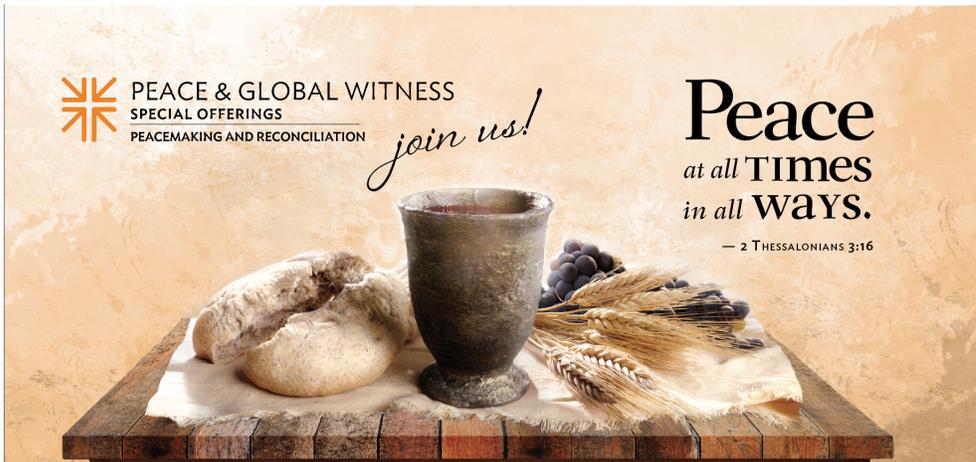


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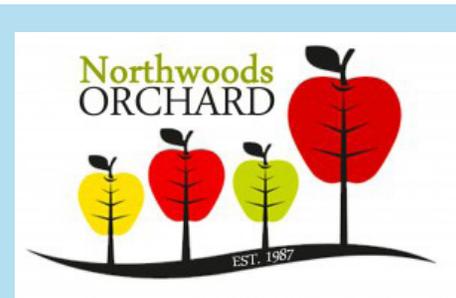
The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It has helped support our church partners in Madagascar recover from years of destructive development. Scriptural resources helped congregations, like the one in Old Bergen, New Jersey, find common ground with neighbors of many faiths, bringing their children together to learn from one another and to build a peaceful future. And the whole church joins together, through this Offering, to work for an end to all forms of human trafficking, specifically, the sin of child soldiers.

This is why we give to the Peace & Global Witness offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace – at all times, in all ways. From our congregation, where we retain 25 percent of this offering to support a local effort; to the region, where 25 percent is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts being pursued, together with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

As Presbyterians, we claim Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness and grace that he shows us.

 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

**October 7, 2018**



**Corn Maze and Orchard Adventure - check out page 5!**



OCTOBER 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 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**

Thanks to everyone who took part in the congregational conversations in September! Each week, we reflected on who we are as a congregation, what give us life and vitality, what we care about most. As I write this, we are planning one more conversation for this weekend to share our hopes and vision for the future. Your contributions and insights will guide the session in their decision-making. What you shared will provide a foundation for the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee, which we will elect in the coming months.

In our first gathering, we remembered **how each of us first came to CPC**, prompting a recognition that there are many ways people find us, and come to be a part of the community of faith. These included:

- Facebook and social media
- Family members' invitation
- Friends invitation and example of faith
- Attended for a one-time event and liked it so much, returned again
- Listing in the phone book
- Signs outside the building

Notice that most people came because someone they knew invited them. Across denominations and church sizes, a personal invitation is still the most effective way individuals come to experience church life, worship, and fellowship. Who would you like to invite for Christmas this year?

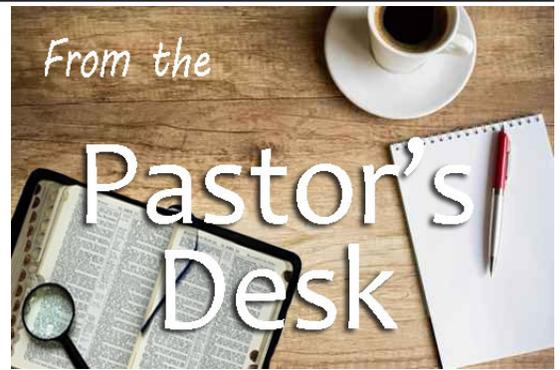
We listed **words that describe CPC**. These included:

- open
- accepting
- gentle informal
- kind friendly
- warm positive
- reassuring

All good words, with an emphasis on welcoming and relating to others.

