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SPECIAL OFFERINGS PENTECOST

BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

MAY 20!

“O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.” ~ Psalm 71:17

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

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.*

Studies show that a foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood, helps ensure lifelong faith and service. Psalm 71 testifies to this same truth. Verse 17 says “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.” The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person’s life.

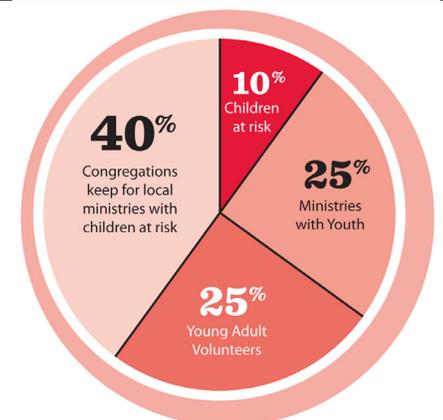
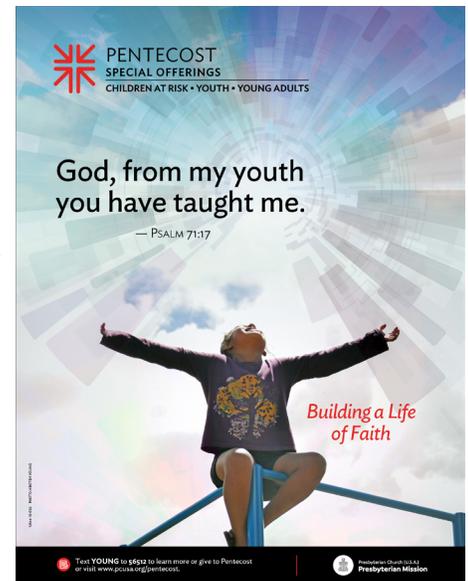
These lessons might be taught through a congregation’s commitment to *Educate a Child, Transform the World* in ministries that shape a child’s academic achievement, setting them on a path toward a stable future. They might be taught through one of the youth events sponsored by *Ministries with Youth* at the national church that brings together young people from all over the country to share their experiences of faith with one another, and learn how their faith can help them address challenges all over the world. Or our young adults may be guided through a year of intentional service where they discern God’s call upon their lives by our *Young Adult Volunteer Program*.

And there is more -- Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at-risk in their own communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders.

By giving to the Pentecost Offering, one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come; children, youth, and young adults. We invite CPC to join with the worldwide church in building for our future, in building individual lives of faith. Won’t you join us? If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

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MAY 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

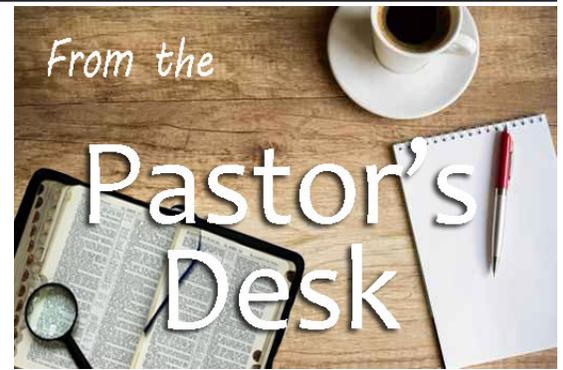
Head of Staff/ Transitional Pastor	Pastor Steve Pannkuk
Choir Director	Meg Britain
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Bell Choir Director	Judy Kereakos
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A few days ago, I had some time in the afternoon before our Session meeting. I walked around the tables and prayed and looked at the sticky notes on the walls. Smile... They highlight our thoughts and visions, and the beautiful ways God has blessed this church. God you've really given them some special gifts. My eyes locked on the last one, "**To Worship, Form a Vital Church.**" Smile... Chills... That just sums up everything they've done in the past, everything they're doing and everything they're seeking to do. I prayed that God would continue to bless us and keep us, and that our Session meeting would go well...



