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## Spring Clean Your Spirit

Invite Jesus to sort through the clutter of your spirit and renew your life.

by Sharon Hinck, Guideposts contributor



*“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10*

My mom grew up in Pennsylvania Dutch country, with a deep tradition of spring cleaning. She passed along the habit to me, although I’ve never managed to emulate her degree of thoroughness. Each year, as soon as winter retreated enough to let us open the windows, she’d dive in to days of hard work. She’d pull everything from a room, scrub the walls and floors, and wash the windows. Then she polished the furniture and also used the time to sort through drawers and declutter, wash curtains and linens, and flip mattresses. I groaned when she recruited me to dust endless bookshelves, or hand-buff the wood floors. But I have to admit that the scent of lemon polish and freshly washed curtains billowing in the crisp spring air was intoxicating.

Every time I read Psalm 51, I think of spring cleaning. Repentance is a time to fling wide the windows of my soul and invite the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit to enter. It’s a time to invite Jesus to sort through the clutter I’ve accumulated and toss out the little pet sins that grow like dust bunnies. He might push aside a larger dresser so I can see the dirt that’s piled up behind it, or throw open a window shade so the light reveals where my spirit needs some polishing. He frequently uses Scripture to show me the actions, words or attitudes that He wants to clear out. Other times a friend might gently point out a blind spot, or I’ll hear a sermon that convicts me. Sometimes He’ll even show me the mess in my heart by letting me witness a similar problem in someone else. When I’m offended by someone’s action, I’ve learned to take a peek into the rooms of my soul, because it’s often a clue that I’m battling with that same root issue.

The wonderful part of inviting Jesus to spring-clean my heart is that I don’t have to wait for spring. It can be a daily celebration of His forgiveness and the transformation He brings to my life.

<https://www.guideposts.org/faith-in-daily-life/spring-clean-your-spirit>

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## Community Presbyterian is “an open-hearted, open-minded Christian community sharing a ministry of faith, hope and love.”

Community Presbyterian Church is a proud member of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). We were founded by a group of Rochesterites who were committed to building a church based on the simple idea that Christians should be “open-hearted, open-minded.” We’re located at 3705 55th Street NW, just across from Sam’s Club. Join us for worship at 9:30 Sunday mornings! You are welcome to join us on this journey of faith!

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MAY 2016

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2016 LEADERSHIP

## Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of nine ruling elders, elected in classes of three, 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 2016</u>	Bruce Felger Stacy Kopecky Amy Anderson	Building and Grounds Membership Personnel
<u>Class of 2017</u>	Ronda Marshall Mark Neville Amanda Ross	Finance and Stewardship Clerk Christian Education
<u>Class of 2018</u>	Dave Copeland Ivy Pillers Ellen Warner	Nominating Mission Worship and Music

### 2016 Nominating Committee

Bruce Bigelow, Ann Hesley, Mary Alice Richardson, and Mary Meyer

Deacon representative: Peggy McCarty, Ruling Elder: Mark Neville

## 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 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Louis Bouchard Judy Leal	Peggy McCarty Bernie Nicholson	Carol Bigelow Jennifer Hall

Pastor/Head of Staff  
Choir Director  
Pianist  
Pianist  
Bell Choir Director  
Office Manager

Rev. Laurene M. Lafontaine  
Meg Britain  
Laurie Priniski  
Glenna Muir  
Judy Kereakos  
Stephanie Pasch

**Ministers to the world**

**Congregation Members**

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### Have you signed up to volunteer at worship at CPC?!



When you volunteer to help at worship, you are connected in a different, profound way. You are invited to be a worship assistant, a greeter, a communion assistant, a liturgist, a nursery attendant and/or a refreshment host! If you'd like job descriptions, please email the office! Especially with Pastor Laurene's medical leave, we need volunteers in place to welcome and support our guest preachers. As she returns to CPC, let's help support worship in all ways! Thank you, in advance, for your prayerful consideration.

Sign up in the narthex, contact the office (email or call), or use Sign-Up Genius. You can see the dates and volunteer opportunities available for each Sunday on Sign Up Genius or on the sign up in the narthex. The May Volunteer link is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afab23a3fd0-mayworship>. Stephanie also sends an E-blast early in the week with Worship needs for the upcoming Sunday.



