



COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE CHIMES

VOLUME 45, NUMBER 5

MAY 2018

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Session Highlights1
Pastor to Pew2
News of the Family2
 Special Prayers2
 Nursing Homes/Assisted Living2
 Office Closed2
 Holy Smoke! BBQ3
 Thanks!3
Worship and Music3
 What’s Happening in Worship?3
 You’re Invited3
 Pentecost Geranium Sale4
 Online Giving Cards4
 Calling All CPC Musicians4
Education News4
 Sunday School4
 Middle School Youth Group4
 High School Youth Group4
 Youth Camping Trip4
Adult Education News5
 Sunday Adult Book Study5
 Bible Study5
Peace & Social Justice5
 What’s for Supper?5
Presbyterian Women News5
 The Book Circle5
 Cut & Sew Project Group5
Library News and Views6
May Birthdays7
Connections7
 Youth for Christ Comedy Café7
 10th Annual Taste of Itasca7
Geranium Order Form8

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

“Be kind to one another.” ~Ellen DeGeneres

With all the babble on Facebook and TV news we get pummeled by all sorts of bad news and verbal taunts. Seven years ago, Ellen DeGeneres started ending her TV talk show by saying “be kind to one another.” She was tremendously affected by hearing how acts of bullying had resulted in young people losing their lives. Since that time, she has made an even greater effort to highlight good deeds people have done in their communities. Do you ever stop to wonder why it is so hard for humans to do just that...be kind to one another? Just last month in Bible study we read Acts 4: 5-12. In this story, Peter and John healed a crippled beggar, a wonderful thing! An act of compassion, kindness and most of all faith and belief. Instead of seeing this as a good deed, the priests and Sadducees became annoyed and had Peter and John arrested. Pastor Kim spoke to this passage in her sermon the following Sunday. She asked why we feel the need to take something positive and turn it into a negative? This is an excellent question! We are human, and God knows we are far from perfect. Perhaps we need a reminder (such as a sermon) to celebrate kindness and give back to one another. Something as simple as a smile to a stranger or holding a door open for the person behind you can make someone’s day brighter. The next time you start to say something negative to someone or about someone, take a breath first and put on your “kindness hat” and think of something positive to say. Don’t take my word for it, pull out your trusty Bible and look up in the New Testament Ephesians 4:31-32, “Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

~Barb Meyer, Elder

“Why don’t young families come to church anymore?” My experience has been that this question is rhetorical, that the person asking doesn’t really want to hear the answer! And that, I believe, is the reason why church attendance has lots its priority in the average American home. We are quick to judge and slow to listen.

The Sunday morning book study has been reading and discussing a fascinating book by Brian McLaren, *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World’s Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian*. In an attempt to place some explanation behind a vast decline in church attendance, McLaren quotes a *Religion & Politics* article in which a Princeton Seminary professor, Yolanda Pierce, says, “American Christian theology was born in a cauldron of proslavery, ideology, and one of the spectacular failures of the Christian church today is its inability to name, interrogate, confront, repent, and dismantle the cauldron that has shaped much of its theology.”

If I know one thing about today’s culture, it’s that we’re fairly good about “telling it like it is.” If something’s not right, we put a voice behind it and often, we do our best to take ourselves out of it until it’s no longer a problem. Case in point: The recent incident at a Starbucks in Philadelphia. As I understand it, a clerk called the police on two black customers, “Because they didn’t order anything.” The police came and the customers were arrested, although, they couldn’t be charged with anything because they hadn’t done anything wrong! Social media immediately jumped on it...after all, why could white customers sit at the store without first ordering a beverage? There was a call for boycotts of Starbucks until their employees were trained on racial bias. And sure enough, Starbucks came through and will close all of its stores on the afternoon of May 29 so employees can attend an “implicit racial-bias training.” Society was right. The clerk used very poor judgment, and because society was willing to call it out, one of the more popular establishments will be better equipped to serve all of its customers.

