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THOUGHTS FROM AN ELDER

About two years ago my niece Amy and her wife Sheryl were married, and I often tell a story about their rehearsal dinner. Several friends had come up from their home church in Texas for the wedding, and after the blessing they stood up to sing the traditional Doxology. As you might expect at a Midwestern wedding, pretty soon the whole room was singing too, and we finished up with a nice full sound in four parts. One of our own children's "plus-ones" was completely amazed by this—not having grown up in the church or in a musical family. Everyone else thought it was pretty normal, since church music had been an integral part of all of our lives.

Since the fall music season has started, I've been doing a little reading about music in Presbyterian history. Did you know that, originally, Presbyterians sang only psalms, with no instrumental accompaniment? It was considered improper to use instruments, or for a group of people to sing as a choir, superseding the congregation.

We've obviously made a lot of changes since then, but congregational singing remains the most important form of church music. Have you ever noticed how the hymns always complement or extend the text of the day? Our music staff is diligent about that. We are also very fortunate to have such a great hymnal. If you've never looked closely at it, you should! The short summaries at the end of each hymn are well worth reading, as is the chapter on patriarchal language.

So, if you'd like to join a choir, please do! Traditional choral music? Chancel Choir! Ultimate teamwork? Handbells! Gospel and praise music? Praise Band! But even if none of these works out for you, sing out! We are all the music of the church.

~Cathy Cleary, Elder

PASTOR TO PEW

Year after year we have discussed our need for more staff at CPC. We've evaluated where our focus needs to be, we've spent time increasing our budget, and now we've found a way to make it all work. I can clearly hear an Hallelujah Chorus! We are honored to introduce three new staff members:

Betsy Whirley is our Youth Director, she began this past summer and has already attended a Blandin training on process and planning. Betsy will work with the Youth Groups. Her ability to connect with our young people and her desire to lead them in mission, Christian responsibility, and fellowship is fun to witness. Betsy's office will be downstairs in the old Bridges space. She will mostly be here Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. She is reachable via email at betsy@communitypresbyterianchurch.com.

Vangie Mattfield is our Director of Christian Education, and will lead the Christian Education Committee and oversee Sunday School and all seasonal programs such as Vacation Bible School and Christmas pageants. Vangie will share an office with Betsy downstairs in the old Bridges space. Her main work day will be Sunday, and she is reachable via email at vangie@communitypresbyterianchurch.com.

Mary Shideler is our Lay Pastor. This is a new expereince for us as well as our Presbytery to have a Lay Pastor serve in a congregation with an installed Pastor. So we will evaluate as we go but for now, Mary will oversee the Deacons and outreach to homebound members. Mary will also preach in Kim's absence, or up to three times a quarter when she wishes to polish her worship leadership skills. Mary will be given permission to serve communion and moderate session in the event Kim is unable. The Presbytery will commission Mary to this position during their October 26-27 meeting at Clearwater Forest. We will also have our own commissioning service in November during worship (the tentative date is November 4). Mary will occupy the spare office in the main staff suite. Her office times will mostly be by appointment. You can contact her via email at mary@communitypresbyterianchurch.com.

All positions are scheduled to officially start on October 1. Please be patient with us as we get going the next couple of months. We feel incredibly blessed to have these three women onboard. They are each dedicated and gifted, and they will provide CPC the opportunity to focus in areas

we have otherwise struggled (Praise be to God!) and many thanks to the members of Community Presbyterian Church. You make the ministries of this church both necessary and possible.

~Pastor Kim

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

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

Special Prayers

- Sue Erzar on the death of her mother, Elinor Johnson
- Carole Erickson & family at the end of her life
- Those with health challenges: KC, Kevin, Rick, Emily, Biz, Kristi, Deb, Mary Jo
- 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

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

Thanks!

Dear Friends,

We want to thank all who remembered Kevin with birthday greetings. You made his day. Thanks also to those who assisted me in getting him to appointments. He is presently homebound with nurses, PT & OT coming in to help strengthen his legs and back. We don't feel so isolated now. Our members in Christ are AWESOME! Betty Roskos arrived today 9-25 with some produce and cookies for Kevin!!!