**Mark it on your  
calendar!**  
**Music Appreciation  
Sunday will be  
May 15!**  
**Children and Youth  
Sunday will be  
May 22!**



## CELEBRATIONS AND AN UPDATE

**Celebrations and an Update  
can be found in the paper copy  
of the newsletter at church...**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

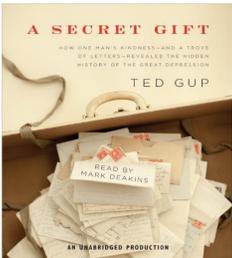


## Upcoming Christian Education for Children and Youth

April 24, 2016 ~ Lesson and card decoration for Remberto  
 May 1, 2016 ~ Shopping for RMH & Spring fling  
 May 8, 2016 ~ Lesson ~ \*Mothers Day  
 May 15, 2016 ~ Lesson & practice for youth Sunday  
 May 22, 2016 ~ Youth Sunday & Lesson ~ \*last day of Sunday School

## Upcoming Adult Education Classes

Plans for adult education for May are in the works!  
 Watch the bulletins and E-blasts for more information!



## Book Discussion Group Sunday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm Madonna Towers

The book for May will be A Secret Gift: How One Man's Kindness--and a Trove of Letters--Revealed the Hidden History of the Great Depression by Ted Gup. If you would like to join the group for lunch at Madonna Towers at 12:00, please let Margaret Nelson know, and come! All are welcome!



## Faith Camp Save the Date!

Faith Camp is an awesome intergenerational experience that happens right here at Community Presbyterian Church! Save the evenings of August 8-11 and be part of the fun!

# MISSION



## What is happening?

Do you know these people? What are they doing? They seem to be having a great time! Want to find out what it is all about?

Sign up for the **Saturday Noon Meal** taking place on Saturday, June 18 at Christ United Methodist Church!

You don't want to miss this opportunity to be one of the select of CPC who serve others by preparing and hosting the hungry of Rochester.

Check out the list in the narthex. Need a ride to the event? Let Ivy Pillers know and we will help you get there!

**LIBRARY PROMOTION – LAST EXHIBIT UNTIL FALL  
GET YOUR SUMMER READING HERE  
90% FICTION, 10% ESSAYS and POETRY**



**These books will be featured all summer,  
with more books added as others are checked out.**

Arranged more or less by difficulty from Picture Books to Adult Fiction:

Dr. Seuss' ABC  
The Little Engine that Could  
Caps for Sale  
Reading with Dad  
A Child's Garden of Verses  
Aesop's Fables  
Peter Rabbit Tales  
Mr. Popper's Penguins  
Little House in the Big Woods  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe  
Star Wars – the Phantom Menace  
Black Beauty  
From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun  
Message in a Bottle  
Anne of Green Gables

It Was on Fire when I Lay Down on It  
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets  
Secret Garden  
A Light in the Window  
Persian Pickle Club  
Secret Life of Bees  
The Notebook  
My Antonia  
Green Journey  
The Da Vinci Code  
Breathing Lessons  
Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society  
Peace like a River  
The Heart is a Lonely Hunter  
Fellowship of the Ring



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**Presbyterian Women Monthly Event  
Tuesday, May 17  
Location: to be determined  
(watch the bulletin and the e-blast)**

**Potluck Salad Supper at 6:30 PM  
Business and Planning Meeting  
Bring a friend along!**



## Come Grow With Us

### I Brake For Marsh Marigolds!

Recently I stopped to admire the cheery yellow blooms of the marsh marigolds by the north entrance. Enjoy them now because after they bloom the foliage dies back and they disappear until next spring. I wasn't sure if they would survive the regrading of the ditch but thankfully 2 plants did.

Today Bob Smith and I planted Canna rhizomes in the circle bed by the dancing figure sculptures. I am grateful for his donation of cannas and his time. After adding compost to the soil Bob said "Maybe this year they will get 10 feet tall!"

**BUILDING  
AND GROUNDS**

This Sunday, May 1st, is Spring Fling. Lets join together to spruce up CPC inside and out! As my Dad used to say: "Many hands make light work."

-Carole Kinion Copeland



**Remember the seed packet** that you received last September at the Outdoor Service? You were to tuck the packet away somewhere dry and warm (in the house) until spring. Then, select a site in full sun and sow seeds 1/4 inch deep after

all danger of frost is past. Marigolds are easy to start from seed, producing large, bright blooms throughout the summer months.

While the danger of frost has not yet passed, it would be good to find your seed packet so you are ready when the ground is!



**Spring Fling  
after the worship service  
and education**

**Sunday, May 1, 2016**

**All hands on deck!**

Taco Bar at noon! Dessert when finished.  
Help give our Church some cleaning TLC  
both inside and out.

