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From the Session:

Lots of good things are happening at CPC this month.

The session has been busy planning and coordinating the many ministries and activities that nurture faith and good fellowship, bringing us closer to God and to each other. At our October meeting, we

- Planned to begin a Confirmation class for students in grades 7-10, starting in January, 2017. Confirmation Sunday will be on Pentecost, June 4, 2017.
- Approved a job description for the pastoral care and visitation position, and gave thanks that Rev. Julie Beck is providing pastoral care until an interim pastor is in place.
- Discussed plans for beginning the search for an interim/transitional pastor
- Planned for our Stewardship program and Commitment Sunday in November
- Considered building maintenance items that need attention in 2017
- Reviewed finances and discussed creating a budget for 2017
- Approved plans for worship, preaching and music in November and December
- Received the report of the Nominating Committee, giving thanks for those who are willing to serve as leaders in the congregation
- Looked forward to upcoming membership events: Harvest Progressive Dinner, Greening of the Church, and the Christmas Joy Potluck.

On Wednesday, October 26, the session met for a "Re-Set Retreat" with the Rev. Deb DeMeester, who serves on the synod staff in leadership development. This was a time to reflect on where we have been, where we are, and where we hope to be. We considered how our organizational structure serves our mission. We also set goals for moving forward together.

In our reflection, we were mindful that every member is important. Every member has gifts to share and a part to play in continuing the vibrant ministry of CPC. And so, in this season of Thanksgiving, the session gives thanks for you!

"I thank 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." Philippians 1:3-6

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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NOVEMBER 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: Dave Copeland, 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 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Louis Bouchard Judy Leal	Peggy McCarty Bernie Nicholson	Carol Bigelow Jennifer Hall

Choir Director

Pianist

Bell Choir Director

Office Manager

Custodian

Ministers to the world

Meg Britain

Glenna Muir

Judy Kereakos

Stephanie Pasch

Carrie Fletcher

Congregation Members



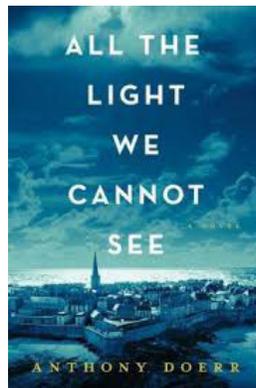
Christian Education for Children and Youth
Sundays at 10:45 am

November 6 * God Is Near to All * Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
November 13 * Joy Begins Now * Isaiah 65: 17-25
November 20 * Christ over Chaos * Colossians 1:11-20
November 27 * Greening of the Church



Do you recognize this blanket?
It was left at church during
IVBS of 2015. If it is yours or if
you know who it might belong
to, please talk to Amanda Ross!

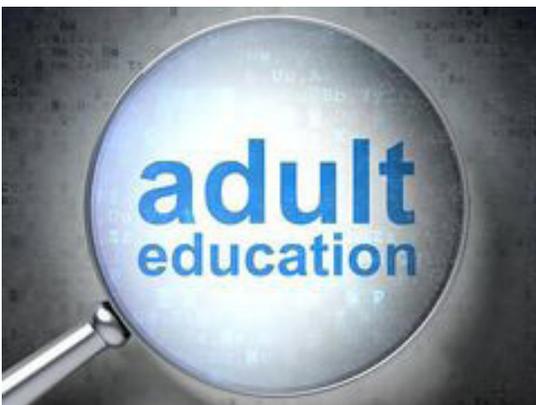
BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP



**The Book Discussion group continues at 1:00
on December 4 at Madonna Towers.**

Lunch is available for those that would like to
eat together at 12:00 at Madonna Towers. Our
combined November-December meeting on
December 4 will be on All the Light We Cannot
See by Anthony Doerr.

Your input is needed!



We are seeking input on what topics adults would be interested in discussing during adult Sunday School. If you have ideas or topics that interest you it probably is something that others are also curious about. Send your ideas to Ivy Pillers. Here are some thoughts of topics being considered: John Calvin and the Origins of the Presbyterian Church (or Why does everyone sit in the back of the church?), Reflections on Church Vitality, Bible study related topics (Who were the Wise Men, Thankfulness, Spiritual struggle of life, spiritual gifts, Ways to manage stress, and more).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

October has been a busy month for Building and Grounds.

Of course, some would say, "When isn't it?!" This month, in addition to the usual building maintenance and most recently technology maintenance (the phone system and voicemail), the committee has started looking ahead to what things may need to be done next year.

