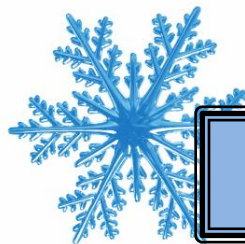




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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

*“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.” ~Helen Keller*

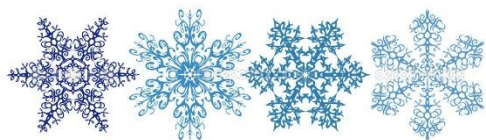
The December Session meeting was a transitional meeting where we welcomed new Elders, Susie Loeffler and Denny Anderson and Elders who renewed for a second term Cathy Cleary and Mike Johnson. We were sad to say goodbye to Elders Peter McDermott and Tom Saxhaug. Peter McDermott served six years as an Elder and one year on the Stewardship Committee and Tom Saxhaug graciously stepped in to fill the last year of Julie Fedje-Johnston’s term when her family moved to Stillwater.

Three people became new members of Community Presbyterian Church on December 24. The Session had a delightful introduction to them during our meeting on December 21. We welcomed Lisa Bolton as a new member transferring from St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids; and Bryon and Vickie Fraser as new members transferring from Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis. Please take a moment to say hello to these new members as you see them in the coming weeks!

That is all the news from the Session for this month. Best wishes for a Happy New Year from all your Ruling Elders!

*~Barb Meyer, Elder*

***The Session meets for mandatory training/retreat on Thursday, January 18 at 6 PM in the Parlor!***



*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ~Revelation 21:1*

The beginning of a whole new year is upon us. If you don't already do this, I encourage you to take some time and flip through your 2017 calendar. Look back on what you did, and where you went. Revisit those days that brought specific joy and sadness. The year past is now history; memories to file away, both the good and not so pleasant.

And now, flip that calendar to the new year. It's a blank slate (minus the things you have already planned). Now is the time to learn from the past, and set intentions for the future.

One of the mysterious aspects of faith is that it's always suggesting a sense of newness. Didn't like the way you responded abruptly to a situation today? Well, tomorrow's a new day. I call it mysterious because we don't know what it will look like, how it will feel, or even if we deserve it—but it's always there.

We know for a fact that 2018 will bring new experiences, new realities. Some loved ones will die, while others are born. Some will change jobs, homes, and cars. There will be marriages and divorces, there will be tragedies and excitements. It's the reality of a new day. Some things will happen *to* us, while other things will happen *because* of us. It's a powerful truth that there will be those things which we personally make happen, and there will be those things in which we have no control. Either way, there is God and the hope and promise of a new day.

The world needs us to bring this aspect of our faith into the new year. A new day means a new opportunity. If there is need, fulfill it. If there is pain, make room for healing. If there is broken relationship, reconcile and move in the direction that is most healthy for the soul. When disaster strikes, admit what went wrong and work to improve the condition.

The only assurance we have for tomorrow is that God is already there. As people of faith, we are called to participate in that glory.

Happy 2018 friends.

~Pastor Kim

## **Special Prayers**

- Those effected by the death of family & friends
- Those with health challenges: Kevin, Gail, Rich, Jane, Deloris
- Kate Meyer & Trevor Buls will be married January 6 in Plymouth, MN
- 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

## **Kitchen Design Team**

The Session has commissioned a Kitchen Design Team to evaluate the needs of the church kitchen, research options, and submit a proposal to the Trustees. The committee consists of: George Shields, Dick Schneider, Vangie Mattfield, Roger Bertram, and JoAnn Bakken. Please bring all inquiries directly to the committee. The next meeting will be after worship on Sunday, January 14 in the Parlor. It will be fun to see the kitchen spruced up to meet the needs of our fellowship!

## **Thanks!**

CPC~

Thank you for allowing us to host our Lemongrass Spa Escape at CPC! We had a fun-filled night and look forward to many more! Also, a special thank you for having the sound system ready to go!

~Rebekah Coffield

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Friends at CPC, Peace & Social Justice Committee,

Thank you for hosting a sloppy joe feed for the Clubs! It never ceases to amaze me of the support, compassion and conscientious efforts you have for our communities. Because of this, 450+ members are reaping the benefits at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids and Greenway. We have served 4000+ meals after school! You are supporting a place to become....