The same is true of the church. Too often we sit on the side of active church attendance and wonder why others are not joining us at the table. It’s easy to make assumptions, but it’s more difficult to truly hear the answers and work together to discover a solution.

~Pastor Kim

Special Prayers

- Those effected by the death of family & friends
- Those with health challenges: Pam, Mary Lou, Emily, Kevin, Doris, Deloris, Biz
- 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, 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

Office Closed

The office will be closed on **Monday, May 28** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.



Holy Smoke! BBQ

Mark your calendar for **Friday, July 20**, to attend this year's CPC Holy Smoke BBQ! Volunteers will be needed for set-up, clean-up, food, tickets, serving and more. Donations will be needed for the country store and the silent auction. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Barb Meyer 327-3290.



Thanks!

Thank you for buying Girl Scout cookies from me! I reached my original goal of selling 500 boxes, and past it with a total of 644 boxes sold. It was very nice of you to decide to buy cookies. Thank you again for helping me reach my goal!

~Katie Whirley

... ..

Dear Church Council & Congregation,

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 [in-kind gift of ham & egg salad sandwiches] will allow us to continue providing safe, temporary shelter and meals to people who are experiencing homelessness while they look for housing and employment.

~Ron Oleheiser, Executive Director

... ..



Dear Community Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for your in-kind donation to the Second Harvest North Central Food Bank. Your donation of 155 pounds will help us provide food for thousands of meals for hungry neighbors through the 115 organizations we partner with. It means so much to those in our community who struggle to put food on their tables when times are tight.

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and especially the people we serve, THANK YOU! Your support is making a difference in the lives of many local people who find themselves in need in our community. Thank you for helping us feed hope and end hunger. Total First Quarter Donations in 2018 is: 303 pounds!
Sincerely,

~Sue Estee, Executive Director

... ..

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

What's Happening in Worship?

- May 6:** Acts 10:44-48, Communion, Chancel
- May 13:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Praise, Mother's Day
- May 20:** Pentecost, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15, Bells
- May 27:** Isaiah 6:1-8

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

You're Invited Jonathon Shields will be performing his Level III recital on **Friday, May 4, at 7PM** in Brady Educational Center. This recital will act as an accumulation of the repertoire he has played throughout his time at the University of St. Thomas. This will include: Brazilian, classical, jazz and originals. He will be backed up by his trio the "Jon Shields Trio," consisting of Elisha Philip on piano, Tom Wrobel on bass and Jonathon Shields on guitar.

Pentecost Geranium Sale!

For Pentecost Sunday, May 20, the Worship Taskforce will be having a geranium plant sale! Red is the liturgical Sunday for Pentecost, so the church will be fully decorated in red, and this will be a chance to take home a little bit of red of your own.



The cost for a 6" plant is \$7. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the church's general fund. Geraniums may be pre-ordered beginning Sunday, May 6, before and after worship, in the Lower Gathering Space and will continue on Sunday, May 13. You can also place your order in the church office during the week from May 1-May 11. Order forms are located in Sunday bulletin inserts or in this issue of *The Chimes*.

You can pick up your geraniums after worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

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? Beginning May 6, there will be a basket at each entrance to the sanctuary containing cards stating your giving. 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.

Calling All CPC Musicians!



The summer is almost upon us and it's time to set up the schedule for anthems during our summer worship services. You can do a solo (vocal or instrumental) or combine with other people to form an ensemble. If you are interested in participating, contact Darcy (326-1477 or darreich@mchsi.com) as soon as possible with a list of available dates.

Sunday School

The last Sunday School will be on **Sunday, May 13!**

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays at 3 P.M. in Room 104. Our last Wednesday will be **May 23!**

High School Youth Group



Let's meet for brunch on this **Sunday, May 6**. 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.

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 5th grade through those entering 8th 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. Please indicate which date would work best for you so we can make a decision between the two dates.