**Since we are on a Spring Cleaning theme this month...**

In addition to planning for the Spring Fling on May 1, the Building and Grounds committee has been busy! They had Tonna out to clean the ducts and the heating/cooling systems. Building and Grounds also are getting bids on a new sprinkler system.

They will also look into what building maintenance needs to be done over the summer months when Children's Place Nursery School is not in session.

# RUMMAGE SALE

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3705 55TH STREET NW

ROCHESTER



SAT. JUNE 4, 2016

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Cash Only

\$5 BAG SALE @ 2:00 PM



Donations accepted  
on May 25 6-8 pm  
May 28 8 am-12 pm  
June 1, 2, 3 9am-12  
or by appointment.  
Please price all non-  
clothing donations.

QUESTIONS? CALL  
CPC OFFICE 280-9291

PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
CHURCH INITIATIVES.

## MEMBERSHIP EVENTS CONTINUED



# AND



It's not too early to start cleaning out your home for treasures to donate to the Community Presbyterian Church Rummage Sale!

**JUNE 4, 2016      8 AM – 3 PM      \$5 bag sale at 2PM**

### WHAT KIND OF DONATIONS?

Clean, gently used clothing and accessories, books, small household appliances, toys, tools, jewelry, and miscellaneous household items. Bake Sale donations.

**PLEASE PRICE YOUR DONATIONS** (except clothing and books) using tape or stickers in 50 cent increments. (Example .50, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and up based on age, condition and value) Whatever prices you put on your items will be OK! Donation receipts will be available.

### WHEN CAN I DROP OFF MY DONATIONS AT CPC?

- May 25 – 6 pm – 8 pm
- May 28 – 8 am – noon
- June 1,2,3 – 9 am – noon
- By appointment - contact Stacy Kopecky @ 696-6854

Please note that we cannot accept donations in the following categories:

No large appliances or exercise equipment

No computers or TVs

No outdated baby items (cribs, car seats etc)

No broken or non-functioning items

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### Spotlight on the Massaro Family

Four members of the Massaro family attend CPC: Nancy and Dick, their daughter Liz Koehler, and her daughter Ashley. Liz's husband John attends a Catholic church. For 20 years Liz has taught at Lincoln Choice school, first with 2nd and 3rd grades and now as the STEM teacher Ashley has attended Lincoln since kindergarten. Now, as an 8th grader, among many other interests, she has played on the JM -Lourdes high school hockey team. Three sons are in the family Tim (and Sally) Andy (and Sara) Steve (and Joni) who were active charter members of CPC until employment led to a move.

Dick, we know as a Presbyterian minister. He is proud of his Italian background but quotes his father as saying, "If I had wanted you to speak Italian I would have stayed in Italy." His father, arrived in the U.S. at age 18. He began learning English from a Presbyterian pastor in West Virginia and then from his Army Sergeant, so he had a wide and varied vocabulary. Dick grew up on the far Northwest side of Chicago and went to Millikin University, where he met Nancy. Nancy's father, Leslie Griffin had immigrated from Exeter, England, to Colby, Kansas where he met and married Nancy's mother, Vera. The Griffins moved to Moline, Illinois where Leslie's skills were put to use at the Federal Arsenal, and where Nancy grew up.

While Dick was studying at McCormick Seminary he was working with teenagers at a neighborhood house in an African-American community on Chicago's west side. Nancy and two other friends from Millikin, came to Chicago one summer to work with young children. She tells of taking kids by streetcar to visit Grant Park and see Lake Michigan. These kids lived 16 blocks from the lake and had never seen the lake. A decision to marry was made before completing college and seminary. The knot was tied after Nancy transferred to a college in the Chicago area for her senior year and Dick's final year at McCormick. Dick served as a student assistant at the Elmhurst Presbyterian Church. After ordination he remained as that congregation's first Assistant Pastor. Three years later the Massaro's accepted a call to serve as the Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. During their ten years there, a Christian education addition and a new front entry were completed and funded. Dick was a rather activist pastor and was involved in many social issues.

