

Community Press

Join Us For Outdoor Worship Service and Pancake Breakfast Sunday, September 9

Be sure to bring a folding chair, a wide brimmed hat, sunscreen, and a heart for worship on Sunday, September 9, because we will be having a lively outdoor worship experience featuring the music of Brass, Etc.! They will be playing Bach's "My Spirit be Joyful," Samuel Scheidt's "Third movement of Battle Suite: Galliard Battaglia," and "Just a Closer walk With Thee." Following worship we will gather in the Great Room for a pancake breakfast. Please help us plan for the right amount of food by signing up on the Clip Board in the Narthex.



Brass, Etc.'s regular members are Micah Johnson (trumpet), Rich Zeller (trumpet), Amanda Kauss (horn), Mitch Stevenson (Tuba), and John Sievers (trombone).



The Big Invitation Sunday, Sept. 16, 10:30 am

"Come Join With Us!" After worship and coffee, all ages are INVITED to connect in conversation with our church leadership in the Great Hall. Sign up for Prizes, gather information about Christian Education groups, or volunteer to join our Gardening, Choir, Food Pack, and Library ministries. There will be special activities for our children. More information can be found on page 5.

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From the Pastor...

Leadership, Leadership,
Leadership

Prayer, Prayer, Prayer



Most of you have seen this joyful announcement in our Sunday Bulletin:

Good News, CPC has been granted permission by the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) to assemble a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Our COM Liaison, Elizabeth Remfert met with our Session Aug 21 and laid out the process immediately before us. The first task is for our Nominating Committee to assemble a PNC slate to conduct the pastoral search. The slate, made up of active members of the church, should be a balanced representation of the congregation. The PNC's responsibilities include drafting the Church profile and working closely with the COM, meeting nearly every week in a thorough search process. The search work of the PNC is completely confidential, though they will bring occasional updates to the congregation concerning where they are in the process. It is important for the church to continue its mission and ministries with full hearts and good energy as the PNC does its work. Even with the best of opportunities and diligence, the PNC search can easily take a year or more until they bring a final candidate before the congregation. If you are interested in being considered to serve on the PNC, please contact the chair of our Nominating Committee, Darlene Lucas.

There are two levels of GOOD NEWS here!

One is the tremendous effort and exceptional leadership of our session to get us to the point where we are poised on the threshold of our future! Our hearts are filled with gratitude for their hard work on the survey and visioning event. Now we will soon have an additional task, selecting those who will serve on our PNC. The Presbytery will join us in this sacred venture and God will also be with us.

Our SECOND level of GOOD NEWS is the efforts that will be needed to sustain our ministries and mission in a healthy way so the PNC is free to conduct it's work on our behalf. By our ministry, I mean YOUR efforts will count big time! You must not hesitate to step forward in our ongoing ministry and mission. This is your time to lend your hand because we are building CPC together!

You see, in Christ, we are always at work through God's Spirit to address the present and the future! AND "With the Help of God" we can do that well! I believe these two levels of work are connected through communication, compassion and prayer. And every member and friend of CPC is needed to join in 100% in this faithful endeavor.

May Christ's love be in us, and move through us into the world, Pastor Teresa

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30am Com- munion Guest Preacher: Rev. Megan Remtema	3	4 6pm BIG 6:30pm Mem- bership 7pm Mission	5 6:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Choir	6 7:30pm Aikido	7	1 10am Aikido
						8 10am Aikido
9 9:30am Out- door Service and Pancake Break- fast Channel One	10 8:30am Garden Group 5:30pm Build- ing & Grounds	11 7pm Women of the Church at Gwen Riffin's home	12 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	13 7:30pm Aikido	14	15 10am Aikido Noon Meal
16 9:30am Wor- ship The Big Invita- tion Noisy Can 3rd Grade Bi- bles	17 8:30am Garden Group 7pm Finance 7pm Nominat- ing	18 5pm Christian Education	19 6:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Choir	20 7:30pm Aikido	21	22 10am Aikido
23 9:30am Wor- ship Harvest Sunday Sunday School starts 5pm Book Group	24 8:30am Garden Group	25 7pm Session	26 6:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Choir	27 7:30pm Aikido	28	29 10am Aikido
30 11:15am Begin- ning Bells						

September 2012 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
2	Ron & Penny Murray, Bruce Felger	Susan Moore	Paul Remtema	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
9	Dave & Amy Anderson, Guy Vig	Lori Beckman	Margaret Petersen	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg
16	Darlene & Dave Lucas, Peggy McCarty	Amanda Ross	Linda Overton	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Gardner
23	Pillers Family	Jeff Swinbank	Paul Harkess	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci
30	Margaret Petersen, Jean Abels, Jake DeGuise	Louis Bouchard	Doug Marker	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Kereakos

Communion Servers for September: Ronda Marshall, Jane Burgstaler, Gwen Riggin, Margaret Nelson

Coming up at CPC!