Then I took a walk outside because it was just beautiful. The sun was shining and air was warm and the ground was soft. The large garden in our front yard is yet to be planted. I prayed for an abundant harvest for our guests from Channel 1. Maybe some of us will join them this summer and lend a hand. I walked down the bike path and thought of the wild flowers that will be growing and how they will bless the bees and all who pass by... And then I walked across our drive and past those amazing stately pines, swaying in the gentle wind... Past the Peace Garden to the backyard and around the playground. What an amazing campus. Thank you God! What a beautiful location. Thank you God! What vision to plant a church here... Thank you God!

And then my mind wandered... I found myself visioning all those new neighborhoods, and houses and people within a few miles of us. People will be drawn to Rochester with all their hopes and dreams. Community will help them. Here, they will serve and love and experience the life that really is life. People will be drawn to this Vital Church. Thank you God. We are so grateful for the opportunities you provide. Thank you for helping us heal, and make us ready for what you have in store for us.

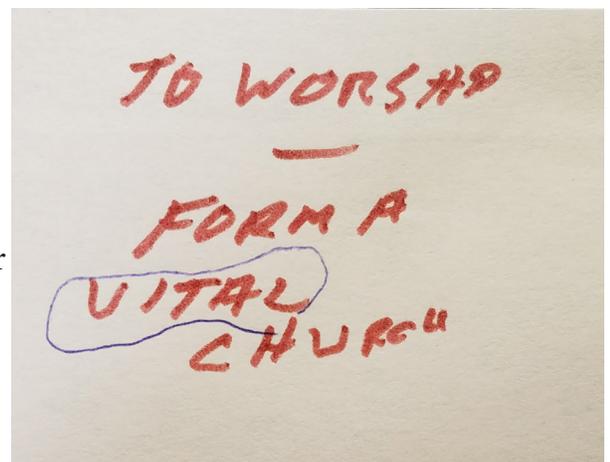
It's been an amazing year as your Transition Pastor. Thank you God!

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In Session, I went on to share that I'm grateful for the support and friendship with Pastor John Curtiss. (*We meet about every other month for lunch at India Palace, one of our favorite restaurants!*) What an advocate for me and for Community. I shared with him about our progress and highlights of our Vital Church Study.

Pastor John reminded me of what I knew, that all of our Vital Church conversations are essential components to our "Mission Study." That report will inform him and the Committee on Ministry, and help them discern when the church will be ready to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. He and I would then coach the PNC as needed. With that Mission Study in hand the PNC would prayerfully and carefully seek to find a pastor/leader with the gifts and potential to lead you into your shared future.

Join us Sundays in May after worship for lively dialog. Your voice and your vision are needed **To Form a Vital Church**,
Pastor Steve



Christian Education for Children and Youth

May 6 • Loving Friends • John 15:9-17

May 13 • Love Leads the Way • Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May 20 • Alive in Love • Acts 2:1-21

May 27 • Memorial Day Weekend

June 3 • Growing in God's Love • Last Day of Sunday School



Christian Education

Youth Sunday

Mark it on the calendar and plan to be here! The youth will help lead the worship service on Sunday, June 3rd! (Watch for further details). After worship, the children and youth will plant some beautiful flowers at Community Presbyterian Church!

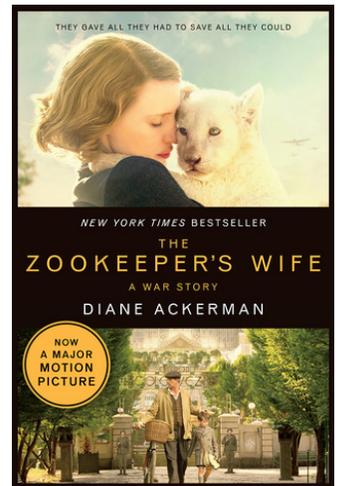
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Sunday, May 27, 10:45 am

The Zookeeper's Wife

The May book discussion, our last before September, will be on The Zookeeper's Wife, by Diane Ackerman. A WWII account of the Nazis' invasion of Poland, where the owners of the Warsaw Zoo join the Resistance to protect 300-some Jewish citizens. "This thriller would be a great novel-- except that it is true." We meet May 27th and visitors are welcome. We will also discuss possible titles for next year and will appreciate suggestions from anyone.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Monthly Get Together

Wednesday, May 2 at 12:00 pm, Ann's home

Our hostess: Ann Hesley

Potluck Salad Lunch

Business and Planning Meeting

Bring a friend!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



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.



