

COMMUNITY PRESS

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Stewardship

is *heart* work



November is an exciting month at CPC! Saturday, November 4 is our Annual Harvest Dinner where we share in a meal together and celebrate our blessings.

Sunday, November 12, is Consecration Sunday. Our Finance & Stewardship Committee, along with Pastor Steve, has mailed out a Stewardship packet to each of your homes. If you do not receive it by November 5, please pick up a pledge card at church! We continue to strive to grow the church, reach out to the greater community and into the world. This is only possible with the continued prayers and support of our members and friends!

November 4 - Harvest Dinner

November 5 - All Saints Sunday

November 12 - Consecration Sunday

November 19 - PW Thank Offering Sunday

November 26 - Advent begins, Greening of the Church

November is an exciting month! Don't miss out!

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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 Fairway Place 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!

NOVEMBER 2017

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2017 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 2017</u>	Ronda Marshall Mark Neville Amanda Ross	Finance and Stewardship Worship and Music Christian Education
<u>Class of 2018</u>	Dave Copeland Ivy Pillers	Nominating Mission
<u>Class of 2019</u>	Gene Kopecky	Building and Grounds
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Alice Richardson Kim Nickander Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary (Non-voting) Treasurer (Non-voting)

2017 Nominating Committee

Ann Hesley, Stacy Kopecky, Mary Meyer and Jeanette Hallbeck

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 2017</u> Peggy McCarty Bernie Nicholson	<u>Class of 2018</u> Jennifer Hall	<u>Class of 2019</u> Louis Bouchard Mary Meyer	
Head of Staff/ Transitional Pastor Choir Director Pianist Bell Choir Director Custodian Office Manager	Pastor Steve Pannkuk Meg Britain Glenna Muir Judy Kereakos Nancy Sanford Stephanie Pasch	Ministers to the world	
		Congregation Members	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Steward,

I just wanted to take a few moments to thank you for all that you shared with Community Presbyterian Church in 2017 (and prior years as well). You've given of your time, your support, your spirit and your prayer. You've contributed to the vision and you've shared your financial resources as well. Thank you.

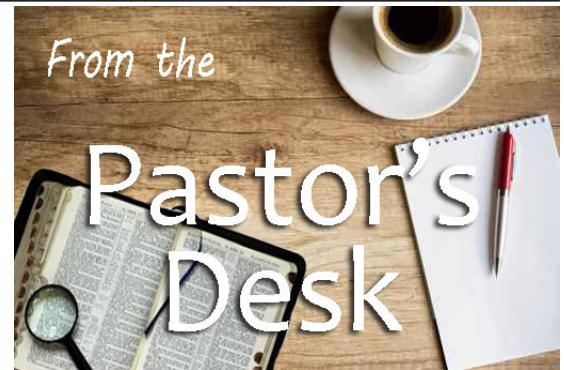
As Transition Pastor, I continue to be amazed by the efforts that have made Community an asset to the Rochester Community. Our church building was built to be a foundation for our faith journey.. At the same time, in 2017, Community supported an active and successful child care center, a mission church, and a Taekwondo Studio! There have been many other renters as well that have been blessed by our space.

With your generous support in 2018, we will continue make Community "A Destination Church.." People will be profoundly impacted by our worship and music, our education and the fellowship we share. Together, our gifts will multiply and be stronger together.

To help our planning purposes, please make a goal to fill out a **Community Presbyterian Church Estimate for Giving (also called a Pledge, it will really help us plan our budget).**

Please pray with me: Thank you God for your generosity with us, the abundant gifts you continue to give us, and the opportunities to share in Jesus name, Amen

Pastor Steve Pannuk



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Attention Jubellation Handbell Ringers!

Preparations are being made for playing in December! Rehearsals will be Wednesdays at 6:15 November 1 - 29 (no rehearsal on November 22). We will ring on Sunday, December 3rd.

We will have a fun Advent piece that will feature our new, additional handchimes!

Talk to Judy Kereakos with questions! Otherwise, plan to be here!



Don't forget to sign up for helping in worship! Each week we need a liturgist, worship assistants, a greeter, nursery volunteers and a refreshment host. Once a month, we need 4 communion assistants! For Advent, we will also need candle-lighters. Please look at your schedule and sign up to help! Sign up in the narthex or by emailing/calling the office!



