

COMMUNITY PRESS

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As you know, our Spring fling that was scheduled for Sunday, April 15 was canceled due to inclement weather. **We have scheduled Service on Sunday for June 3rd instead.** Come in casual dress, ready to dig in and help with projects around the church - inside and out! After the worship service is finished, we will begin! There are projects large and small, active and sedentary, for the young and not-so-young... something for everyone! We'll also take a break and enjoy a light lunch together!

Plan to be part of this day of service at CPC!

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Farewell Picnic Potluck June 24

Immediately following worship

We have enjoyed Pastor Steve for the past year. Take this time to bid him a fond farewell and wish him good luck in his new call. A main dish, plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. Please sign up in the narthex, so we have an idea of how many to plan for. A free will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of the main dish. Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, and a favorite backyard game to play.

JUNE 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

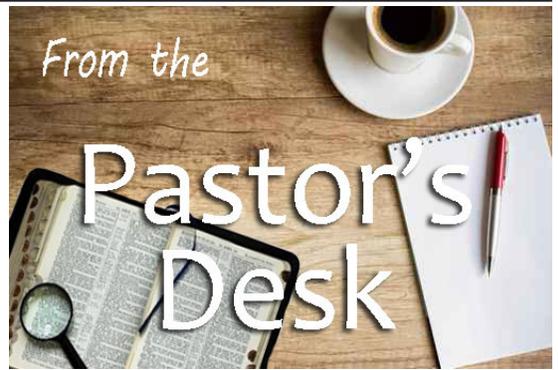
Staff

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

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ...



Dear Saints at Community,

With joy, I too am giving thanks and praise for you and your families, as well as the families that will come to you in the future. I am so grateful for the intensity of this year, and the progress we've made together. We've received God's encouragement. I'm grateful for your service, and for your care, and your dedication to this church. Keep on doing the work that God lays before you. Keep on wondering what God might be calling you to next. Keep on worshipping, making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Healing has happened. Hope is here. Thank you God.

Thank you as well, for your blessing and encouragement for my new pastoral adventure, serving an appointment in the United Methodist Church in the Twin Cities. I'll share more details about that later. Throughout June, we'll be highlighting our learnings of our year together and some of the specifics we've accomplished together.

Community's Session Leaders had a great meeting last night, and Pastor John Curtiss joined us and was very affirming of our progress this year. Session will be sharing essential updates with you about your next steps in this process. It's a true blessing to receive his support and encouragement and leadership.

One of the greatest highlights for me this year was applying the writings of Heifetz and Linsky on Leadership and Adaptive Challenge to Community. Community's greatest Adaptive Challenge is to be ***Vital Church in Rochester***. I need to remind you that *these are your words, shared and affirmed by your Session Leaders* and many from the church. I'm left with some Vital Church Questions: Will you harness some of your time and energy to go out into the neighborhoods and knock on some doors to meet the neighbors and hear some of their deep needs and longings? Will you talk about your experience at Community and welcome others to join you? Will you share your gifts and explore serving in a ministry outside the church walls? Will you let some tasks rest, so that Vital Church priorities can be lifted up? Like Paul, I'm confident God will join you in this essential work.

There's a renewed sense of hopefulness at Community, a sense of urgency and intentionality. There's a renewed sense of purpose, warmth, and stability. I seem to hear you saying: ***"We are a Vital Church in Rochester, and at the same time, we are seeking to be a Vital Church in Rochester. God help us!"***

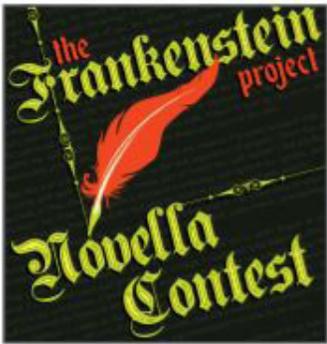
It's a true honor to do this work with you, and I remember you in prayer, Pastor Steve

Youth Sunday

Plan to be here Sunday, June 3rd for Youth Sunday! Be here to recognize and thank those who have connected with and taught our children and youth this year. It is also the last day of Sunday School until September. Join in on worship and then plan to stay for the Service on Sunday event.