The group shared **especially meaningful experiences they have had a CPC**, including:

- the Logos groups on Wednesdays, with programs for children and fellowship for all
- participating in the Music program
- receiving love and support through the Meals ministry, meals shared in a time of illness
- the rainbow that appeared the day the congregation was chartered as a church of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the joy of connecting with the wider church



***Conversations were held  
September 16, 23, and 30th.***

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK CONTINUED

Here are things people said give our church life and joy:

- People working together
- Music
- Being reminded of God's promises each week

Where and how is God working at CPC? Here are some ways that were named:

- Youth activities
- Mission and outreach efforts
- Making way for new leadership through the pastoral transition
- We are part of something larger that God is doing in the community and world

What other ways do you see God at work in our midst here? I am aware of God's presence in our worship, in the faces of our members and friends, in the activities of our leaders and volunteers, in the fellowship of PW, the deacons' care and concern, in the relationships people share, in kids' participation in worship, learning and service, in Stephanie's dedication to, and care for, the coordination of the many facets of life at CPC.

There is a dynamic at work that I believe is the presence of the Holy Spirit, in you, and among us, making CPC a caring, helping, fun and welcoming community of faith. Thanks for all you are offering of yourselves, your time, your prayers, your talents, your energy, your ideas, hopes and dreams! God is here! Your presence proves it!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Susan



### A Conversation about Mission and Outreach

At our Congregational Conversation on September 23, we reflected on our mission in terms of our outreach to others beyond our walls. How is CPC answering the call to love our neighbors and feed Jesus' sheep?

Ivy Pillars, Mission Committee chair, presented the results of the Mission Survey conducted over the summer. I hope you will read her full report. Three of our mission/outreach activities received the strongest support in the survey. These are:

- Adopt a Family (through Lutheran Social Services)
- Channel One food drives and collections on-site
- Channel One gardens on-site

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK CONTINUED

Many other activities also received support. There was a consensus that we might do well to focus on fewer activities, perhaps a quarterly emphasis, rather than taking on so many activities monthly, with less overall participation.

As we talked about the outreach activities we are involved in, we saw that the ones with most enthusiastic support give insight into our core values. Three core values were identified in looking at our current mission commitments:

1. Supporting families in need
2. Reducing food insecurity in our community
3. Using our physical facilities (building and grounds) to offer hospitality and serve our neighbors

We discussed the value and blessing of being in **Partnership with other churches and organizations**. We can often accomplish more when we serve together with others. In this, we forge relationships with people, bringing richness and depth to our sense of community. It's also Jesus' way of getting things done, by bringing people together.

Ideas for mission were shared. These were mentioned: Families First Crisis Nursery, working with children at the Reading Center, offering a parents' night out, adding a bike rack to encourage bikers to stop by our property.

We also talked about the church's mission more broadly, recognizing that all that we do is part of the Mission of God (or "missio dei") to share with the world the good news of what God has done, and is doing in Christ. We are guided by the scriptures in discerning God's mission for the world, including Jesus' Great Commission to "Go, make disciples", and Jesus' last words in John's gospel, "Do you love me? Feed my sheep."

We will continue to think about how we live out our mission to care for our neighbors with love and grace.

People who study church mission (missiologists) challenge congregations to re-frame our understanding of mission, with the emphasis on **God's** initiative and vision for the future. Thus, we no longer say, "The church has a mission" but rather, "God's mission has a church." What is CPC's unique part in God's mission to bring peace, justice, hope and healing to the world, given the talents, resources and commitments we bring to the task? How will our commitment to God's mission shape our decision-making for the future?

The conversation continues....

Blessings,

Pastor Susan

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Don't forget to sign up to volunteer 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!



