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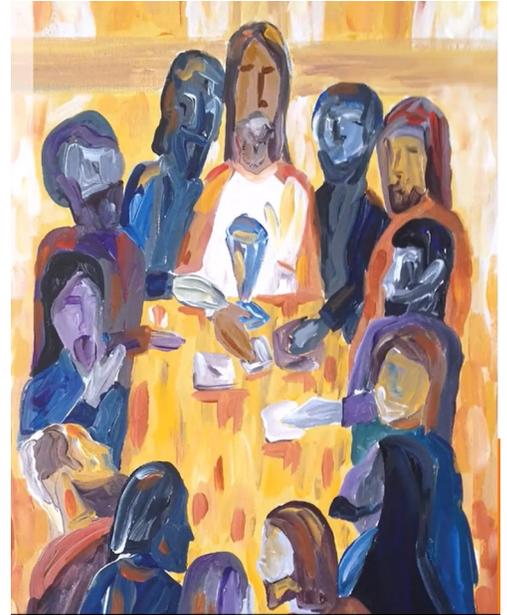


Girard and Carol Calehuff's "Keeping Library"

Have you seen the new collection of books in the Narthex? The Calehuff's daughters have given us the bookcase and books in memory of their parents. They call it a "Keeping Library" which means that if you take a book home and decide you would like to own it, just keep it!

In order to help find the book you wish, on pages 6 and 7 of the this newsletter is a list of all the adult books, (due to lack of space we must wait until you have taken enough books to free up some space for children's books and DVDs.) The list of books will indicate on which shelf each book may be located. In some cases, books on similar subjects are shelved together.

The daughters who know and cherish books, have given them to us who knew and loved Gerry and Carol .We give a big Thank You to daughters Linda, Kathy, Heather, Phyllis, and Amy.



**PC-USA Special Offering
Peace and Global Witness
to be collected on
Sunday, October 6**

For more information about this offering and the recipients, please turn to page 4.

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COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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 2019</u>	Gene Kopecky Amanda Ross	Building and Grounds Christian Education
<u>Class of 2020</u>	<i>open</i> Kim Nickander	Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Class of 2021</u>	Ronda Marshall Dave Copeland	Mission Personnel
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Alice Richardson Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary (Non-voting) Treasurer (Non-voting)

2019 Nominating Committee

Ann Hesley, Mary Meyer, Jeanette Hallbeck, and Peggy McCarty

Membership (a sub committee of Christian Education) 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 and serve a three year term.

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Louis Bouchard Mary Meyer	Marcia Britain Ann Hesley	Jeanette Hallbeck Jennifer Hall

Staff

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

New Session Moderator



Rev. Dr. Adam Copeland has been designated as our session moderator for the time being. An ordained PCUSA minister, Adam has served as pastor of First Presbyterian in Hallock, Minnesota, as a church planter, and as a professor at Concordia College and Luther Seminary. He now works at Mayo Clinic with the department of laboratory medicine and pathology. Officially, he's a Client Experience Architect which, in non-business speak, means that he works to solve complex problems by valuing the experience of the real humans navigating the problems. He lives in Rochester with his wife, Megan Thorvilson, a pediatrician at Mayo.

CPC Search for Our New Pastor Goes Online

Thanks to the efforts of the entire congregation, our search to find our next Pastor took an important step recently. Our Ministry Information Form, or MIF, was first approved by Session, then the Presbytery, and went online. Now those qualified individuals seeking the calling to serve a church can find the MIF and respond to it as an applicant.

The MIF was finalized by the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), but it was completed based on an abundance of input from the congregation as we worked through our transition process with Pastor Steve Pannkuk and Pastor Susan Li. The PNC is chaired by Mark Neville and includes Marcia Britain, Sue Chipman, Stacy Kopecky, and Dave Copeland. The Session approved the MIF at their August meeting and in late August it went online for applicants to view.

The next step is for a Team the Presbytery has assembled to review applications as they are submitted on line and identify about 4-6 applicants that seem to be the best fit for the priorities that we identified in the MIF. It's hard to know when that might be but it's been our goal to have our new Pastor hired by January. In the meantime if you have any questions on what the status of our search is feel free to visit with any of the PNC members.

Thank you to the Girard and Carol Calehuff Family for the generous donation of kitchen supplies to CPC.

