

COMMUNITY PRESS

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Sunday, September 8, 9:30 am Outdoor Worship with Brass, Etc!

Bring your lawn chair
and enjoy the garden!

Invite your friends and neighbors!



Outdoor Worship

Then come inside for the

Pancake Breakfast After the Outdoor Service

Join together for the annual pancake
breakfast after the outdoor worship
service on **Sunday, September 8.**

Pancakes, sausage, fruit and
beverages will be served.

Sign up to volunteer in the narthex!

Free will donation.



Sunday School begins on
September 15, with a kick-off
on September 22.

If you are interested in
volunteering your time with
the CPC youth, please talk
with Amanda Ross!

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SEPTEMBER 2019

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

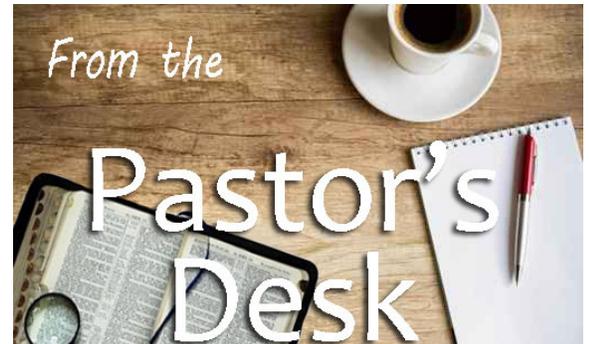
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Bell Choir Director	Judy Kereakos
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:3-5



Dear Members and Friends of CPC,

As our ministry together comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you!" for the privilege of serving with you as your interim pastor. The goal of the interim time is for congregations to dedicate a season for reflection on their ministries, church life, strengths and challenges. It is also a time to look forward, casting a vision for the future with renewed commitment.

The Session has spent much time on these aspects of your life together. I appreciate their dedication to CPC and to God's calling. You are blessed with insightful and dedicated leaders. Your input through congregational conversations, as well as thoughtful discussion in other small groups and committees within the church, will help the Session in planning for the future.

The church is not defined by its building or pastor. Rather, it is the people's commitment to Christ and their neighbors that determines a congregation's strength, vitality and faithfulness. **Your** continued participation is needed. **Your** participation makes all the difference! CPC is a faithful, committed and loving church because its members are faithful, committed and loving. I pray that you will continue to flourish as you live out your mission to be an open-hearted, open-minded Christian community sharing a ministry of faith, hope and love."

I thank God for the privilege of serving Christ with you for these 14 months. It has been a joy to know you. Thank you for the warm welcome and encouragement you have given me. I value your friendship. I treasure our time together. As much as I love my call to transitional ministry, the hardest part is saying "good-bye". I will miss you! May God richly bless you in the months and years ahead. It has been a joy to know you. Thank you for the warm welcome and encouragement you have given me. Thank you also for the loving and thoughtful farewell we shared on my last Sunday with you. I was moved by your meaningful gifts of the St. John's bible, which I will treasure, and gift certificate to Four Daughters Winery, so that I can enjoy a celebration with my family. I was especially moved by your generous gift to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, to provide care and compassion to those in need of help and hope in desperate circumstances. Thank you for the depth of your kindness.

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In Christ's love,
Rev. Susan Rector Li

*"Now to Him who by the power of the work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,
to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

Ephesians 3:20-21

PCUSA Special Offerings Update

Did you know that Community Presbyterian Church proudly participates in all four of the annual PC-USA Special Offering Campaigns?! That is a really awesome example of CPC's generosity and heart for mission!

One Great Hour of Sharing

collected around Easter

- 32% of the offering goes to restoring hope in communities recovering from disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- 36% of the offering goes toward alleviating hunger through sustainable food systems and addressing the causes of poverty through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.
- 32% goes to Self-Development of People, which helps oppressed and disadvantaged communities.
- CPC contributed \$600.00 last spring.

Pentecost Offering

collected on Pentecost Sunday

- 10% of this offering goes to Educate a Child national initiative.
- 25% goes to ministries with youth.
- 25% goes to the Young Adult Volunteer Program
- 40% of the offering is kept local - Mission sent our share to the LINK program.
- CPC contributed \$205.00 in June, \$82.00 of that locally.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

collected the first Sunday in October

- 50% of this offering goes toward advocating for peacemaking and justice
- 25% goes to support regional ministries of peace and reconciliation, through mid-council peace initiatives (Synods and Presbyteries)
- 25% of this offering is kept local, it will go to the Diversity Council.

