

Community Press

PNC sends CIF to the COM

If you can understand that headline, you must be a Presbyterian! But most Presbyterians don't read in abbreviations, so you are still OK if that headline makes no sense. Here is a breakdown for the English-speaking world: The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), which is the congregation-appointed search committee responsible to nominate a pastor for election by the congregation. Our PNC has completed the first crucial step in the search process: they filled out the Church Information Form (CIF), which describes who we are as a congregation, our goals and aspirations, and a general description of the pastor we would like to call.

This form was reviewed and approved by your Session leaders on December 9. It was then sent to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM), who will review and approve it as well in late December. Once approved by the COM, the PNC will then re-type the contents of the CIF into a national database maintained by the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) in Louisville, Kentucky. The national database matches the descriptors in our CIF with potential pastors who are approved to seek a call. The PNC expects to start hearing from potential pastors within days of loading our CIF into the national database, and a large volume of applicants is likely. Please pray for the PNC during the next important step: reviewing applicants.



Thank you to Membership committee and members of the congregation for decorating our church for Advent and Christmas. Photograph taken by Colleen Webbles.

The Session has called the Annual Meeting for Sunday, January 20, following worship at 9:30 a.m. Annual reports will be available January 13.

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From the Pastor...



A New "U"

It's the old saying, "It's just not a ch-rch without 'U' in it!" As this New Year quickly unfolds before us, we at Community Presbyterian Church Rochester have many NEW plans and possibilities unfolding for "YOU" as well!

New members: First with joy we recently welcomed 2 new families into our congregation the end of December. Be sure to extend a warm welcome to Carrie & Marc Brandt and their bold and friendly one-year-old Wesley (whom we baptized), and Kelly and Matt Herbst, and their children Shawn (11—baptized here in 2002), Josie (4) & Evie (4 mo.), whom we baptized here two weeks ago.

New pastor search: Our diligent PNC having completed the Church profile will start receiving matching Pastor Profiles through the denomination's Church Leadership Connection. Their work is confidential but they definitely value your prayers!

New Education Classes: Come stimulate your minds, grow your faith and make new friends in the wonderful offering of All New Sunday morning Adult Classes! They are open to all! (See the article on page 5 for listing of topics and leaders.)

New worshipping YOU! Are you ready for a Spiritual UpLift and Re-do? For centuries followers of Jesus have discovered the powerful impact of Intentional Spiritual Practices. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to deepen your prayer life, to fast, walk the labyrinth or to practice "Lectio Divina," a daily meditation on the life giving words of God? Beginning with our Ash Wednesday Service, February 13, and continuing at our Sunday services throughout Lent, we will explore together both ancient and recent Christian spiritual practices that nurture and feed our soul.

So get ready for this wonderful New Year at CommUnity Presbyterian ChUrch. With the new yoU we can and will be **all** we are meant to be!

"See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them." Isaiah 42:9

Your friend along this amazing journey of faith,

Pastor Teresa

January 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	3 7:30pm Aikido	4	5 10am Aikido 11:00am PW Luncheon
6 9:30am Worship & Com- munion 4pm We Carry the Light Service	7 6:30pm Mem- bership Annual Reports Due	8 6:30pm BIG 7pm Mission	9 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	10 7:30pm Aikido	11 7pm AS Support Group	12 9am Saturday Noon Meal 10am Aikido 5:30-9:30pm Great Room Occupied
13 9:30am Worship Channel One Sunday 9:30am Renewal of Baptism Vows	14 5:30pm Build- ing & Grounds	15 5pm Christian Ed	16 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	17 7:30pm Aikido	18	19 10am Aikido 12-4pm Great Room Occupied
20 9:30am Worship 9:30am Noisy Can Sunday 10:45am Annual Meeting	21 7pm Finance	22 7pm Session	23 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	24 7:30pm Aikido	25 Clearwa- ter Camp	26 10am Aikido Clearwater Camp
27 9:30am Worship 5pm Book Group 6:30pm Movie Night Clearwater Camp	28	29	30 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	31 7:30pm Aikido		

