



# THE CHIMES

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## THOUGHTS FROM A SNOWBIRD ELDER

Upon returning home from parts south of Grand Rapids at the “normal” time of year and finding a “not so normal” spring, I am embracing a quick transition to full on “sudden summer.”

The important part of the previous line is... *HOME*. Don’t get me wrong, we do enjoy our winters away—beautiful weather, visiting family, golfing a round or two—arriving *HOME* has many meanings for Betty and me. The most obvious being the home we occupy on a lake we are blessed to live on, plus all of the friends and family we love and enjoy. Perhaps less obvious to many—but as important to us—is the return to our church and spiritual *HOME*, Community Presbyterian Church. The smiles, hugs, handshakes, coffee and goodies prepared by blessed hands, News from the Pews, Holy Smoke planning meetings (I *will* make the next one, Barb), Holy Tollers, choir practice and the list of Grace, Sharing and Love never stops at CPC. In fact, it is seamless most of the time. So seamless and subtle that we need to be cautious not to take it for granted.

Seamless subtleties occur in our life many times each day, sometimes we miss them completely (as I often do), and once in a while we catch them for an *ah-ha* moment. However, when they hit you in the face, heart and soul like they do when I step into Community Presbyterian Church after a winter away, it reminds me what *HOME* really means... faith, community, grace, friends, good words, good sermons, smiling children, support, outreach, teamwork and my list goes on and on.

It sure is good to be *HOME*!!!!

~Denny Anderson, Newest Elder



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

*“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.” Romans 12:4-5*

We welcomed three new members to CPC on May 20. The Session had a delightful introduction to them during our meeting on May 17. We welcome Molly MacGregor who comes to us from Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis, MN, and Tom and Sandy Williams who come from the Spirit of Hope Church in Sunfish Lake, MN. Please take a moment to say hello to these new members as you see them in the coming weeks!

***What would you think of having Sunday worship be at 9 A.M. for the summer?*** The Elders are proposing we have a one-month trial of a 9 A.M. worship time starting July 1. If the month of July goes well, we could continue at that time for August. We would return to the 10 A.M. worship time after Labor Day when fall programming begins. The Elders will make a decision based on congregational feedback at their June 21 meeting. **If you have input regarding this issue, let one of the Elders or Pastor Kim know!** Your current CPC Elders are: JoAnn Bakken, Duane Geisler, Jeff Lightfoot, Debbie Vergin, Keith Anderson, Makenzie Birkey, Lenora Evans, Susie Loeffler, Denny Anderson, Mike Johnson, Cathy Cleary and Barb Meyer.

**The Holy Smoke BBQ will be FRIDAY July 20 this year.** First and foremost, this is a fun event that helps bring our community together. Secondly, this is a great fundraiser for our church. CPC Elders will start selling tickets to the event and signing up volunteers in the lobby before and after worship starting in June. We need lots of volunteers! There are volunteers for set up, table decoration, food prep, serving, cutting pies and more. We will also need about 45 pies so if you can bake a pie please consider signing up! We will have the Country Store, Silent Auction and Dessert Auction again this year. If you need more information you can call Barb Meyer 327-3290.

~Barb Meyer, Elder



## PASTOR TO PEW

Our sanctuary was filled with beautiful gernaiums on Pentecost Sunday, so much so that it almost took your breath away when you walked through the door. It made me reflect...what a beautiful witness this congregation is to the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

As another school year comes to an end, so does another year of programming at CPC (we follow the school calendar). And you know what? These programs wouldn't be what they are without dedicated and talented volunteers!

The number of people who give their time to compose the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choirs, and the Praise Band is amazing. Those groups practice during the week, and always deliver deeply spiritual music during worship. Darcy, Mary Jo, and Janice are incredible leaders, and their members rise to the same level, week after week.

And Sunday School—seven adults and youth take their job seriously as they teach our young people. The teachers are provided with a theme at the beginning of the year, and they take it and create opportunities for our children to explore their faith.

And ushers, lectors, and greeters—each week there is someone who is prepared to serve worship needs under the direction of Lenny Brown, Lee Jess, and Katie Petermeier. I always marvel at the poise and integrity these leaders exercise. Good worship requires time and attention, and they always bring it.

And Youth Group—we currently have a very active middle school presence. Not only do they get to interact with a variety of suburban drivers, but they have four adults that take turns leading them. These youth are phenomenal, and have created a strong church bond that carries over into their everyday lives.