We have been lucky enough to host the Rochester Symphony for one rehearsal already. Now they have reserved our space for two more rehearsals! It is always great when community groups find our space easy to use!

Beginning Monday, November 7 at 6 pm, there will be a Tai Chi class meeting each week at CPC. We are so glad to welcome them into our space as well! So, if you are driving by and see cars here, you'll know why! Perhaps, you'll decide to give it a try sometime?

We continue with our neighborhood connections with the NW Neighborhood Association. They recently had an evening meeting here at the church. It is great to have that visibility with the neighborhood!



**BUILDING
AND GROUNDS**

MEMBERSHIP



Greening of the Church

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Potluck Brunch after Sunday Service

Decorating & Fellowship

Come join the fun and be amazed at how beautiful our sanctuary looks when we are done! Sign up in the narthex in November.



**Bereavement Group
Mondays in November**

10:00 am

offered by Rev. Julie Beck
in cooperation with St. Croix Hospice

MEMBERSHIP



It was an "A-mazing" time at Tews Corn Maze in October!



PROGRESSIVE HARVEST DINNER

FRIDAY, NOV 4, 2016
AT CPC

6:00 PM APPETIZERS
6:30 PM DINNER

There are so many reasons to be thankful. Let's join together for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. RSVP and food sign-up by Oct 30 to Stacy Please bring a Channel One food donation.

IN EVERYTHING
GIVE THANKS





Spotlight on Bruce Felger

Several times in our interview the word 'Music' came up. For Bruce it began in the third grade choir, an unusual third grade as it had three rooms, two on one side of the street and one on the other. In fourth grade Bruce was in the band, playing the trumpet. By the time he got to high school he not only played the trumpet but was the 'utility player' who played any brass instrument they needed, except the trombone. He attended college in Potsdam, New York at the State University and was disc -jockey all four years for the college radio station. He graduated in 1976 with a degree in History, and minors in Computer Science and English Literature. His work at the Radio station was rewarded with an ism membership in the Journalism honorary society. He chose Potsdam as it

wasn't too near the town of Hamburg that he grew up in, near Buffalo. This is the town he recently returned to, to assist his mother with dealing with his father, who was in the nursing home. Following the death of his parents, he returned to dispose of the old house and the things that his parents had acquired in the 40+ years that they had lived there. As his brother, Geoff, and sister, Christine, were not able to be there, he took photos of everything and sent them to the family to make their choices of inheritance. Artwork, books, furniture, tools, there was a plethora of things that needed to be dealt with, but it all worked out well for all of the relations.

Bruce had left NY State in 1981, to join the Navy, going first to Pensacola, then to the Navy Air Station on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound -- "the most beautiful spot in the country" he claims-- where he spent the next 20 years. His Naval career took him to flight school, where he earned his Naval Flight Officer Wings, with a specialization in electronic warfare. After his tour at Whidbey, he joined the Boeing Company, in their Computer Services Division, while continuing in the Reserves. During this time he got his Masters at Seattle Pacific University with a degree in Information Systems Management. While in Washington, Bruce was involved with the Church Youth Group, Served on session, and cheerfully supported the Presbyterian Camp Tall Timber Ranch in the High Cascades.

He left his 'Paradise' when he received an offer from a consulting firm here in Rochester, to work at but not with, IBM. One of the first things he did after his arrival was to search for a Presbyterian Church because all his life he has been a Presbyterian. Fortunately for us, he chose CPC where he is on Session, Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, a member of the hand bell choir and, of course, the vocal choir. Before church you may see him arranging furniture, hooking up the sound system, and doing whatever needs doing. After church he is among the last to leave, seeing that the lights are off and the doors locked. His work in Rochester has been in support of IBM Hardware, testing and certifying equipment for distribution to customers.

His main hobby is reading, with many books in his home library, including a lot of science fiction. He belongs to the sportsman's club in Pine Island where he is active most of the warm months.