MEMBERSHIP

From the Rochester Public Library's May newsletter...



The Frankenstein Project: Novella Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Frankenstein Project Novella Contest!

1st Place: Amy H. Anderson

Runners up: Kit Rohrbach and Jennie Brass

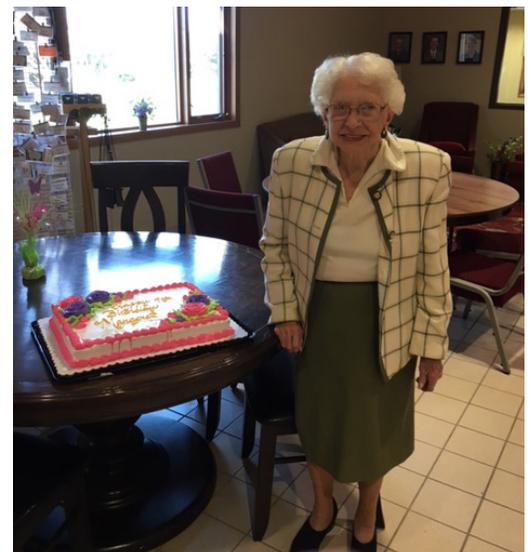


Special thanks to Friends of the Rochester Public Library and the Rochester, MN Writers Group for supporting this project.

Copies of the book can be reserved here:
<http://bit.ly/FrankensteinProjectBook>



Fun was had by all at the Pentecost Pizza Party at Pasquale's on May 20th! Thanks for organizing it, Stacy!



At the end of April, we were happy to be able to celebrate Marg Nelson's 98th birthday with her! Happy Birthday, Marg!

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!



JUBELLATION RINGERS WILL ATTEND HANDBELL FESTIVAL—June 22-24 in Rochester

This June four ringers from the CPC Jubellation Handbell Choir will be attending the Area VII Handbell Festival in Rochester at the Mayo Civic Center. The ringers attending are Meg Britain, Bruce Felger, Abby Hall and Judy Kereakos.

Please plan to attend the free public concert on Sunday, June 24, at 1:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Arena. Thank you to the CPC congregation for the financial support you have provided for our ringers to attend this conference.



MISSION

Saturday Noon Meal Come One, Come All

Daily we have so many blessings, including the food that we eat. But there are those in our community that don't know if and when their next meal will be. Take this opportunity to share yourself with those who need our help, prepare a meatloaf or a salad. Make some brownies. Deliver plates of food to our fellow Rochester individuals. YOU can make a difference. **Sign up today for CPC's next day of service on Saturday June 2 at Christ United Methodist Church. There is a sign up in the narthex or contact Ivy Pillers.** See Ivy if you have questions.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays and anniversaries can be found in our printed version of our newsletter. Pick one up at the church!

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY



Presbyterian Women make plans for national gathering

The church-wide gathering of Presbyterian Women is planned Aug. 2-5 in Louisville, Kentucky, with the theme "Arise, shine, your light has come!" Participants will engage in workshops, tours, forums and resource gathering, plenary sessions, worship and more. Initial plans for the gathering can be found at https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/churchwide-gathering/

Synod School 2018



Dance Joyfully Where'er You May Be

Why do they keep returning to Synod School?

- Christian fellowship
- Inspiring worship and song
- Growth in knowledge and faith
- Personal and spiritual renewal
- Fun for families and singles of all ages

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July 22-27, 2018

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

Discover Synod School!

www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool
800-328-1880, ext. 207

Spotlight on Gwendolyn Riggin

Gwen is one of our members who has, temporarily we hope, returned to her home church, the Marion Church of Christ. She says she is an inactive member of CPC, but in many ways she remains very active. Formerly an active Deacon, she still helps with the Saturday Noon Meals at Christ United Methodist whenever CPC is involved. As a wide reader (her favorite activity), Gwen is very active in our Book Discussion group helping us select books to read and getting copies for us from various sources as well as participating in the discussions.