Deadline

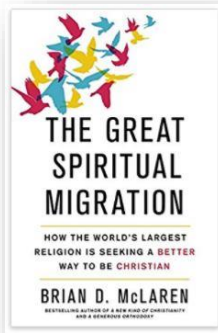
Registration will close **June 15!**



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. 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:

May 1: Acts 10:44-48

May 8: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May 15: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 22: Isaiah 6:1-8

May 29: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

What's for Supper?

I'M HUNGRY

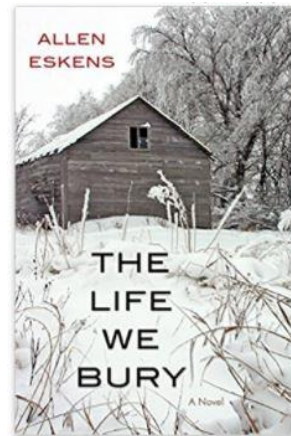


Mom! I'm hungry, what's for supper? Join the Peace & Social Justice Committee during the month of May by bringing in any supper items—boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, mac-n-cheese, canned meats, soups, stews, pasta, sauces, etc.—to help put supper on the table of hungry children in the Itasca County area.

The Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet **Monday, May 14 at 1:30 P.M.** by the fireplace. The book for this month is *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens.

College student Joe Talbert has the modest goal of completing a writing assignment for an English class. His task is to interview a stranger and write a brief biography of the person. With deadlines looming, Joe heads to a nearby nursing home to find a willing subject. There he meets Carl Iverson, and soon nothing in Joe's life is ever the same.



Carl is a dying Vietnam veteran--and a convicted murderer. With only a few months to live, he has been medically paroled to a nursing home, after spending thirty years in prison for the crimes of rape and murder.

As Joe writes about Carl's life, especially Carl's valor in Vietnam, he cannot reconcile the heroism of the soldier with the despicable acts of the convict. Joe, along with his skeptical female neighbor, throws himself into uncovering the truth, but he is hamstrung in his efforts by having to deal with his dangerously dysfunctional mother, the guilt of leaving his autistic brother vulnerable, and a haunting childhood memory.

Thread by thread, Joe unravels the tapestry of Carl's conviction. But as he and Lila dig deeper into the circumstances of the crime, the stakes grow higher. Will Joe discover the truth before it's too late to escape the fallout?

Cut & Sew Project Group



"Quilting measures up!"

Because of the Rummage Sale, our group will only meet on **Wednesday May 16, at 9 A.M.** All are welcome...join us!

The Sewing Group #2 will be stuffing animal pads on **May 16** (no sewing involved!) The pads will be donated to the Star of the North Humane Society and for sale during the Holy Smoke BBQ! Join us!

LIBRARY NEWS AND VIEWS

A huge thank you to Julie Wright, Becky Loomis, Biz Peterson, Norma Eppinga and Donna Waech, for keeping things shelved and organized and sorted, while Kevin and I roamed the country from Minnesota to Mexico and the southwest for 4 1/2 months in our truck and travel trailer. If you bump into these wonderful volunteer/library subs, please thank them for all that they have done to keep the home fires burning!

Not really sure why we came back to winter...maybe spring has passed us by? But another great reason to keep curled up in front of that cozy fireplace and READ!

Luckily for me, there are so many resources all over that while we were gone I managed to procure some great reading materials for our CPC Library.

