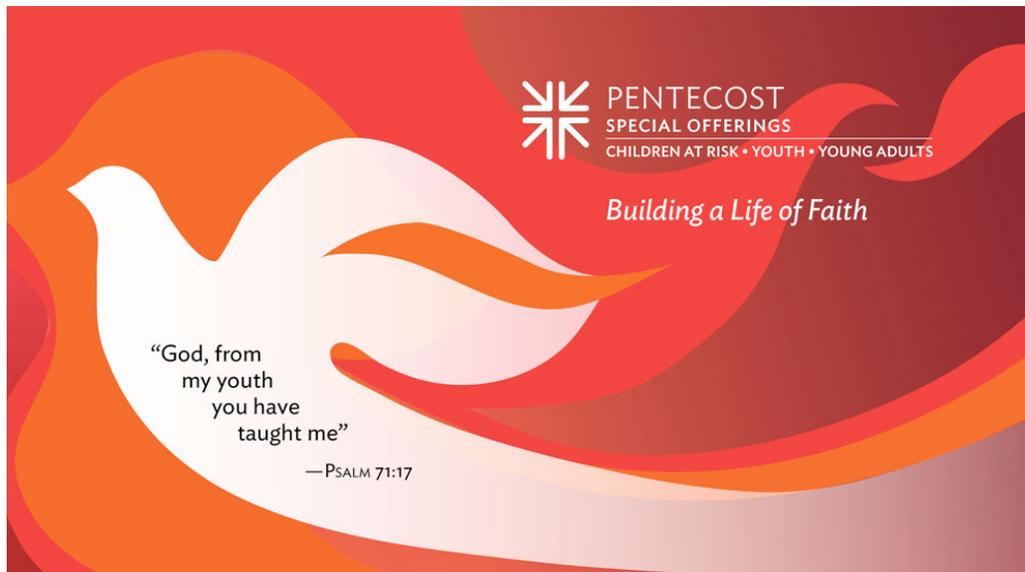


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THE PENTECOST OFFERING HELPS OUR YOUTH BEGIN LIFE WITH A STRONG START— A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FAITH FORMED IN THE FIRST THIRD OF LIFE, FROM CHILDHOOD THROUGH YOUNG ADULthood.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$15 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith. Won't you join in your support? If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

**Community Presbyterian Church will be collecting this offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 9!
Remember to wear red on Pentecost Sunday!**

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In June, CPC has some exciting Sundays! There will be a baptism on Sunday, June 2 and we will welcome New Member(s) in June! We are so thankful for the blessings that God has brought and is bringing to CPC! Don't miss these fun Sundays!



June 9

JUNE 2019

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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 2019</u>	Gene Kopecky Amanda Ross	Building and Grounds Christian Education
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<i>unfilled</i> Kim Nickander	Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Class of 2021</u>	Ronda Marshall Dave Copeland	Mission Personnel
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Alice Richardson Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary (Non-voting) Treasurer (Non-voting)

2019 Nominating Committee

Ann Hesley, Mary Meyer, Jeanette Hallbeck, and Peggy McCarty

Membership (a sub committee of Christian Education) 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 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Louis Bouchard Mary Meyer	Marcia Britain Ann Hesley	Jeanette Hallbeck Jennifer Hall

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

A Big Step Forward With Pentecost Faith

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 28:11

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive...you know [the Spirit], because he abides with you and will be in you...The Holy Spirit will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:15-27

"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit... Acts 2:17-18

As we enter the season of Pentecost, we are reminded that Jesus has promised the Holy Spirit to kindle faith, guide us in decision-making, inspire us to love and serve God and our neighbors, continuing the mission and ministry of God in our lives together. The Spirit has been working in our midst as the session has discussed, imagined, deliberated and sought input from the presbytery in planning for the future of CPC. You, also, have been a part of this process through your prayers, your input in congregational conversations, committee discussions, and participation in the life of the congregation.

The session made a decision of faith and great expectation when they voted on May 16 to ask the Presbytery to partner with CPC in beginning the search for a part-time Designated Pastor. The decision-making process was the result of much prayer and study over the course of several months, taking into consideration the current ministries taking place at CPC, and the mission resources available. The session has discerned that the stability, with flexibility, that a designated pastor offers will serve CPC well at this time.

A designated pastor will be a partner with you in continuing the important ministries of Community Presbyterian, with more settled leadership. A designated pastor will work with you to build on the strong foundation of commitment that you have built here. It will be exciting to see what God will do as you move forward with new pastoral leadership, through the Designated Pastor search process.

The search for a new pastor will now be set in motion. The process is as follows:

- The session has requested approval from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to create a part-time designated pastor position for CPC, and also approval to form a Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The COM considered the session's request at their May meeting.
- The Committee on Ministry approved our request to seek a designated pastor. They have asked that we provide a summary of our mission study process for their June meeting. The session will provide this report.
- A congregational meeting will be called for the purpose of electing a Designated Pastor PNC.
- In addition, now that our request is approved, the Committee on Ministry will form a Commission (a group of presbytery members) to work with us in the pastor search process. They will identify and interview candidates for the position, based on our Ministry Information Form.
- Because the Commission screens the applicants, the process generally moves more quickly than if the PNC were to receive multiple Pastor Information Forms, review them all, and prioritize the ones to be interviewed. The Commission will send 4 names to the PNC to consider and interview. Your new pastor will likely be in that group. If not, the Commission will provide another group of candidates until the one that God is calling is identified.