Thank you

The kitchen has been restocked with everything from utensils, knives, silverware, baking pans, cookie sheets, paper ware, aprons, and even a chef's hat!

Many people had the pleasure of working alongside the Calehuff's in the kitchen at church over the years. What a wonderful gift to remember them by!

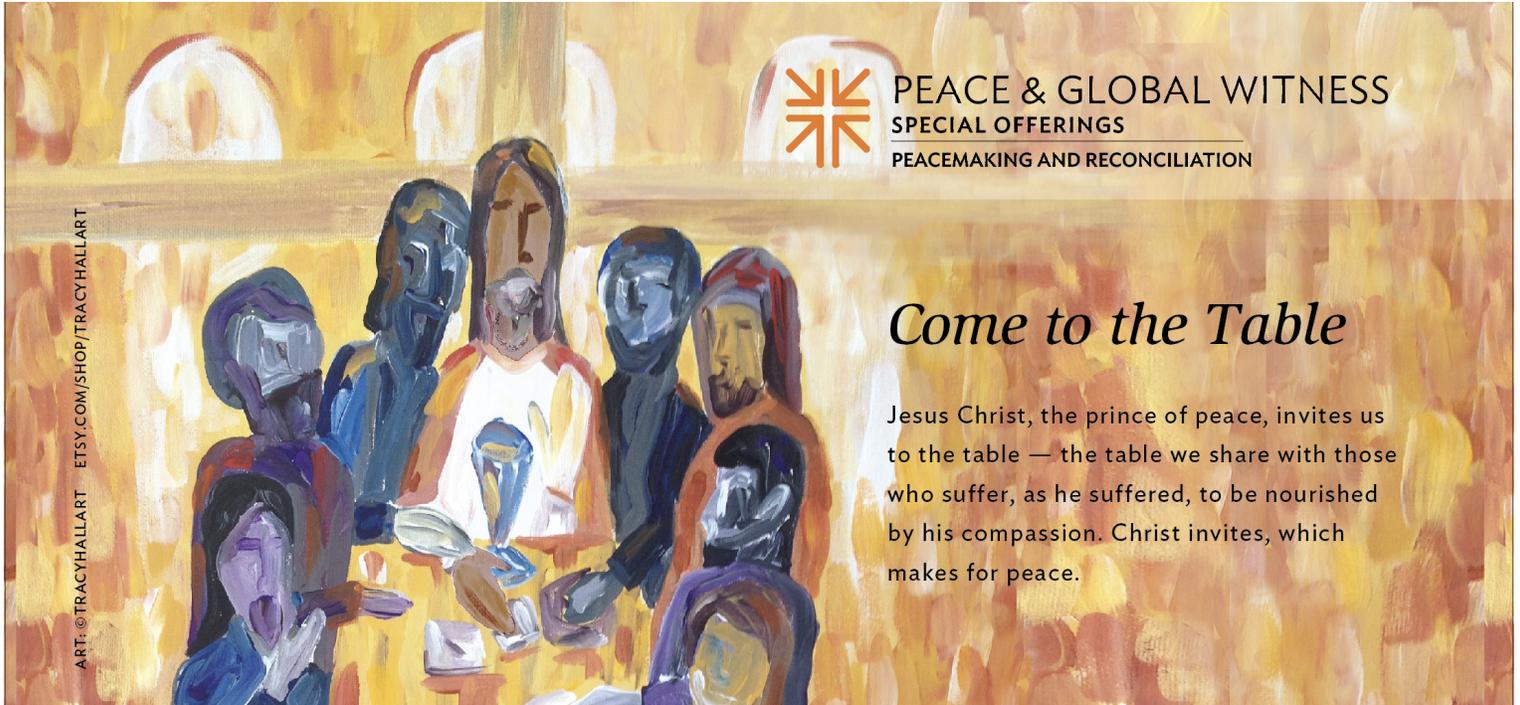
With gratitude and appreciation,
Stacy Kopecky



The good news: The mini pantry next to the driveway is being used! Therefore, it needs to be restocked. If anyone has non-perishable food to donate, they can drop it

off right in the pantry. Please remember no frozen food or perishable food.

MISSION



Come to the Table

Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, invites us to the table — the table we share with those who suffer, as he suffered, to be nourished by his compassion. Christ invites, which makes for peace.

