

COMMUNITY PRESS

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STEWARDSHIP and DoughNUTS!!

Sunday November 15th is DoughNUT SUNDAY!! Also known as the annual Stewardship Drive. This year we challenge you to see how many “Dough”NUT\$ you can add to your 2021 pledge. If a traditional DoughNUT cannot be added to your pledge, let the traditional Long John “Dough”NUT guide you. We know that decisions should not be made on an empty stomach, so come and join us on the COVID edition of Stewardship Sunday, drive-by style!! In addition to the normal operating pledging, we also have an opportunity for Mission directed pledging available on your pledge card. Our tradition of DoughNUTS from OT’s Bakery in Byron continues!! Pull up to the front doors of the church to drop off your pledge and be greeted by a cheerful finance committee member AND a DoughNUT between 11:00 and 12:00 Sunday November 15th!! Deliveries can also be arranged, contact Kim Nickander at kkn3163@gmail.com or Mark Pillers at 507-289-6494 (home) to arrange details.

Share Thanksgiving with your church family!

What we aren’t thankful for doesn’t bear repeating. What we *are* thankful for this year does! We invite all members and friends of CPC to send, via email or snail mail, a brief statement of something for which you are grateful this year. Your gratitude will be incorporated into our Thanksgiving Eve service. Tell us whether you’d like to be recognized by name or remain, thankfully, anonymous.



NOVEMBER 2020

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of six ruling elders, elected for three 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 2020</u>	Ivy Pillers Kim Nickander	Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Class of 2021</u>	Ronda Marshall Dave Copeland	Mission Personnel
Class of 2022	Gene Kopecky Sue Chipman	Building and Grounds Christian Education
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Meyer Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2020 Nominating Committee

Jeanette Hallbeck, Peggy McCarty, Mary Alice Richardson, Bruce Felger, Dave Copeland

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 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Marcia Britain	Jeanette Hallbeck	Kari Streff
Ann Hesley	Jennifer Hall	Ron Murray

Staff

Pastor/ Head of Staff	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Bell Choir Director	Judy Kereakos
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Tread lightly

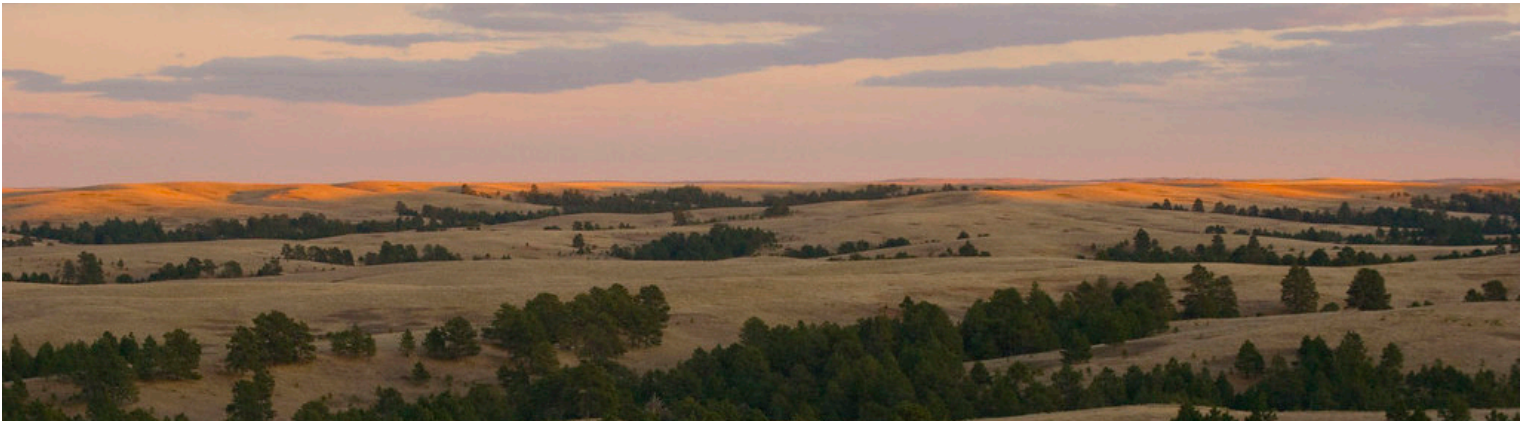
When I, along with Mary Alice Richardson and about 160 others in the Presbytery, embarked on our Anti-Racism Spiritual Pilgrimage, I thought I was already well along the path to enlightenment. I was mistaken. I am barely beginning. Our leaders have cautioned us not to trust what we think we know, nor to rush to fix anything, but simply to move through the experience, willing to be transformed, remaining curious and open to discovery even as we face sometimes painful truths. In other words: tread lightly, but don't stop walking.



