

# Community Press

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## *Gage East Bike Rodeo - June 17*

It was a nice, clear, hot day for the rodeo on Thursday, June 17. The girl on the pink bike is Shanna, and the boy on the orange bike is her cousin, Jakob. Both of them got bikes, helmets, bike lights and rode the training course.

The officer with Jakob is Jim Marsolek, he was one of the organizers of the event. Other kids brought bikes for repairs, and you see the two officers with a bike up on the stand in another picture. They were changing a tire.

The crowd was not huge, probably because of the heat, but the hot dogs and buns and water were very gratefully received by Gage East residents, their welcoming staff and all the volunteers, too. Public Health representatives were there, and representatives from the schools, like the "Safe Routes to School" coordinator.

It was a great day for CPC members to join with other organizations (police and public health) in service of others!

**Stay tuned for details on more summer opportunities for connecting with our neighbors:**

**Thursday, July 22 - Gage East Summer Party, indoors**

**Saturday, August 21 - Lifegate Services Health Fair**

**Late August - Gage East Back to School Party, date TBD**

JULY 2021

# 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 2021</u>	Ronda Marshall Dave Copeland	Mission Personnel
<u>Class of 2022</u>	Gene Kopecky Sue Chipman	Building and Grounds Christian Education
<u>Class of 2023</u>	Ivy Pillers Kim Nickander	Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Meyer Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

## 2021 Nominating Committee

Dave Copeland, Mark Neville, Sue Chipman, Mary Alice Richardson, Bruce Felger

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 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Jeanette Hallbeck Jennifer Hall	Kari Streff Ron Murray	Margie Petersen Sherrie Wilson

## 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**

### *Joys and concerns*

What happens when people open their hearts, unveil their sorrows, or let glad surprises blaze out for others to see? Community happens. Families bond. Faith grows.

Through our 14 months of virtual church, the feature of CPC worship we clung to most tenaciously was shared prayer, not through written announcements or e-mailed requests alone, but in live, real-time, in-the-moment expression.

In the past few weeks of onsite+online worship, we have rejoiced in concert over the birth of Freya, and applauded the announcement of the five-year “all-clear” news from Ron. We have wept together over losses of too-young family members, and wrestled with God for healing of a young mother who is herself a daughter of this congregation. We prayed for violence to abate in our own cities, and we prayed over the violence in Myanmar through the eyes of godparents whose godchild experienced it first-hand. We thanked God when she and her children returned safely to the US. We have held in our thoughts and placed in God’s care old friends, founding members, whose isolation has been profound through this pandemic year.

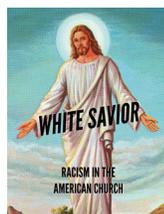
And we have glimpsed the ripples spreading outward from your varied connections in the world: we have prayed for bereaved neighbors in Germany, far-flung friends enduring tragedy in England and Arizona, Kansas City, New York, and Florida, for patients at Mayo from wherever on earth they have come. Struggling colleagues, former students, anonymous clients, covid victims in their unknown numbers: sufferers unknown by name but God’s children and our siblings all found a place in our common prayers.

Prayer connects us as nothing else can, stretching God’s canopy of blessing invisibly, powerfully, over the whole world. Prayer builds us into something bigger than meets the eye. I don’t know why I should be surprised, but I am, every time one of you happens to mention that you pray for me, too. I am moved that you include me in your private conversations with God, as I include you in mine.

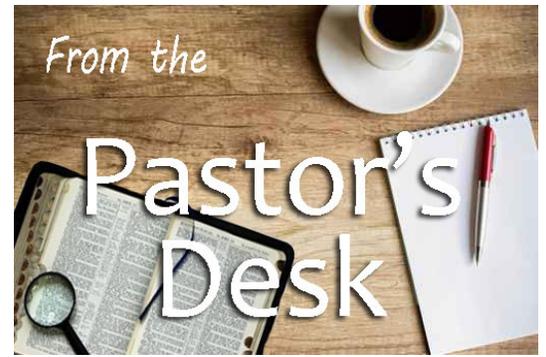
When we voice our joys and concerns for each other within the sacred sphere of prayer, whether we pray alone or in community, our prayers transcend time and become part of eternity, as God is eternal: “Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world,” said Civil War chaplain E.M. Bounds.

So sisters and brothers, let us pray, and keep praying, until God’s kin-dom comes.

The “White Savior, Racism in the American Church” DVD has arrived and is available to be borrowed and viewed! It is also available to be downloaded on Amazon.



Inspired by some continuing education that she is taking, Pastor Jan will do a sermon series called “O Taste and See that God Is Good” in late July and well into August.