“May the Lord... give you peace at all times and in all ways...” ~ II Thessalonians 3:16

Most of us don't get any mail except for what? Bills and junk. But once in a while, now and then, a pretty envelope, perhaps hand-addressed and with something nice inside, is nestled among the coupons, ads, and utility bills. *An invitation.* It's different and it feels... good. It feels good to be invited, does it not?

Sometimes the church talks about the work we do as an obligation or a duty. We start thinking about the sign-up sheets and the volunteer time and the money... But if we think of it as an *invitation*, our attitude changes. Every time we are asked to give of our time, our talent, and our treasure, thinking of it as an invitation to participate in God's reign on earth shifts it from a duty to an alluring opportunity. World Communion Sunday is certainly an invitation; an invitation to join in God's reign of peace.

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, invites us—invites you—to the table of grace. Christ also invites believers from all over the world, in every time and place, to join us. As we open the doors and prepare the meal, Christ invites all—despite our differences, experiences, and pasts—to come to the table as one body and to make peace through reconciliation and advocating for God's justice.

Christ invites us to join in the ministry of reconciliation and the pursuit to end violence through the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through our participation in this Offering and the ministries it supports, we offer healing, peace, and reconciliation. In joining the Offering, we serve God's people in Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, and the USA, as our hands serve women experiencing abuse, our words bear peace to the incarcerated, and our relationships enable conversations of reconciliation to begin. This offering will bless the **Diversity Council** with the 25% we retain for our own ministries of peace and reconciliation. The presbytery will bless **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)** with an additional 25% and designate its use to support youth and young adults who are struggling with suicide.

Our mission committee and session invite you to join in this ministry. Visit the Peace & Global Witness Offering website [www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global] to find more information on how our gifts promote peace in our world. As a community of God's people seeking to be instruments of peace bearing “peace, at all times and in all ways,” we want to make our commitment and participation in ministries of peace visible to all. May we claim Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness, and grace that he shows us.

Diversity Council

Diversity Council Goals:

Global

Equitable and inclusive communities, where all individuals are empowered, conscientious, and courageous.

Civic Equity

Civic equity is the realization of a society where all individuals receive equitable access to resources, protections, and opportunities. Each person enjoys: (a) equal treatment under law, both through law enforcement and the judicial system; (b) equitable access to and representation in the political process; and (c) equal opportunity to engage in the design of and benefit from inclusive public policy.

Educational Equity

Educational equity exists when all individuals are fully prepared for the roles of their choice, regardless of personal or social circumstances. Educational equity requires systems of support that result in full access to opportunities that lead to personal growth.

Health Equity

Health equity is the attainment of the highest level of well-being for all individuals, regardless of personal or social determinants of health. Health equity requires the social, economic, and environmental conditions that result in full access to opportunities that lead to healthy lives.

We accomplish our goals by:

- Identifying, analyzing, and publicizing issues and opportunities through outreach, print, and web resources;
- Brokering action by facilitating dialogue and convening collaborative workgroups.
- Operating programs that support leaders who will not only be successful in current systems, but also change systems.
- Educating youth and adults through trainings, consultations, and arts and cultural activities.

All of our work is grounded in current research and theory as well as best practices in our field. Thirty years of experience and a reputation for excellence have established us as one of Minnesota's leaders in diversity and equity. The world is changing. We are building a spirit of equity at the heart of that transformation

The Diversity Council began in 1989 as Building Equality Together (BET) when the leadership of Rochester Public Schools recognized the need to combat racism and discrimination in our schools. School district staff worked with community leaders to form an independent nonprofit organization to meet this need.

Since that time, the Diversity Council's focus has grown to include not only students, but people of every age; not just race, but age, socioeconomic class, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical & mental disabilities, and the full spectrum of human difference.

The Diversity Council is a catalyst and convener, creating environments that allow every person the opportunity to reach their full potential. In our work we transform organizations, empower adults and youth to act as change makers, equip and mobilize nontraditional leaders, and galvanize equity work in the region.

We measure success in terms of progress, not by prescribing what changes should occur, but by compelling strategic and effective action on key issues affecting individuals, groups, and communities.

