort school supplies, make kits, and more! View opportunities by visiting our website.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Backpacks

Size: Large 19"

Glue Sticks

Washable, small

2-Pocket Folders

Blue, green, red, yellow

Markers

Washable, 8-pack, thick, chisel-tip

Notebooks

Wide-ruled, spiral, one subject, blue, green, red, yellow

#2 Pencils

12-pack

Pencil Box

or Zippered pouch

Crayons

24-count

Highlighters

yellow, thick, chisel-tip

Pens

black, blue

Colored Pencils

12-pack

Questions? Contact Us!

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