

# Community Press



## *Ash Wednesday Service Invitation*

Come join us for the start of our 6 weeks of Lent, where we will focus on The Parables and Spiritual Practices that deepen the Journey of Our Faith. The Ash Wednesday service is at 6 pm and includes the imposition of Ashes. Beginning at 5 pm there will be an opportunity to Prayerfully Walk the Chartres Labyrinth (c.1200ad) in the Great Room. The Labyrinth will be available at CPC for those who want to pray and walk it Ash Wednesday through Sunday February 17. Hosts and written guides are available. Sign up in the Narthex for times to pray and walk.

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## *From the Pastor...*

Walking with Jesus: Parables and Practices for Lent



*With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.*

*Mark 4: 33-34*

On Sabbatical in April 2009, I experienced the gift of a lifetime: a tour of Israel and Jordan. A part of that tour took us to cities in the Decapolis where we walked amidst old Roman ruins and places where Jesus walked. To walk those dirt paths was a profound experience for me and I paced the same earth where Jesus had walked, rested, taught, preached and prayed. Very quickly on the tour, I realized the immense imagery Jesus used in his teachings. I turned a corner around the ruins one day and saw a huge field of wild day lilies. Instantly the words of Jesus came to me: “Do not worry: look at the lilies of the field, they neither toil nor spin...” (Mt 6:28). With regular frequency I beheld the everyday images Jesus used for his sermons and teachings—the rocks beside the roads, mustard seeds, birds, pottery, children playing, the fishing boats on Galilee. It was like all I’d learned in seminary and life was right before me in three dimensions! I thought, HA! Jesus used the everyday surroundings for his sermons! His parables and teachings were at the tips of his fingers and in the center of his eye. I can see why people loved to follow him—he wove faith right into the daily sights and experiences they encountered!

Today, do we recognize these important lessons of faith in the midst of our daily living? In answer to that I have developed our Lenten focus on Jesus’

Parables and Spiritual Practices. I will preach on the parables and include in our worship time opportunities to experience and reflect on the most basic spiritual practices that can help us grow daily in our relationship with our Lord. Below is a list of those Sundays, the Parables and Spiritual Practices we will look at together. If you have a story of a modern parable you have experienced, I would love to hear about it and perhaps share it with others!

Feb 13—Ash Wednesday : Walk Your Spiritual Journey of Lent/Labyrinth

Feb 17—All are Welcome: The Great Banquet/Labyrinth

Feb 24—God’s Costly Gamble: The Sower/Lectio Divina

Mar 3—God's People are Mercy: The Good Samaritan/Fasting

Mar 10—God’s Extravagant Gifts: The Mustard Seed/Hospitality

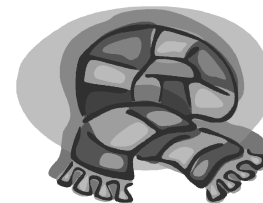
Mar 17—Jesus = Spiritual but not religious: The Good Shepherd/Breath Prayers

Mar 24—God never gives up on us!/Prodigal Child/Imaging Prayer

I look forward to walking alongside you with Jesus in this Lenten journey of faith,

Pastor Teresa

# February 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10am Aikido
3 9:30am Worship & Communion Souper Bowl Sunday Paul Harkess-Gun Control Class	4	5 6pm BIG 6:30pm Deacons	6 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	7 7:30pm Aikido	8 7pm AS Support Group	9 10am Aikido
10 9:30am Worship Channel One Sunday 9:30am Ordain & Install Deacon & Elder 10:45am Talent Show & Chili Feed	11 7:30pm Personnel	12 12:30pm Women of the Church	13 6:30am Prayer Group 5pm Labyrinth 6pm Ash Wednesday 7pm Choir	14 5pm Labyrinth 7:30pm Aikido	15 5pm Labyrinth	16 10am Aikido 12pm Labyrinth
17 (Lent 1) 9:30am Worship Noisy Can Sunday 10:45am 2-5th Graders' Communion Class 10:45am Paul Harkess-Gun Control Class	18 7pm Finance	19 5pm Christian Ed	20 6:30am Prayer Group 6pm Worship & Music 7pm Choir	21 6am leave for Day on the Hill 7:30pm Aikido	22	23 10am Aikido
24 (Lent 2) 9:30am Worship 10:45am Our Brain & Our Faith Class 5pm Book Club	25	26 7pm Session	27 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	28 7:30pm Aikido		

# February 2013 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
3	Gwen Riggin, Darlene & Dave Lucas	Amanda Ross	Guy Vig	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
10	Simms Family	Amy Ward	Paul Remtema	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci
13	Tammy Rider, Margaret Nelson, Jeff Swinbank	Linda Overton	Louis Bouchard		
17	Mary Alice Richardson, Marita Heller, Randy Huston	Jake DeGuise	Amy Anderson	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Kereakos
24	Ronda Marshall, Guy Vig, Bruce Felger	Ivy Pillers	Denise Swinbank	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg

*Communion Servers for February:*

## *January Session Highlights*

Coming up at CPC!  
 Lots to look forward in the days to come at our church!