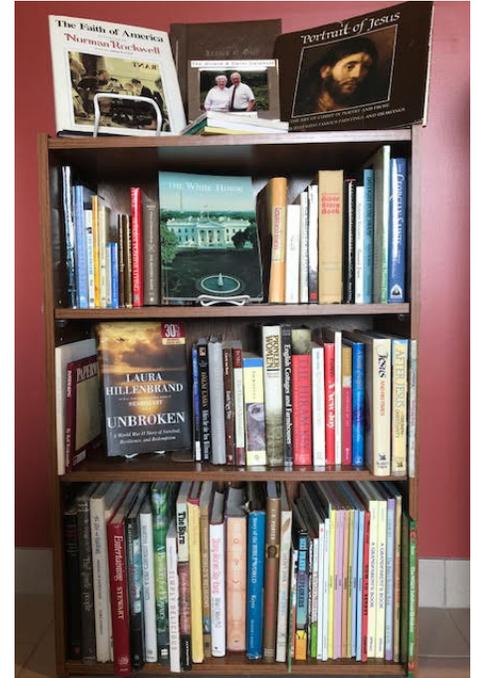
From the Diversity Council's website: <https://www.diversitycouncil.org/>

KEEPING LIBRARY

Girard and Carol Calehuff's "Keeping Library"

Bottom Shelf

- Portrait of Jesus: The life of Christ in Poetry and Prose, by Peter Seymour
jesus Christ: the Jesus of History, the Christ of Faith, by J. R. Porter
The Battle for God, by Karen Armstrong
Christian Mythology, by George Every
The Illustrated World's Religions: a guide to our Wisdom Tradition,
by Huston Smith
The Spirits of '76, by Eric Sloane
Amish Roots: a treasury of history, wisdom, and lore,
by John A. Hostetler, ed.
The Gentle People: a portrait of the Amish, by James A. Warner,
Donald M. Denlinger
The Barn: A vanishing landmark in North America, by Eric Arthur and
Dudley Witney
English Cottages and Farmhouses, by Olive Cook
Entertaining, by Martha Stewart
Martha Stewart's Pies and Tarts, by J. R. Porter
Hors d'Oeuvres, by Martha Stewart
Simply Delicious, Winning Points Cookbook, by Weight Watchers
A Passion of Flowers, by Carolyne Roehm
Leaves of Gold: an anthology of prayers, memorable phrases, inspirational verse and prose, by Clyde
Francis Little, ed.
Anonymous was a Woman: a celebration in Words and Images of traditional American Art and the
Women who made it, by Mirra Bank
The Golden Book of Quotations: Based on the Penguin Dictionary of Quotations
The Joy of Soaring: a training manual, by Carle Conway



Second Shelf

- The Grandparent's Book: Answers to a Grandchild's Questions, by Milton Kamen (2 copies)
Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism: a Bishop rethinks the meaning of Scripture, by John Shelby
Spong
Letters to Young Churches: A translation of the New Testament Epistles, by J. B. Phillips
The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith, by Marcus J. Borg
Ethics for a new millennium, by His Holiness the Dalai Lama
The Learned Men: the scholars of differing beliefs ... who together created a masterpiece --
The King James Bible, by Gustavus S. Paine
Illuminated Prayers, by Marianne Williamson
The Kalevala: translated from the Finish, a World Classic, by Elias Lonnrot
The Book of Creation: an introduction to Celtic Spirituality, by J. Philip Newell
Jesus and His Times, Reader's Digest
After Jesus: : the Triumph of Christianity , Reader's Digest

MORE ABOUT THE KEEPING LIBRARY

Rustle of Angels: Stories about Angels in Real life and Scripture, by Marilynn Carlson Webber and William D. Webber
The Miracle of the Holy Spirit, by Charles L. Allen
Stories of the Bible World in map, word, and picture, by Nelson Beecher Keyes
Egermeier's Bible story book; a complete narration from Genesis to Revelation for young and old, by Elsie E. Egermeier
Beyond Sympathy: What to say and do for someone suffering an injury, illness or loss, By Janice Harris Lord
Israel and Palestine: the quest for peace, by Viktor E Maeri
The Faith of America, by Fred Bauer: illustrated by Norman Rockwell
Pioneer women: Voices from the Kansas Frontier, by Joanna L. Stratton
Strong Women stay Young, by Miriam Nelson
Kristin Lavransdatter, Vol. 3- The Cross, by Sigrid Undset
Unbroken: World War 1 story of survival, resilience, and redemption, by Laura Hillenbrand
The Hiram Key: Pharaoh, Freemasons and the discovery of the secret scrolls of Jesus, by Christopher Knight and Robert Lomas
Lives of the Georgian Saints, by Archpriest Zak'aria Mač'itaze
Each New Day, by Corrie ten Boom
Surprised by Joy: the shape of my early life, by C. S. Lewis
The Joy of Positive Living: an autobiography, by Norman Vincent Peale
A New Joy, by Colleen Townsend Evans
Papermaking: the art and craft of handmade paper, by Ralf Weidenmüller
Papermaking, Art and and Craft, by the Library of Congress