**Jubellation Handbell Choir** rehearsals will begin on November 7! Jubellation plans to play in church on December 9. Watch for more details in the November newsletter!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Christian Education for Children and Youth**  
**Sundays, 10:45 am**

**October 7 • Tough Questions along the Way • Mark 10:2-16**

**October 14 • Finding Our Way • Mark 10:17-31**

**October 21 • A New Way • Mark 10:35-45**

**October 28 • The Way of Exclusion • Mark 12:28-34**

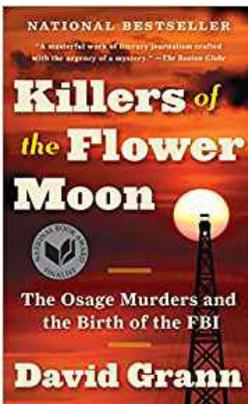
**BOOK DISCUSSION**  
**GROUP**



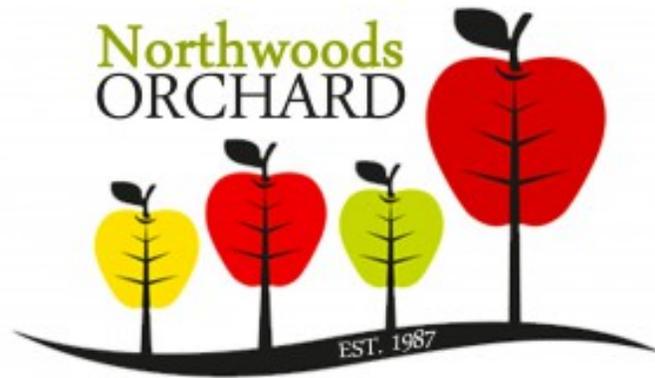
**Sunday, October 28**

**10:45 am**

**Join in the discussion!**



The book discussion group will be talking about **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann on Sunday, **October 28 at 10:45 am**. This book has many accolades: NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER - NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST, A New York Times Notable Book as well as being named a best book of the year by Amazon, Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, San Francisco Chronicle, GQ, Time, Newsday, Entertainment Weekly, Time Magazine, NPR, Vogue, Smithsonian, Cosmopolitan, Seattle Times, Bloomberg, Lit Hub, and Slate. From the #1 New York Times best-selling author of The Lost City of Z, a twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history. Don't miss reading and discussing this fantastic book! **All are welcome!**



## Corn Maze and Orchard Adventure!

**Sunday, October 14, 1:00 pm**  
**\$5.00/person**

“Spend an afternoon with us at Northwoods Orchard, and get lost in the labyrinth as you wind your way through our “Life on the Farm” corn maze and collect stamps on your card. Or try “Think Like a Bee!” – just the right size for younger guests, with hidden stamp stations in a smaller and more confined area. Ride the wagon through the woods and orchard, and experience a beautiful rural Fall day. Watch the goats and pigs in their habitat, and climb the straw mountain like it’s YOUR habitat!” CPC members and friends will meet at the orchard at 1:00 pm. Need a ride or have questions? Contact Stacy. ***Sign Up in the Narthex and bring a friend!***

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

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

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**THANK YOU**

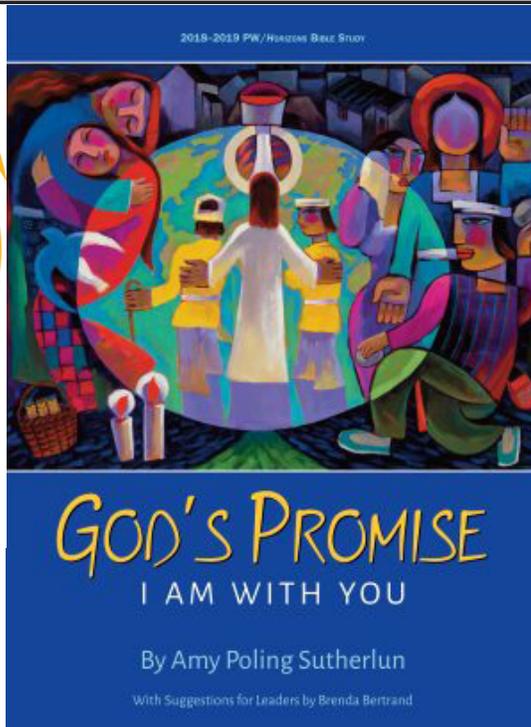
*Thank you to Bruce Felger, Marcia Britain, and Heather Marshall for cooking pancakes at the Pancake Breakfast in September! They were fabulous!*



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

PW at CPC meets most months for devotions, a program and fellowship. During October, we will forgo the monthly meeting and enjoy a weekly Bible study!

Questions about PW? Please talk to Mary Alice Richardson or Margie Petersen!