Lots to look forward in the days to come at our church!

[September 9](#)

Outdoor Service and Pancake Breakfast

[September 15](#)

Noon Meal

[September 16](#)

The Big Invitation

Women of the Church

Have you ever turned on the faucet and no water came out, or stepped into the shower and had no water? As we open this year's programs, we will begin to study one of our world's concerns. Fred Pearce's book "When the Rivers Run Dry: Water, A Defining Crisis of the 21st Century" will be reviewed. We welcome all women of our church to come and learn. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, at 7:00 pm we will meet at Gwen Riggin's home (2215 Petersen Dr, Stewartville). Meet at the church at 6:30 to carpool. Coffee and conversations with the program to follow. We will collect school items to fill the school bags for Church World Service; check the weekly bulletins for their needs.

Giving statements covering the first half of 2012 have been mailed out. Please see Mark Jensen if you need a statement or need to have your statement corrected. Home phone 507-292-9237 or email at jensen3@charter.net.

GIVING REPORT

<i>August '12 Weekly Average</i>	\$2,152.78	<u><i>Special Offerings</i></u>	
<i>Year to Date Avg. '12</i>	\$3,846.75	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	\$1,186.00
<i>Budgeted Weekly for '12</i>	\$3,136.19	<i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>	\$1,254.00
<i>Per Capita Received '12</i>	\$2,150.49	<i>Thank Offering</i>	\$635.00
<i>Total Per Capita Paid '12</i>	\$4,586.35	<i>Peace Offering</i>	\$837.00

(Per capita contribution per member is \$31.63 for 2012)

September Birthdays

2	Dennis Ross
10	Mackenzie Johnson
11	Judy Leal
15	Haley Huston
20	Steve Kereakos
21	Bruce DeGuise
28	Beth Rank
28	Nicole Ward



Anniversaries

2	Dave & Amy Anderson
2	Dan & Lori Hill
3	Mark & Ivy Pillers
16	Stephen & Ellie Hauser
20	Gene & Stacy Kopecky

Fall Music Program

September 2	Randy Huston, special music
September 9	Brass, Etc.
September 16	Choir
September 23	Choir
September 30	To be announced

Refreshment Server Help Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help serve refreshments after the service on Sundays. We have had several Sundays with no volunteers so we had to scramble to provide refreshments. We usually have treats in the freezer that can be used. THANKS to all that have provided these for these occasions.

It's very easy to sign up and the juice and coffee is provided! We are taking reservations to cover up to the end of 2013. If you or your committee would like to provide refreshments on a particular Sunday to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other please use the signup sheet in the Narthex.

News from Sunday School

Bibles to new 3rd graders will be presented on September 16 during worship. Classes for youth will begin on Sunday, September 23.

Adult Education

The 2012 – 2013 Adult Education program begins on Sunday, September 23rd immediately following the church service. The curriculum this year will be a mix of contemporary issues as well as historical studies. Each class will include time for facilitated discussion.

The first class will be a discussion on the Boy Scouts of America's policy of excluding openly gay leaders in scouting activities. This is pertinent to CPC, as we have recently agreed to sponsor a local Cub Scout Pack. September 30th and October 7th will cover the first DVD of the Who Wrote the Bible? series. October 14th will be a discussion on the proposed MN gay marriage amendment. October 21st will include a discussion on the proposed MN voter ID amendment. The rest of the Who Wrote the Bible? series will continue through November.

New ideas for topics are always welcome! Please contact Shannon Bennett with any suggestions. (bennett.shannon@mayo.edu)

September 23	Discussion about Scout Policy
September 30	Who Wrote the Bible?
October 7	Who Wrote the Bible?
October 14	MN Marriage Amendment
October 21	MN Voter ID Amendment

Harvest Sunday

On Sept 23, CPC will host its first "Harvest Sunday" in honor of the growing season coming to an end. Plan to bring any of your grown vegetables, fruits and such to share with all. We will also invite the Channel One gardeners to come by to celebrate the wonderful growing months.



