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## THOUGHTS FROM AN ELDER

In October, the Session had a Co-Board meeting with the Trustees and Deacons. It was enlightening to see how many people are involved in these three leadership roles of our church (12 Elders, 9 Trustees and 15 Deacons). It is also humbling to realize that there are even more folks involved with important committees such as Christian Education, Worship, Fellowship, Peace & Social Justice, Stewardship, Personnel, Nominating and Endowment. It takes all of us to make CPC a welcoming, vibrant church family!

As part of our meeting we looked at what we have accomplished this year. For example, we have just embarked on a unique approach to solving our staffing problem with the addition of three part-time positions hired from within the congregation. Our church finances for 2018 are looking healthier after the Stewardship push in September. We also talked about all the events we took part in so far this year from Blue Jean Sunday, Peace & Social Justice sponsored events, Holy Smoke BBQ, Party in the Parking Lot, Fall Kickoff, Moveable feast, Interfaith Series...the list goes on! From there we discussed potential growth areas for CPC. We need to develop an outreach and marketing campaign for new families. We also need to develop a plan to reach out to our inactive members and help them to feel welcome. We talked about improving the sound system and finding creative ways to fill the gap when Janice Burch retires. All-in-all, our Co-Board meeting was a terrific way to collaborate and generate innovative ideas for our church.

In other news, Mary Shideler was commissioned by the Presbytery of Northern Waters to be a lay pastor on October 26! Pastor Kim and I travelled to the Presbytery meeting to watch as Mary was commissioned. I am happy to report her smile lit up the room! We plan to celebrate Mary’s accomplishment at CPC on November 11. Finally, there will be a Congregational Meeting on December 2 following worship to receive the budget, approve Pastor Kim’s Terms of Call, and discuss the kitchen project. More information on both events will be in Quick Notes and weekly bulletins.

~Barb Meyer, Elder, Clerk of Session

Three domestic terror stikes in one week's time.  
All stemming from seeds of hate.

*Let Tranquility Reign*, by Alden Solovy

Some days, Ancient One, some days the prayers of your people are so close we can hold them in our hands, feel them with our eyes, taste them with our breath. They surround our hearts to become our yearning. They surround our song, to become our grieving. They surround our souls, to become our pleading.

“My soul has dwelled too long among those who hate peace. I am for peace, but when I speak of it they are for war.”

When will peace come, Source of Peace, when will sorrow be vanquished? When will tranquility reign?

“Adonai will guard you from all harm; God will guard your soul. Adonai will guard your going and coming; now and evermore.”

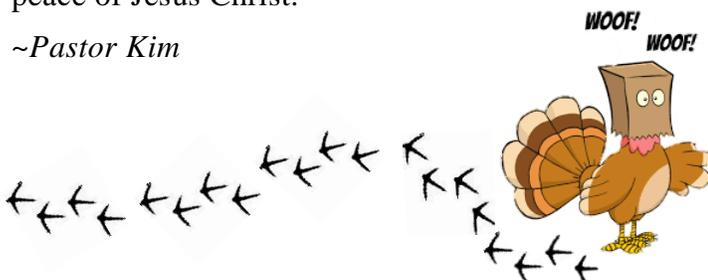
For You are our Hope. Our Comfort. Our Blessing. Let those who cherish life bless this day and every day.

“For the sake of my comrades and companions, I shall say ‘Peace be within you.’ For the sake of the House of Adonai our God I will seek your good.”

Let these prayers ascend to the lofty heights, so that the nations, and people of the earth, will rejoice in holiness, will rejoice in splendor, and will rejoice, together, in righteousness.

Dear friends, this thanksgiving, let us work for the peace of Jesus Christ.

~Pastor Kim



**Special Prayers**

- With gratitude for the Great Cloud of Witnesses
- With gratitude for our family, friends, church, and community
- Those with health challenges: KC, Kevin, Susie, Mert, Rick, Emily, Kristi
- Those recovering from surgery
- Families faced with mental illness, depression, addiction, and sorrow
- Our Jewish brothers & sisters, the black community, and those with whom we disagree politically; for peace
- For victims and volunteers of our natural disasters
- 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

**Nursing Homes/Assisted Living**

**Brookstone Manor:** Lois Krook and Joan McLaughlin

**Brookstone Manor Memory Care:** Marianne Wilson

**Grand Village/Lodge:** Virginia Saxhaug, Dorothy Zobel and Doris Buxengard

**Pleasant Seasons:** Dorine Seamans and Bev Stanley

**River Grand:** Susie Hickman, Elaine Martin and Joyce Spawn

**Diamond Willow:** Betty Felosi and Tudy Motschenbacher

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

**Oak Hill Assisted Living:** Jan Shock

**Keystone Bluffs (Duluth):** Verla Stabe

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)

## Thanks!

Dear CPC Session,

To be supported by, encouraged by and unanimously backed by THE governing Body of Community Presbyterian Church is very affirming and humbling.