**Bible Study  
for all women at CPC  
Wednesdays in October  
11:30 am**

We will do the first half of this study in October. We will finish the study in the spring! Talk to Mary Alice if you need a book!

Welcome to the 2018–2019 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, *God's Promise: I Am with You*. In nine lessons, this study traces God's recurring promise of presence from Genesis through the Gospels—from the beginning to the end of the age. God's "I am with you" promise is spoken in varied circumstances and to many different people throughout scripture. Participants will reflect on how the promise of God's presence speaks beyond the pages of the Bible, to their own circumstances.

1. **God with Us Wherever We Are**
2. **God with Us in Our Uncertainty**
3. **God with Us in Our Discouragement**
4. **God with Us When We Seek God**
5. **God with Us When We're Powerless**
6. **God with Us Through Our Trials**
7. **God with Us as Emmanuel**
8. **God with Us as the Holy Spirit**
9. **God with Us**

LIBRARY



**CHURCH LIBRARY**

Have you noticed a change in the Narthex? Check out our all occasion greeting cards. Proceeds will benefit the purchase of CPC library materials. Suggested donation \$2.00 per card. Donations can be put into the box in between the baskets. Thank you

*Reminder: you can check out books in the library.*



# PW Fall Gathering

# MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

*Celebrating 230 years of Women in Mission  
Our Work DOES Make a Difference!*

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**9 am -3 pm**

**Calvin Presbyterian Church**

**177 Glendale Drive, Long Lake, MN**

**KARA VANDERKAMP**

**REMEMBER NIGER COALITION**

**CAROL NELSON, M.D.**

**RURAL HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE – Sierra Leone**

**MONICA GROVES**

**THE DWELLING PLACE – Minneapolis/St. Paul**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

FALL GATHERING - LONG LAKE, MINNESOTA

October 13, 2018

Cost is \$15 per person

Make check payable to PW-PTCA

*(Registration must be received by October 6, 2018 to be sure there is enough food for all!)*

**NOTE:** (Please do if possible) If more than one person from your church is attending, please have your Moderator or Treasurer collect all registration fees and forms and send one check and all forms to Zoe Abrahamson.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name and Age \_\_\_\_\_ Is child-care needed? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

(Bring lunch for child) **Mail Form(s) and check to:** **Zoe Abrahamson, Treasurer**  
**823 Mayowood Road SW - #300**  
**Rochester, MN 55902**

# AROUND THE COMMUNITY AND THE PRESBYTERY

*You're  
Invited!*



*A community event to help end hunger.*

**October 11th, 2018  
11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m .  
Mayo Civic Center**

Join Channel One Regional Food Bank for the 14th annual celebration of Empty Bowls, a community event to help end hunger. Top local restaurants and Bakeries will provide a simple meal of soup and bread, which will be served by local celebrities and community leaders. Channel One also invites attendees to choose a hand-painted bowl to take home as a memento of the event and a reminder of the hunger many people in our community face each day. Throughout the event, attendees will be given opportunities to further support our mission with our new Text to Give option, and several 'buy it now' packages and bowls donated by local businesses and artists. All proceeds will support Channel One Regional Food Bank's mission – to work in partnership with others to feed people in need.

For tickets or more information, go to <https://www.helpingfeedpeople.org/emptybowls/>

## **6th annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk steps off Oct. 7**

Teams are now forming for the sixth annual [South of the River CROP Hunger Walk](#). The walk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 7, with registration beginning at 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. Following a brief sendoff program at 1:45 p.m., the walkers will step off at 2 p.m. CROP Hunger Walks are community education and fundraising events for Church World Service (CWS). The pledges and donations made by the walkers and sponsors benefit CWS's grassroots programs working to end hunger globally. Additional details are in the complete announcement at <http://files.constantcontact.com/17207f49001/fa3bd993-7d4c-44f8-ae6c-e970b9a76f9e.pdf>



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# Community Presbyterian's Calendar

October 2018

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	6:30am Prayer Group 11:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir	5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo		
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**Put these dates on your calendar!**

**October 3 First PW Bible Study**

**October 7 Peace and Global Witness Sunday**

**October 14 Corn Maze and Orchard Adventure**

**October 28 Book Discussion Group**

**A full calendar can always be found  
on the CPC website! [www.cpcrochester.org](http://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!**

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