Our journey began with the history of Indigenous nations throughout the continent, and specifically those who inhabited the lands currently encompassed by the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, including Rochester and bits of Wisconsin. Readings and videos gave us insight into history, culture, belief systems, language, and movements of populations. Then we were invited to take action; for example, acknowledging the original stewardship of the land. Why? Because we seldom think about the earth beneath us, and “how it carries its own history of people.” Land acknowledgement is not intended as a guilt trip, but rather an awakening to past injustices and a chance to live more truthfully.

From the sources provided, I learned that Sisseton and Wahpeton peoples of the Dakota nation lived right here. In 1851, their leaders felt the pressure of arriving white settlers. Fearing for the wellbeing of their people, tribal authorities ceded most of the southern third of Minnesota to the United States for about 10 cents an acre and the promise of education and infrastructure to help them resettle in what is now South Dakota. Very little of the promised money or assistance was ever delivered. All of this is a matter of public, U.S. government record, available online.

No, you and I had nothing to do with this. We didn't sign the original treaty, nor did we personally renege on payment. But we are responsible for the ways we honor the land the Dakota peoples loved and tended for thousands of years. My hope is that, with the help and concurrence of the Mission Committee, Session will eventually approve a statement acknowledging the original Indigenous inhabitants to be shared on our website and in our publications - a statement that will remind us to tread lightly and be mindful of the land we live on, and those who lived here before us. *To be continued....!*



CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed in the print edition of the newsletter. Pick one up at church!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



A note from Lois, Bernie and Don Nicholson:

9-6-20

Greetings all at Community Presbyterian Church from very hot and dry southern Arizona. If Don wanted no snow, he got it. Most number of days at 100 degrees or more on record 2020... and still counting.

*Warmest Regards,
Don, Bernie and Lois*

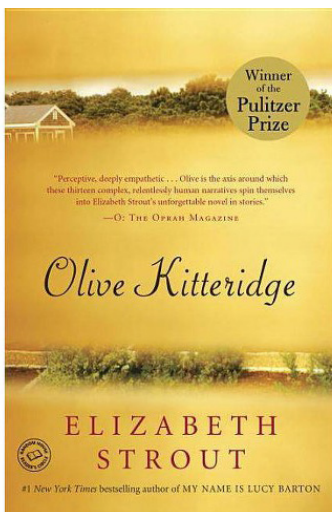
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Book: Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

**Online Discussion: Sunday, December 6
Stay online after worship!**



Are authors deciding we are no longer able to keep our minds on a whole book and are writing semi-related chapters, more like short stories? Or did we just happen to choose three books in a row like these? Educated was told as a series of memoirs from different parts of Tara's life, Brinkley's Beat's three sections were subdivided into several unrelated parts, and now we have Olive Kitteridge, where Olive is in a different place, often with different people, in 13 completely different "short stories." As a matter of fact, they were originally published that way in seven different magazines (note back of title page). I'm not complaining, just interested. The different personalities of the characters are interesting and Olive has different personalities herself. I hope you are enjoying the book. - Marg

Gathering for worship

Given the recent changes in the covid-19 numbers and recommendations regarding in-person gatherings, Session has decided not to consider gathering indoors at church for worship at least until the New Year.

However, we are moving toward the steps that need to be in place when we are ready to meet in the building again. This includes developing a covid-response plan, as well as working out the best way of sanitizing the building for the protection of our worshipping family and the children and teachers of Children's Place.

We are also planning some outdoor options to introduce cheer during the holiday season (hey, we're Minnesotans, right?). Brief parking lot services are being planned for both Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve! A virtual option will link people who wish to participate but are reluctant to leave their living rooms on those evenings. More information will be forthcoming!