January 2013 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
6	Connie Holst, Jean Abels, Jake DeGuise	Susan Moore	Paul Harkess	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	TBA
6 We Carry the Light	Amy Ward, Ron & Penny Murray	Marita Heller	Paul Remtema, Dick Massaro, Tammy Rider		TBA
13	Pillers Family	Jeff Swinbank	Denise Swinbank	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	TBA
20	Amy Anderson, Peggy McCarty, Rick Orvold	Colleen Webbles	Jane Burgstaler	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	TBA
27	Powell Family	Linda Overton	Doug Marker	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	TBA

Communion Servers for January: Mary Alice Richardson, Wendy DeGuise, Guy Vig, Ronda Marshall

We Carry The Light!

Jan 6, 2012 at 4 pm

A Special Service of Candlelight and Calm

This special service is for all who carry heavy burdens and grief throughout the holidays. Blizzard road conditions on Dec 20th caused the cancellation of our 'Longest Night service.' The worship leaders of that service determined it would still be valuable to hold that service on Epiphany Sunday, January 6th at 4 pm.

Epiphany is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as the child Jesus. Western Christians commemorate the visitation of the Magi to the Christ child and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the whole world. Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas Season and is the pause before we consider the beginning of Jesus' ministry amongst us.

Coming up at CPC!
 Lots to look forward in the days to come at our church!
January 5
 Women of the Church Luncheon
January 6
 We Carry the Light Service
January 12
 Saturday Noon Meal
January 20
 Annual Meeting

GIVING REPORT

<i>November '12 Weekly Average</i>		<u><i>Special Offerings</i></u>	
	\$2,257.50	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>	\$1,186.00
<i>Year to Date Avg. '12</i>	\$3,488.00	<i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>	\$1,254.00
<i>Budgeted Weekly for '12</i>	\$3,136.19	<i>Thank Offering</i>	\$297.00
<i>Per Capita Received '12</i>	\$2,310.38	<i>Peace Offering</i>	\$751.00
<i>Total Per Capita Paid '12</i>	\$4,586.35		
<i>(Per capita contribution per member is \$31.63 for 2012)</i>			

January Birthdays



3	Katie Marker
8	Amanda Ross
9	Peter Marshall
9	Mary Meyer
11	Will Anderson
11	Ann Hesley
11	Dalton Simms
15	Lyal Powell
17	Dave Copeland
19	Susan Olson
19	Malinda Young
23	Bonnie Farris-Huston
25	Lori Hill
26	Marita Heller
27	Andrew Fischer
29	MariLynn Johnson
29	Bill Webbles
31	Ed Burgstaler
31	Ronda Marshall
31	Mary Alice Richardson

Anniversaries

None

Our Brain and Our Faith: The New Neuroscience of Spiritual Growth

In mid-February, Pastor Teresa plans to lead a Sunday AM 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 NYTimes 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.

Saturday Noon Meal

CPC will start off 2013 with serving lunch for those in need on January 12 at Christ United Methodist with the weekly Saturday Noon Meal. Please signup to either prepare food, serve the lunch or make brownies.



Fruit Baskets for Longfellow Families

The Mission Committee of Community Presbyterian Church donated fruit to be delivered to the families in our backpack program at Longfellow Elementary for the Christmas break. The fruit was delivered in bags decorated by the CPC Sunday School students. Stacy Kopecky, Mary Myers, George Berg and Judi Berg gathered at the Berg home on Tuesday, December 11, to wrap apples, pears, oranges and bananas for the 33 children. Pictured above are Stacy and Mary working on fruit bundles.

Upcoming Adult Education Classes

In January, Amy Anderson will present a three-part series "American Christendom is Dead." This thought provoking series will explore the current state of Christianity in the United States through the writings and opinions of several authorities on the subject. The series will conclude with an examination of how we can build the "church of tomorrow" here at CPC.

The latter part of January, Paul Harkess will lead a discussion on gun violence and gun control in America, a topic that is sadly more relevant today than ever before. Finally, we hope to have a volume of the St. John's Bible at CPC in March, courtesy of Pastor Teresa's husband, Jim.

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.