On Friday and Saturday in addition to rehearsals for the public concert on Sunday, June 24, we will be attending classes to learn new skills, maintenance of equipment and ringing new music plus attend concerts by the Raleigh Ringers who are the professional choir in attendance this year.

The members of the Raleigh Ringers from Raleigh, North Carolina will be leading many of the classes that we attend. Their director, David Harris, plus Lee Afdahl, Music Director at First Presbyterian Church in Rochester, will be the directors at the public concert on Sunday.

These festivals are held every two years. Bruce, Abby and Judy attended the festival in Sioux Falls two years ago as well. There will be approximately 500 ringers. In addition to ringing as a massed choir the ringers are also divided into three smaller choirs based on level of ringing skills. These levels are called Coppers, Bronze, Bronze Plus and Conference Choir which is a choir that ringers audition for.

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.

Don't forget to sign up for helping 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!

MEMBERSHIP AND CELEBRATIONS



Pizza Party at Pasquale's

Enjoy Sunday evening dinner with your church family! Invite a friend!

Pasquale's Pizza at 5 pm,
Sunday, May 20
130 5th Street SW,
Rochester, MN

Watch for a sign up in the narthex!



Birthdays can be found in the print version of the newsletter... pick one up at church!



Dear Friends at Community Presbyterian Church,

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 2018 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign for Channel One a success! This campaign relies on many hands – and many hearts - for it to succeed. Thank you for contributing your hands and hearts to help feed people in need in our community.

Because of you, this year was the highest one yet! Congratulations! Together, we raised **\$171,809** and collected **297,828 pounds** of food for a grand total of **469,636 pounds and dollars**, which exceeds our 450,000 goal and is actually higher than last year's total. You and the many other organizations that hosted special food and fund drives this past month are changing lives!

Your extra efforts are so important to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our area.

Your team at Community Presbyterian Church contributed **137 pounds** and **\$150** for the Channel One Supplemental Food Shelf. Channel One can turn \$1 into enough food for four meals, and your contributions will help feed the 3,400 households that use the Channel One Supplemental Food Shelf each month. With 13,000 people living in Olmsted County who are food insecure, your efforts impact many lives.

Channel One Regional Food Bank is so grateful for your generosity and compassion for people in need. Thank you for helping end hunger!

Sincerely,

Barbara Schramm
Community Engagement Coordinator

We also received a thank you from the American Indian Family Center for the donations that Pastor Steve delivered from our Advent drive. The efforts of CPC to reach out to others in our society were greatly appreciated!

Thanks for your gracious donation!
- Anna Krises

Chi-Migweck
Sara-Jane

From: needs
Thank you for your generous time given here @ A.I.F.C
"Happy Journeys"
- Lisa

Many thanks for your generosity
- Pam Epoley

Thank you for your generous gifts.
- Jesses

Thank you for your generous support, thank you! - Tynelle

Your donations were so much appreciated!
Thanks so much!
- Barb J.

Thank you so much for your donations!
- Kat

Thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated!
- Charlotte

Thank you so much for your donation!
- Renee

we appreciate your generosity!
- Kayla Ward

Thank you so much, we appreciate all you do!
- Rose

Thank you for your generosity!
- Anne

Miigoch for all you do!
- Brian

we appreciate your generous support, thank you! - Tynelle



Saturday Noon Meal

Save the date! Our next time for serving at the **Saturday Noon Meal** at Christ United Methodist is **June 2nd!** Mark it on your calendar and watch for a sign up!



Spotlight on Girard Calehuff and Carol as we remember her...

Girard, Gerry to his friends, was born in Williamsport, PA, the youngest of four brothers. His mother died when he was very young and he was raised by his grandparents. When his father remarried, they kept the other boys, but the grandparents refused to give Gerry up, so it was not until they were gone, when Gerry was in his teens, that he lived with his own family. Carol also lived in Williamsport where her father ran a dairy and her mother not only helped with the dairy but invented combining cottage cheese with fruit and also tried to make yogurt as popular in our country as it was in Europe. Girard and Carol did not attend the same elementary school, but after they

met in high school neither of them ever dated anyone else. They say Carol liked to tell of the time Girard took her to the prom and she had to walk the two miles each way in high heels.