Christian Education for Children and Youth

November 5 • What Should I Do? • Matthew 23:1-12

November 12 • Be Ready • Matthew 25:1-13

(preparations for the Christmas Program begin)

November 19 • Investing What Is Offered • Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 • Christ Is Among Us • Matthew 25:31-46

(Greening of the Church)



Sunday School Christmas Program preparations begin on November 12! Our program will be Sunday, December 10 during the worship service. Don't miss being a part of this annual tradition!

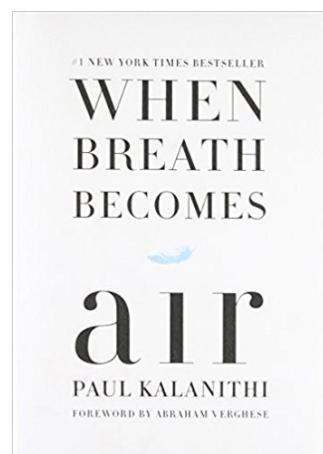
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Our next book up for discussion is When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi. It is a non-fiction book.

Dr. Kalanithi "Tells his story as a medical student, physician, cancer patient and father as he confronts his own mortality." This has been a very popular book and Rochester Public Library has over a dozen copies in varied formats so we should not have trouble getting copies.

For November and December, we will do one combined meeting on December 3rd. Talk with Margaret N. if you have questions!



MISSION



CPC did it!

We collected supplies for four cleaning buckets. Thanks to Margaret Petersen for bringing this to our attention. She and Mary Alice Richardson shopped until they dropped at Home Depot, Menards, Target and other stores to fill these orange buckets. Thanks to the Congregational Church that provided transportation to the Missouri CWS center to be distributed to areas that have suffered from the recent hurricanes. All of your generous contributions enable us to fill not one, but four buckets. Way to go, CPC!!!

Have you contributed towards Compassion International and our sponsored child, Remberto this year? We sponsor Remberto from Columbia at the cost of \$38 per month. Many of the months have been sponsored by church members; but there are a couple of months left without sponsors. Please prayerfully consider contributing in this way!

MEMBERSHIP



Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017

4:00 pm Social

4:30 pm Dinner

At CPC

Celebrating our Blessings!

CPC hikers will share about their journey on the Superior Hiking Trail.

RSVP by contacting the office or contacting Stacy!

Channel One Donations are encouraged!

Take part in the
**Greening of the
Church!**

We will decorate for Advent and Christmas on Sunday,

November 26

after worship. Once the church is all decorated with will share in a pizza lunch! Put it on your calendar now! This is a great intergenerational activity!



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MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight on the Frank and Jennifer Hall Family

If there is one word to describe the Hall family, that word is “Family.” Jennifer tells that when she was a child and was asked “What are you going to be when you grow up?” her answer was “I’m going to be a Mom.” As we look at their 5 children with their varied interests and abilities, it is obvious her wish has come true.

Jennifer was born in Macomb, IL, Frank in Danville, IL. They met in Macomb’s hospital where Frank was a janitor while attending Nursing School and Jennifer was a nurse. They were married four months after they met, and had two children before moving to Rochester so Frank could complete his education as a nurse anesthetist. Jennifer really misses her family back in IL and recently enjoyed a trip to Texas with her two siblings and their families to celebrate her mom’s birthday.



Maggie was their first child and is now grown and working in the Pharmacy Department in the Eisenberg Building at Mayo. She likes to do artwork and especially likes working-out and lifting weights. She hopes to be a personal trainer one day.

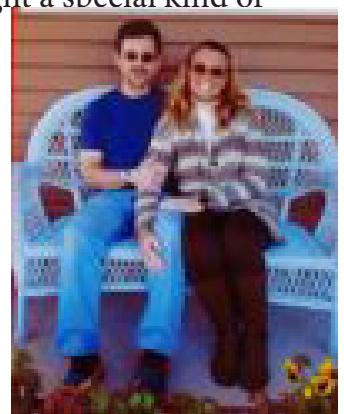
Alex was their next child and they realized soon after his first birthday that his development was different. When they could no longer keep him at home due to his Autism, Alex has been in and out of various care facilities until very recently when they were able to place him in a state-run facility where he is doing a lot better and is a lot happier.