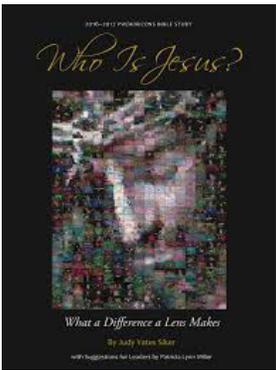
Bruce's interest in electronics has somehow rubbed off on his 13-year-old grandson who runs the sound system for his local theater and many other venues in the Oak Harbor area. Stimulation of interest as well as genes are likely at work in this child. In any case, Bruce appears to be doing his duty to improve our world in the future through this child prodigy. We are fortunate that the March blizzard the day he arrived did not scare him away. Perhaps his experiences in the Buffalo area made Rochester seem mild to him.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**Presbyterian Women Monthly Event
November 10, 12:30 pm**

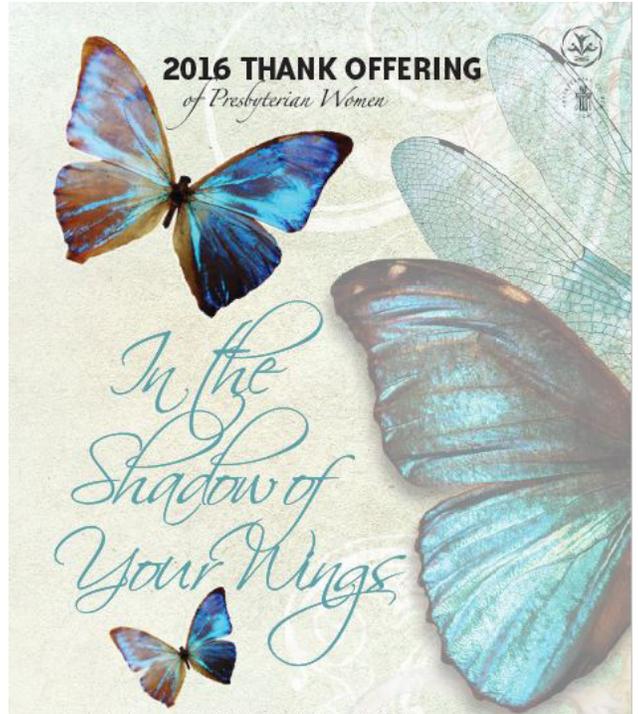
Hostess and Devotions: Vera Atkinson
Program: Worry Less So You Can Live More,
review by Mary Alice Richardson



**Presbyterian Women:
Bible Study
What a Difference
a Lens Makes**

The study continues on
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

Enjoy this time together as we look at who Jesus
is according to Luke, John and Paul.



**Presbyterian Women
2016 Thank Offering
Sunday, November 20**

PW will organize our worship service. We
will have a special guest from Clearwater
Forest Camp and Retreat Center. Don't
miss this fun day!



Birthdays and Anniversaries can be found in the print version of the
newsletter found at church.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



Do you have Diabetes and wonder how you are going to get through the Holidays?

Join us for a 6-week self-management workshop that will help you develop practical ways to deal with diabetes management over the Holidays and into the New Year!

Upcoming Workshop:

Tuesdays

October 25 - November 29, 2016

9:00 - 11:00 am

Location: **Elder Network**

1130 1/2 7th Street NW, Rochester

Class size is limited.
Registration is required.

To register, contact:
Elder Network at 507-285-5272
Registration required

As of 10/6/2016

Put Life Back Into Your Life!

Living Well With Chronic Conditions



Are you an adult with an ongoing health condition?

You'll get the support you need, find practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment choices, and learn better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health.

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

If you have conditions such as:

- * Arthritis
- * Depression
- * Heart Disease
- * Diabetes
- * Anxiety
- * Fibromyalgia
- * High Cholesterol
- * Other Chronic Conditions

the **Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop** can help you take charge of your life.

Upcoming Workshops

Saturdays

October 15 - November 19, 2016

10:00 - Noon

Location: **Christ United Methodist Church**
400 5th Ave SW, Rochester

Mondays

November 7 - December 12, 2016

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: **Gramercy Park Cooperative**
1333 Arthur Lane NW, Rochester

To register, contact:
Elder Network at 507-285-5272
Registration required
Class size is limited

The Elder Network is currently seeking volunteers for the following programs:

- **Peer Support Program** - must be 55+ - 1-2 hours per week
- **Visitors** - great opportunity for all ages and families - 1-2 hours per week.
- **Respite Care** - High demand for male volunteers - 2-4 hours a week.
- **Transportation Drivers** - High demand during winter months - You volunteer when you are available... regularly, weekly or monthly.

For more information, check out the poster on the bulletin board, or To support your community and provide assistance to an older adult in Olmsted County, call the Elder Network office at 507-285-5272 or go to www.elder-network.org.