Also, Advent services will include the lighting of the Advent wreath here at church. Family or other *small* groups will be invited to participate in this wonderful seasonal ritual.



Matthew 25 Sermon Series



MATTHEW 25

During November, we will remember our call to stewardship with Christ as our anchor. And we close our year in Matthew's Gospel with a taste of what mission may look through the coming year (not just the taste of doughnuts!). Yes, we are now officially a Matthew 25 church!

Matthew 25 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so that our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. We commit to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. The Mission Committee has chosen these areas of focus:

- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONTINUED

JUBELLATION HANDBELLS ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS, 2020

We will be rehearsing the following music:

For November 22

Canon in D by J. Pachelbel arr. Sandra Eithun
Simple Gifts a Shaker Hymn arr. by Judy Kereakos

For December 13

Carol of the Bells by Mykolo Leontovich arr. by Douglas Wagner
O Come, All Ye Faithful traditional carol arr. Lloyd Larson

WEDNESDAY SETUP TIME: 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY REHEARSAL: 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

DATE: SETUP CREW: Arrives at 6:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 4 Carole, Judy

Wed., Nov. 11 Bruce F, Ronda, Peter

Wed., Nov. 18 Meg, Jan W
DATE: SETUP CREW: ARRIVES AT 8:30 A.M.
Sun., Nov. 22 Ivy, volunteer

Sunday, Nov. 22, rehearsal at 8:45 a.m. Setup at 8:30 a.m.

AND IF THE CHOIR WOULD LIKE TO RING FOR ANOTHER SERVICE

REHEARSAL DATE:

Wed., Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m. Setup Crew: 6:00 p.m.—Volunteers

Sunday, Dec. 13, rehearsal at 8:45 a.m. (Setup at 8:30 a.m.)

For rehearsal and performance, the handbell tables will be placed 6 ft. apart at the north end of the sanctuary. Each ringer will have their own table, stand and music.

As you come for setup or rehearsal, the gloves will be available in the narthex. The doors to the sanctuary will be open so your gloves won't need to touch those surfaces.

All ringers will wear gloves and masks whether setting up equipment, rehearsing or putting the equipment away.

The gloves will be washed before the first rehearsal. Each ringer will then put their name on a Ziploc bag into which they will put their gloves for the next rehearsal. Hand sanitation wipes will also be available for personal use.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONTINUED

Encore!



September 6, 2020

“Praise His Holy Name” by Keith Hampton

Performed by North Crowley Combined Mixed Varsity Choir
from Fort Worth, Texas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oHKZi4Tsy4>

North Crowley Combined Mixed Varsity performing “Praise His Holy Name” at 2009 end of the year concert. directed by Mrs. Robin Holliman and accompanied by Ms. Lori Dunn

September 13, 2020

Outdoor Service with Brass Etc!

Sadly, no recording available



September 20, 2020

“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord” by Moses Hogan

Performed by The Augustana Choir from Rock Island, Illinois

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHErT1CxLWE>

The Augustana Choir performed Moses Hogan’s arrangement of “My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord” at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa. The choir spent more than two weeks touring Germany and Austria in February 2012 and performed a “home concert” on March 9, 2012 in Davenport.