Happy Hearts,

~Betty & Kevin Jones

Members of Community Presbyterian Church,

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donations to this fall's Back Pack project, organized by the Salvation Army and Alpha Delta Kappa, a local fraternity for female educators. Many students were able to return to school with a variety of school supplies because of your generosity.

Thanks again,

Eta Chapter, Alpha Delta Kappa

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 will allow us to continue providing safe, temporary shelter and meals to people who are experiencing homelessness while they look for housing and employment....

Thank you for your donation of TWENTY QUILTS valued at \$2,000!

Sincerely,

~Ronald L. Oleheiser, Executive Director

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Out of the Office

Pastor Kim is attending a master preaching conference October 1-3. She will also be away on vacation October 13-23. Dorothy Duquette (259-8307) is on call for pastoral emergencies.

October Is Co-Board Mtg. Month

All of your officers (Deacons, Elders and Trustees) will meet together on **Thursday, October 25 at 6 P.M.**

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

What's Happening in Worship?

October 7: World-Wide Communion
October 14: Mary Shideler, Preaching
October 21: Mary Shideler, Preaching
October 28: Reformation Sunday

Weekly Choir Rehearsal Schedule

3 PM: MS Youth
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.





Educational Moment

What is a Lay Pastor?

It is important to note that both pastors and elders are ordained for the life and worship of the congregation. Elders serve communion each month and are often commissioned to do other duties in absence of the pastor (for instance, if a pastor leaves a congregational meeting when they discuss Terms of Call, an elder would be appointed to moderate until the pastor returns).

As a response to many small churches unable to meet the financial needs of an installed pastor, Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLP) were set forth by the General Assembly of the denomination. A Lay Pastor is an elder who holds the gifts of preaching and leading the missional aspect of the congregation. Lay Pastors are educated by the Presbyteries who supervise them. At this time, there is no national educational standard for CLPs, so depending on the Presbytery jurisdiction, each Lay Pastor is trained differently. It is important to note that CLPs are ordained elders, they are not Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Additionally, CLPs are locally authorized. They have no standing beyond their Presbytery and the particular church to which they have been commissioned, and they are authorized only to the tasks outlined in their contract with the Presbytery and local church.

Lay Pastors offer a great service to the Presbyterian Church. They are individuals with integrity (they go through the same psychological testing that pastors receive) and they hold a sincere sense of call and service to the church. Some go on to obtain their Master of Divinity degree and are ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. As a congregation gifted with the talent of Mary Shideler, we will support her in all of her endeavors, but let's be slightly selfish and hope she stays here awhile before furthering her call process in seminary! Teasing aside, we are so grateful for Mary, and we'll continue to challenge her faith journey.

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School

Sunday School is for ages 3 through those in 4th grade and meets every 2nd and 4th 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.

Middle School Youth Group

What fun it is to have the halls alive again! Youth group has been meeting since mid-September immediately after school on Wednesdays. We are having a lot of fun, and there is a great group of Middle Schoolers coming regularly. Any 5th-8th graders are welcome!

We do plan to have youth group on October 31 and will have a Halloween meal.

Details about a lock-in on November 15 will be coming soon. I will be looking for some volunteers. Let me know if you might be interested. Please contact Betsy with any questions.

There is no Youth Group on October 17 due to MEA/Fall break!

Here are some upcoming events to keep in mind:

October 3: Hot Topic(s)

October 10: Learn to make pie crust from scratch!

October 17: No Youth Group!

October 24: Yoga with Peggy Marshall—wear comfy clothes!

October 31: Help Helen Z. set up for All Saints Day. Halloween fun! Will serve a light meal.

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:

October 2: Mark 10:2-16 October 9: James 5:13-20

October 16: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

October 23: Mark 10:46-52 October 30: John 11:32-44

STEWARDSHIP

Pledge Cards 2019!

If you have not yet returned your pledge card for 2019, please do so immediately. The Trustees have passed a budget to the Session for approval, and the elders plan to vote on the budget at their October meeting. Many thanks for your continued financial support of Community Presbyterian Church!