Top Shelf

The Best is yet to be: A birthday book for the young at heart [no author]
One Small Miracle, by Lance Wubbels
Loving God, by Charles Colson
The Faith of Helen Keller: the life of a great woman with selections from her writings, By Jack Belck
The day no pigs would die, by Robert Newton Peck
Daylight in the swamp, by Robert W. Wells
The Slippery Slope: a series of unfortunate events, by Lemony Snicket
The White House: an historic guide, by the White House Historical Association
Wisdom and Wit of Abraham Lincoln, by Louise Bachelder
Good advice from the Good Book, by Morris Gall
As a Man Thinketh, by James Allen (2 copies)
Everyday Wisdom, by Wayne W, Dyer
A Father's book of Wisdom, by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
Life's Little Instruction Book: 511 suggestions, observations, and reminders on how to live a happy and rewarding life, by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
Life's Little Instruction Book, Vol. 2: a few more suggestions, observations, and reminders on how to live a happy and rewarding life, by H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Due to lack of space, the children's books (mainly "Easy") and the DVDs (mainly historical themes) will be displayed as soon as there is space in the bookcase.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Choir Begins on Wednesday, October 2 with hopes of singing in worship on October 13.

Meg Cain continues as our music director. There are some fun things planned for this year! If you sing, please consider joining the choir!



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

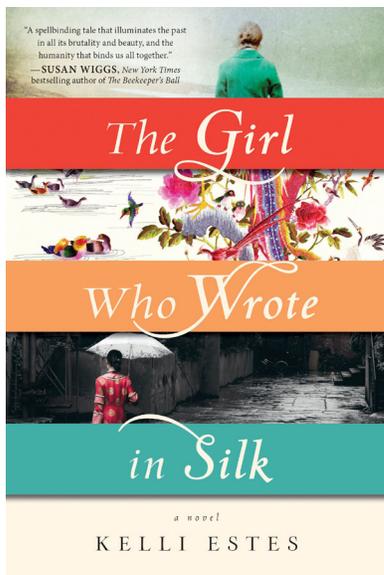
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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

September 29 • Keeping Focus • Luke 16:19-31
October 6 • The Heirloom of Faith • 2 Timothy 1:1-14
October 13 • Get Up and Go • Luke 17:11-19
October 20 • Faith Persists • Luke 18:1-8
October 27 • Be Satisfied • Luke 18: 9-14

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Book Discussion Group – Sunday, October 27, 10:45 am in the library
The Girl Who Wrote in Silk by Kelli Estes

From the Amazon website:

Inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant and atmospheric novel serves as a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing, and the power of our own stories...

Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core and force her to make an impossible choice.

Introducing the 2019–2020 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study

Love Carved in Stone

A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

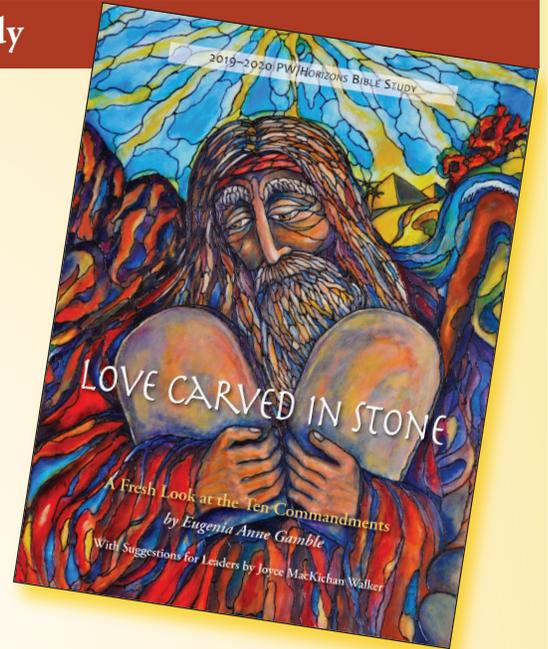
By Eugenia Anne Gamble

With Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a “love letter” from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. “Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community.” *Love Carved in Stone* is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

