

Community Press



We have strong, meaningful missions, both locally and globally, such as our Channel One Community Garden, which helped 15 needy families grow fresh and healthy produce.



The beautiful redecorating of the Great Room completed this year has enhanced our worship experience.



Our Christian Education programs, like Vacation Bible School and our adult education forums, offer many opportunities for spiritual growth.

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From the Pastor...

Giving a Future with Hope for All



Dear Friends,

Happy November! Our first task as a congregation this month will be to celebrate our stewardship of God's gracious gifts and blessings in our life through our giving of Pledges for 2013 on Stewardship Sunday Nov. 4th! I want to thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Community Presbyterian Church.

In my first year as interim I have witnessed a wonderful blend of solid commitment and new beginnings; the signs of a healthy congregation. To name just a few highlights: we created a Channel One Garden that gave 15 plots to families, we were touched by the Global Missionary visit of the Fletchers from the Democratic Republic of Congo, we hosted the Sikh Memorial Service, and our children began a herculean effort to provide 100 boxes of Christmas gifts for Operation Christmas Child! Our debt-free building was given a beautiful Sanctuary/Great Room update through the efforts of our Worship Committee. The gardens in our parking lot reflect new landscaping and beauty thanks to our Gardening group and Building & Grounds! Both Deacons and our Worship Committee hosted two new worship experiences: "The Longest Night" and "All Saints' Sunday." These wonderful investments in our recent past demonstrate we are growing in hope towards our future!

Our immediate future is already at work in the hearts and minds of the many devoted leaders here at CPC. In this next year we anticipate the re-designing of our Narthex, the deepening of our worship experience as we make plans to bring a brass band to our Easter celebration, and the growth our adult and children's education programs.

More big news regards the election of our PNC on Oct 28th. They will now begin work on a pastor search. They begin with training from the Committee on Ministry and development of our church profile. This is a crucial time for our congregation to stay devoted to our ongoing programs as we also support these efforts to design our future. God is our guide and Jesus is at the center of all our efforts. So my hope is that, as you look at your pledge for 2013, you will feel keenly connected to the life, hope and future here at Community Presbyterian Church. Yes, we are certainly focused on the intentions of our steadfast, loving God who spoke these words centuries ago to the prophet Jeremiah and speaks boldly to us today:

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord,
"...to give you a future with hope". Jeremiah
29: 11*

Yours in Christ's service and joy,
Pastor Teresa

November 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30pm Aikido	2	3 10am Aikido Progressive Dinner
4 9:30am Worship Communion Stewardship Sunday 10:45am Sunday School	5 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm Membership	6 6pm BIG 7pm Mission	7 6:30am Prayer Group 6:15pm Jebellation Handbells 7:15pm Choir	8 7:30pm Aikido	9 7pm AS Support Group	10
11 9:30am Worship Channel One Sunday 10:45am Sunday School	12 1pm Bible Study 5:30pm Building & Grounds	13 4:30pm Presbytery 7pm Women of the Church	14 6:30am Prayer Group 6:15pm Jebellation Handbells 7:15pm Choir	15 7:30pm Aikido	16	17 10am Aikido
18 9:30am Worship Noisy Can Sunday 10:45am Sunday School 6pm Movie Night	19 7pm Finance & Stewardship	20 5pm Christian Education	21 6:30am Prayer Group No Choir	22 7:30pm Aikido Thanksgiving Day	23	24 10am Aikido
25 9:30am Worship No Sunday School 5pm Book Group	26	27 7pm Session	28 6:30am Prayer Group No Choir	29 7:30pm Aikido	30	

November 2012 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
4	Marita Heller, Penny & Ron Murray	Susan Moore	Bruce Felger	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
11	Linda Overton, Nancy & Dick Massaro	Lori Beckman	Paul Harkess	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg
18	Women of the Church	Women of the Church	Women of the Church	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Gardner
25	Simms Family		Doug Marker	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci

Communion Servers for November: Jean Abels, Dave & Darlene Lucas, Denise Swinbank

Coming up at CPC!

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

[November 3](#)

Progressive Dinner

[November 4](#)

Stewardship Sunday

[November 18](#)

Thank Offering

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 who have provided these for these occasions.