Thank Yous

* *The Kereakos family would like to thank the many members and groups at Community Presbyterian Church for the memorials and flowers given in Steve's memory. Some of your memorials were designated to funds chosen by Steve as well as to CPC. Many of your memorials were directed toward a wonderful addition to our church life, an adjustable piano bench, which will be used and appreciated for many years to come.*

We thank you too for your supportive friendships and prayers. They have made a very positive impact on us as we move forward making transitions in our lives at this time.

Judy, Nicholas, Carolyn, Kevin and Katie

* *A big thank you to all who rang bells for Salvation Army. The need is so great and every little bit makes a huge difference.*

* *An especially HUGE thank you for everyone's support with the Adopt-A-family this Christmas. With the contributions given, we were able to purchase a \$100 Hy-Vee gift card in addition to the wishes, as well as "extra" items that were added. Once again the generosity of CPC is demonstrated. Great job!*

Where in the World are our Shoeboxes?

We received word from Samaritan's Purse that our shoeboxes were sent to Niger, Togo and Albania. Thank you for helping us fill and send 113 boxes this year!

Quarterly Mission Project Goes Over the Top!

Thank you for helping our youth raise money to equip three child development centers with 10 computers, air conditioning, furniture and a teacher. These computer labs will be built in San Benito, Nicaragua. We went beyond our goal of \$275! Our youth chose these mission projects to support with the extra quarters:

- Feed My Starving Children, which packs dehydrated meals to be sent to countries around the world.
- Safe Water for Life, which supplies a family with a water purification system for their home through Compassion International.
- Give God's Word, which supplies children and families with Bibles through Compassion International.

Our youth will be shopping for Ronald McDonald House as our next "hands on mission project." Thank you for your continued support of the Noisy Collection at CPC. A little change can bring BIG CHANGES!

Book Discussion Group Meets

January 27

We will be discussing "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese. This is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, compassion and redemption, exile and home, that unfolds across five decades in India, Ethiopia and America. Please join us at 5 p.m. in the church library. I have a few copies available if you would like one. Contact Gwen at 251 7874 or gwenrig@live.com.

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 take place during the last part of January and end on February 3.

CEDAW...What Is It?

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

On January 13, the Women of the Church will hand out postal cards which address this issue. The United States and only 5 other countries which are a part of the United Nations have not signed a ratification of this issue. We—along with Iran, Sudan, Somalia and three Pacific islands—are the only hold-outs on this issue.

We are asking you as concerned citizens of this country to stand up and be counted to ask our Congress to ratify this treaty. CEDAW is a landmark international agreement that affirms principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women around the world. Please accept the postal card offered to you and sign your names and add any personal comments as well. We will be happy to mail it to our Senators.

In light of our recent presentation by Rev. Alike Galloway about sex trafficking, this treaty has reduced this issue around the world, so why not be a part of this effort? A vote for CEDAW is a vote for women!

Women of the Church

Join us for the annual post-Christmas lunch - January 5 - 11:00 a.m. at Twigs on 6th Street SW. Bring gifts for Crisis Nursery (baby and infant supplies or \$\$). All women of the church are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Mission Money Distributed

PDA (support for Hurricane Sandy): \$1000
 Diversity Council - \$100
 Play Pumps International - \$1000
 Clearwater Forest - \$500
 Kwanzaa Freedom School - \$1000
 Shipping for Operation Christmas Child - \$250 (approximately)
 Adopt-A-Family - \$200 to purchase gifts as necessary

The remaining budgeted amount will be split between:

NAMI
 Saturday Noon Meal
 Salvation Army Dental Clinic or Medical Services
 Women's Shelter

Movie Night

Movie night in January will be "What the 'bleep' do you know?? Down the rabbit hole." The movie contains interviews with scientists and authors, animated bits, and a storyline involving a deaf photographer. This docudrama illustrates the link between quantum mechanics, neurobiology, human consciousness and day-to-day reality.

Come join us on Sunday evening
 January 27 at 6:30 p.m.

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 Sundays, January 13, 20, 27 and February 3.



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 and Sunday School.



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Our children and youth lead us in worship on December 16.