Thank you for the full scholarship to attend the “Craft of Preaching” class with Kim. What a fine first few days of being your Lay Pastor to be in class—and such a beneficial class at that!

I very much appreciate CPC picking up the cost of my evaluation through LeaderWise. They will be sending a report shortly.

It is my intention to be as good and hopefully even better, if that is possible, to Community Presbyterian Church as this church has been to me.

And to think I started Sunday School here, over half a century ago!

Thank you—

~Mary Shideler, Commissioned Lay Pastor

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To Our CPC Family,

A huge Thank You to each and every one of you for your care, concern and love for us this past year as we lost Sandie’s mom and our home we had lived in for 55 years. We appreciate you all more than words can say. We are pretty well settled in our new home and we love to hear our doorbell ring!

We are feeling blessed,

~Sandie & Fred Trappe

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Dear Community Presbyterian Church,

We are so very, very grateful to you all for your very generous and kind gift of \$200 in support of ElderCircle and our mission to support independence and quality living for all aging adults. Again, with our deep appreciation, we thank you for your generosity!

With Warm Regards,

~Renee

Dear CPC Peace & Social Justice,

On behalf of the ICC football team and their coaches, I wish to thank you for your support during the opening practices. Your kindness made those days better for the young men, many of whom come from homes far away from Grand Rapids. At one of the recent home football games, family of some team members commented to one of our community members at how much those welcoming activities meant to their young men and to them.

Thank you again for reaching out. Thank you for your care and concern. Thank you for your generous donation. I gave the money to Weldon Braxton. He said the team had some bills and it would go toward those.

~Carolyn Eck

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Dear Community Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your donation [\$16.25] to the Food Shelf at Second Harvest... In addition, we’d like to thank you for your in-kind donation of 210 pounds and monetary donation of \$219.75 to Second Harvest North Central Food Bank... Your donations 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 people who find themselves in need in our community. Thank you for helping us feel hope and end hunger.

Sincerely,

~Sue Estee, Executive Director

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## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### What's Happening in Worship?

- November 4:** Communion, All Saints Day  
**November 11:** Commissioning of Mary Shideler  
**November 18:** The Book of Ruth  
**November 25:** Thanksgiving

### **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)

### Weekly Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- 3:30 PM: Tintinnabulators  
4:15 PM: Holy Tollers  
5 PM: Praise Band  
5:45 PM: Jubilee Ringers  
6:30 PM: Chancel Choir

### Need Hearing Assistance?

The church has a number of hearing assistance devices available for use. If you would like to try one during worship, contact an usher and they will be happy to assist.



### Join Us As We Celebrate!

On Sunday, November 11, we will commission Mary Shideler as Lay Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church. This is an exciting time with three new staff members on board. Join us after worship as we honor Mary, Betsy, and Vangie with special pie made and served by the youth! There is a staff brunch following the reception.

### Meeting of the Congregation

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 2 for the purpose of receiving the 2019 budget, approving Pastor Kim's terms of call, and hearing a report on the kitchen project.

### Christmas Flowers

We will be collecting donations for our flower fund, to purchase poinsettias for our sanctuary. Flowers may be purchased in memory of, or to honor a loved one. Please complete a form located in the church office or in upcoming bulletin inserts and place it in the offering plate or bring to the office. The poinsettias will be picked up on December 2, so they will be in the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season.



### Joining Hands to Help

There is a fundraiser for Gina Pittack's son, Rick Fox, on **Saturday, November 17 from 3-8 PM** at the Grand Rapids Moose Lodge. Rick is battling stomach cancer. There will be a taco bar, \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-10, under 4 is free.

## DEACONS

### Gingerbread Christmas Tree



The Gingerbread Christmas Tree is in the welcoming area for you to choose a gingerbread man. Be sure to add an extra child's gift to your shopping list and return the unwrapped gift along with the tag you chose attached. Gifts are needed for children ages 1-12 with a suggested amount of \$15-\$20. All gifts will be collected no later than **December 14**, so shop early! May the spirit of giving brighten not only a child's Christmas this year, but yours as well!

## YOUTH NEWS

### Sunday School

Sunday School is for ages 3 through those in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Children will be dismissed from worship after the Chat with Children. The group will rotate among three stations, one week doing art, Bible stories, and music.

