

Community Press

A PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, MN



**Come Worship in the sun and enjoy our Garden of Life!
Sunophobe? Bring your umbrella!**

OUTDOOR WORSHIP



Volunteers to help set up required!

Outdoor Services Starting on June 9

(Also July 14, August 11 and September 9)

HELP is needed to set up and put things away....

see Bruce or Ivy for questions regarding how you can help!

CPC in the World

Somebody once said that where you spend your time... that is where your heart is. So the questions for June and July are where do you spend your time? Where do you volunteer? Where do you donate - time or dollars? Where is your heart in this world? Look for the post its to share your passions!



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JUNE AND JULY 2024

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of six ruling elders, elected for two years. Much of the business of the church is conducted through committees. Each ruling elder chairs one of the committees. The Pastor, who is a teaching elder and moderator of Session, is an ex-officio member of every committee.

<u>Class of 2024</u>	Lyal Powell Amanda Ross Sherrie Wilson	Building and Grounds Personnel and Nominating Mission
<u>Class of 2025</u>	Sue Chipman Ivy Pillers Aaron Simms	Christian Education Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Officers:</u>	Dave Copeland Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2024 Nominating Committee

Mary Meyer, Dave Copeland, Jane Burgstaler, Peggy McCarty (Deacons)

Membership (a sub committee of Christian Education) Chairperson: Amanda Ross

Deacons

The Board of Deacons is responsible for ministering to all those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to all those who may be in distress. Deacons provide meals and transportation, among other requested needs. They maintain the Prayer Chain. Deacons are elected in classes of two and serve a three year term.

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Dave Copeland Aaron Simms	Louis Bouchard	Peggy McCarty Margaret Petersen

Staff

Bridge Pastor	Rev. Carla Nelson
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed in the print edition of the newsletter. Pick up a paper copy at church, next time you are there!



Class Of 
2024



Katherine Ross is the daughter of Dennis and Amanda Ross and will be graduating on May 31st from Triton High School in Dodge Center MN. Katherine has been involved in many things throughout high school, including Minnesota's Honor Society, Band, Volleyball, and Softball. Next year Katherine plans to attend North Dakota State University (NDSU) to major in Construction Engineering with a minor in Business.



Connor Meyer is graduating June 1, 2024 from John Marshall High School

Connor will be attending RCTC this summer in the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program. Later in the year he will attend the Paramedic program.

You are cordially invited to celebrate on Saturday, June 15 from 1-4 pm at 4812 24th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don’t let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love.”

Galatians 5:13 CEB



Happy Summer! We are getting ushered into Minnesota summer with a Bang!! How many of you lost power during our first big storm of the summer? It makes you more grateful for it when it is restored, and for those willing to work with electrical power to restore our homes connections to “the grid!”

Our prayers go out to the community of Greenfield and others hard hit by tornadoes.

So often we look at these situations and wonder what we can do. It is not easy and often not advisable to go to a disaster site to lend a helping hand, but we can offer aid through two different sources, one is One Great Hour of Sharing and the other is through the Presbyterian Mission website, www.presbyterianmission.org from here you click on donate, then category, then disaster relief, then they have a button for tornadoes! I heard that some of you said, that’s a lot of work – not as much work as sawing up fallen trees, or removing fallen houses.

While your at the website look around they have tons of information and a number of ideas that we could explore see if something interests you.

If you don’t want to give on line, but you would like to give to something to support the disaster relief, you can write a check and we’ll send it in for you.

The scripture at the top of the page came from the Common English Bible, those same verses Galatians 5:13-15, from The Message are a little different;

¹³⁻¹⁵ “It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don’t use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that’s how freedom grows. For everything we know about God’s Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That’s an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?”

Oh if only we could get the whole world to read and understand this – wait a minute – Christians have a hard enough time understanding this – maybe we should just work on ourselves and see how that goes. Maybe we should start really small and just worry about ourselves individually, since the only person you can really change is yourself.

CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We can all influence others – and in fact we influence others every single day by the way that we interact with each other, in the way that we serve each other. From the minute we get out of bed in the morning until we lie down again at night and close our eyes, we are impacting the lives of those around us.

What type of service do we provide? What type of fruit are we serving? When we allow the Spirit of God into our lives we begin to experience and share the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. As we deepen our relationship with God, as we get better at taking that deep breath before we respond to someone, in all circumstances, we get better at showing others what a life lived with God is like. By doing that, just living with God, you can lead someone else to a life with God.