September 27, 2020

“On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss” by David Holsinger

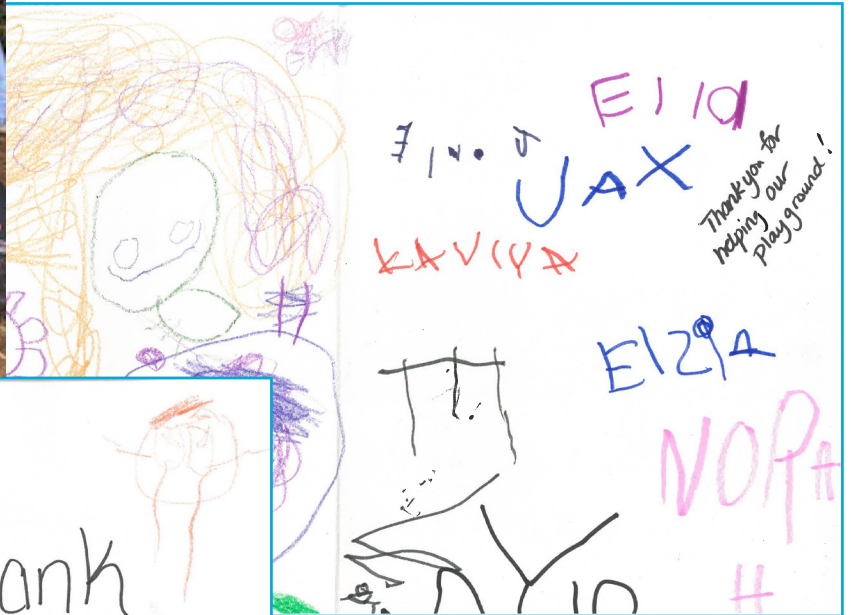
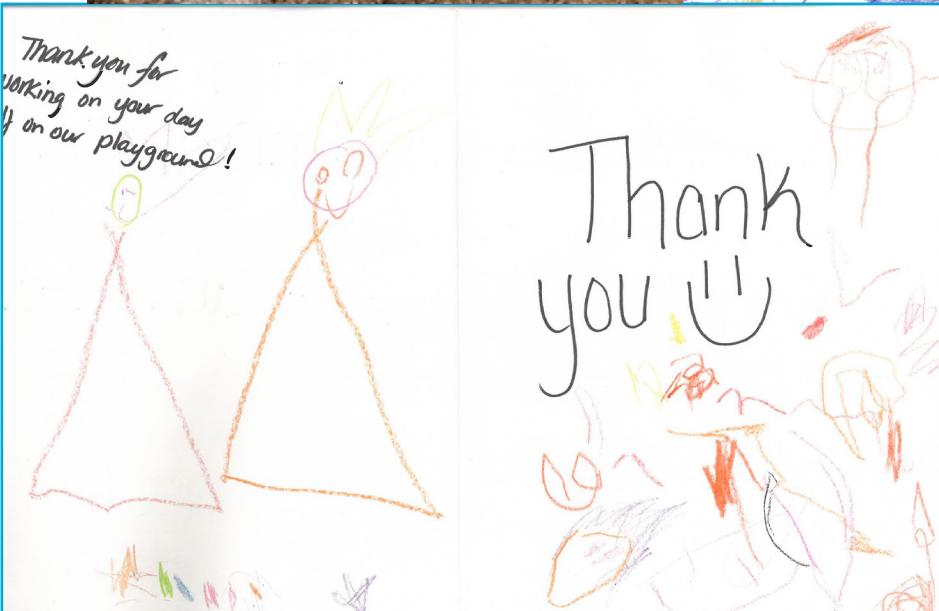
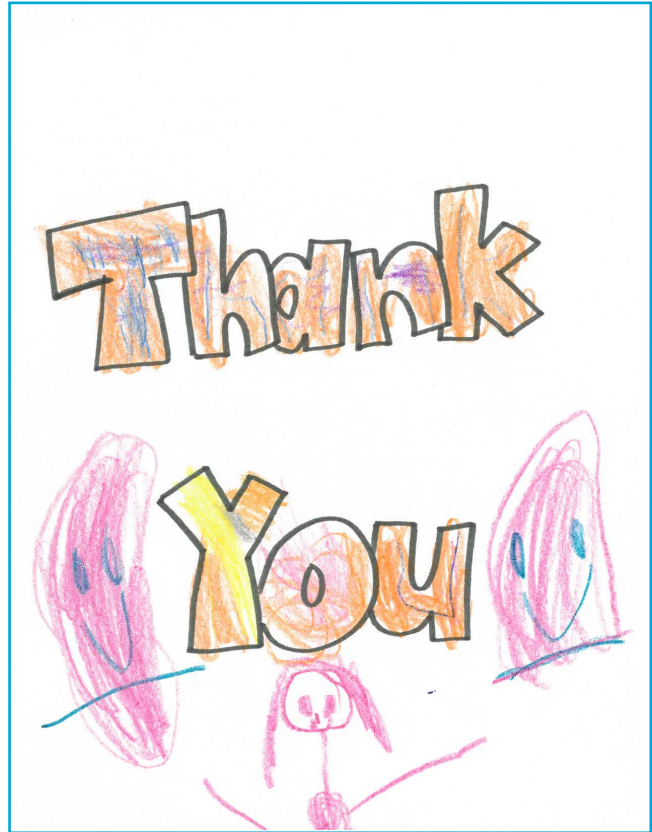
Performed by Minnesota Band Directors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDIcAUoQx9s>