## Youth Updates and News!

Youth group has been meeting regularly since September, and what a great bunch! They are kind and respectful to each other, to me and to our church space. They have wonderful insights, lots of ideas, and are always willing to help. Some of the youth



have invited friends and we have had a new face a time or two. Amanda Skaudis volunteered to drive this enthusiastic group over from the Middle School each Wednesday, and this has been going very well.

*Thanks Amanda!!!*

When I asked Pastor Kim about her vision for youth group, she tasked me with three goals: fun, faith education, and mission. I decided to use the core values of the congregation, Respect, Spirituality, Participation, Relationship and Celebration, to guide us in these goals. This group of kids had LOTS of ideas last spring to help me with planning. So, what have we been doing? Well, so far, we've engaged in fun by completing a neighborhood scavenger hunt, rating a variety of foods-generic vs. name brand and playing the beloved Sardines game! The youth voted to meet on Halloween and we'll be sharing a light meal together and playing some games. Mission activities began with pie crust making. Bill and Dave Marshall are joining us next week to finish putting the pies together. This week, we will be helping Helen Zeumer get the church ready for All Saints Day. Faith Education activities have included a discussion about Civil Discourse and how it relates to religion—a worthy topic to consider in light of the many negative examples we are seeing in our world today. Last week, Peggy Marshall introduced us to yoga as another way to express our faith. She did a lovely job and comments heard from the youth were "I loved it," "relaxing" and "Can we do this again?"

### A couple of last notes...

You may notice that we have a new office. Bridges has moved out of their space. Thank you Jaci, the Bridges Board Members, and U of MN Extension staff for cleaning out the office. The youth, and their families kindly helped move furniture around and the office Vangie and I will share is starting to take shape. Please feel free to stop by or leave us a note in our mailboxes outside the office.

Come have pie on November 11 after service. The youth will be serving!

A lock-in will be held Thursday, November 15 at 7 P.M. until Friday, November 16 at 11:30 A.M. It is open to Middle School and High School students with a limit of 20 kids. Friends are welcome to join us.

Here is what is still needed:

- a couple of volunteers who might be willing to do an evening shift to help with games and food on Thursday evening are welcome;
- a group who might be willing to serve breakfast to the youth on Friday morning (it doesn't have to be fancy breakfast if you are not a chef. I can help with the plan);
- some people willing to provide transportation to/from the Food Shelf on Friday morning, or assist with clean-up.

I have received generous monetary donations for food/supplies/prizes from many folks, and some of the food items requested have already been brought in. Thank you so much to all of you who have helped with this!

## 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:

**November 6:** Ruth 1:1-18

**November 13:** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

**November 20:** Matthew 6:25-33

**November 27:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

## STEWARDSHIP

### Pledge Cards 2019!

Thank you for all your pledges! To date, our pledge total for 2019 is \$260,000. We are still missing about 10 cards and hope to raise that number slightly—this is awesome work, thank you!



## PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Dear CPC Peace and Justice Committee,

We thank you for the hospitality and generosity you extended to us by hosting a dinner for us or extending your welcome during lunch when we returned in August for football practice. We appreciate all you did and look forward to having you at any of our home or out of town games this year. Please check on line by searching for ICC 2018 football schedule.

With warm thanks,  
The 2018 JCC football team

Condy #52  
Mitchell Miller #12  
Treyton Doran #84  
KEANE HOGGARD #7

BIG E #79

Nazario Coleman #8  
Joshua Booker #10

Darvuan Mackey #2

James Wood #29  
#46

Lyndal Jackson III #16

#19  
#12  
#13  
#15

Mike  
Aaron Barnes  
Tito

Tyler  
Deer #66  
Harris Lay #77

Terrence North #84  
Johnathan Sinkfield #81  
Taylen Gavin #18

Kenton Thelusme #28

Jesse Sherwood #37  
Race Pearson #65  
Ralee Pemberton #78

Blair #60

Chris Dunkley

Wileen #

### Christmas Bountiful Harvest Sale

Once again, the Peace & Social Justice Committee will sponsor the Christmas Bountiful Harvest Sale. This sale gives us a chance to donate special homemade items and also to buy quality Christmas presents for our family and friends.

The sale will be held **December 9** downstairs in the Fellowship Hall right after service. You might consider donating baked goods, knitted hats or mittens, holiday decorations, quilts, holiday plants and boughs, children's toys, jewelry, or antiques. Please bring your items for sale downstairs to the fellowship Hall before the service. They will be priced by the committee and be made ready for sale after the service.



