

Community Press

Winter OuterWear

Once again CPC is registered as a collection site for the Community Winter OuterWear Drive through United Way. Collection dates will run through October 13. A collection bin is placed in the narthex.

Community Winter OuterWear is an easy and convenient way to help people in need in our communities in Olmsted County. Our goal is to provide any person in need in Olmsted County with a warm winter coat, free of charge. Thank you for your participation in the past! Last year we distributed 2,269 coats to people of Olmsted County. At this point we already have 417 families registered, which equates to 1,749 individuals! And we still have 7 weeks before our distribution days on October 28th & 29th.

You can help by donating new OR gently used and clean WINTER items:

Coats (youth sizes and extra large adult sizes especially needed)

Snow Suits

Snow Pants

Hats & Scarves

Mittens & Gloves

Boots!

All people living in Olmsted County benefit from the generosity you have displayed.



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From the Pastor...

Musings from Pastor Laurene
October 2013



The past three months have been a bit of a whirlwind, especially this past month. To be honest, I am still recovering from everything that led up to the installation and then the weekend itself. It was fabulous to have my closest friends who are my family, Sheri & Brian and Janie, here in Rochester for the weekend. It was great to be with so many of my dear friends who traveled from afar to be with us as we celebrate together this new chapter of Community Presbyterian Church.

As we proceed forward, it's important to know that we are very much still in major transition. This first phase generally takes 12-18 months as we get to know and begin to appreciate our different styles of leadership present in the mix here at CPC. Everyone brings their own sense of expectations, hopes and dreams as well as past history to this experience I think of as building our community of faith together. Already, I have heard from some who suggest we are beginning to schedule too many activities and our church is too small to sustain such activity. As I mentioned in a sermon in early August, it is important to have a variety of activities which reflect the diverse needs and wants of the congregation. I do not expect nor want members feeling like they have to attend or

participate in every activity. Our congregation is made up of people with diverse interests so a variety of activities should be offered to meet those interests.

In the near future, I would love to have a church-wide gathering with the sole purpose of soliciting **your** hopes, dreams and desires for CPC. What do you need so that you can grow in your faith and spiritual life? What do you want so that you can feel more connected to this community? What would you love to do to enhance the quality of our life together? How would you like to participate in the life of CPC? Being a member of a church is like being a part of a village in that it takes the participation of the whole village to create a healthy life-giving church.

I am off this morning to participate in a Presbytery support group for those pastors serving in their first installed church position. My guess is that I will be one of the older clergy present but it will be great fun and much needed support. I am learning how I need to take care of myself so that I can be fully present for you all. Enjoy the day!

Peace,
Laurene



Rev. Dr. Janie Spahr gifting CPC with the rainbow crystal ball which now is hanging in a Narthex window.



October 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am Staff Meeting 6pm BIG 6:30pm Deacons 7pm Mission	2 6:30am Prayer Group @ Madonna Towers 12pm Bulletin Articles Due 12:30pm Bible Study 7pm Choir	3 7:30pm Aikido	4	5 10am Aikido 1pm Handbell Festival Reading Session
6 9:30am Worship & Communion 9:30am Peacemaking Offering 1:30pm CROP Walk	7 5:30pm Personnel	8 7pm Women of the Church	9 6:30am Prayer Group 12pm Bulletin Articles Due 7pm Choir	10 7pm Worship & Music 7:30pm Aikido	11 7pm AS Support Group	12 10am Aikido
13 9:30am Worship 9:30am Channel One Sunday 6pm Movie Night	14	15 10am Staff Meeting 5pm Christian Ed 6pm Great Room Occupied	16 6:30am Prayer Group 12pm Bulletin Articles Due 7pm Choir	17 7:30pm Aikido	18	19 10am Aikido
20 9:30am Worship 9:30am Noisy Can Sunday	21 7pm Finance	22 7pm Session	23 6:30am Prayer Group 12pm Bulletin Articles Due 7pm Choir	24 7:30pm Aikido	25	26 10am Aikido
27 9:30am Worship Reformation Sunday 11:30am Fall Harvest Potluck 5pm Book Discussion Group	28	29	30 6:30am Prayer Group 12pm Bulletin Articles Due 7pm Choir	31 7:30pm Aikido		