Rochester Author Douglas McGill to Speak at CPC

On Saturday, October 6, at 10 a.m. author Douglas McGill will be speaking at CPC. His most recent book is *Here, a Global Citizen's Journey*.

After 10 years living and working abroad as bureau chief for Bloomberg News and as a journalist for the New York Times, Doug McGill brought the world back home, hence his observation of his own hometown of Rochester, MN, through a global context. He sees Rochester as a microcosm of the globalization where we live in every town in America. He feels that to be an involved citizen anywhere is to appreciate and interact with our neighbors

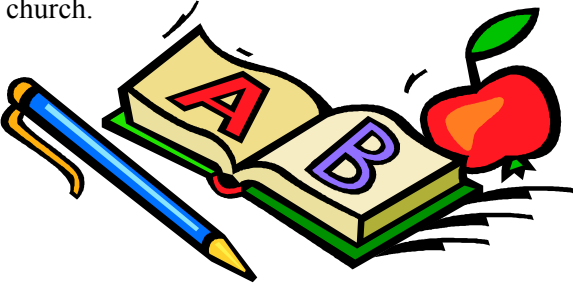
whose cultures are different from our own; the benefit of this interaction goes both ways. "My theory is that hospitality is the greatest of all the human virtues and the one that's most needed in today's world." McGill quotes Jesus, "I was a stranger and you took me in."

Like MN's Garrison Keillor, McGill universalizes the local human predicament in a clear and poignant way. He shows us that we can all make a difference by being observant and responsive to our local communities. His *Global Rochester* column is published each week in the Rochester Post-Bulletin.

Mr. McGill is sponsored by the SE MN Chapter of the National Association of Church Libraries. CPC is a member and is hosting this event.

Running Start for School Supplies Delivered!

Thank you once again for your generosity in providing school supplies to students in Olmsted County. Our congregation contributed 1,041 items plus 4 complete backpacks filled with supplies. Lacey at United Way was very pleased with the amount donated from our church.



Book Discussion Group September 23, 2012

Have you read Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn"? If not, why don't you read it and join us for our first Book Group meeting of the new season? We meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 23, in the church library. Margaret Nelson will lead our discussion. Our discussions usually last just one hour and we'd love to have your input. Contact any of the discussion group or Gwen Riggan (251-7874) if you have suggestions or questions.

Peacemaking Sunday

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

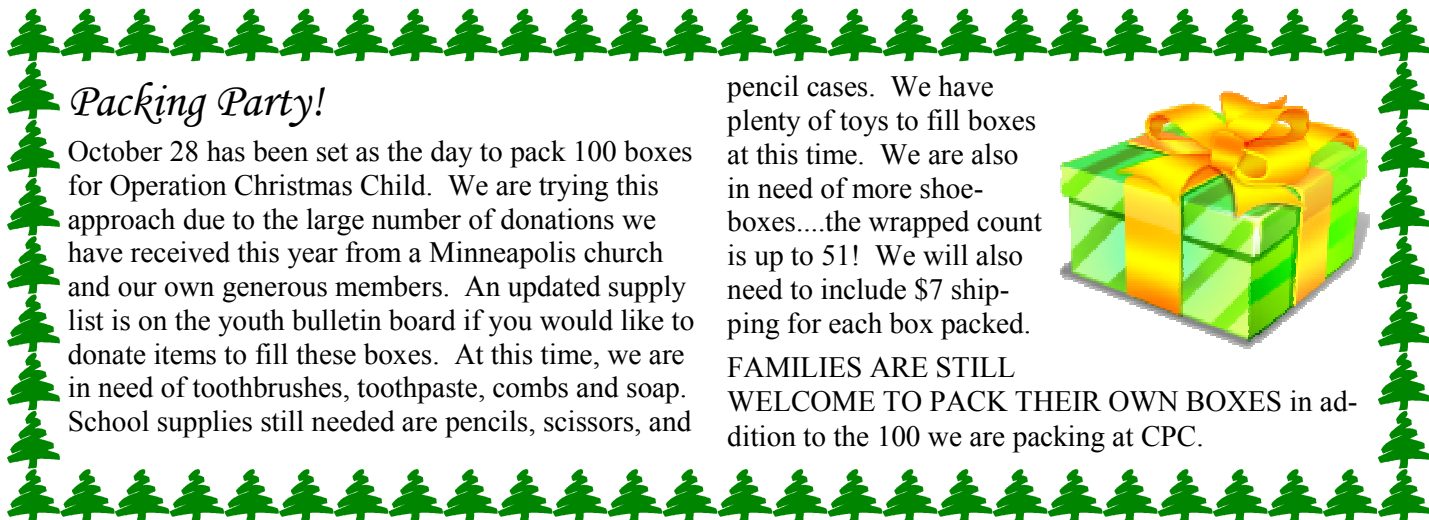
October 7 will be the date that Peacemaking Sunday is celebrated this year. It is also World Communion Sunday. A special offering will be collected, with 25% of the offering to go to a local peacemaking activity. Last year, CPC contributed \$204.25 to the Rochester Women's Shelter, as the local peacemaking activity. The total contribution was \$817.00.