“On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss” is based on the hymn “It Is Well With My Soul”, music by Philip Bliss, lyrics by Horatio Spafford. Performed by 92 band directors from ALL over Minnesota.



THANK YOU



First weekend in October....

We are grateful for the volunteer efforts of members of the John Marshall Boys and Girls soccer teams, including Nate and Alayna Kopecky, for helping to spread mulch on the playground at church. Way to go team!



CPC was awarded a certificate for “outstanding service to the Village Community Garden. We couldn’t have done it without you!” This was recognition for the use and support of the community garden plots this year! CPC gladly gave Carole Kinion Copeland the honey for her dedicated support of the gardens each and every year!

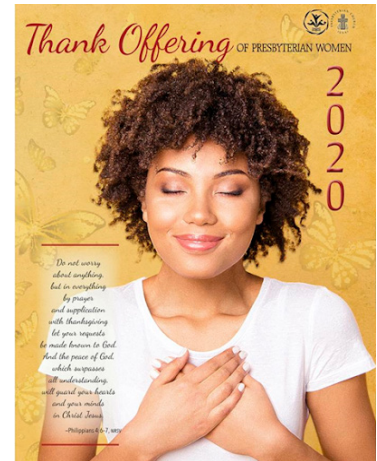


PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



LIFEGATE SERVICES

PW has assisted Lifegate Services by making a very generous donation of \$535.00. Earlier this summer, PW donated to Lifegate Services to help it obtain a Rochester Area Foundation matching grant. Lifegate Services is a food shelf that provides food to everyone, but particularly to people from Africa who live in this area. As Channel One is unable to provide some of the culture-specific food that these people need, The Redeemed Christian Church of God Chosen Generation Parish provides a food shelf 2 times each month.



CPC will celebrate PW's annual Thank Offering worship on Sunday, November 22nd. Offering can be mailed to the church with "Thank Offering" in the memo. Watch for more details coming soon.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

[Jeremiah Program Rochester](#)

Join us for an inspirational Grand Opening of the Rochester-Southeast Minnesota Jeremiah Campus, a shining example of how communities can come together to disrupt generational poverty through cross-sector partnership, public/ private and faith-based investment, and exceptional volunteerism. Registration is required, free and open to the public, with a suggested minimum donation of \$50.

Jeremiah Program (a Nonprofit Organization) offers one of the nation's most successful strategies for disrupting poverty for single moms and their children, two generations at a time.

2915 Jeremiah LN NW Rochester, MN 55413

<http://www.jeremiahprogram.org/rochester>

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30am Online Worship with Communion	2 10:00am PW Bible Study	3 Election Day 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	4 6:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Choir	5	6 12:00pm Online Conference Call	7
8 9:30am Online Worship	9 10:00am PW Bible Study	10 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting	11 6:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Choir	12	13 12:00pm Online Conference Call	14
15 Doughnut Sunday 9:30am Online Worship	16	17 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting	18 6:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Choir	19	20 12:00pm Newsletter articles due 12:00pm Online Conference Call	21
22 PW Thank Offering 8:45am Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 9:30am Online Worship	23	24 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:00pm Session Meeting	25 Office Closed 6:30am Prayer Group 7:00pm Thanksgiving Parking Lot (and Online) Worship Service	26 Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed	27 12:00pm Online Conference Call	28
29 9:30am Online Worship	30					

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**Normally, CPC worships at 9:30 each Sunday
and has Sunday School at 10:45 each Sunday
(September-May).**

**Due to the COVID-19 virus,
we will stay connected in these ways:**

**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**

**Tuesday and Friday Conference Call - 12:00 noon
<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>
+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#**