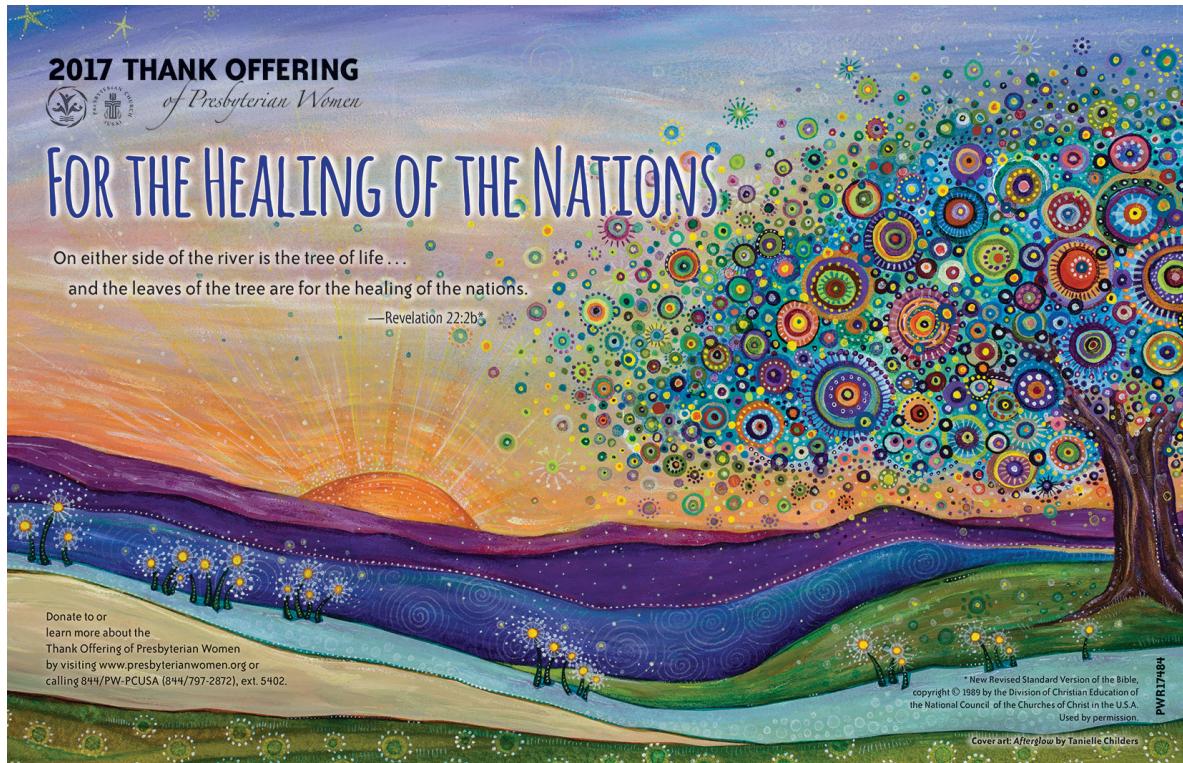
Lincoln, a senior in high school, is extremely bright but lacks social skills and does not want to communicate with others. He wrote a book in 4th grade, probably of publishable quality, but he will not present it to an editor; he says he writes for himself. He likes nature, especially animals, and is likely to become a biologist.

Abby, next in line, is probably the one we know best as she participates in many church activities. She has been a liturgist, a helper in the nursery, a member of the hand-bell choir and plays the bell tree. She recently went to a regional handbell camp and played in their concert. Her musical abilities extend to her school where she is in the band and drum line. She baby-sits children with special needs.

Jackson, the youngest, works hard in school but finds it difficult due to his dyslexia and motor skill problems. Along with Abby, he is active in Karate and has his 2nd degree black belt. He also has a tremendous sense of humor, with perfect timing. Maybe he will become a stand-up comic someday!

Frank does not attend CPC because he belongs to a Buddhist group in the Cities. He is an active outdoors person, hiking and camping. He built a canoe, named it “Jenny K,” for which he bought a special kind of wood, glued it together (which worried Jennifer) but “It floats!” Jennifer, a lifelong Presbyterian, is on the Mission Committee, a Deacon, a helper at Saturday Noon Meals, and likes to bring after-church snacks. She is both a student and a teacher of Karate and judges tournaments. She loves gardening and, besides flowers, grows strawberries, pumpkins, watermelons and more. If she were to have a career, she would be a Decorator or a Master Gardener. But she is a Mom, so one night each weekend is Family Night—no TV or cell phones—they have dinner together and play games or do other Family Things.





PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Women of CPC!
PW Monthly Get-Together
Wednesday, November 1st, 12:30 pm
Location: CPC Library
Topic: Women's Shelter of Rochester
Hostess: Jean Abels

This month, our program will be about the Rochester Women's Shelter that provides outreach, advocacy, and housing to battered women and their children. Our speaker will be Margaret Helm, Development Director. The Women's Shelter is celebrating its 42nd birthday this year. Join us for dessert and a thought-provoking presentation.