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Hungry Care-A-Vanners Served

The Peace & Social Justice Committee served lunch on Friday, September 21, to some very dedicated people known as the Habitat for Humanity Care-A-Vanners. These folks travel across the country working on different Habitat for Humanity sites. There were 12 of them and some admitted they had been gone all summer and were anxious to return to their homes. One couple was from the middle of Michigan and said they had met some very committed and friendly people and loved to offer their time and skills but were anxious to see their family. Some had been to Grand Rapids before and felt our community was beautiful. They all traveled in trailers or RVs and stayed at the campsite free of charge. Most helped they would return next year to again work on a Habitat site.

Open Door Coat Rack

Soon the temperatures will drop, the snow will fly, and winter will be upon us. So we will go to the closet and get out our winter coats, boots and mittens, but many in our community have no such warm clothes...and so we share ours!

The United Methodist Church will hold its annual coat rack on Tuesday, October 22, and Wednesday, October 23. Coats, snowpants, jackets, hats, and mittens will be handed out to those in need.



Last year, more than 1,100 children, teens and adults were given warm clothes to wear when the weather turns frigid.

If you have extra coats or jackets, mittens or scarves, consider donating them to the coat rack. Donations need to be clean and in good repair. The Peace & Social Justice Committee has a huge box in the lower gathering area into which you may put any donations up until October 15. Let's check out our closets and help those in need this winter.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

~2 Thessalonians 3:16

The church of every time and place wrestles with the distance between our timeframe and God's. In God's

time, even the small seeds we plant can grow into sturdy



trees. In God's time, the fears we carry can be transformed into new partnerships and hope. In God's time, our expectations can be expanded and surpassed by God's faithfulness. The 2018 Peace and Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear. It quiets the anxiety of each believer by joining us together, as we offer our prayer and our resources.

This special offering lets us share Christ's peace with one another. It builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays with local congregations and 25% with mid-councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. Fifty percent supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

May you consider a generous gift to this most urgent offering. There are three ways you can give: through our congregation by using the envelopes in the back of the sanctuary; text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10; or respond to presbyterianmission.org/peach-global.

TRICK-OR-TREAT: MONEY-OR-EATS!

Please join the Peace & Social Justice Committee during the month of October and donate any nonperishable food items—or cash! Each dollar donated provides food for five meals and goes further due to wholesale purchasing power, to provide nutritious high-quality food items like milk, chicken, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables and yogurt. With chilly weather setting in, a nice warm meal would be a treat!

The walking taco lunch on Kick-Off Sunday, September 9, was a big success with about 100 people enjoying the delicious meal! Thank you from the Fellowship Committee!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

Cut & Sew Project Group

"Quilters have the sharpest of scissors and the warmest of heart."



Because of the CPC Fall Rummage Sale, the quilting group will be meeting only on **Wednesday**, **October 17 at 9 A.M.** Please join us for fun and fellowship!

The Project Group #2 will also meet on **October 17** and will be ironing and assembling All Saints banners. No sewing involved. Snacks always served!



Our BUNCO group will gather at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 12, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring \$2 for the kitchen remodel fund and be ready for lots of fun! *No experience necessary!*

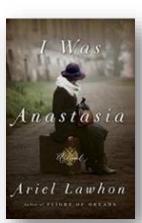
The Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet Monday, October 8 at 1:30 P.M. by the fireplace. The book for this month is *I Was Anastasia*, by Ariel Lawhon.

Russia, July 17, 1918 Under direct orders from Vladimir Lenin, Bolshevik secret police force Anastasia Romanov, along with the entire imperial family, into a damp basement in Siberia where they face a merciless firing squad. None survive. At least that is what the executioners have always claimed.

Germany, February 17, 1920

A young woman bearing an uncanny resemblance to Anastasia Romanov is pulled



shivering and senseless from a canal in Berlin. Refusing to explain her presence in the freezing "Quiwater, she is taken to the hospital where an examination reveals that her body is riddled with countless, horrific scars. When she finally does speak, this frightened, mysterious woman claims to be the Russian Grand Duchess Anastasia.

Her detractors, convinced that the young woman is only after the immense Romanov fortune, insist on calling her by a different name: Anna Anderson.

As rumors begin to circulate through European society that the youngest Romanov daughter has survived the massacre, old enemies and new threats are awakened.