February 3  
 Souper Bowl Sunday

February 10  
 Talent Show & Chili Feed

February 13  
 Ash Wednesday

February 17  
 2-5th Graders' Communion Class

February 21  
 Day on the Hill

- \* Approved the ordination and installation of Connie Holst (Deacon) and Mary Meyer (Elder) at February 10th worship service.
- \* Nominated Aaron Simms to serve as second Elder representative on the Nominating Committee.
- \* Received PNC update from Amy Anderson, chair, that 40 pastor profiles are being received by the committee.
- \* Worship & Music reported that furnishings and painting updates in the Narthex will begin in February.

Approved with gratitude,  
 Doug Marker, 2013 church treasurer

GIVING REPORT			
<i>December '12 Weekly Average</i>	\$2,530.36	<i>Special Offerings</i>	
<i>Year to Date Avg. '12</i>	\$3,395.92	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	\$1,186.00
<i>Budgeted Weekly for '12</i>	\$3,136.19	<i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>	\$1,254.00
<i>Per Capita Received '12</i>	\$2,726.68	<i>Thank Offering</i>	\$458.00
<i>Total Per Capita Paid '12</i>	\$4,586.35	<i>Peace Offering</i>	\$751.00
<i>(Per capita contribution per member is \$31.63 for 2012)</i>			

## February Birthdays



- 2 Elissa Burgstaler
- 3 Dave Anderson
- 3 Wayne Richardson
- 8 Apryl Falk
- 9 Harry Samways
- 12 Julie Smitherman
- 17 Lyle Rozeboom
- 17 Dawn Winkels-Blasus
- 19 Gwen Riggin
- 20 Charles Clark
- 21 Jake DeGuise
- 25 Ashley Koehler
- 28 Jennifer Hall

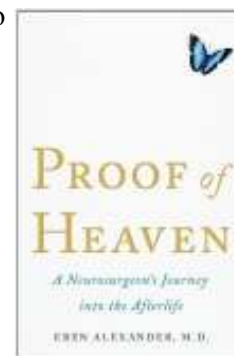
## Anniversaries

- 28 Kim Nickander & Dan Schaub

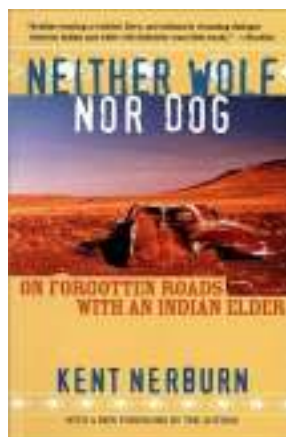
## *Adult Education Forum*

February 3 & 17, Paul Harkess will lead a discussion on gun violence and gun control in America. The discussion will examine facts about gun ownership and violence in the USA, the situation in Rochester, the position of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and whether our congregation should take a stand on these issues.

February 24, Pastor Teresa plans to lead a 3 week Sunday a.m. study on the materials she received from her Synod School Course in 2012 on the current breakthroughs in Neuroscience and our faith. She also plans to reflect on the current #1 NY Times Non-fiction Bestseller, PROOF OF HEAVEN, by Eben Alexander. ( Regularly \$15.99, now available for \$10 at Costco.) The class will explore the topics of near death experiences, Celtic “thin places,” and research on how our brains are wired for faith and spiritual practices.



In March, we will enjoy first hand a Heritage Edition of the Gospels and Acts volume of the St. John's Bible at CPC, courtesy of Pastor Teresa's husband, Jim.



## *Book Group Meets February 24*

The Massaros will be leading our discussion on “Neither Wolf Nor Dog” by Kent Nerburn. Nerburn was selected by an Indian elder, Dan, to write a book for him which would reveal Dan's intimate thoughts as well as the feelings that had been stewing inside him all his life. “Neither Wolf Nor Dog” was the 1996 Minnesota Book Award winner. It is a “cross between travel narrative and Native American Manifesto” as one reviewer wrote. Join us at 5 p.m. in the church library. Again, this is a Book Group in a Bag selection, so we will have 10 copies available. Please contact me if you'd like a copy - Gwen Riggin, 251-7874, or [gwenrig@live.com](mailto:gwenrig@live.com).