After high school, Girard was awarded a scholarship to Penn State. A year or two into his studies there, he joined the Army and was immediately sent to school in Gainesville, FL, where he earned his Penn State degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He was sent overseas, was wounded, but eventually got back to his 87th Division. It was perhaps during this hospitalization that Carol reported getting a letter from him saying she might not want to marry him with his toothless smile. He cannot remember what happened to his teeth but it obviously did not interfere with their marriage. [To learn more about his experience in WWII, see pamphlets Girard wrote.]

When Girard got home from the War, he and Carol were married and had five lovely daughters: Linda, Kathy, Heather, Phyllis, and Amy Girard; evidently, they'd given up having a Junior. His work for many years was with a paper company he began working for in Covington, VA, running a paper mill followed by designing equipment to produce paper of varying kinds. He owns several patents. He continued with this company in Cumberland, MD, and Hollidaysburg, PA, and lived in Wilton, CT, while working in NYC. He retired in Wilton and continued consulting. During their several moves, Carol did a variety of volunteer work: driving for Meals on Wheels, the Bookmobile, and Bloodmobile; she transcribed books into Braille and did some art work to help a daughter in her career. Girard's days were not all filled with work as he was active in flying gliders and more. During their retirement it occurred to the couple that Connecticut was too expensive a state to retire in. Amy suggested they move to Rochester, MN, where they build a lovely, large house across the street from Amy and Cal and their two little red-headed boys, who are now well into their computer and legal careers.

In Rochester, they joined the Community Presbyterian Church where Girard continued as Elder and was the Clerk for a couple of years. As members of the "39 Forever" retired group, Girard took the grill he designed and built to Ann Hesley's annual picnic where he grilled the chicken and Carol served her famous salads and desserts. Gerry was a wide reader which provided background for the discussions in the adult Sunday School class both he and Carol enjoyed. While Alzheimer's disease was stealing Carol from us, Girard had a long "good-bye" with much support from his girls on their many trips to Rochester and who had prepared for his memories 16 photo-booklets of their lives. Later they took him on a trip to visit towns and churches that they had considered home over the years and he was included in the reunion the girls and their husbands have in Florida each winter. Fortunately for CPC, Gerry feels he would prefer to stay in Rochester and we can enjoy the person who was recently described by a church member as "a kind and gentle man."

The Youth and Caring Adults served at Channel One on Tuesday, April 10! Service, Learning and Fun!

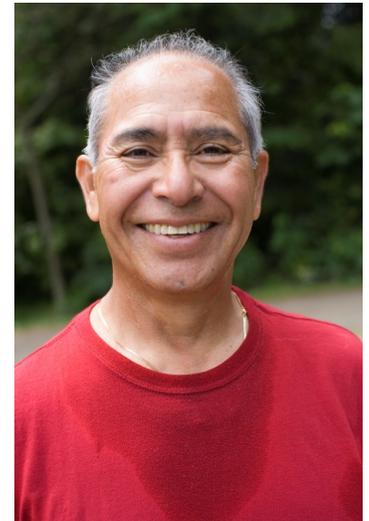


LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS WORKSHOP

Are you an adult with an ongoing health condition?

If you have a **Chronic Condition**, such as:
Depression **High Blood Pressure**
Arthritis **Heart Disease**
Chronic Pain

This Workshop will help you take charge of your life. You'll get the support you need, find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition & exercise choices, understand new treatment choices and learn better ways to talk with your doctor & family about your health.



"Now I have more energy than I've had in years. I'm calmer and more confident about my health."