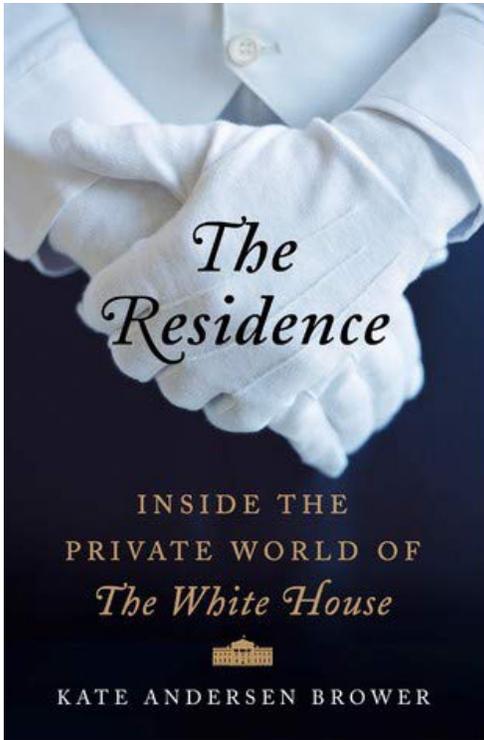
Christmas Joy Offering

collected at Christmas time

- 50% of this offering helps provide financial support and fund grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions
- 50% goes toward leadership-development for people of color and education support at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

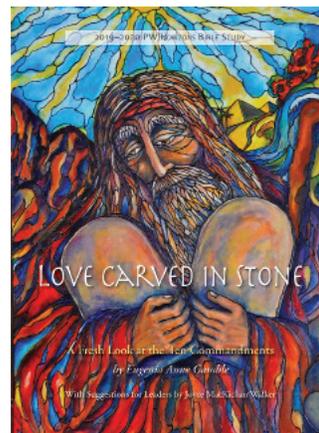


Our first book for this year will be **Residence** by **Kate A, Brower**, to be discussed after church on **September 22**. Amazon describes the book this way: “Full of stories and details, by turns dramatic, humorous, and heartwarming, [this book] reveals daily life in the White House as it is really lived through the voices of the maids, butlers, cooks, florists, doormen, engineers, and others who tend to the needs of the President and first family.” Rochester Public Library has 2 copies in regular print, 2 in large print, and electronic formats. If you have difficulty finding a copy, call Marg Nelson (252-9398) for suggestions. To read ahead, check the year’s schedule in the August Newsletter.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Potluck Salad Luncheon September 11, 12:30 pm at Margie Petersen’s home

The first meeting of PW will be held on Sept. 11 at 12:30 at Margie Petersen’s lovely home on the lake. It will be a potluck lunch, bring a salad or appetizer. Margie will provide dessert and beverages. We are collecting for school kits to be delivered to the Fall Gathering. The school kits are distributed by Church World Service to children in need. We will carpool from church leaving at noon. If you have any questions, please contact Margie at 261-1206 or Mary Alice at 398-9893. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon and learn more about the media.



PW Bible Study Coming in October

The study will be **Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments** by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Watch for more details in the October newsletter and in future bulletins!

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Fair Trade Fair coming in October

Our Savior's Lutheran Church invites you to attend their ninth annual Fair Trade Market. This year's market will feature several new vendors with unique products offered for the very first time. Come early for the best selection. Credit cards are accepted.

The 2019 Fair Trade Market will feature high quality hand-made crafts and foods from around the world. With every purchase of Fair Trade products, you provide income, dignity, and hope to the artisans and their families. Literacy education, nutrition, health care, and the building of safe water wells become possible when families are able to sustain themselves and improve their communities. No pricing markups are made by our team. All proceeds return to those producing the products and their representative organizations. This is an excellent time to complete your holiday shopping with unique one-of-a-kind gifts, while providing hope and a future for many artisans and their families in underdeveloped nations.

First-time vendors this year include sustainability driven Mira and socially responsible Eternal Threads. Returning favorites include: DZI, Asante, Earth Divas, Ten Thousand Villages, Women of Hope, SERRV International, Equal Exchange coffee and tea, Divine Chocolates, Women's Bean Project, Baskets of Africa, Upavim, and many more. Please come to Our Savior's to experience the market while enriching lives of many people around the world.



JOIN US for shopping, education, and food samples.
Come early for the best selections!

**13TH ANNUAL
FAIR TRADE
MARKET**

By choosing Fair Trade products, you are making a difference for farmers, artisans, and their communities worldwide.

OCTOBER 2019
4th | 4p-7p
5th | 8a- 4p
6th | 9:30a- 1p

2124 Viola Rd NE
Rochester, MN 55906

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Over 20 fair and ethical trade vendors under one roof selling food, chocolate, home décor, and so much more!

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Bring your own bag and fill it up!

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

September 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship	Labor Day Office Closed	6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due			
8 9:30am Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 10:30am Pancake Breakfast	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	6:00pm Worship and Music Meeting 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 12:30pm PW Potluck Salad Lunch at Margie's	12	13	14
15 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School begins	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	19	20 12:00pm Newsletter articles due	21
22 9:30am Worship with Sunday School kick-off 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 10:45am Book Discussion Group	6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	6:00pm Session Meeting	6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due	26	27	28
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3705 Fairway Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901

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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!**