Thankoffering at CPC
Sunday, November 19
Praise /Thank Offering
Worship Service
Speaker: Regina Mustafa,
 Founder and Executive Director of Community Inter-faith Dialog on Islam
www.cidimn.org)

Regina says: "My inspiration comes from my children. I want a better future for them, a future where they can proudly hold their heads up high as Muslims and Americans.... If we want a more promising future for our children, we must engage in interfaith dialogue. Rochester has the strength and character to make this happen."



The Thankoffering will provide funds for education, clean water, safe housing, health care, justice for women, help for prisoners and much more.

Please give generously.



BIRTHDAY WISHES



Birthdays and anniversaries are
in the print edition of the news-
letter... pick one up at church!



Unearned Grace!

A Photojournalists Spiritual Diary
“As the Post-Bulletin’s outdoors writer for more than 40 years, John Weiss has shared his thoughts on the feeling of ‘unearned grace’ a term that flashed into his mind when he stood atop the continental divide in Rocky Mountain National Park. There have been many other times he felt this ‘unearned grace,’ including holding his granddaughter; fly fishing the Whitewater River or sitting in stillness while hunting. For him, there is a deeply spiritual side of being in the outdoors....”

Come hear John speak Thursday, November 2 at 2:30 pm

Assisi Heights Spirituality Center
www.rochesterfranciscan.org

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



A benefit for...



Festival of Trees - A Celebration of Giving

Friday-Saturday, November 24-25, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 26, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mayo Civic Center Exhibit Hall

Admission Prices:

Adults \$5

Tour Groups and Seniors \$4

Children (2-12) \$3

Babes in Arms Free

Special Activities

Friday DiverseAbility Day, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

This Interactive area is designed to educate guests about all abilities.

Dance Party for Individuals with Disabilities, 7:00-9:00 pm

An evening of fun and dancing among the trees. (Free admission)

Saturday: Children's Crafts and Entertainment, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

(Additional charge for some activities)



Teaching Fish to Walk

Pastor Steve is planning to attend this event!

Today's culture offers us both great challenges and opportunities for ministry. Easy answers won't cut it; we need to change and adapt. That's hard work. But there are people who can guide us.

"*Teaching Fish to Walk: Church Systems and Adaptive Challenge,*" will draw on the deep and long experience of Dr. Peter L. Steinke, author and internationally respected church consultant. The workshop will begin with lunch at 12:00 noon on Monday, November 13, and conclude at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington, Minnesota.



This lifelong learning event will support and equip congregations in their exploration of faithful means to follow the Holy Spirit into a changing world, a commitment of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. Clergy, Commissioned Pastors, and lay leaders are encouraged to attend as individuals or by forming a small team from a congregation. Through support from the Presbytery of Twin Cities Area and the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation, we are able to keep the cost reasonable.