**Shorewood Senior Campus
2205 2nd St SW, Rochester**

Tuesdays, May 8 - June 12

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

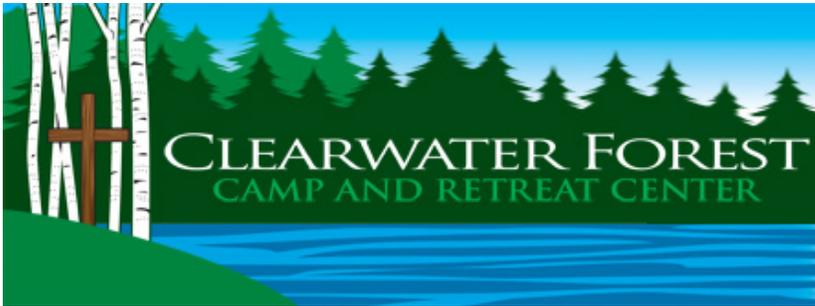
To register or for more information,
contact Elder Network at 507-285-5272
Registration required - Class size is limited



**SHOREWOOD
SENIOR CAMPUS**

Apartment Living • Assisted Living
Memory Care • Respite/Short-Term Stays

 **Elder Network**
30th Anniversary



The boats are ready to get in the water, the high ropes are ready to be traversed, the trails are cleared, the cabins are cleaned, the arts and crafts have been sorted, and this can only mean one thing: camp starts next month! Here at Clearwater Forest we are getting ready for our favorite time of year and we can't wait to have you join us!

Visit www.clearwaterforest.org for the camp schedule and on-line registration, with programs for youth in 3rd grade through recent graduates, as well as intergenerational programs like Grands Camps, there is sure to be something for everyone. Our theme this summer is "Light the Fire," and we will be exploring the big questions surrounding how we can impact the world with the light of Christ.

Do you think you are too old to come to Clearwater, but still love camp? Consider one of our family programs, volunteering a week this summer, sponsoring a counselor, or financially supporting a family member, friend, or community member to come to Clearwater. For more information visit www.clearwaterforest.org or give the office a call at 218-678-2325.



Presbytery Committees Need Members

Committees of the presbytery are to have equal numbers of clergy and of church members and/or ruling elders. We need more church members and elders. At the annual meeting in May, the Presbytery will elect persons to fill about 70 positions on a variety of committees. While some of these positions will be filled by persons who have agreed to serve a second term, most need new people to fill them. Details are available by contacting Manley Olson, chair of the Nominating Committee, by e-mail at manleyolson@gmail.com or by phone at 651.644.2848. The complete announcement is at <http://files.constantcontact.com/17207f49001/7e800a3f-e1ce-4d57-b510-847c674c9037.pdf>.



Synod School registration continues to climb; surpasses 500

Although registration for this summer's Synod School opened only five weeks ago, the number of registrants for the midsummer ministry has climbed past 500, according to Deb DeMeester, director of leadership development for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Described as "a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages," Synod School runs July 22-27 on the campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. This year's program features Jason Brian Santos, mission coordinator for Christian formation at the Presbyterian Mission Agency, as convocation speaker. Jana Childers, dean of the seminary and vice president of academic affairs at San Francisco Theological Seminary, will lead evening worship. The complete catalog and a link to online registration can be found at <http://www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool>.



Give yourself the gift of . . .

Engaging worship for all ages
with spirited music and singing
Daily reflections on the theme,
"Dance Joyfully Where'er You May Be"

Interesting classes for children,
youth and adults of all ages

Nightly coffee houses, intergenerational games
& creative endeavors

Intentional community centered in hospitality,
healing and hope



July 22-27, 2018

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

Discover Synod School!

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

**Dance Joyfully
Where'er You May Be**

May 2018 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	2 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm PW Monthly Get-Together at Ann's 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir	3 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	4	5
6 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education	7 10:00am PW Bible Study 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	8 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Worship and Music Meeting 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting	9 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir	10 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	11	12
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Put these dates on your calendar!
May 2 - PW Monthly Get Together
May 20 - Pentecost Offering Collected
Pizza Party at Pasquale's
May 27 - Book Discussion Group
May 28 - Office Closed, Memorial Day

**A full calendar can always be found
on the CPC website! www.cpcrochester.org**

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minded Christian commu-
nity sharing a ministry of
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is a proud member of the
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(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!**

Wear Red Day!



Doesn't matter if you are red or blue, what matters is that we are one in Christ. Let's celebrate/commemorate the resurrection and the ascension into heaven by wearing red on Pentecost, May 20.

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook!

Look for "Community Presbyterian Church". Announcements and interesting articles are shared here regularly!

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