Thank you!

~Lori Kangas-Olson, Area Director

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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 \$126 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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## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

### **What's Happening in Worship?**

**January 7:** Mary Shideler, preaching

**January 14:** Neutral Pulpit

**January 21:** Jonah 3:1-5,10

**January 28:** Mark 1:21-28

**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 9 A.M. on ICTV. Or  
anytime on our website

[www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com](http://www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com)

### **Neutral Pulpit**

We will be serving as a Neutral Pulpit on **Sunday, January 14**. Neutral Pulpit is part of the call process in the Presbyterian Church (USA). A church that is in the final process with a candidate for pastor has the candidate preach at another neutral church, where the Call Committee will attend. This allows confidentiality for the call process. For that reason, we won't be announcing details of the calling church or the candidate.

## **EDUCATION NEWS**

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School rotation takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Middle School Youth Group**

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

### **High School Youth Group**

Let's meet for brunch on **Sunday, January 14**. Meet by the coffee bar!

## ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

### 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:

**January 2:** Genesis 1:1-5 (Kim is away)

**January 9:** John 1:43-51

**January 16:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**January 23:** Mark 1:21-28

**January 30:** Mark 1:29-39

## PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Stock the Shelves in January



Please bring flour, sugar, boxed mixes, etc. to stock the shelves during the month of January. We are making a difference! Happy New Year from the Peace & Social Justice Committee!

### 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!



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

### Cut & Sew Project Group

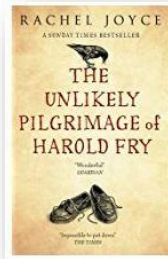
*“Quilters are not greedy, they are just materialistic!”*



Our group will only meet on **Wednesday, January 3 and 17 at 9 A.M.** Please join us for fun and fellowship along with making some pretty quilts.

## The Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet **Monday, January 8 at 1:30 P.M.** by the fireplace. The book for this month is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.



*Harold Fry is convinced that he must deliver a letter to an old love in order to save her, meeting various characters along the way and reminiscing about the events of his past and people he has known, as he tries to find peace and acceptance.*

Our BUNCO group will gather at **9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 10**, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring \$2 for the kitchen remodel fund and be ready for lots of fun! **No experience necessary!**



## JANUARY 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!*

<b>Jan 1</b>	Sam Rodenberg	<b>Jan 18</b>	Karen Herbig
<b>Jan 2</b>	Lenora Evans	<b>Jan 20</b>	Laurie Lightfoot
	JoAnn Peterson	<b>Jan 21</b>	Pete Sparen
	Marlene Smith	<b>Jan 22</b>	Betty Jones
	Joyce Spawn		Eric Stark
	Brian Vergin	<b>Jan 23</b>	Ron Meyer
<b>Jan 3</b>	Niels Henriksen	<b>Jan 24</b>	Makenzie Birkey
<b>Jan 4</b>	Jordan Goodwater	<b>Jan 25</b>	Ray Embertson
<b>Jan 5</b>	Jess Myers	<b>Jan 26</b>	Emily Finken
<b>Jan 6</b>	Lee Jess		Luca Silvis
	Bill Litchke		Darin Skaudis
<b>Jan 8</b>	Carole Erickson	<b>Jan 27</b>	Marian Barry
	Gene Fleming		Anna Francisco
	Mason Morrissey		Sara Lagergren
	Peggy Poulter	<b>Jan 28</b>	Anne Lewis
<b>Jan 10</b>	Jesse Hamlin		Beverly Stanley
	Carol Morrill		Lance Tabbert
<b>Jan 12</b>	Calen Hawkinson	<b>Jan 29</b>	Phyllis Brown
<b>Jan 13</b>	John Zasada	<b>Jan 30</b>	Ron Nesvold
<b>Jan 15</b>	Doug Veit		William Skaudis
<b>Jan 17</b>	Ken Merwin		Barb Thompson
		<b>Jan 31</b>	Bonnie Johnson