It's very easy to sign up and the juice and coffee are provided! We are taking reservations to cover 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 sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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

September '12 Weekly Average
\$2,105.60

Year to Date Avg. '12 \$3,629.11

Budgeted Weekly for '12 \$3,136.19

Per Capita Received '12 \$2,150.49

Total Per Capita Paid '12 \$4,586.35

Special Offerings

One Great Hour of Sharing \$1,186.00

Christmas Joy Offering \$1,254.00

Thank Offering \$635.00

Peace Offering \$837.00

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

November Birthdays

- 1 Carol Rozeboom
- 4 Lincoln Hall
- 4 Doug Marker
- 6 Judy Kereakos
- 6 Kathy Remtema
- 7 Jeff Swinbank
- 7 Leanne Turner
- 12 Bruce Bigelow
- 18 Keara Ross
- 22 Carol Bigelow
- 25 Willow Swinbank
- 29 Kendrick Bachman
- 30 Darlene Lucas
- 30 Johanna Steensma



Anniversaries

- 1 David & Mary Johnson
- 9 Harry & Jeanne Samways
- 18 Jake & Wendy DeGuise

Count Me In!

CPC Stewardship Sunday November 4

A father, wanting to develop his son's character, gave him a nickel and a dollar as the family was leaving for church, and said, "Now son, you put whichever one you want in the collection plate."

As the collection plate was passed, the boy tucked his offering in an envelope and set it in the plate. After church, the father helped count the offering like he did every Sunday. When he opened his son's envelope, he expected to find the nickel, but was surprised to find the dollar and a handwritten note that said, "Dear God, Count me in! Your friend, Johnny." We are asking everyone at CPC to make a similarly strong and personal statement when completing their pledge cards for 2013: "Dear God, Count me in!"



Women of The Church

Our meeting will be held on November 13 @ 7 PM at the lovely Madonna Towers, Rochester Room. Marg Nelson will be our hostess.

“Mission 21” will be our program. This is a fairly new effort here in Rochester to address the young women who are targets for prostitution by providing them a safe haven from the streets. This is a Christian organization following the words in Revelation 21:4. Kimber Schletty will be their presenter. All women of the church are welcome to come. Please call Marg Nelson at 252-9398 or contact her at margnel4@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

November 18, Thank Offering Sunday - Women of the Church will be your hosts. The Rev. Alike Galloway, founder of Northside Women's Space in Minneapolis will be our speaker. She is DYNAMIC, don't miss her.

Our thanks for your participation in the School Kits which will be sent to Church World Service for distribution across the world. We were able to fill 21 bags. Thanks also for helping us “thin out” some unsued items in our small kitchen. You will hear further about those “improvements” as noted.

Movie Night

Back again this fall/winter is the Movie series on Sunday evenings. On November 18th at 6pm, the mission committee will show the documentary “Dakota 38.” This documentary tells the story of 38 Dakota warriors that were hanged on December 26th, 1862. Come join us in viewing this documentary that will be followed by a brief discussion time.

Progressive Dinner

The Progressive Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 3. Hostess for the appetizers will be Lois Nicholson (3504 Fairway Ridge Ln SW); the main course will be served at CPC and Rick and Marita will host dessert. Please sign up this Sunday, October 27, at church, or if you plan to attend but will not be in church this Sunday, please email Colleen Webbles at webbles.colleen@mayo.edu or call her at 288-4677. Colleen will call each of you to discuss what you should bring. Please arrive for appetizers any time after 5pm. We'll plan on arriving at the church at about 6:45pm for dinner. And finally...we'll mosey over to Rick and Marita's house for dessert (486 Panorama Circle NW). If you plan to attend and need transportation or daycare during the event, please contact Aaron Simms at [507-280-8779](tel:507-280-8779) or aaronsimms@charter.net.

CPC Gardens Get an “Xtreme Makeover”

The parking lot flowerbeds have taken on a new look thanks to work done by Sargent's Landscape company. The “minimalist” approach will require less maintenance while providing a clean, professional look to our property. There will still be plenty of color as the plantings include spring snow crabs, lilacs, rumba wiegela and a variety of hardy shrub roses. Mugho pines and elegans spruce provide year round color and anchor each end of the two parking lot beds. A ginko tree was planted in the west bed as a memorial gift from Bruce Felger. Take time to enjoy the gardens now and next spring!



Book Discussion Group

November/December Meeting

We will meet on Sunday, December 2, 5 p.m. in the church library, to discuss “Caleb's Crossing” by Geraldine Brooks. All are invited to join us as Tammy Rider leads us in the discussion of the story of a young woman who yearns for an education denied her because of her gender. Set in the mid-1600s, Bethia Mayfield befriends the young son of a Wampanoag chieftain, and the two forge a friendship. Caleb becomes the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College, while Bethia is indentured as a housekeeper and can closely observe Caleb's crossing of cultures. This will be our last discussion until January.

Operation Christmas Child

The last collection date for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child is NOVEMBER 11.