## The Month of Thanksgiving!

Everyone finds things to be thankful for. Most people are thankful that they can put a decent meal on the table, but everyone is not so fortunate. Help the Peace and Social Justice Committee and Food Shelf in the month of November by bringing items to help make a Thanksgiving meal, such as potatoes (boxed or bagged), canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, pie filling, canned vegetables, gravy... anything to put a nice meal on the table for those who aren't able to do so.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

### Cut & Sew Project Group

*"Hem your blessings with thankfulness so they won't unravel."*



Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the quilting group will be meeting only on **Wednesday, November at 9 A.M.** Please join us for fun and fellowship!



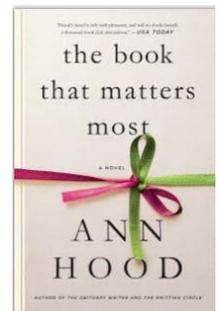
Our BUNCO group will gather at **9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, November 14**, in the Fellowship

Hall. Bring \$2 for the kitchen remodel fund and be ready for lots of fun! *No experience necessary!*

### The Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet **Monday, November 12 at 1:30 P.M.** by the fireplace. The book for this month is *The Book That Matters Most*, by Ann Hood.

*An enthralling novel about love, loss, secrets, friendship, and the healing power of literature, by the bestselling author of The Knitting Circle. Ava's twenty-five-year marriage has fallen apart, and her two grown children are pursuing their own lives outside of the country. Ava joins a book group, not only for her love of reading but also out of sheer desperation for companionship. The group's goal throughout the year is for each member to present the book that matters most to them. Ava rediscovers*



a mysterious book from her childhood—one that helped her through the traumas of the untimely deaths of her sister and mother. Alternating with Ava's story is that of her troubled daughter Maggie, who, living in Paris, descends into a destructive relationship with an older man. Ava's mission to find that book and its enigmatic author takes her on a quest that unravels the secrets of her past and offers her and Maggie the chance to remake their lives.

## LIBRARY NEWS AND VIEWS

November the month of Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday season! Having grown up in Sydney, Australia, I had little knowledge of Thanksgiving until I married an American from Kansas City, whose family went all out for all the traditional holidays...and when I sat at my mother-in-law's beautifully decked out dining room table, with fine china, silver cutlery, lace tablecloth and napkins and crystal stemmed glassware...and this incredible feast, I felt very humbled and totally out of my element and thought to myself, "I will never be able to roast a turkey!"

Finally, 10 years later in Columbus, Nebraska when they visited I produced my first roasted turkey and breathed a sigh of relief! I had passed the test. Admittedly I did not make stuffing or gravy but had wild rice and cranberry sauce and a pumpkin pie (store bought) and they were very appreciative!



As we begin this season of Thanks think about just that! Thanks for the incredible lives we lead, our amazing congregation, the wonderful circle of friends and family that encircle us and that through thick and thin, CPC is always there for us.

For me, not growing up with this tradition, it has become my favorite. It has nothing to do with presents, or commercialism or outdoing each other to decorate our homes, etc. Thanksgiving is truly just that...being thankful! Please think about the simplicity and unencumbered days we have to just be family.

Our church family has been very gracious and once again the Education Endowment Committee has allotted me \$500 for new additions to our CPC Library. I am so thankful that our congregation endorses reading so much, a tool that is one of our most important ones. Thank you all for saying "YES!"

Here are our new additions:

### Children's:

1. *I am Harriet Tubman* by Brad Meltzer: E MEL A wonderful, easy to understand, story about Harriet Tubman who led so many emancipated slaves to freedom taking incredible personally risks. A must read for everyone!
2. *Our Mother Is a Beautiful Garden* by Katy Tessman: E TES A family's breast cancer journey as told through the innocent and sweet voices of two young brothers! Another MUST READ!
3. *Max and the Tag-Along Moon* by Floyd Cooper: COO Grandfather, grandson, and the moon above them both. A quiet, warm look at the bond between grandfather and grandson.
4. *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud: E McC A guide to daily happiness for Kids
5. *Hospital Friends* by Jan and Mike Berenstain: E BER
6. *Sick Days* by Jan and Mike Berenstain: E BER
7. *Being Thankful* by Jan and Mike Berenstain: E BER
8. *We Love the Library* by Jan and Mike Berenstain: E BER
9. *Just a Special Thanksgiving* by Mercer Mayer: E MAY
10. *Clifford's Manners* by Norman Bridwell: E BRI
11. *Curious George Says Thank You* by Margaret and H.A. Reys: E REY
12. *Giving Thanks* by Jonathon London: E LON
13. *The Best Thanksgiving Ever* by Teddy Slater: E SLA
14. *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* by Charles M. Schulz: E SCH
15. *Love and Roast Chicken* by Barbara Knutson: E KNU
16. *Sometimes I Share* by Sterling: E STE
17. *I Want My Daddy!!* by Tracey Corderoy: E COR
18. *I Want my Mommy!!* by Tracey Corderoy: E COR
19. *The Night Before a New Pet* by Natasha Wing: E WIN
20. *Meet Santa Bear* by Stan and Jan Berenstain: E BER
21. *The Night After Christmas* by James Stevenson: E STE