And so many more—the Fellowship Committee organizes coffee hour each week, as well as special meals throughout the year. The Trustees keep the building in good repair. The sound and video technicians are behind the scenes every week ensuring quality hearing and outreach to those unable to attend services. And nursery volunteers lovingly care for our littlest members, always finding a way to bring them into worship so they can participate in Chat with the Children.

There are so many more! CPC is a place to experience spirituality, participation, relationship, respect, and celebration because YOU make it happen. I am so incredibly honored to serve alongside you.

~Pastor Kim

## Special Prayers

- Those effected by the death of family & friends
- Those with health challenges: Emily, Biz, Rich, Shawna, Mary Lou, Kevin, Doris, Deloris
- 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](mailto: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, Dorothy Zobel and Doris Buxengard
- Pleasant Seasons:** 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
- Keystone Bluffs (Duluth):** Verla Stabe



# Holy Smoke! BBQ

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Smoke BBQ is scheduled for Friday July 20, 4:30-7 PM! We will have barbequed pork loin and chicken, calico beans, coleslaw, rolls, and homemade pie! You can eat in or carry out. Tickets go on sale in the lower gathering area before and after church starting on Sunday June 3. Adult tickets are \$20, Kids 16 years old and under are \$10, and family tickets (max of 4 per family) are \$50.

We need **volunteers** for tent and table set-up, table decorations, food making, serving and food runners, clean-up, selling tickets, taking tickets, leading kid's games and baking pies. Sign-up sheets will available before and after church in the lower gathering area. If you are interested in donating to the **dessert auction**, contact Bonnie Henriksen 326-1075.

Donations are needed for the **Country Store and the Silent Auction**. For questions on the Country Store call Helen Zeumer 999-7791. For questions on the Silent Auction call Debbie Vergin 999-5184. Questions about the BBQ or if you want to volunteer, feel free to call Barb Meyer 327-3290.



★ Congratulations to our 2018 high school graduates: Madyson Shaffer, daughter of Jenny and Greg; Kyler Coffield, son of Becky and Del, and Jesse; Mason Morrissey, son of Theresa and Reid. Join us as we honor these graduates during worship on June 3!

★ Steven Taylor has been selected to be a member of the 2018 Minnesota All State Lutheran Choir The choir has been in existence for 48 years and is open to high school students of any faith. The choir meets at Concordia College in Moorhead with conductor, Michael Culloton beginning June 10. Following a week of rehearsals, the choir will go on a concert tour throughout Minnesota, concluding June 23. *Congratulations, Steven!*

## **Welcome to the Family!**

We welcomed 3 new members on May 20—Tom & Sandy Williams and Molly MacGregor! We're glad you're here!

## **Interested in Church Membership?**

The Session will be receiving new members again at their June 21 meeting. If you're interested, please see Pastor Kim prior to June 21 so it can be arranged. A new member reception will be Sunday, June 24.

## **Thanks!**

Dear CPC,

Your prayers worked and are much appreciated. Thank you for your support and encouragement as I attended classes and now have graduated from the Commissioned Lay Pastor program. It will be interesting to see where this leads me.

~Mary Shideler

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Dear CPC Women,

On behalf of the staff, board of directors and, most importantly, the guests of GRACE House of Itasca County, thank you for your continued generous support of this organization. Your gift [\$200] will allow us to continue providing safe, temporary shelter and meals to people who are experiencing homelessness while they look for housing and employment.

Thanks so much!

~Ron Oleheiser, Executive Director

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Many thanks for the cards, prayers, love and concern on the death of my sister, Lois, who was a very special sister and friend. She was a good caregiver most of her life. "Well done good and faithful servant." She is resting now in the loving arms of Jesus.

Love to all,

~Betty Roskos

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for building community with us! Your generosity literally helps to provide Itasca County families with a home that brings stability to their lives. In addition to Habitat homes being "green" and well-built, they are very affordable making home ownership a reality for them.

Your gift of \$200 will help pay for upcoming projects and builds. Our local affiliate has three programs that are building wealth right here in Itasca County...

As much as your donation is appreciated and helps immensely, please also keep tucked in the back of your mind that we love volunteers! It takes about 3700 volunteer hours to build our homes.

With humble gratitude,

~Peter Lavalier, Interim Executive Director

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CPC Friends,

Many thanks for your very caring messages and cards, so appreciated! Recovery is a little too slow but improves each day.

~Mary Lou Learmont

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On behalf of the Grand Rapids Band Boosters, thank you for the donation of black shoes and clothing from your garage sale. The Middle School band and choir students wear black for their performances and having a clothes closet helps those students and families find that extra outfit for concert nights.