Here goes:

Board Books:

1. *Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!* by Dr. Seuss: BB SEU
2. *Duck and Goose COLORS!* by Tad Hills: BB HIL

Children's: Nonfiction:

1. *Me, Frieda* by Amy Novesky: E 921 KAH A beautiful rendition of the life of notable artist Frieda Kahlo.
2. *A Picture Book of Helen Keller* by David A. Adler: E 362.4 KEL

Readers: Nonfiction

1. *Stage 1: From Tadpole to Frog* by Wendy Pfeffer: J 597.8 PFE
2. *Stage 2: Where Does the Garbage Go?* by Paul Showers: J 628.4 SHO
3. *10 Ways I Can Help My Community* by Sara Antill: J 361.7 ANT
4. *Science Fair Projects about Planet Earth* by Robert Gardiner: J 373.3
5. *Science Versus Natural Disasters* by Angela Royston: J 363.3 ROY
6. *Understanding Turkey Today* by Alicia Klepeis: J 956.1 KLE
7. *The Drum* by Rita Storey: J 786.9 STO
8. *Talking About the Past* by Nick Hunter: J 362.2 HUN

Juvenile Fiction

Magic Tree House Fact Tracker Dolphins and Sharks by Mary Pope Osborne

Young Adult: A PLAY

Inherit the Wind by Jerome Lawrence: YA 818.8 LAW

Young Adult Fiction:

Mr. Lemoncellos Library Olympics by Chris Grabenstein: YA GRA

Adult Fiction:

1. *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich: ERD
2. *The Book of Wanderings* by Kimberly Myer: MYE A mother-daughter pilgrimage
3. *A Hundred Foot Journey* by Richard C. Morais Hailed as *Slum Dog Millionaire* meets *Ratatouille!*

4. *Unraveled Sleeve* by Monica Ferris: FER A murder happening on the grounds of Nanibijou Lodge in Grand Marias, MN!
5. *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly: KEL Inspired by actual events and real people. Martha Kelly has woven together the stories of three women during World War II that reveal bravery, cowardice and cruelty of those days.

Adult Nonfiction

1. *The Substance of Hope* by Barack Obama: 363.3 OBA
2. *The Artist's Way for PARENTS* by Julia Cameron: 155.4 CAM Raising Creative Children
3. *Lost Cities of the Ancient World* by Maria Teresa Guaitoli: 797.9 GUA
4. *Then & Now* by Stefania Perring: 930 PER

DVDS

1. *Madeline Children's DVD*: MAD
2. *Saving Mr. Banks* Family DVD about the how's and why's the movie *Mary Poppins* came to be: SAVI
3. *Louder Than Words* Family DVD based on a true story of a couple losing their young daughter and how they came to grips with their loss.

What You, our awesome congregation are reading, listening to and watching:

1. *The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht: 813.6 OBR
2. *I Can Read, Level 3, It's Valentine's Day* by Jack Prelutsky
3. *Halloween Mice* by Bethany Roberts: BB ROB
4. *Jesus, This Is Your Life* E 291 JES
5. *Grandma, Grandpa, and Me* by Mercer Mayer: E MAY
6. *Just Go to Bed!* by Mercer Mayer: E MAY
7. *The Children's Illustrated Bible* E BIB 220.9
8. *Selena* Adult DVD: SELE
9. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini: HOU
10. *How Do Dinosaurs Clean Their Rooms?* by Jane Yolen: E YOL
11. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green: YA GRE
12. *My Own Words* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg: 921 GIN
13. *The Sky Unwashed* by Irene Zabytko: ZAB
14. *Winter Friends* by Carl Sams: BB SAM
15. *Winnie The Pooh's Valentine's* by Bruce Talkington: E TAL
16. *A Child's First Bible* by Kenneth Taylor: E 290 TAY
17. *The Big Book of Bible Fish Tales* by Desmond Finnbar: BB FIN
18. *Seeds on Ice* by Cary Fowler: 563.3 FOW
19. *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox: E FOX
20. *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova: Adult Audio CD: GENO
21. *Philomena*: Adult DVD PHIL
22. *Hatchi*: Family DVD HATC
23. *The Saint Tammany Miracle*, Family DVD THE S

If anyone is even contemplating spring cleaning with the temperatures we are having, you may just come across a library book, DVD, or Audiobook that you borrowed years ago—as we truly do have items not returned since back in 2011—we are still in the dark ages with a card catalogue, no records or fines will be forth coming, but

there are so many wonderful stories out there that have not found their way back to our lobby/library.

