

Community Press

All Saints' Sunday *October 28th*

The celebration of All Saints' Day at the end of October is a special tradition in many churches. It is a special time when we recognize the "Cloud of Witnesses who go before us." The words of the book of Hebrews 12: 1-2 explains



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

These witnesses are those members here who helped establish and support the work of Christ in this place. It can certainly be said that "we stand upon their shoulders" and look forward to the future in Christ before us.

On All Saints' Sunday at our 9:30 service, through special music, and a service of remembrance, we will honor and pray for those members of our church family who have died since January 1, 2011. The service will be followed with a special coffee time with the families of those who have left us in body, but remain with us in spirit.

Family members can contact Pastor Teresa or Mary Jensen, chair of Worship & Music, for further information.

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From the Pastor...

Don't Argue! Do Ask, Do Listen, Do Discuss, And Do Vote!



It's unusual for me to have the gospel lesson from Sunday's service overreach it's appointed 6 day stay in my consciousness, and still roll around my mind on a Monday morning. But here are Jesus' words about glory and suffering, like a bowling ball in a china shop, still smashing up against all the hard questions my soul asks. I wonder if that's how Jesus' followers felt when he told them they would face hard questions when serving those facing even harder times. My sermon, 9/23, spoke about that radical shift to a suffering, vulnerable God the Gospel writer puts before us so succinctly in Mark 9:30 -37. What Jesus didn't want, was for his disciples to argue and tussle about who is Greatest. What Jesus said, as he put his arms around a small child, was "Look, here's the Greatest- this vulnerable young child you see as a slave and servant. And if you hold and enfold that child, that vulnerable other, in your thoughts, your conversations, your acts of compassion- THEN you will be as GREAT as The God who embraces, holds and reveals God's glory in all who suffer!" BANG-X that bowling ball hit a strike! No pin or ego is left standing in the face of Jesus' uncompromising love.

These faith considerations of Hard Questions aren't just personal, they are also communal. As Presbyterians we think it's important to look at the response of the "body of Christ"- often through committees. With sixteen Presbyterians as signers of the Declaration of Independence, some say our government process is influenced by the Presbyterian approach. For the way Presbyterians respectfully discuss important issues is through a vote. We must do our best to honestly and with integrity "put the questions" before the people of the church.

Well, recently the same week our Presbytery voted to oppose the MN Marriage Amendment, the

committee I chair in Presbytery, Mission and Witness met for its work. Our committee considered the most vulnerable (the elderly, the poor, the homeless, the disabled, the student) and passed a resolution to urge the Presbytery to oppose the MN Voter ID Amendment. This creates an opportunity for churches to look through the lens of Jesus at this HARD QUESTION that will be on our ballot. This is not a plan to prompt stifling arguments; we've all heard enough of those! The intent is that the church and its members in the common body Ask the Hard Question. Then carefully Listen, honestly and respectfully Discuss, and then urge the members to Vote - not just with our hands, but also with our hearts, minds and souls.

Our Session has chosen to take the Christian responsibility to not only Ask the Hard questions but to also Listen and Discuss them through our Adult Christian Education Program this month. So in October we will have 3 Sunday morning forums dealing with some of the Hard Questions before us as citizens of this community. On October 7th, Ronda Marshall will lead classes on Diversity and Boy Scouts. On October 14th, the Diversity Council will hold a discussion about the MN marriage amendment. On October 21st, we will discuss the MN voter ID amendment with a speaker from the Rochester League of Women Voters. So please join us after worship as we journey faithfully together in this unfolding task of being the Vulnerable and Sacrificial Body of Christ!

Mark 9:35 *"So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be servant of all."*

from **The Message**, by Eugene H. Peterson

October 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30am Garden Group	2 6:30pm Deacons 6pm BIG 7pm Mission Special mtg	3 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	4 7:30pm Aikido	5	6 10am Aikido 9-11am Library Committee Guest Speaker 4-10pm Great Room Occupied
7 9:30am World Communion Peacemaking Offering 1:30pm CROP Walk	8 8:30am Garden Group	9 7pm Women of the Church	10 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	11 7:30pm Aikido	12 7pm AS Support Group	13 10am Aikido 4pm Dinner Out 6-10pm Great Room Occupied
14 9:30am Worship Adult Forum: MN Marriage Amendment	15 8:30am Garden Group 7pm Finance	16 5pm Christian Education	17 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	18 7:30pm Aikido	19	20 10am Aikido
21 9:30am Worship Guest Preacher: Chaz Ruark Adult Forum: Voter ID No Children's Sunday School Noisy Can	22 8:30am Garden Group 1pm Bible Study	23 7pm Session	24 6:30am Prayer Group 6:15pm Jubellation Handbells 7:15pm Choir	25 7:30pm Aikido	26	27 10am Aikido
28 9:30am Worship All Saints Sunday Special Offering: PDA OCC Packing Party 5pm Book Group 6:30pm Movie Night	29 8:30am Garden Group 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm Membership	30	31 6:30am Prayer Group 6:15pm Jubellation Handbells 7:15pm Choir			