NO JOKE

**November 2, 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Luther Seminary, Saint Paul**

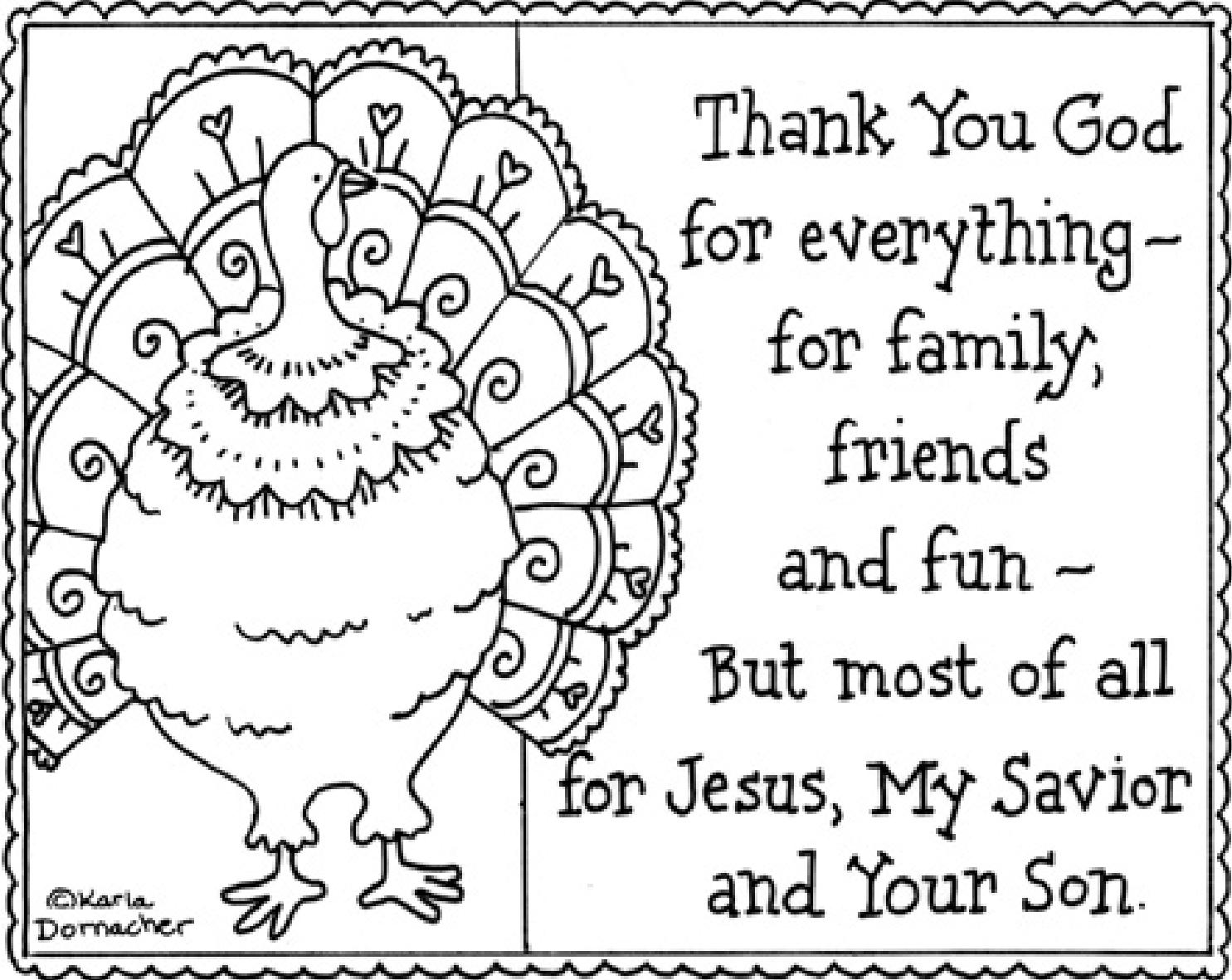
A preacher, a rabbi and an Imam walk into ... an unthinkable friendship and forge an unbreakable bond. You might think it's a bar joke, but it's actually NO JOKE. An outgrowth of the acclaimed documentary film, The NO JOKE Project, this live event features the film's primary subjects, dubbed, "The Peoria Three," in a moderated conversation with clips from the film, as well as a community Q&A. Come see an Evangelical preacher, Muslim Imam and Jewish Rabbi share the story of their unthinkable friendship and introduce you to the three practices that enabled them to cross the difference divide and connect with each other.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/luther-seminary-presents-no-joke-live-tickets-37680631784>

Don & Emily Saliers

**November 10 & 11
Holy Trinity Lutheran, Minneapolis**

In "A Song to Sing, a Life to Live: Reflections on Music as a Spiritual Practice," liturgical composer and retired seminary professor Dr. Don Saliers and his daughter Emily, of the Indigo Girls, will speak about why it's important for the church to evolve in its teachings, why music activism is essential, and why it's imperative that we don't get used to the hateful words being spoken in the public square. Learn more and register here: <https://htlc-mpls.org/learning/johnson-symposium/>



Great fun has had at
Tew's Corn Maze on
Sunday, October 29!
Thanks to all who
participated and
thanks to Stacy for
organizing it! It was
an A-Mazing Time!

November 2017 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 1:00pm Tews Corn Maze 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop	30 10:00am PW Bible Study 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	31 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	1 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 12:30pm PW Monthly Get-Together 6:15pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir	2 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo		3 4:00pm Harvest Dinner
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19 Noisy Can Sunday PW Thank Offering 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education	20 12:00pm Newsletter articles due 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	21 12:00pm Area Presby Clergy Group 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship meeting	22 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:15pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed (Holiday)	24	25
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Put these dates on your calendar!

November 1 - PW Monthly Get-Together

November 1 - Jubellation Handbell

Rehearsals begin

November 4 Harvest Dinner

November 6 Presbytery Meeting

in Shoreview, MN

November 12 Consecration Sunday

November 19 PW Thank Offering Service

**November 26 Greening of the Church
and Pizza Lunch**

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

A wise pastor once said...

*"We have all the money
we need.*

It's just in your pockets!"

Consecration Sunday

November 12



from Harvest to Advent!