October 2013 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
6	Amy Ward, Powell Family	Peggy McCarty	Bruce Felger	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
13	Guy Vig, Connie Holst, Duane Olson	Amanda Ross	Jane Burgstaler	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci
20	Anderson Family	Margaret Petersen	Louis Bouchard	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg
27	Jennifer Hall, Linda Overton, Mark Pillers	Ivy Pillers	Gwen Riggan	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	N/A

Communion Servers for October: Paul Harkess, Dave & Darlene Lucas, Jean Abels

Coming up at CPC!

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

October 5
Handbell Festival Reading Session

October 6
CROP Walk

October 27
Fall Harvest Potluck

Peacemaking Offering

The annual Peacemaking offering will be collected during worship on Sunday, October 6. 25% of all donations will support the work of "Mission 21" in their efforts to serve female and male children, ages 15 and under, who are victims of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) or commercial sexual exploitation (CSE). To understand more about their programs and mission, visit <http://www.mission21mn.org/>. More detailed information and an informal discussion about Mission 21 will occur in late September.

GIVING REPORT			
<i>August '13 Weekly Average</i>	\$2,224.25	<u><i>Special Offerings</i></u>	
<i>Year to Date Avg. '13</i>	\$3,359.72	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	\$1,219.82
<i>Budgeted Weekly for '13</i>	\$3,034.50	<i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>	\$922.00
<i>Per Capita Received '13</i>	\$885.27	<i>Thank Offering</i>	\$458.00
<i>Total Per Capita Paid '13</i>	\$4,402.00	<i>Peace Offering</i>	\$751.00
<i>(Per capita contribution per member is \$32.37 for 2013)</i>			

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	Ron Murray
15	Thomas Powell
15	Shannon Bennett
18	Buster Garness
19	Mary Henderson
20	Nancy Massaro
23	Duane Olson
24	Bebeca Harkess
26	Kelly Herbst
27	Ashley Weyer
27	Carrie Brandt
29	Joanne Powell
30	Linda Overton
30	Bill Petersen
31	Amy Ward

Anniversaries

2	Wayne & Mary Alice Richardson
13	Bob & Deb Weyer
15	Aaron & Ann Simms
23	Bill & Ronda Marshall

Upcoming Events in 2013

October 27	Fall Harvest Potluck
November 2	Progressive Dinner
November	Church Christmas decorating
December	No event

Library Attendant Schedule

October 6	Margaret Nelson
October 13	Judy Pucci
October 20	Judi Berg
October 27	N/A

Movie Night

Movie night returns on Sunday, October 13 at 6 p.m. To kick off the movies this year, we will be showing the movie "Silver Linings Playbook." The movie is about a former teacher returning to "normal" life, attempting to reconnect with his wife after a short stint in a mental institution. Treats and beverages will be provided, followed by a brief discussion led by Laurene. <http://silverliningsplaybook.com>

Book Discussion Group Meets on October 27

"People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks, is the book we will discuss on October 27, at 5 p.m. We meet in the church library, and we welcome all to share in our discussion. Tammy Rider will be our discussion leader. This is a "Book in a Bag" so we will have 10 copies available for our use. Please contact Gwen Riggan if you'd like a copy (251-7874 or gwenrig@live.com) or if you have questions.

Working Together to Make a Difference

CPC and CPN (Children’s Place Nursery School) are working together to make a difference in the lives of our children and the environment. It’s a “win-win” situation for all! Each site is saving different items that are redeemable for cash or equipment for our schools. Here is how you can help:

CPN is collecting any empty, plastic containers that once held health or beauty products—shampoo bottles, deodorant sticks, toothpaste tubes, contact solution bottles, makeup bottles, pill bottles, etc., etc. Garnier company pays CPN for recycling these items. The cash is used by CPN for scholarships for local families to attend Children’s Place Nursery School. Empty containers can be placed in the box in the hallway next to the women’s restroom at CPC.