October 2012 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
7	Gwen Riggin, Connie Holst, Guy Vig	Louis Bouchard	Amy Anderson	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
14	Margaret Nelson, Amy Ward, Rick Orvold	Amanda Ross	Darlene Lucas	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg
21	Peggy McCarty, Jean Abels, Jeff Swinbank	Linda Overton	Guy Vig	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Gardner
28	Powell Family	Rebeca Harkess	Ivy Pillers	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci

Communion Servers for October: Wendy DeGuise, Ivy & Mark Pillers, Paul Harkess

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

October 6
 Library Committee Guest Speaker

October 7
 Peacemaking Sunday
 CROP Walk

October 13
 Dinner Out

October 28
 All Saints Sunday

Directory Updates

Samways Family's Address
 (507) 289-0205
 Shorewood Commons
 2115 2nd Street SW #321
 Rochester, MN 55902

Huston Family's Phone Number
 (507) 258-4035

Leanne Turner's Phone Number
 (507) 858-5068

Session Highlights

- * Parking lot flower beds will be replanted.
- * The Presbytery Executive Chaz Ruark will preach at CPC October 21.
- * Church finances are steady.
- * Discussed November pledge campaign: "Giving Back to the Future."

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

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

October Birthdays



- 1 Peggy McCarty
- 3 Carol Jones
- 6 Stephen Hauser
- 7 Brittany Blasus
- 7 Bill Marshall
- 8 Mark Jensen
- 8 Daniel Johnson
- 10 Mary Bennett
- 13 Girard Calehuff
- 14 Ronald Murray
- 15 Thomas Powell
- 15 Shannon Bennett
- 18 Buster Garness
- 19 Mary Henderson
- 20 Nancy Massaro
- 23 Duane Olson
- 24 Rebeca Harkess
- 29 Joanne Powell
- 30 Linda Overton
- 30 William Petersen

Anniversaries

- 2 Wayne & Mary Alice Richardson
- 15 Aaron & Ann Simms
- 23 Bill & Ronda Marshall

Adult Education

Our October 7 class will be a Respectful Conversation about 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. October 14 will be a discussion on the proposed MN gay marriage amendment. October 21 will include a discussion on the proposed MN voter ID amendment. The "Who Wrote the Bible?" series will continue in November. New ideas for topics are always welcome! Please contact Shannon Bennett with any suggestions at bennett.shannon@mayo.edu.

October 7	BSA & Diversity
October 14	MN Marriage Amendment
October 21	MN Voter ID Amendment

Giving Back to the Future

CPC Stewardship Sunday, November 14

After we make the major discipleship decision of committing ourselves to give money to help accomplish God's causes, we arrive at another question: to pledge or not to pledge. We know we want to give, but we aren't sure we want to pledge.

The answer, of course, is that you don't have to pledge. We would have trouble citing a chapter and verse in the Bible that makes pledging mandatory. But, in addition to helping us live up to the high standards of spiritual maturity we set for ourselves, making a pledge is quite natural, just as we want to pledge ourselves at other important moments in our lives.

Remember when you stood by the church alter and said, "Yes, I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and I accept him as my personal Savior"? Did you have to do that? Not really, I suppose. You could have made that decision quietly and silently in your own heart, right there in the pew. But you wanted to and needed to make your commitment concrete by pledging your faith with words.

Making a financial pledge to support God's causes is not mandatory. But it is definitely practical. It is definitely helpful. And it is definitely beneficial to building and maintaining a strong spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ.

—Guy Vig



Library Committee Guest Speaker

On Saturday, October 6, at 10 a.m. author Douglas McGill will be speaking at CPC. He is a frequent contributor to the Post-Bulletin, and his most recent book is *Here, a Global Citizen's Journey*. The CPC Library Committee is hosting the fall meeting of the SE MN church librarians group, and invites everyone to come hear Mr. McGill speak.

