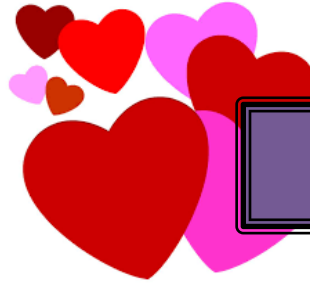




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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

“The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostle, calls women and men to all ministries of the church”

A Brief Statement of Faith, *Presbyterian Book of Confessions*

The Session spent the January meeting in training. Here is a snapshot of what we learned! **Presbyterians believe everyone has been called to ministry.** To help carry out that ministry, we have something called “ordered ministry.” As written in the *Presbyterian Book of Order (PBO)*, “The Church’s ordered ministries described in the New Testament and maintained by this church are deacons and presbyters (teaching elders and ruling elders). Ordered ministries are gifts to the church to order its life so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. The existence of these ordered ministries in no way diminishes the importance of the commitment of *all members* to the total ministry of the church.”

These three ministers are ordained for specific service. Deacons, according to the theologian, John Calvin, are the face of Christ. The *PBO* states that the ministry of deacons is one of “compassion, witness and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress.” Teaching elders (also known as ministers of the Word and Sacrament) are our ministers like Pastor Kim. Ruling elders according to the *PBO*, “. . .are so named not because they ‘lord it over’ the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation.”

In addition to learning all about ordered ministry, we reflected on our CPC Values statement. We also reviewed what elders specifically do at CPC. The training was a good introduction to new elders and a great refresher for elders already in service. It helped reinforce the idea that learning is a lifelong activity!

Please join us January 28 when we ordain new deacons and elders and March 11 will be our Annual Congregational meeting after worship.

~Barb Meyer, Elder



In your steadfast love you led the people whom you redeemed; you guided them by your strength to your holy abode. ~Exodus 15:13

I said something in frustration the other day that I'd rather my son not make part of his ever-increasing vocabulary (I'll leave the word to your wild imagination). And sure enough, like most everything I say these days, my three year-old repeated it (it may not have been fully intelligible, but I knew what he meant). It's had me thinking the past few weeks about the things we say and do, and the impact they have on those around us.

Throughout the Bible, we find God leading us to a holy existence. Why? Because God loves us and desires the best for us. That's a profound realization, that God desires the best for us.

This month, Valentine's Day perfectly lands on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent provides us a season of reflection. It's an opportunity to consider our own faith as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross. Often times, we use Lent to consider sacrifice, which is an appropriate response to Christ sacrificing his life that we might know true life. But this year at CPC, we are going to use Lent as a chance to discuss love. Because ultimately, it is love that created the life and ministry of Christ in the first place.

One of the things I hope to impart over the next few months is the notion of being loved by God, and how that love plays out in our own words and actions. God didn't lead the Israelites to a holy abode so they would reap havoc on the land; but so that they might know and share that which is holy...God's love for the world.

I've decided, not just for the sake of my son, but as a response to God's love, that I won't be using negative self-talk anymore. In the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, God leads us to redemption, and we're not living the totality of that redemption when we speak and act in opposition to the works of Jesus.

Lent is a time for us to reflect upon the intentional strength it takes for God to lead us to a holy abode. Let us begin that reflection by admitting where we need to accept God's love more fully in our lives.

~Pastor Kim

Special Prayers

- Those effected by the death of family & friends
- Those with health challenges: Emily, Kevin, Rich, KC, Doris, Deloris, Shirley
- Families faced with mental illness, depression, addiction, and sorrow
- For victims and volunteers of our natural disasters
- For peace in our world
- For our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly
- For our military personnel and their families
- For those navigating the aging process with their parents and loved ones
- For Cathy and Juan, our Mission Coworkers in the Philippines

Please let us know if you have News to Share by calling the Church Office at 326-8515 or e-mailing us at office@communitypresbyterianchurch.com

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Brookstone Manor: Lois Krook and Joan McLaughlin

Brookstone Manor Memory Care: Marianne Wilson

Grand Village/Lodge: Virginia Saxhaug, Elinor Johnson and Dorothy Zobel

Pleasant Seasons: Doris Buxengard, Dorine Seamans and Bev Stanley

River Grand: Susie Hickman, Elaine Martin and Joyce Spawn

Diamond Willow: Warren Kirsch, Betty Felosi and Tudy Motschenbacher

Majestic Pines: Betty Akre, Bev Baker, Gayle Chesness, George & Vi Korol, and Joyce Micheletti.