When the Massaro's were first contacted by the Grand Rapids search committee they assumed it was in Grand Rapids Michigan they were reluctant at first to consider Grand Rapids Minnesota in the north woods. The Committee, however, was persistent and the Massaro's realized responding to this call was what God really had in mind for them. They fell in love with the people and the area and remained there for sixteen years. While there, they bought a piece of land and built a primitive cabin, improving it over time. Their next move was to Storm Lake, Iowa, to serve as the Executive Presbyter for Prospect Hill Presbytery, working with 59 churches, one camp, and one college, where they remained until retirement and moving to Rochester. In most places they have lived, Nancy has taught Home Ec and Consumer Ed (half time). Sometimes she substituted in almost anything, even wrestling! They have 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson with 2 more on the way. Nancy is still making quilts and Dick claims to be writing a book which he describes thus:

#### Memories Toward Book's End

"This little collection flows from memory. It is not a memoir by any fair definition. It is not a series of meditations, although I hope it might stimulate a reader to dwell on some of life's mystery. Perhaps it is the recollection of someone in the last chapters of life during which memory is mingled with hyperbole and the future is wrapped up in trust"

We know how much that they have done in Rochester. Nancy has continued doing church work as she did all those years as a pastor's wife, being both Deacon and Elder, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday school, and more. And Dick, knowing churches as he does, pitches in and quietly does little things he sees need doing. And he preaches now and then!

**Jeff's Jottings are published in the PTCA weekly e-newsletter  
Following the voice we already know ...**

**By Jeff Japinga  
Transitional Executive Presbyter**

You've had weeks, I'm sure, like this one has been for me: good and important, vital for the future, and very full. What keeps you going through weeks like that? What keeps you focused on what's important?

Sometimes, for me, it's been a bunny, and a shepherd.

Many of you, I'm sure, have read Margaret Wise Brown's children's book, The Runaway Bunny. When a little bunny says that he is running away from home, his mother responds by saying that wherever he goes, she will be there with him. No matter what he becomes – a fish in a stream, a flower in a hidden garden, or a rock on a mountain – his mother's love will find him and support him.

"I will run after you, for I am your mommy."

When the little bunny finally realizes he can never escape his mother's love, his mother simply says, "Have a carrot."

It's not all so simple, of course. Life is hard, and choices are hard. We've all fallen, and we have the skinned knees and bruised hearts to prove it ... even though we do our best to hide that. We desperately want life to go right, and then it doesn't, and no matter what we think we know, the shouldas and couldas, with judgment and shame, sit lurking just on the other side of the door we'd rather keep closed.

Life doesn't come gold-plated, and simply knowing the truth of who you are and who God is and what Jesus says doesn't make the challenge of every day go away. Life is tough. But amidst that toughness — amidst the plethora of voices in life that promise us answers, there is still one thing we know beyond any doubt, beyond any experience: My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

You've had your week; I've had mine. All weeks are good, it seems to me; a gift from God in ways we can see and in ways we often miss. But sitting down this morning, reflecting on a week that is far from over — and doing so in the context of a town turned purple over the loss of a favorite son — I found myself thinking about a bunny and a shepherd and being reminded of this:

that knowing that what is finally most important is not what we want, but who wants us; not what we love, but who loves us; not how we measure our own worth, but how Jesus measures our worth; not what we decide, but whose voice guides us.

May we as a presbytery follow the voice we already know.



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communications@  
ptcaweb.org**



**A place where you ...**

**learn something new  
experience hospitality  
and grace**

**stretch your mind  
and your faith**

**leave spiritually and  
personally renewed**

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# May 2016 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 12:00pm Spring Fling</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Membership Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Channel One 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00pm AS Support Group in Library</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Noisy Can Music Appreciation Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>5:30pm Committees: Finance &amp; Stewardship, Building &amp; Grounds 6:30pm PW</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due 6:30pm Market Cafe West Friday Night Get Together</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Children and Youth Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 1:00pm Book Discussion Group at Madonna Towers</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:00pm Session Meeting</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info Due 6:00pm Drop off Day</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Last Day of Classes for Children's Place</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:00am Drop Off Day</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				

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**Put these dates on your calendar!**

**May 1 Spring Fling**

**May 15 Music Appreciation Sunday**

**May 17 Presbyterian Women**

**May 20 Friday Night Dinner**

**May 22 Children and Youth Sunday**

**May 25, 28 Drop off Days for the Rummage Sale**

**A full calendar can always be found  
on the CPC website!**

**[www.cpcrochester.org](http://www.cpcrochester.org)**



**Let's Get Together!**

**May 20**

**6:30 PM Dinner**

**Market Cafe West**

**Hy-Vee**

**4221 West Circle Drive NW**

**Sign Up in the Narthex  
or by contacting  
the office**