Please return with no questions or replace with no questions asked, as we have an awesome congregation that thrives on using our Library! You truly are amazing.

Thank you to those that have donated money in honor of family past or it can be present as well. Our budget seems to diminish more every year, and thank God for Dollar Tree, The Friends of the Library Book Sale, students moving, couples downsizing, and so many ways and contributions are so needed. Please be thoughtful in what you donate....out of date textbooks, Readers Digests, etc., are not appropriate.

A special thank you to Norma Eppinga and Donna Waech, who kindly will keep track of checking in and checking out and shelving while lucky me flies off to Johnson City in the northeast corner of TN, to spend precious time with granddaughters, Malia, 9; and Kira, 5; at their end of school programs and the weather will be WARM, the grass will be GREEN and the flowers will be VIBRANT!

I sincerely hope spring will come and that you will all enjoy warmer climes and fresh clear days.

Thank you, AMAZING CONGREGATION! Keep doing what you are doing and READ! READ! READ!

~Juliet

MAY 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!*

- | | |
|---|---|
| May 1 Len Hedman
Angie Prather
Dean Dahline
Michael Brace
Bryon Fraser | May 11 Faye Mostoller |
| May 2 Eunice Rodenberg | May 12 Jenny Shaffer |
| May 3 Bob Smith
Fred Trappe
Kristin Johnson
Nathan Craven | May 17 Maran Gaalaas |
| May 5 Dorothy Sandstrom
Mark Hawkinson | May 18 Margaret Morris
Sam Evans |
| May 6 Lisa Tabbert
Justin Warren | May 19 Carol Hedman
Jon Solberg
Travis Silvis |
| May 7 Bobby Drasner | May 20 Janet Anderson |
| May 8 Breanna Craven | May 21 Marjorie Hays
Caralee Geisler |
| May 9 Jerry Jetland | May 24 Clint Erickson |
| May 10 Ben Morrissey | May 25 Mary Erickson
Tara Stejskal
Mike Hagley |
| | May 27 Jeff Jetland |
| | May 28 Doris Buxengard |



CONNECTIONS



Serving coffee, tea, & desserts.

Featured Stand Comedian:

Max Winfrey

****Adult Fundraiser****

Tuesday * May 1, 2018

6:00-7:00 p.m. Dessert Social * 7:00 p.m. Program
Timberlake Lodge, Grand Rapids

Reservations required by April 23

Call YFC at 326-9079, e-mail yfcdwane@2z.net

- This is the major adult fundraiser for Itasca Youth for Christ.
- Donations will be requested during the evening.
- There are no tickets but you must reserve a spot to attend.

Come and laugh with us and support our local youth through the Itasca Youth for Christ programs!!

Kinship
Bridges Kinship Mentoring

10TH ANNUAL
Taste of Itasca
MAY 8TH, 2018
TIMBERLAKE LODGE

Schedule of Events

5:00 - 6:30	WINE AND BEER TASTING
6:30 - 7:30	FOOD TASTING
7:30 - 9:30	RAFFLES AND AUCTION

Some of the best chefs from Itasca County will prepare samplings of their finest dishes just for you!

Early Bird Tickets are \$55 until April 15th.
Regular Tickets are \$75 (April 16th - May 6th).

Get Your Tickets Today: <https://tasteofitasca.bpt.me>
For more information call Bridges Kinship Mentoring (218) 326-4700 or visit www.BridgesMentoring.org

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PROGRAMS OF BRIDGES KINSHIP MENTORING.

Geranium Order Form

You can pick up your order after worship on **Sunday, May 20, Pentecost Sunday**. Please pre-pay with cash or a check made out to Community Presbyterian Church, with "Geraniums" in the memo line.

Name	Phone Number	6" Pot \$7	Number	Total