All boxes packed by individuals and families need to be at CPC by the 11th. We will dedicate all our boxes on that date and they will be delivered to our distribution site on Monday. We are still in need of donations to ship our boxes. Cost is \$7 per shoebox. If you donate online at Samaritan's Purse, you can print out the shipping label to attach to your box and they will send us an email telling us where your shoebox was sent. Checks may be made out to "Samaritan's Purse" in \$7 increments and given to Denise. Thank you all for supporting this mission!



Youth Choose Mission Project

For the past 10 months CPC youth have been stashing the quarters from Noisy Collection into an "account" to be used for a special mission project. After looking at various options, our youth wish to purchase a **computer lab for kids in San Benito, Nicaragua**. This project is sponsored by Compassion International, the same agency that we sponsor Cristhian Gaspar through. Details for the lab are as follows:

Computer skills are vital for children's education and their future, but computers can be hard to come by, especially in San Benito, Nicaragua. Our gift will help equip three child development centers with 10 computers each, air conditioners, furniture and teacher's salary. Compassion-assisted adolescents will meet for classes once a week, three hours each session, for a period of eight months.

The cost of this mission project is \$275. As of October's noisy collection we have saved \$247.75 in quarters alone! That gives us 2 months to reach our goal. Please save your quarters and bring them the 3rd Sunday in November and December to add to our Noisy Collection. We continue to use the other loose change to fund additional hands-on missions such as Running Start for School, Operation Christmas Child and Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for your continued support of these important mission projects.

Adopt-A-Family

In late November, the Mission committee will have Adopt-A-Family Christmas wish lists available for gift purchasing. The lists may be available just before Thanksgiving, with purchases to be returned to church by December 9th. During this season consider the joy of given and receiving gifts especially for those less fortunate than others.

Winter OuterWear

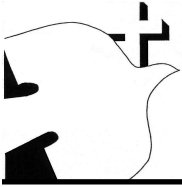
WOW! The Winter OuterWear drive at CPC resulted in a total of 143 items to be donated to families in Olmsted County. 36 of those items were coats of all sizes. Thank you for your generous contributions. Additional items may be taken directly to the United Way building in Rochester.

Thank You

Many thanks to Bill Petersen for refurbishing the garden benches that reside in the pergola all summer. They have had a face-lift and are ready for their spring debut!



Kim Nickander and Nicole Ward attended Montauk Community Church on September 23rd. Former pastor Bill gives his best regards to everyone at CPC.



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 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (September - May)
 Nursery is provided during Worship
 and Sunday School.



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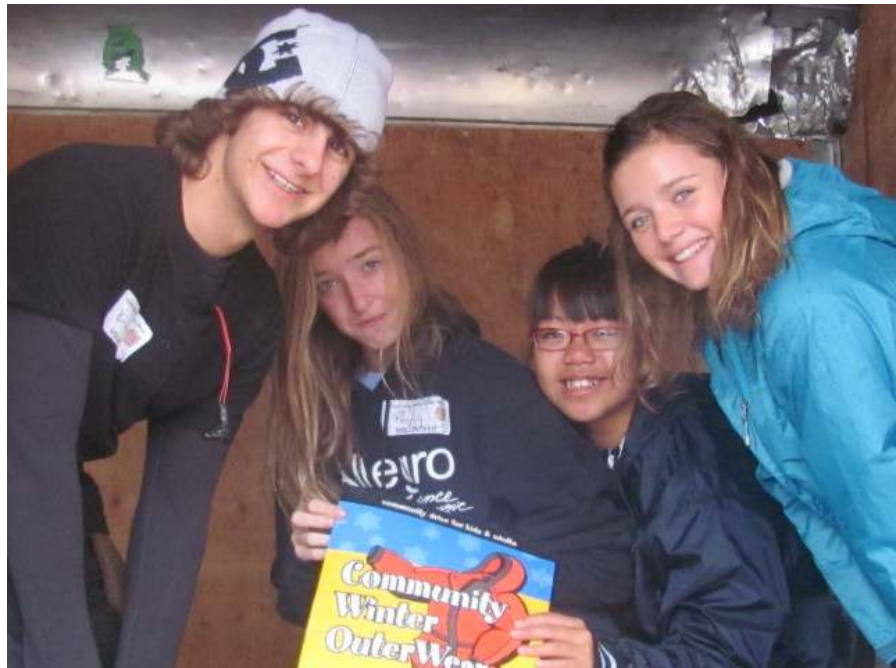
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Peggy P., Willow S. and Leonie D. volunteered during the “Fill The Truck” campaign on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Barlow Hy-Vee store.