Oak Hill Assisted Living: Carole Erickson and Jan Shock

Sugar Brook Villa: Shirley Marshall

Keystone Bluffs (Duluth): Verla Stabe

Thanks!

To My CPC Family,

Thank you for supporting my choir trip fundraiser and allowing me to sell the chocolates and coffees after worship. I appreciate your generosity and encouragement greatly.

Thank you so much!

Steven Taylor

P.S. (Since my other note was lost in the mail...) Thank you all so much for celebrating my confirmation with me! The cupcakes were delicious!

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Thank you, CPC family for all the prayers, calls, cards, and good wishes. I am doing well and getting around fairly well, but not ready for large groups yet. I can't tell you how much you all mean to me.

With a grateful heart,

Shirley Johnson

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Dear Community Presbyterian Church,

In our region, winters can bring unexpected expenses to already struggling individuals and families. Increased expenses like heating bills, vehicle repairs due to cold weather, and illnesses can create a temporary need for help. Having to choose between keeping your children warm or having food in the house is no choice any parents wants to make. Thanks to your generous gift of \$937.49 to Second Harvest Central Food Bank, we are able to lessen that burden on struggling individuals and families...

You are a valued partner in our fight against hunger. Thank you for your generosity and making a difference here in north central Minnesota.

~Susan Estee, Executive Director

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What's Happening in Worship?

- February 4:** Mark 1:29-39, Communion, Chancel Choir
- February 11:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Chancel Choir, Tator Tot Lunch
- February 14:** Ash Wednesday worship at 7PM
- February 18:** Genesis 9:8-17, Praise Band
- February 25:** Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Bells

Worship with us at Community Presbyterian SUNDAY AT 10 A.M.

Can't make it to church?

Watch the service on Tuesday evenings at 5 P.M.

Or Wednesday morning at 9A.M. on ICTV. Or

anytime on our website

www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com

EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday School

Sunday School rotation takes place every 2nd and 4th Sunday after Chat with Children. Art, music, and theater stations will be rotated as the children learn about parables! Sunday School is for all children ages 3 through 4th grade.

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays at 3 P.M. in Room 104. We meet every Wednesday in February!

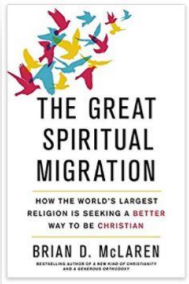
High School Youth Group

Let's meet for brunch on **Sunday, February 4**. We'll have a chance to discuss faith with the Confirmation class! Meet at the Coffee Bar if you need a ride, otherwise, meet at TimberLake Lodge for their new breakfast buffet.



Sunday Adult Book Study

Adult Book Study meets on **Sundays at 9 A.M. in the Parlor**. Our new book is titled, *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian D. McLaren.



The Christian story, from Genesis until now, is fundamentally about people on the move—outgrowing old, broken religious systems and embracing new, more redemptive ways of life. It's time to move again.

Brian McLaren, a leading voice in contemporary religion, argues that—*notwithstanding the dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance—Christian faith is not dying. Rather, it is embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. For millions, the journey has already begun.*

Drawing from his work as global activist, pastor, and public theologian, McLaren challenges readers to stop worrying, waiting, and indulging in nostalgia, and instead, to embrace the powerful new understandings that are reshaping the church. In The Great Spiritual Migration, he explores three profound shifts that define the change:

- *Spiritually, growing numbers of Christians are moving away from defining themselves by lists of beliefs and toward a way of life defined by love*
- *Theologically, believers are increasingly rejecting the image of God as a violent Supreme Being and embracing the image of God as the renewing Spirit at work in our world for the common good*
- *Missionally, the faithful are identifying less with organized religion and more with organizing religion—spiritual activists dedicated to healing the planet, building peace, overcoming poverty and injustice, and collaborating with other faiths to ensure a better future for all of us*

With his trademark brilliance and compassion, McLaren invites readers to seize the moment and set out on the most significant spiritual pilgrimage of our time: to help Christianity become more Christian.

Bible Study

Bible Study meets every **Tuesday at 9:15 A.M.** in the Parlor. We study the text for the upcoming Sunday, so come join us!