Why the Ten Words? The author notes that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word for “commandment” appear. She says, “In the Bible, these utterances are called just what they are: ‘words.’ I’ve chosen to use the term ‘Ten Words’ because it is the biblical form and opens us up to looking at the Ten Commandments in fresh ways.”

Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus’ life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.



**CPC PW Bible Study - September 30, October 14, 21, 28
To be concluded after Easter...**

Summary of the Ten Words

The **First Word** calls us to allow God to be our One and Only.

The **Second Word** asks us not to be fooled into substituting other things for God.

The **Third Word** summons us into deep and honest intimacy with God for who God is and not for what God can do for us.

The **Fourth Word** calls us, regularly and without fail, to stop and rest in the beauty and provision of God for us and for the whole human family.

The **Fifth Word** calls us to honor that which is honorable in our heritages and give a place of precedence to those who bring us to the fullness of life.

The **Sixth Word** calls us, as individuals and as a society, to refuse to “take life,” whether in literal or metaphorical ways.

The **Seventh Word** reminds us that life-long commitments matter, not just to us but to the whole community.

The **Eighth Word** reminds us not to take from others—not their possessions, their self-esteem, or their livelihood. This word asks us to ponder how our choices take from or lift up others.

The **Ninth Word** calls us to fundamental honesty in all of our dealings and in the institutions of our society.

The **Tenth Word** calls each of us to trust God’s provision and to welcome the unique lives that we live.

About the authors



Eugenia A. Gamble is a PC(USA) pastor who has served the church for more than thirty years. She is an author, speaker, preacher, and retreat leader who loves nothing more than to help the Bible come alive in people’s lives. In addition to *Love Carved in Stone*, Eugenia wrote *Glimpses of Home*, the 1995–1996 PW/*Horizons* Bible study. Eugenia is married to Rob Phillips; they live on the central coast of California with their beloved keeshond, Abigail. Eugenia joined her first PW circle in seminary and says she would not have been able to negotiate life without her sisters.



Suggestions for Leaders writer **Joyce MacKichan Walker** recently retired as the minister of education and mission at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, New Jersey, where she served for thirty years. A 1979 graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (now Union Presbyterian Seminary), her first love has always been teaching. She enjoys consulting in education ministry, writing, and traveling—she’ll go almost anywhere!

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays and Anniversaries can be found in the paper copy of the newsletter. Pick one up at church!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 10 • MAYO CIVIC CENTER

JOIN US FOR LUNCH! 11:00 - 2:00

Join us for lunch where local restaurants will provide a variety of soups and bread. 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 food insecurity many people in our community face each day.

NEW THIS YEAR! EMPTY BOWLS AFTER HOURS 5:00 - 8:00

The fun continues with Empty Bowls After-Hours, an evening of philanthropy, fun, food, drinks and music! Taste gourmet creations from top restaurants, participate in activities and games like hammerschlagen and plinko, purchase amazing hand-made pottery and more! Cash bar available.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY AND SAVE!

Individual admission to either Lunch OR After-Hours
\$15 in advance \$20 at the door

Individual admission to both Lunch AND After-Hours
\$25 in advance \$30 at the door



Tickets available on Eventbrite, all Rochester Think Mutual Bank locations, Color Me Mine in Rochester, and the Channel One business office.

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

October 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

29	30	1	2	3	4	5
9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School	10:00am PW Bible Study 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal			4:00pm Building Rental
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3705 Fairway Place NW
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Put these dates on your calendar!

October 2 - CPC Choir Rehearsal Begins

October 6 - Peace & Global Witness Offering

October 14, 21, 28 - PW Bible Study

October 27 - Book Discussion Group

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.

Sign up to volunteer in worship!

Each week we need : a liturgist, worship assistants (2-3), a greeter, and 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 or calling the office!

**Join us for worship at 9:30
Sunday mornings!**

**You are invited to join us
on this journey of faith!**