Thank you,

~Patty Carlin-Janssen, GR Band Boosters

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Dear Community Presbyterian Women,

Thank you for your donation to Bridges Kinship Mentoring! Your donation of \$200 is helping Bridges staff make good matches for our area youth to connect with positive adults ... and for helping Bridges empower a culture of self-awareness and integrity for living our best possible lives!

~Amanda Lamppa, Executive Director

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Dear Community Presbyterian Church,

In our region, individuals and families are struggling. It can be a scary time when some are having to choose between having food or paying for medications needed to make them well. Thanks to your generous gift of \$400 [\$200 Presbyterian Women; \$200 Food Shelf] to Second Harvest North 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 generosity and for making a difference here in northcentral Minnesota.

Sincerely,

~Sue Estee, Executive Director

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Dear Community Presbyterian Church,

First and foremost, I want to take a moment to say THANK YOU for your donation of \$775 to make the Kiesler Wellness Center possible. Thank you for being part of this wellness movement!

We have a special event coming to Kiesler Wellness Center on June 14, you are invited to our first annual fundraising event at the Kiesler Wellness Center in the Hawkinson Hall. The event starts at 6pm for a social hour provided with drinks and appetizers. At 7pm the event will begin with a presentation on how the new building is helping the community, followed by a performance by country artist Blind Joe. Admission for the event is \$50 per person. Tickets can be purchased at [kieslerwellnesscenterevents.ticketleap.com/inspirati](http://kieslerwellnesscenterevents.ticketleap.com/inspirati) on/ or call Aaron at (218) 326-5114.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to improving wellness for our community! We look forward to seeing you on June 14!

Respectfully,

~Steve Loney, Center Director

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**What's Happening in Worship?**

- June 3: 1 Samuel 3:1-20, Communion, High School 1 Graduates
- June 10: Mark 3:20-35
- June 17: Mary Shideler Preaching
- June 24: Mark 4:35-41

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

**Online Giving Cards**

Some of you are taking advantage of financially supporting the church online. Others mail in a check or bring it to the church during the week.

Would you still like to indicate your giving on Sundays during worship? There are cards stating your giving at each entrance to the sanctuary. Help yourself to a card before worship and place it in the offering plate when it is passed around during the service.

Contact the church office if you are interested in setting up your giving online.

**Sunday School**

Many thanks to our dedicated Sunday School teachers: Makenzie Birkey, Jessica Stauffer, Aric David, Darcy Reich, Cathy Shields, Amanda Skaudis, and Lisa Tabbert!

**Middle School Youth Group**

We are grateful for our Middle School youth leaders: Bill Marshall, Pastor Kim, Betsy Whirley, and Gail Beckman. This group will have some special summer events, so be sure to let the office know if you'd like to be added to the list!

## High School Youth Group

Let's keep meeting for brunch throughout the summer! On **June 10**, meet Pastor Kim at the coffee bar after worship!

## Youth Camping Trip!

- What:** Youth Camping Trip  
**Where:** BWCA  
**When:** Either Aug. 16-19 or Aug. 23-26, 2018  
**Who:** The trip will be open to those entering the 5<sup>th</sup> grade through those entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade

### Specifics

The trip will be limited to 9 total (maximum of 6 students). The ratio of students to adults would be 3:1. No special skills or equipment needed! The trip will be geared more toward beginners, but there definitely will be something for every adventurer!



### Cost

The cost of the trip will be \$50 and will cover BWCA permits, food and transportation costs. Scholarships may be available.

### Registration

To sign-up, please contact Jeff Poenix at [jdpoenix@hotmail.com](mailto:jdpoenix@hotmail.com). Please indicate which date would work best for you so we can make a decision between the two dates.

### Deadline

Registration will close **June 15!**

## 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:

- June 5:** Mark 3 :20-35  
**June 12:** Mark 4 :26-34  
**June 19:** Mark 4 :35-41  
**June 26:** Psalm 130



Our BUNCO group continues to meet once a month—usually on the second Wednesday. We will

gather at **9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, June 13**, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring \$2 for the kitchen remodel fund and be ready for lots of good fun! *No experience necessary!*

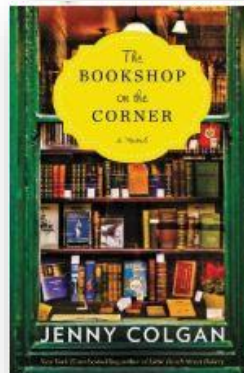
## The Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet **Monday, June 11 at 1:30 P.M.** by the fireplace. The book for this month is *The Bookshop on the Corner* by Jenny Colgan.