Upcoming scriptures include:

February 6: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

February 13: Genesis 9:8-17

February 20: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

February 27: Exodus 20:1-17

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

February Food Cart—All about the Children!

Join the Peace & Social Justice Committee for the **month of February** to stock the grocery cart with items “All about the Children.”



More than 1 in 5 children is struggling with hunger, and it affects their minds, bodies and spirits.

Donation ideas include: peanut butter, jelly, cheese-n-crackers, fruit cups, juice boxes, cereal, mac-n-cheese, boxes of raisins, pudding cups—anything that would be nutritious options for young people. Some children only get fed at school, and the Kids Pack Backpack Program provides a package of food once a month to help them get by on days when there is no school, children need items for after school and evenings. Please help our local young people by generously donating during the month of love.

Consider Joining the Peace & Social Justice Committee!

The Peace & Social Justice committee is committed to “creating a more just and peaceful world as we spread the love of Christ and his vision for life on earth.” If you are interested in helping CPC reach out to help others in need through the many projects we support, you might consider being a member of the Peace & Social Church Parlor. If you have questions, talk to Biz Peterson (326-4645) or Pastor Kim. We always welcome new members!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

After-Worship Supper—Feb. 11



The Fellowship Committee will hold a tator tot hotdish supper after worship on **Sunday, February 11**. Make sure to bring a big appetite for a warm, hearty meal!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Cut & Sew Project Group



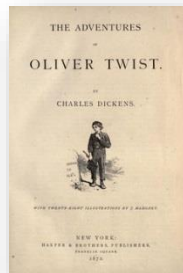
“Quilts are a work of heart!”

Our group will meet on **Wednesday, February 7 and 21, at 9 A.M.** All are welcome!

The Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet **Monday, February 12 at 1:30 P.M.** by the fireplace. The book for this month is *The Adventures of Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens.

Charles Dickens' (1812-1870) second novel is tale of the orphan Oliver Twist, who escapes from a workhouse, travels to London where he meets the Artful Dodger, leader of a gang of juvenile pickpockets. Dickens exposed the cruel treatment of the large number of orphans in London in that era, calling the public's attention to the Poor Law, child labor and the recruitment of children as criminals.



Our BUNCO group will gather at **9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, February 14**, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring \$2 for the kitchen remodel fund and be ready for lots of fun! *No experience necessary!*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Please let us know if we have missed your special day or if there is a mistake. We wish each of you a very *Happy Birthday!*

Feb 1	Aric David	Feb 16	Judy Brown
Feb 2	Joan Butson Tim Carlson Carol Rasmussen		Gwen Grell Norm Knuttila Beverlee Petschel Hans Viren
Feb 3	Corey Tabbert Tammy Warren	Feb 17	Gwen Grell Lois Krook
Feb 4	Amy Evans Kathy Schneider	Feb 18	Dennis Stejskal
Feb 6	Elaine Martin	Feb 19	Mike Bliss Carole Erickson Milo Francisco Gretchen Franke Sonia Larsen
Feb 7	Will Stark Ted Carlson	Feb 20	Delores Rima Charlie Schweigert
Feb 8	Summer Hawkinson Susie Hickman Roy Kjorlien Keith Lightfoot	Feb 21	Marilynn Hrouda
Feb 9	Judy Rudnick	Feb 22	Tom Saxhaug
Feb 10	Gail Beckman	Feb 23	Ian Shields Andrea Tok
Feb 11	Biz Peterson	Feb 24	Scott Thompson
Feb 12	Natalie Newton	Feb 25	Kyler Coffield
Feb 13	Betty Felosi Isabelle Matteson	Feb 26	Ann Clark Art Norton
Feb 14	Jane Cook Lisa Hemphill Jim Rodenberg	Feb 27	Nancy Wagner
Feb 15	Verla Stabe	Feb 28	Katie Petermeier

CONNECTIONS

Baby Shower for New Beginnings

When: Saturday, February 17 @ 1P.M.

Where: CPC Fellowship Hall

Hosted by: Sandie Trappe and Gina Pittack

Bring an unwrapped baby gift and enjoy coffee and treats while learning about New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center.

Needed items include:

- ✂ Diapers sizes 2-3-4
- ✂ Pull-ups
- ✂ Baby wipes
- ✂ Baby shampoo/soap/lotion
- ✂ Baby cloths/blankets
- ✂ Toys
- ✂ Books
- ✂ Stuffed animals