Born at home on the Predmore family farm just outside Marion, Gwen was the second child with 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Her dad worked on road construction and her mother was a homemaker. While still in high school, Gwen met her husband Don at a church camp near Park Rapids, MN. Don was a professor at the Minnesota Bible College which Gwen attended for two years. They were married in 1957 after her freshman year. Gwen worked as a medical transcriptionist at the University of Minnesota Hospitals until MBC moved to Rochester in 1971. As Don was a pastor as well as a teacher, their summer vacation travels often took them to church conferences from one coast to the other.

Gwen and Don moved to Rochester when the college moved here and their son Ethan was born in Rochester. They joined CPC in 2006 and Don passed away in 2008. By this time Ethan and Erika were married and their family and Gwen built a house in Stewartville together, with Gwen's "Mother-in-Law cottage" attached but with private quarters. She is a very important part of Ethan and Erika's family. As both parents work, Gwen helps by getting breakfast for her four grandchildren (ages 5-13) before they leave for school and supervising homework and piano practice after school as well as driving them to various activities. Ethan teaches Social Studies in the Southland School District in Adams, MN, and Erika is an Editorial Research Librarian at Mayo. The family names are special as they all six begin with an E – Ethan, Erika, Evan, Elijah, Erik and Emma, and even the dog (Ekko).

Besides sort of running a family Day Care, Gwen has several activities of her own, many relate to helping other people. She sewed book bags for the Stewartville Library's clients to carry their books home in; in the past she has also filled shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child;" and she has shopped for groceries for a shut-in. Gwen is cutting back on her gardening now, sticking mainly to flowers. She still does a good deal of baking and her family is very important to her. Each fall -- from out of state and locally, brothers, sisters, spouses, children, cousins – 20-30 in all -- gather in the Riggin kitchen to make apple pies. A regular production-line goes from peeling the apples, through the rolling out of the dough and baking enough pies for them all to eat some on the spot plus some 40-50 pies are taken home to freezers for their later enjoyment.

We are willing to share Gwen with the Marion Church as long as we have her part-time.

Community Presbyterian Church
3705 Fairway Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Put these dates on your calendar!

June 2 Saturday Noon Meal

June 3 Service on Sunday

June 11-22 Med City Driving School at CPC

June 24 Farewell Potluck Picnic

**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!

June 2018 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00am Saturday Noon Meal 1:30pm Building Rental
3 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 10:45am Service On Sunday 3:00pm Bell Rehearsal	4 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	5 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	6 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	7 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	8	9
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This **free, 90-minute Smart DriverTEK Workshop** will help you understand current and evolving vehicle safety technologies and how to use them. You will learn how the benefits of these technologies may enhance your driving safety and extend your safe driving years. You will receive a vehicle technology checklist and learn to identify the safety technologies that best suit your needs when purchasing a new vehicle. Please register at aarp.org/findaworkshop to reserve your place; workshop space is limited.

The Smart DriverTEK Workshop is distinct from AARP Driver Safety's Smart Driver course. Taking the Smart DriverTEK workshop will not result in a discount on your auto insurance. **The Workshops are limited to 20 person, and there is NO wheelchair access for the Borton location.**

JULY 2018 DATES & LOCATIONS

FiftyNorth [Northfield Senior Center] - 507-664-3700

1651 Jefferson Parkway. Northfield, MN 55057

Monday, July 9 - 10-11:30am

Wednesday, July 11 - 1-2:30pm

Borton Volvo - 612-827-3666

905 Hampshire Ave. S., Golden Valley, MN 55426

Tuesday, July 17 - 10-11:30am

Thursday, July 19 - 1-2:30pm

Community Presbyterian Church - 507-280-9291

3705 Fairway Place NW, Rochester MN

Monday, July 23 - 10-11:30am

Wednesday, July 25 - 1-2:30pm