Book Group

Join us October 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the church library as we discuss the 2012 Rochester Reads selection: "Confederates in the Attic: dispatches from America's unfinished Civil War," by Tony Horwitz. We have 10 copies of the book available for our group. For more information contact Gwen at 251 7874 or gwenrig@live.com.

Bible Study

Study of the General Epistles (Peter I-III, John, & Jude) will begin Monday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. Rev. Tammy Rider will be our leader. All are welcome. If you need a study book, please contact Mary Alice Richardson. Cost is \$8.00.

Women of the Church

What are we doing with the gift of water, the essential ingredient to all life? What role does the church play in this scenario? Join us on October 9th at the home of Lois Nicholson, 3504 Fairway Ridge Lane SW, Apt #219 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this poignant issue. All women are invited. Call Lois if you wish to attend at 282-7255.

Fall Music Program

October 7	Choir
October 14	Choir
October 21	Willow Swinbank, Flute
October 28	Choir

Peacemaking Sunday

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

(Matthew 5:9)

October 7 is Peacemaking Sunday and World Communion Sunday. A



special offering will be collected, with 25% of the offering to go to The Rochester Area Diversity Council to support their work in our local schools with Anti-bullying curriculum, and forums on Problems with Bias and Diversity issues in our area. The balance will go to the Presbyterian Church (USA) for peacemaking. Please contribute as generously as you can for **you are the peacemakers, the children of God.**

CROP Walk

On October 7, you are invited to participate in the annual interfaith CROP Walk. Channel One Food Bank will receive 25% of the funds raised, and the rest will be used by Church World Service to alleviate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice among the world's most vulnerable people. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, and the Walk will take place at 2 p.m.



Movie Night

Back again this fall/winter is the Movie series on Sunday evenings. The first one will be on Oct 28th at 6:30pm; the showing will be "Fireproof." This is from the same director as "Courageous" that we watched last spring. The movie is about a firefighter that uses a 40-day experiment known as "The Love Dare" in an attempt to save his marriage. Light snack and beverages will be served.

Kitchen Improvements

Check out the cart of items that are offered for your donations, since our kitchen needed some "sorting out." All receipts will go for our kitchen improvements.

Church World Service Donations

Women of the Church would like to thank you for helping with the school kits for Church World Service, which distributes them all over the world. However, we still need \$2 each for shipping purposes.

Nominating Committee

Looking For Church Leaders

Our Nominating committee is currently working on selecting church officers for 2013. If you or someone you know is interested in serving a 3-year term as an Elder or Deacon please let a member of the Nominating committee know.

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 event, please use the signup sheet in the Narthex.

Progressive Dinner

Our Progressive Dinner will be held on November 3. We are looking for someone to host Appetizers from 5:30 to 6:30 at their house or even a "club" room, and someone to host dinner (the host assigns items to bring) from 6:45 to 7:45 at CPC. (We have plenty of tables and dishes.) We are also looking for someone to host dessert at their house from 8:00 to 9:00. Please let Aaron Simms know if you are interested in hosting. Depending on responses we may modify our plan. Once we have our hosts indentified we will have a signup sheet for people who plan to attend. PLEASE, PLEASE sign up early! There is a lot of planning put into this event and we want to make sure we have an accurate headcount. If you would like to attend but need transportation or daycare during this event, please contact Aaron Simms at 507-280-8779 or aaronsimms@charter.net.



Packing Party!

We will hold an all-church packing party for Operation Christmas Child after coffee fellowship on October 28. If you wish to support this mission with a donation for shipping, please make checks to "Samaritan's Purse" and give them to Denise.



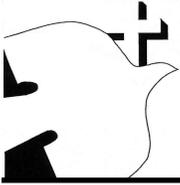
Winter OuterWear

It's time to start thinking about the Community Winter OuterWear initiative. With winter on its way, CPC will be serving as a drop site for coats, snow suits, snow pants, boots, gloves, hats, mittens and scarves. Thank you for helping low income, families stay warm this winter.

Join Us For a Dinner Out!

On October 13, join us for an outing to Four Daughters Vineyard and Winery. They are located at 78757 State Highway 16 in Spring Valley, MN.

Meet us at CPC at 4:00 p.m. if you would like to car pool with us. If you would need a ride from your residence please contact one of the Membership Committee Members. This will be a great time to socialize with our fellow CPC members!



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



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