The session will keep you posted as the process moves ahead, and a date for the congregational meeting will be announced. Please keep Community Presbyterian Church and the pastor search in your prayers, as we trust the Holy Spirit to be actively working through each phase of the process.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Susan



BUILDING & GROUNDS



Photo by Mary

On Saturday, May 18, seven CPC members got together for Spring Fling. With rain in the forecast this event focused on indoor tasks. The group cleaned and repaired sanctuary chairs, interior windows were washed in the sanctuary, hallway walls in the Nursery School were washed and half of the kitchen was “deep cleaned”. There are plans for a future kitchen cleaning event to complete what was started. Other smaller repairs were made and an exterior handicap sign was replaced. Pizza was for lunch and the group enjoyed fellowship around the table. A big thank you to the folks who helped. This is an example of many hands make light work!

Mark your calendar for Sashay Into Summer, June 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. This is another CPC team work effort focusing on outdoor tasks. There will be projects for any age and ability. Lunch is provided. Sign up in Narthex.

Respectfully submitted by,
Carole Kinion Copeland



One of our regular renters has moved on. This has created an opening in our rental schedule. In our congregational conversations, we identified opening our church to our neighbors as an important part of our mission. If you know of a group seeking meeting space, please mention CPC as an option for them to consider. The rental guidelines are available on our website (www.cpcrochester.org/building-rentals/).



Sashay Into Summer

Saturday, June 8

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Get Your Hands Dirty!

Help give our church some TLC outside! This is the outdoor portion of “Spring Fling”. Lunch is provided! Sign up in the narthex or by contacting the office.



Have you noticed the food pantry that the Girl Scouts built and installed? It is located next to the Channel One gardens. Great job, girls!

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Sunday, June 2 • 10:45 am • Lila

On June 2, the book discussion group will discuss Lila by Marilynne Robinson. After June 2, the book group will not meet again until September 22nd. The committee will be busy selecting a book for each monthly meeting. For this we need help from the congregation– first to suggest books you have liked or heard about that you think will produce a good discussion. And next, when the list is out you can vote for your eight choices.

Please put your suggestions in the box on the desk in the library. We will check to see if each title is available and will list those that seem possible choices. With these, we will make a ballot so that those interested in being in the group can vote to select the top eight which the committee can assign to the 4th Sunday of the months our group will meet. We'd like as many good titles as possible. Thank you.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Judy Kereakos and Stephanie Pasch spent a morning sorting and filing music. It was a fun project! Everything is cleaned up and ready for the fall when choir begins again!



Don't forget to sign up to volunteer in worship! Each week we need : a liturgist, worship assistants (2-3), a greeter, and 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!

TRANSITION UPDATE



PREPARING FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS: WHO IS GOD CALLING TO COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), we have a process for bringing together pastors and congregations for ministry. After a period of reflection and study, the Pastor Nominating Committee (in collaboration with the session) completes a Ministry Information Form, describing the congregation, the pastoral position, and the qualities the church is seeking in their next pastor. This form is important, as it introduces the congregation to pastors seeking a call. It is useful in their discernment of whether God is calling them to consider a ministry in that church. If they are moved by the form, they will send their Pastor Information Form to the congregation's PNC, so that they may be considered for the pastor position.

On Sunday, May 19, members of CPC met after worship to reflect on the qualities, or "leadership competencies", listed on the Ministry Information Form. They were asked to identify those they believed to be most important for our next pastor to have. We divided into 4 groups, and after almost an hour of careful reflection, and these are the "Top 10" competencies that emerged for each group, chosen from a list of 33 possibilities.

All 4 groups chose:

Preaching and Worship
Organizational Agility
Compassionate
Collaboration

3 groups chose:

Spiritual Maturity
Strategy and Vision
Motivator
Decision Maker

2 groups chose

Interpersonal Engagement
Initiative
Communicator

1 group chose

Life Long Learner
Funds Developer
Risk Taker
Advisor
Flexibility
Hopeful
Self-Differentiated
Culturally Proficient

One group shared that they would like to add 2 "wild card competencies" that were not on the Form. These were "sense of humor" and "willing to make a long-term commitment to the call."

The Pastor Nominating Committee and Session will use this information in completing the MIF and interviewing candidates. Thanks to all who took part in this conversation! Please pray for the next steps in our pastor search process. Pray for the Session, the Pastor Nominating Committee that will soon be formed, and for the pastor (still unknown to us) that God is calling to be a partner with CPC for a blessed future.

God is at work in our midst!

Peace,
Pastor Susan

P.S. If you would like to read more about these pastor competencies, stop by the church office to view the form, or go online to: <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/ministry-information-form/>

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

June 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Book Discussion Group	3 8:00am Med City Driving School 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	4 8:00am Med City Driving School 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	5 6:30am Prayer Group 8:00am Med City Driving School 12:00pm Bulletin info due	6 8:00am Med City Driving School	7 8:00am Med City Driving School	8 10:00am Sashay into Summer (outdoor cleanup at CPC)
9 Pentecost Sunday Wear Red! 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	10 8:00am Med City Driving School 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	11 8:00am Med City Driving School 6:00pm Worship and Music Meeting 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting	12 Office Closed 6:30am Prayer Group 8:00am Med City Driving School 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Med City Driving School	13 8:00am Med City Driving School	14 8:00am Med City Driving School	15
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23 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 1:00pm Building Rental	24 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	25 7:00pm Session Meeting	26 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	27	28	29
30 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship						

Calendar Key

Green is Worship and Prayer

Brown is Fellowship and Events

Blue is Meetings

Black is Office

Purple is Building Usage/ Rental

Community Presbyterian Church
3705 Fairway Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Put these dates on your calendar!

June 2 Baptism Sunday

June 2 Book Discussion Group

June 8 Sashay into Summer

June 9 Pentecost Sunday - Wear **Red!**

June 16 New Member Sunday

**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!**