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Holiday FAIR TRADE* Market

**Holiday
Fair Trade Market
November 5-6
Benefits artisans
worldwide**

Handicrafts and food items from fair trade artisans and food producers around the

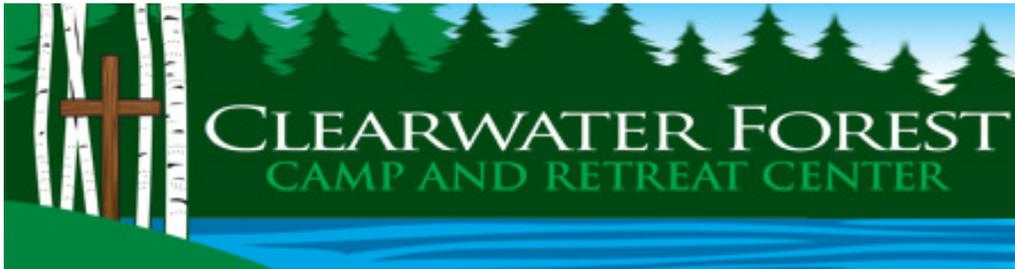
world will be featured at the annual Holiday Fair Trade Market on Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at New Life Presbyterian Church in Roseville. The event features handmade goods including jewelry, knit products, home décor, crafts, toys, and food items, while providing marginalized artisans a fair price and an opportunity to earn vital income. Soup and snacks will be available in the café. Additional details are available by calling 651.488.5581.



PRESENTED BY **Mosaic**

Join us Thanksgiving morning at the Mall of America from 7-10am. This family-friendly 5K is packed with fun games, lively music, and great prizes. With an early kick-off and wrap-up, you'll have plenty of time to get home to celebrate the holiday. The Walk To End Hunger brings together anti-hunger organizations and raises important funds to make sure Minnesotans don't go hungry. Your \$25 registration fee will provide 75 meals to families in need!

http://www.walktoendhunger.org/site/TR/Events/General?fr_id=1080&pg=entry



give TO THE **MAX** 
NOV. 17, 2016

The annual Give to the Max Day is coming on Thursday, November 17th! Please consider helping Clearwater Forest's ministry by a donation of \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500 or more! Your gift will be matched with generous donors who have already pledged \$13,500!

Clearwater Forest Changes Lives! We provide countless opportunities for people of all ages to find themselves, be renewed, accepted and loved! Please partner with us in this amazing opportunity to continue to change lives.

IT'S SIMPLE! Go to www.givemn.org between Nov 1st and Nov 17th and make either a one-time gift, or spread your gift throughout the year by a monthly pledge. There are fantastic prize opportunities for those that pledge early, give during the day, and a new incentive for those that cover the fees as part of their donation!

Other ways to help our ministry:

- Send a donation directly to Clearwater Forest by check to avoid the 6.5% processing fee by GiveMN.org.
- Set up a monthly automatic deposit agreement - you can make a HUGE difference in our ministry with a monthly gift of \$10-\$25 per month.
- If you are over 70 1/2, you can make a qualified charitable contribution from your IRA.
- Consider adding Presbyterian Clearwater Forest in your estate plans.
- Pray for our ministry!

We thank you in advance for your support!

November 2016 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 6:00pm Christian Education Committee	2 6:30am Prayer Group at Madonna Towers 9:00am Bulletin info due 1:00pm PW Bible Study 6:15pm Handbells 7:00pm Mission	3 Office Closed 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00pm Harvest Progressive Dinner	5
6 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 6:00pm Symphony Rehearsal	7 Office Closed 10:00am Bereavement Group 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 1:00pm PW Bible Study 6:15pm Handbells	10 12:30pm PW Monthly Event 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	11	12
13 Stewardship & Channel One Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education	14 10:00am Bereavement Group 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	15 12:00pm Area Presby Clergy Group at CPC 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship, Building & Grounds	16 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due for the 20th and the 27th 6:15pm Handbells	17 9:00am Session Information Due 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19 The Big Ring: Handbells at MOA
20 PW and Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education (assign parts for Christmas program) 12:00pm Newsletter articles due	21 Office Closed 10:00am Bereavement Group 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed 6:30am Prayer Group	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Greening of the Church and Potluck Brunch	28 10:00am Bereavement Group 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	29 7:00pm Session Meeting	30 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:15pm Handbells			

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Put these dates on your calendar!

November 4 Harvest Progressive Dinner at CPC

November 10 PW Monthly Event

November 13 Stewardship Sunday

November 20 PW Sunday

November 27 Greening of the Church

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

www.cpcrochester.org

**Watch your mail
for a stewardship
letter coming the
first week of
November!**