CPN also recycles ink cartridges for cash as well.

CPC is collecting Box Tops for Education, Campbell’s Soup Labels for Education, and Kwik Trip Milk Moola caps and labels to raise money for our local schools for playground and classroom equipment. Our youth will take these items to their schools during the year to be redeemed. A collection box is located on a table in the Narthex.

CPC is also collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. This is a \$10,000 fund raiser for the Rochester House each year. Our youth deliver the tabs when we shop for the House in February. A collection jar is located on a table in the Narthex. PLUS! We keep all these items out of the landfills in our area while enriching the education of our youth. See Denise with any questions.



Women of the Church— October 8

Women of the Church will meet at Mary Henderson’s home at 528 Willow Bend Dr at 7 p.m. Joan Loef of CROP will speak about her trip to Vietnam viewing Church World Service at work. Call Mary at 289-8458 if you plan to come.


*Handbell Festival Reading Session—
Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m.*
 CPC Handbell Readers: Take this opportunity to play handbells with other enthusiasts from SE Minnesota at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. See Judy Kereakos for more details.



Advent Project Collection

Denise is collecting these items for an Advent project:
 Small pine cones
 Wide and narrow ribbon: purple, white, silver or gold
 Artificial evergreens (pine, fir, spruce, etc.)
 Very small gold, silver, white or purple ornaments

Progressive Dinner—Saturday, November 2

For years many of us have enjoyed our CPC version of progressive dinner and we thank those on the membership committee and others who have organized this event. This year we would like to encourage an even broader group of members to participate and would like to vary our process slightly with the hope of accommodating more people in smaller groups to enable us to get to know one another better. As we have done in the past we will have appetizers in one place and desserts in another single place. But for the main course we will divide into smaller groups so more people are comfortable hosting in their home and so we can spend a longer time with a group of six to ten people over the main course. We encourage you to sign up whether you are single, a couple, young, old or in between. With enough advanced planning we think we can arrange groups so someone in the group can offer a ride to the few who do not drive. We also encourage you to volunteer to host even if you have not done so before. You can tell us how many you can accommodate for a casual sit down dinner. It will be an organized potluck; i.e., members will be asked to bring a salad, bread, a bottle of wine—whatever is needed to round out the main course. We will try to find homes within a reasonable distance from the church so we do not need to drive too far. Please sign up early so we can plan the dinner groups. A signup sheet is in the Narthex.

Rochester Area CROP Walk— Sunday, October 6

The Rochester Area CROP Hunger Walk is being held on Sunday, October 6 at First Presbyterian Church. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m., and the walk kicks off at 2:00 p.m. CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walks are fund-raising walks sponsored by Church World Services. Seventy-five percent of the money raised goes to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice among the world's most vulnerable people, while 25% goes locally to the Channel One Food Bank.

The 2 mile route goes from First Presbyterian Church along Soldiers Field and back to First Presbyterian Church. You may walk whatever distance you feel comfortable with. There are no age requirements for the walkers. Come join us!

To get more information, or pick up a walker packet, talk to anyone from the Mission Committee – Ronda Marshall, Jean Abels, Jennifer Hall, or Mary Alice Richardson. You can also go online for information at www.crophungerwalk.org.



Bible Study—October 2

Bible Study starts Wednesday, October 2 at 12:30 at the church. Tammy Rider will lead “An Abiding Hope.” Don’t forget to bring a bag lunch.

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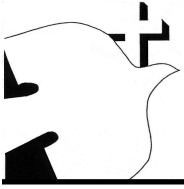
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“Open Hearted—Open Minded”

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.



Noisy Collection

September's Noisy Collection total was a whopping \$151. Thank you to all who donated! Sunday School classes packed 20 school bags with supplies to be sent to Church World Services using these funds.