The fruits of the Spirit are listed in Galatians 5:22-24 and I love the way The Message talks about them:

“But what happens when we live God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much **the** same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense **of** compassion in **the** heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in **the** way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed **off** for good—crucified.”

What a gift it is to not have to respond to what everyone else calls a necessity of life. We don’t have to have all the things that others say make you a success – God says you are enough right now.

***“I praise you because I am fearfully and Wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”***

Psalm 139:14



AROUND THE CHURCH



Our dear friend and member, Ron Murray, passed away on Sunday, May 26 in the hospital. His steadfast presence and big heart will be deeply missed. Watch for details about his internment service and reception later in June.



At the end of May, Children's Place Preschool finished its school year and closed its doors for the last time. We thank them for the many, many years of good relationships and their care of so many children in Rochester!

The Building and Grounds committee is exploring options for a new daycare or preschool in the space at CPC. If you hear of any leads, please let Lyal know!



Pastor Carla will begin a series based on the Sanctified Art resource "I've Been Meaning to Ask..." on Sunday, June 16th.



"Where are you from?"

We believe everyone is beloved, shaped from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. Everyone has a story to tell. Our stories are messy and beautiful, painful and hopeful -- being written and rewritten over time. We commit to disrupting our assumptions and staying curious."



Session is looking ahead to the future for Community Presbyterian Church! They are exploring different pastoral models including a shared pastor position. There are several congregations in SE Minnesota that are currently without an installed pastor and are looking to fill a part-time pastoral role. Your prayers for session are appreciated as they explore all of the options for CPC on your behalf!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Amazing progress during Spring Fling!

Mop room cleaned up and Gene worked with several Labranza people to install mop hangers and shelves. Chairs cleaned and vacuumed and hardware tightened. Windows cleaned, apple tree moved, speed bumps re-installed, debris picked up throughout the site, and much more.... Great team effort by CPC members along with Labranza members. Great meal afterwards by Labranza. Thanks to all who could participate on Sunday, May 5th!



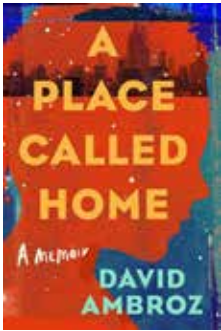
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR



JUNE

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month; [archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month](https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/lgbt-pride-month)
- 7 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; [wearorange.org](https://www.wearorange.org) or nasponline.org/research-and-policy/policy-matters-blog/national-gun-violence-awareness-day
- 16 Father's Day; Presbyterian Men Sunday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/men
- 19 Juneteenth; presbyphl.org/what-is-juneteenth-resources-for-formation-education-and-gospel-witness
- 20 World Refugee Day; un.org/en/observances/refugee-day
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples' Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/celebrating-indigenous-peoples-day
- 30 Immigration Sunday; oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration



JULY

- 4 Independence Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/independence-day
- 8 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on *A Place Called Home: A Memoir* by David Ambroz. Register at presbyterianwomen.org/justice

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Fall Series on Transforming Communication and Conflict

Gather a small group from your congregation for a three-session series on Saturdays this fall: October 12, November 9, and December 7.

This training will be led by Jen Gergen, a Nonviolent Communications certified trainer, and will equip congregations with new capacities and practices for daily conversations as well as times of discernment and change. Working from our experiences, Jen will share some of the basics of nonviolent communication as a tool for transforming our day-to-day interactions as well as our most difficult conversations into places of possibility, clarity, and collaborative energy. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. More information and registration information forthcoming, but contact Anna Kendig Flores at ptca.anti.racism@gmail.com with questions.



AN AGENDA FOR THOUSANDS OF
HOMES BY 2030



Homes for Our Neighbors

Thursday, June 13, 6–7:30 pm
Peace United Church of Christ
1503 2nd Ave NE, Rochester



RSVP



Learn about how Olmsted County is leading on housing, and call on community leaders to dream even bigger to address our urgent need for affordable, healthy, and climate-friendly homes.

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

June 2024

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26 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	27 Office Closed - Memorial Day	28 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours 9:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting (v) 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	29 9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours	30 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	31	1
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Our Mission is to be an
open-hearted,
open-minded
Christian community
sharing a ministry of
faith, hope, and love.*

**CPC worships at 9:30 each Sunday
Both onsite and online!**

**Online Worship, Sundays 9:30 am
<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>
+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #**

**Bulletins for worship can be found
on the homepage of our website.
www.cpcrochester.org**

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