LIBRARY NEWS AND VIEWS

Ahhh...October...probably the most scenic month in the northland with the crispness in the air, the ever-changing hues of the colors on our incredible trees, the last days of warmer temperatures, before the big freeze. After raking and mulching a zillion leaves is the best time to curl up by a cozy fireplace with a cup of hot apple cider or mulled wine and READ, READ, READ!

You have been an outstanding example this whole all summer checking out so many materials, but the Myers...what a wonderful family....Dave and Jess, Peter and Celeste outdid you all by reaching the goals set for our Summer Reading Challenge. Congratulations again, and I know that you will find so many amazing children's materials at the Village Bookstore.

I just spent a couple of hours browsing and bought so many wonderful books for the younger set, and so appreciate how that field has grown.

Here are these new titles:

Children's:

- 1. Awesome Autumn by Bruce Goldstone: E GOL
- 2. *The Library Dragon* by Carmen Agra Deedy: E DEE
- 3. Animals in Fall by Martha E. H. Rustad: E RUS
- 4. *Peppa Goes Apple Picking* by Meredith Rusu: E
- 5. *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* by Charles Schultz: E SCH
- 6. *The Best Thanksgiving Ever!* by Teddy Slater: E
- 7. Curious George Says Thankful by Margaret & H.A. Reys: E REY
- 8. Being Thankful by Mercer Mayer: E MAY
- 9. *Just a Special Thanksgiving* by Mercer Mayer: E MAY
- 10. Giving Thanks by Jonathon London: E LON
- 11. Clifford's Manners by Norman Bridwell: E BRI
- 12. Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson: E DON
- 13. *The Night Before the New Pet* by Natasha Wings: E WIN

- 14. Curious George Goes to a Book Store by Margaret & H.A. Reys: E REY
- 15. Leon the Chameleon by Melanie Watt: E WAT
- 16. Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner: E BUE

Beginning Readers Level 1:

- 1. Pete the Cat and the Surprise Teacher by James Dean
- 2. Pete the Cat and the Cool Caterpillar
- 3. Pinkalicious Story Time by Victoria Karr
- 4. The Berenstain Bears Play Football by Mike Berenstain
- 5. Fancy Nancy Apples Galore by Jane O'Conner

Level 2

- 1. We Need More Nuts by Jonathon Fenske
- 2. Lulu Goes to Witch School by Bella Sinclair
- 3. *Penguins* by David Salomon
- 4. Wolves by Laura Marsh
- 5. Fur and Feathers by Kingfisher

Level 4

- 1. Snow Dogs Racers of the North by Ian Whitlaw
- 2. *The Arctic and Antarctica* by Kingfisher

Fiction Pop-Up Book

The Human Body by Andy Morrison: J MOR

Adult Audiobooks:

1. That Used to be Us by Thomas Friedman. 13 discs about how America fell behind in the world it invented and how we can come back. Current Affairs. If you are taking a LONG drive and are an intellectual or just want to know what happened take that journey with Thomas Friedman, who analyzes for challenges we face: globalization, the revolution in information technology, the nation's chronic deficits, and the pattern of excessive energy consumption! A must listen to for all of us who truly care what we leave behind for our children and grandchildren.

Adult Fiction:

- 1. *The President Is Missing* by Bill Clinton and James Patterson: CLI The President disappears. The world is in shock, but the reason he's missing is much worse than anyone can imagine!
- 2. *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate: WIN In this poignant novel inspired by a true story, two families, generations apart, are forever changed by heartbreaking injustice...Memphis 1939!
- 3. *Together Forever* by Jody Hedlund: HED The second in the Orphan Train Series.
- 4. Wonder by R.J.Palacio: PAL A crackling page turner filled with characters one can't help but root for. Rich and memorable. A beautiful, funny and sometimes heartbreaking story of quiet transformation. If you loved the movie starring Julia Roberts, you will love the real deal!!