### Juvenile:

1. *The Ghost With the Halloween Hiccups* by Stephen Mooser: J MOO
2. *Junie B. Jones Has a Monster Under Her Bed!!!* by Barbara Park: J PAR

### Young Adult:

1. *Molly Moon Stops the Worlds* by Georgia Byng: YA BYN
2. *Molly Moon's Hypnotic Time Travel Adventure* by Georgia Byng: YA BYN

### Adult:

1. *A Life in Stitches* by Rachael Herron: 818.6 HER A *A Life in Stitches* is an honest, fascinating, warm-hug of a memoir
2. *The Magdalen Girls* by V.S. Alexander: 813.6 ALE Dublin 1962. A convent and one of the cities Magdalen

laundries where the inmates...” fallen women, unwed mothers, prostitutes or petty criminals” work in these grim workhouses without anyone on the outside knowing their history! One very brave young woman, Lea, plots an escape and what ensues is an inspiring story of hope, friendship and enduring courage!

3. *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen: QUI A well told story of love and redemption.

Twenty-eight new additions for young and old and every age in between!

Now is truly a perfect time to curl up on the couch in front of a blazing fire with a mug of hot cider or hot chocolate brimming with marshmallows and a GOOD BOOK! There are so many to choose from and thanks to those who have donated some of these wonderful additions.

Congratulations to all those who worked and redeemed from the Rummage Sale! Good job, ladies! Those of you who cleaned out closets and cupboards and basements may have come across an item with CPC Church Library on it just return to the check in basket...no questions asked!

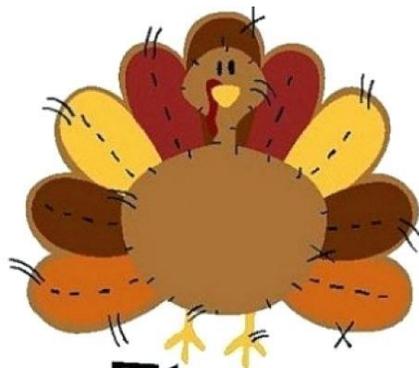
We do have a wonderful inventory, but there are some classics that have gone missing for many years! You probably love them too much to return, which is totally understandable. If you find such a book, DVD, audiobook...consider donating something new and current that you would wish your fellow congregation members to read!

Our library, such a focal point of entry, is such a source of joy and comfort and I am so grateful that all of you use this library to its utmost.

If there is a book that we MUST HAVE please send a request to me, Juliet, at [kcjones50@yahoo.com](mailto:kcjones50@yahoo.com) and I'll put it on the 2019 wish list.

Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you and your friends and families.

God Bless,  
Your CPC Librarian,  
~Juliet



Happy Thanksgiving

## NOVEMBER 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>Nov 2</b> Abigail Birkey Taylor Birkey	<b>Nov 13</b> Don Axtell Connor Coffield
<b>Nov 3</b> Virginia Saxhaug	<b>Nov 14</b> JoAnn Bakken
<b>Nov 5</b> Ashley Skelly	<b>Nov 16</b> Jerry Pulkrabek
<b>Nov 6</b> Chuck Meyer	<b>Nov 18</b> Andy David
<b>Nov 8</b> Valdy Becker	<b>Nov 20</b> Bill Poulter Kevin Kjorlien
<b>Nov 9</b> Mavis Alberty	<b>Nov 25</b> David Chesness
<b>Nov 10</b> Courtney Chesness	<b>Nov 26</b> Alice Siegriest
<b>Nov 11</b> Jerry Randall Judy Pittack Karen Benson Marshall Anderson	

## CONNECTIONS

### Rotary Shoe Drive



Do you have shoes you no longer need or wear? Has your child outgrown their shoes? Those unwanted shoes can do more than collect dust on the closet floor...donate them to the Second Annual Grand Rapids Rotary Club Shoe Drive! The Grand Rapids Rotary Club is collecting shoes and Funds2Orgs will distribute them to small business owners in Central America, South America and Africa. Just place your gently used shoes and boots into the collection bin located in the Lower Gathering Area. Thank you for helping!