The balance will go to the Presbyterian Church (USA) for peacemaking. In 2011, nearly \$2,000,000.00 was contributed. The funds were distributed to support efforts for peace and justice in Israel and Palestine, the Philippines, Colombia, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran and Sudan,



and for training to prevent gun-violence and to promote nonviolence as well as many other programs to bring about peace.

Please contribute as generously as you can for ***you are the peacemakers, the children of God.***



Packing Party!

October 28 has been set as the day to pack 100 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are trying this approach due to the large number of donations we have received this year from a Minneapolis church and our own generous members. An updated supply list is on the youth bulletin board if you would like to donate items to fill these boxes. At this time, we are in need of toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs and soap. School supplies still needed are pencils, scissors, and

pencil cases. We have plenty of toys to fill boxes at this time. We are also in need of more shoe-boxes....the wrapped count is up to 51! We will also need to include \$7 shipping for each box packed.



FAMILIES ARE STILL WELCOME TO PACK THEIR OWN BOXES in addition to the 100 we are packing at CPC.

Channel One Backpack Program

Here is your chance to make a difference in our community! CPC partners with Channel One and Longfellow School to provide backpacks of food to children who need nourishment over the weekends. At this time we are serving 6 families with 17 children. Please visit us at church on Sept 16 "The Big Invitation" to see how you can become part of our team in providing children with healthy meals.

Mary Meyer, Judi Berg, and Stacy Kopecky

Noon Meal

On September 15, 2012, we will be serving Noon Meal at Christ United Methodist Church. Help is needed as cooks (need not be a chef), servers (need not be skilled waiters/waitresses) and brownie bakers. Sign up for a rewarding Saturday helping out great guests who appreciate your being there.

Cub Scouts

Over recent years, CPC has held numerous Cub Scout events in the church building to assist the new pack that formed at Gibbs. The session has recently agreed to extend the relationship further, by becoming the Charter organization for the pack. In the upcoming months, CPC will officially be associated with the pack. Stay tune for more details as this becomes final and put your thinking caps on for ways that CPC can reach out to these young boys to demonstrate the meaning of community involvement. If any questions, contact Ronda Marshall.

Can You Meet This Challenge?

CPC will be a drop site for the United Way "Winter Outer Wear Drive" this fall. Start setting aside coats, boots, hats, mittens, etc. to be donated to families in Olmsted County who may not be properly prepared to face a Minnesota winter. A collection barrel will be placed in the Narthex to collect donated winter items.

In addition, CPC Youth will be volunteering at United Way during the Winter Outer Wear Drive. Can CPC adults match their volunteer hours? Go to www.uwolmsted.org to sign up for any number of volunteer opportunities from "Fill the Truck" to sorting school supplies to distribution days. Let's all join together to be a telling presence in Olmsted County.

Thank you from the Swinbank Family

Our deepest thanks for your outpouring of sympathy and support after Ellen's death. We were amazed at your generosity and warmth of condolences. All memorials were sent to the Jesup Community School for their "Dollars for Scholars" scholarship fund. Ellen was a 3rd grade teacher there for many years and had requested this memorial. A special thank you to Gwen, Paul and Rebeca, and Bill and Margaret for attending the visitation and Ellen's funeral in Jesup. We are blessed to be surrounded by such a caring faith community.

Jeff, Denise and Willow Swinbank



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“Open Hearted—Open Minded”

Come Be Our Guest!
 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (September - May)
 Nursery is provided during Worship
 and Sunday School.



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AMAZING ANIMALS

God created a rich variety of animals to live on the earth.

Directions: Write the name of each animal next to its picture. Then fill in the correct letters to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

“How _____ are your _____,
 O _____! In _____
 you _____ them _____;
 the _____ is _____
 of your _____.”

Answers:
 leopard, dove, donkey, worm, fish, camel, butterfly, ant
 “How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all: the
 earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24, NIV)