Adult Nonfiction/Young Adult Fiction

- 1. The Meaning of Maggie by Megan Jean Sovern: 813.6 SOV/YA 813.6 SOV Eleven years old and the beginning of everything. For Maggie Mattfield it means one year closer to voting, one year closer to college and one year closer to getting a tattoo! This story is equal parts funny, poignant, about growing up!
- 2. *The Lotus and the Storm* by Lan Cao: 813.54 CAO A passionate testament to the truth that the past is the present inseparable, inescapable, enduring!
- 3. *A Thousand Sisters* by Lisa J. Shannon: 305.9 SHA A Thousand Sisters is a deeply moving call to each one of us to find inside ourselves the thing that brings meaning to a wounded world.
- 4. *The Immortal Irishman* by Timothy Egan: 978.04 EGA An old-fashioned tail of tall talk, high ideals, and irresistible appeal. The Irish revolutionary who became an American hero.
- 5. *A Life in Stitches* by Rachel Herron: 818.6 HE Just knitting my way through love, loss, and laughter. A great book club read.
- 6. *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan: 978.02 EGA The untold story of those who survived The Great American Dust Bowl!!
- 7. *Green Island* by Shawna Yang Ryan: 813.6 RYA A stunning story of true love, betrayal, and family, set against the backdrop of a changing Taiwan over the course of the Twentieth Century. February 28, 1947! History buffs must read this!

Forty-one new additions!! Hard to believe how lucky we are that at this point are able to keep adding new material with some generous donations as well.

Thank you to everyone: the readers, the browsers, and those that have so been lost in time that still have books, DVDs and Audiobooks in cars, on night stands, bookshelves, under the bed...wherever! As school is in full swing and you prepare for cleaning up after a crazy summer....please check for something that has CPC on its label and return...no fines, no collection agency, no Paw Patrol....just hoping that something your family absolutely loved will find its way back to CPC sometime soon.

October is the beginning of so many holidays, check out Halloween books, apple and pumpkin picking, football stories, following shortly thereafter, Thanksgiving...the true meaning of really being thankful what we do have.

Happy October Days to one and all,

Your CPC Librarian,

~Juliet

OCTOBER 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!*

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Oct 1	Christie Graupmann	Oct 17	Kayla Holbein
	Jeffery Shaffer	Oct 18	Miriam Colburn
Oct 3	Holly Newton		Cash Connelly
	Kelly Peterson		Jenna Marshall
Oct 4	Peter Myers	Oct 19	Harry Johnson
Oct 6	Graeme Shields		Simon Lick
Oct 5	Ruth Anne Furman	Oct 20	Vickie Fraser
	Peggy Marshall		Brody Hawkinson
	Peter Marshall		Teresa Solberg
	Judy Nesvold	Oct 21	Lori Bertram
Oct 7	Matthew Whirley		Peter McDermott
Oct 9	Sue Pulkrabek		David Reese
	Jeffrey Schrunk	Oct 22	Denny Schaar
Oct 10	Julie Roy-Dahline	Oct 23	Jasmine Finken
Oct 12	Ryan Benson		Bill Prather
	Helen Zeumer	Oct 24	Elizabeth Gerling
Oct 13	Rhoda Hare	Oct 25	Sue Erzar
	Laurie Jacobi		Sara Gaalaas
	Wil Kangas-Olson		Gene Grell
	Emma Tolrud		Staci Taylor
Oct 14	Evan David	Oct 27	Thea Tabbert
	Kit Hoskins	Oct 28	Doug Johnson
	Amanda Skaudis	Oct 29	Alva Unger
Oct 15	Joan McLaughlin	Oct 30	Doug Pennertz
Oct 16	Hannah Fedje-Johnston	Oct 31	Gwen Litchke
	Ardyce Thurston		

CONNECTIONS



"Connecting people to the services they need"

Thursday, October 4, 2018

1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

IRA Civic Center Arena

Intersection of Highway 38 and 14th St NW in Grand Rapids

All are welcome!

A gathering of service providers from the Itasca County area For your convenience, all in one location, all in one day:

Employment Assistance Childcare Resources Nutrition Clinic Legal Services Photographs Haircuts Heat Share	Medical Information Mental Health Information Resources to Heal from Addiction Youth Services Circles of Support Technology Resources
Low income housing information Information for Veterans	And much more

Free Meal Served

For further information: Call First Call for Help ...2-1-1 or 326-8565

For free transportation in the Arrowhead Transit services area:
Call1-800-862-0175
Facilitated by Itasca County Agencies & Volunteers