*Nina Redmond is a literary matchmaker. Pairing a reader with that perfect book is her passion...and also her job. Or at least it was. Until yesterday, she was a librarian in the hectic city. But now the job she loved is no more.*

*Determined to make a new life for herself, Nina moves to a sleepy village many miles away. There she buys a van and transforms it into a bookmobile—a mobile bookshop that she drives from neighborhood to neighborhood, changing one life after another with the power of storytelling.*

*From helping her grumpy landlord deliver a lamb, to sharing picnics with a charming train conductor who serenades her with poetry, Nina discovers there's plenty of adventure, magic, and soul in a place that's beginning to feel like home... a place where she just might be able to write her own happy ending*



## Cut & Sew Project Group



*"Quite frankly I find your lack of fabric disturbing."*

We will be meeting on **June 6 and the 20 at 9 A.M.** Come and join the fun and fellowship.

## LIBRARY NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome summer, those wonderful carefree days to savor the magic of northern Minnesota, and the outdoors, and the perfect time for a beach, relaxing in a hammock, on a comfortable bench under a tree, or maybe up in a treehouse, wherever...time to relax, and READ, READ, READ!

A huge thank you to Norma Eppinga and Donna Waech who were my shelveers while I spent a month in Tennessee helping with granddaughters, Malia, 9 and Kira, 5 with end-of-school programs and adventures.

Here are a list of our latest additions:

### Board Books

*Leaves, Leaves!* by Salina Yoon: BB YOO

### Children's Books:

1. Howard B. Higgelbottom Learns about Sporstmanship by Howard Binkow: E BIN
2. *Inside the Ant's Nest* by Karen Ang: E 597.5 ANG
3. *A Day and Night in the Desert* by Caroline Arnold: E ARN

### Readers

1. *Level 1. Fancy Nancy Best Reading Buddies* by Jane O'Conner
2. *Level 3. S-S-Snakes* by Lucille Penner
3. *Level 3. Monsters and Bugs* by Lucille Penner
4. *Level 5. Dinosaur Hunters* by Kate McMullan

### Juvenile Non-Fiction

1. *Therapy Cats, Dogs, and Rabbits* by Jenny VanVoorst: J 615.8 Van
2. *Chinese Giant Salamander* by Ann Squire: J 597.85 SQU
3. *Earth's Cycles* by Diane Dakers: J 550 DAK
4. *Solar and Lunar Eclipses* by Ruth Owen: J 523.8 OWE
5. *Migration* by Kimberly Pryor: J 523.8 PRY
6. *Forensic Investigations* by Leela Burnscott: J 363.2 BUR
7. *Divorce* by Janine Amos: J 306.89 AMO
8. *Stand Up: Bullying Prevention* by Addy Ferguson: J 302.34 FER
9. *How Do They Help? The United Way* by Katie Marisco: J 158.34 MAR
10. *Caring for Animals* by Liz Gogerly: J 636.8 GOG

### Young Adult Fiction

*Because of Mr. Terupt* by Bob Buyeau YA BUY

### Adult Fiction

1. *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen: GRU
2. *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah: HAN
3. *To Be Where You Are* by Jan Karon: KAR

### Adult Nonfiction

1. *Dogtripping* by David Rosenfelt: 813.6 ROS
2. *Marriage and Schizophrenia* by Stephanie Downing: 306.9 DOV

### DVDs

1. *The Lucky One* Adult DVD TheL
2. *Safe Haven* Adult DVD Safe
3. *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* TheM

### Audiobooks

1. *Playing for Pizza* by John Grisham.
2. *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham
3. *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova
4. *The Guernsey and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.

Reading is food for the soul. Relax, read, laugh, cry, enjoy and know the joy a book can bring.

Thanks for all the donations both monetarily and book wise. It's so appreciated. Our library is a showpiece of our CPC community.

*Happy Summer Days!*

~Juliet

## JUNE 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!*

**June 2** Tom Lagergren  
Cindy Fox

**June 3** Becky Meyer  
Jayna Tabbert

**June 7** Keith Tok

**June 9** Juliet Jones

**June 12** Bonnie Henriksen  
Susie Loeffler  
Brian Crosby

**June 13** Gina Hawkinson

**June 14** Susie Stauffer

**June 15** Syd Gray

**June 17** Abby Kampa  
Huxon Downey

**June 18** Sandie Trappe

**June 21** Tudy Motchenbacher

**June 22** Norane Stejskal  
Andrew Chesness

**June 24** Steve Ewens

**June 25** Melissa Brown

**June 26** George Shields  
Addie Benes

**June 27** Darcy Reich  
Susan Lick

**June 28** Peder Gaalaas

**June 30** Brian Peterson