### Synod School

The 2013 Synod School will be held July 21-26 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. They provide a welcoming and safe community for people of all ages and interests to learn, to grow spiritually, and to share in fellowship. Special programs for children and youth (infant through 12th grade) allow parents (and grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) to attend classes with other adults, knowing that their children are well cared for and having a great time.

### 2013 Presbyterian Youth Triennium— Apply Today!

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is for next fall's freshmen through June 2013 seniors, and strives to connect youth with activities that inspire them to be alert, active, and seek ways to connect their lives with their growing faith. It will be held at Purdue University July 16-20.

Our registrar for 2013 is Derek Martin, the coordinator of Christian Education and Youth Ministries at First Presbyterian Church of Rochester. He is assisted by K. C. Kye, youth director at Church of All Nations. If you have questions, you can reach Derek at 507-282-1618 or [Martin.Derek@fpcrochester.org](mailto:Martin.Derek@fpcrochester.org). More information about Triennium can be found at [presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org). Scholarships are available.

- ◆ Triennium Pre-event Lock-in—March 1-2
- ◆ Triennium Mission event—May 4 or 18
- ◆ Triennium Pre-event Lock-in 2—July 12-13
- ◆ Commissioning at Presbytery meeting—July 9
- ◆ Triennium 2013—July 16 through July 20
- ◆ Post Triennium Presbytery meeting/celebration—



### Women of the Church

Women of the Church will meet Tuesday, February 12 at the home of Mary Henderson at 12:30 p.m. We will be putting together Birthday boxes for children at Channel One Food Bank. Contributions of cake mixes, frosting, balloons, candles and small toys are appreciated. Please notify Mary if you can come. 289-8458. Meeting at the church will allow us to car pool for those interested.

Nancy Massaro

### Let's talk about Communion!

#### February 17

Sunday, February 17, Pastor Teresa will be leading a Communion Class for youth grades 2-5 during the Sunday School time. Parents are welcome to join in on this session. Denise will have activities for the younger students at the same time.

### Library Attendant Schedule

- February 3—Margaret Nelson
- February 10—Judy Pucci
- February 17—Judy Kereakos
- February 24—Judi Berg

### "The Day on The Hill" February 21

Pastors Teresa Roberts and Tammy Rider invite you to join them at the Joint Religious Legislative Coalitions MN Day on the Hill, where people of all faiths engage in conversation with our State Legislatures concerning the needs of the poor, ill, downtrodden and oppressed (who have no lobby of their own). Register Online at [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org) and contact Teresa if you would like to travel together.

## *Longfellow Spring Break Food Drive*

To help supplement the backpack program over the scheduled Spring Break, we have organized a congregation-wide food drive. We are seeking donations of:

- \* 28 oz plastic jars of creamy peanut butter
- \* Easy Mac cups
- \* 14 oz box of Ritz crackers

Please bring the items between Feb 17th and March 17. Thanks for your awesome support as always.

Mission committee and the backpack organizers (Judi Berg and Stacy Kopecky)

## *Souper Bowl Sunday - Feb. 3*

“Souper Bowl” Sunday at CPC will once again find the adults versus the children in a battle to claim the title of biggest supporter of Channel One’s canned food and soup drive. The collection will end on February 3.

## *Ringtones Handbell Choir And Children’s Choir*

Handbells, handchimes, children’s choir, an authentic African drum and an African folk hymn! That combination is an upcoming event for the youth of CPC. The African folk hymn, *Bwana Awariki* (May God Bless You), will be played by the Ringtones Handbell Choir. The CPC children will accompany them singing in both Swahili and English on Sunday, February 10. The groups will rehearse during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, February 3.

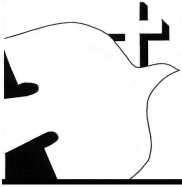
## *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Many of us enjoy the abundance of God’s blessings, and by living an open-handed life and sharing these blessings with others, we can offer an outward sign of thanksgiving for the presence of Christ in our lives while bringing joy to God and to our sisters and brothers. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32%.



## *All Church Talent Show & Chili Feed on February 10*

We have combined these two wonderful events into a grand experience Sunday, February 10, right after the morning worship! After a few moments to set up tables, we will enjoy a lively talent show featuring all ages of our congregation. Refreshments will be served at each table during the show. Following the talent show, you are invited to enjoy and vote for the various delicious chili recipes prepared by our members. Signup sheets will be in the Narthex for participation in the talent show (all ages!) and to prepare chili to



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 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (September - May)  
 Nursery is provided during Worship  
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*Lent and Easter Schedule*

February 13	6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday
March 24	9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday
March 28	TBA	Maundy Thursday, Seder Meal with Communion
March 31	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
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