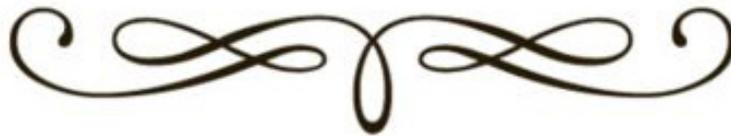


## Water Stories - Memoir Contest Celebration

As part of the “We Are Water Rochester MN” program, the Rochester Public Library sponsored a memoir writing contest. Pastor



Jan’s submission, called *Lines Written on Water*, was one of three novella-length pieces chosen for publication. Her reflections on her life with water follow a near-decade of living abroad and her personal call to ministry. A book-signing and award ceremony will be held on Friday, July 9, at 6:30 pm, at the East Silver Lake Park, 705 E. Silver Lake Drive. Everyone is invited to come and meet the three authors, hear them share how they came to write their personal memoirs, and receive a free, signed copy of the book.



### Join Us! Legislative Wrap-Up: What happened at the Capitol? A Faith Perspective

The 2021 Legislative Session is almost done and hopefully will be by July 1! Join the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, local congregations, faith leaders and community organizations to hear about policy changes to help struggling Minnesotans and our neighbors in need – and learn more about how the process works.

Anne Krisnik, JRLC Executive Director, will share new laws impacting housing, emergency shelter, safety net programs and more.

**Date: Thursday, August 5 from 6:30 – 8 PM** at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 2830 18th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

**RSVP** to 612-230-3232 or Joan Miltenberger, Statewide Organizer, at [jmiltenberger@jrlc.org](mailto:jmiltenberger@jrlc.org) to ensure space for social distancing.

## CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of our Presbytery's Anti-Racism work this year, we are participating in an Institutional Assessment on Race and Equity, facilitated by our Anti-Racism Task Force, coordinated by Teaching Elders Kendra Grams and Anna Kendig Flores.

We are now embarking on an important element of the Institutional Assessment: the PTCA Congregational Questionnaire. We are asking each congregation to prayerfully consider participating in the Congregational Questionnaire... so that we can learn more about who we are together. This, we hope, will be a

springboard for building community as well as creating presbytery practices of inclusion, equity and justice. Community Presbyterian Church will be participating July 19 - August 3.

The questionnaire is designed to be answered by at least one person per household. If more than one adult in your household has received a paper form or an e-mail, you can both respond for yourselves.

All who attend congregations within the Presbytery of Twin Cities Area are invited to complete the survey — you don't have to be an official "member" of a congregation.

How much time will this take? You should be able to complete this survey in 5-10 minutes.

Thank you so much for taking a few minutes to help further the mission and ministry of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area and of your congregation.

<https://rebrand.ly/PTCAquest>



PTCA Congregational Questionnaire

## CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Dick and Nancy M.'s new address are in the print edition of the newsletter. Pick one up at church!*

# Masterpiece

## Keynote Speaker: Tina Haroldson

Paintings and scripture combine to illustrate the truth of Ephesians 2:10. "You are God's workmanship, the masterpiece of the master artist." Whether Picasso is your favorite artist, or you are more a fan of Rembrandt, you'll enjoy learning a little bit about how art is valued. The parallels between art and life are drawn together as scripture unveils God's greatest work.

## Workshops

### Beauty in Ashes, But First... Breakfast!, Book Talk, Alcohol Inks, Plastic Alternatives & Healing Touch

Clearwater Chrysalis 2021 Summer Women's Retreat

August 12 - 15, 2021 Optional Gardening & Quilting Day August 11, 2021



#### Our Mission

Clearwater Chrysalis is a Christian based faith-building program of Clearwater Forest. We welcome adult women of all beliefs. Our vision is to nourish and support the body, mind and spirit in community with other women.

#### Fees, Registration, General Info

Fees for Chrysalis cover three nights of housing, all meals, speaker presentations, most workshops and more.

Cost: summer cabin - \$215, lodge double room - \$290, single lodge room - \$390. A \$75 deposit is required. All fees paid, minus the \$75 deposit, are refundable if a cancellation of registration occurs at least 10 days prior to the event.

**\*The first 5 First timers who register are eligible for a discount. \***



**Registration will be open soon!**  
**Register Online**

[www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org)

Or call the camp office at (218) 678-2325 to register. You will receive registration confirmation and additional information via email. **Register by July 28, 2021.**

**Scholarship funds** are available through the Chrysalis Steering Committee. Contact the camp office at (218) 678-2325.

#### Featuring

**Exercise Options:** Hula Hooping, Water Exercise, Chair Exercise

**Free Time Options:** Tie-dye, kayaks, high ropes, nature walk, relaxing hammocks

**Entertainment:** Singing Performance by Mary Hall - "Carole King Wrote That"

**Housing** for Summer Chrysalis is available in Leaning Tree and Eagle Lodges and the Summer Cabins.

Clearwater Forest is a regional program, retreat and conference center of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This beautiful setting near Brainerd, Minnesota, covers more than 1,000 acres of forest and includes 3 1/2 miles of lakefront, 10 miles of wooded trails, and majestic stone buildings.

16595 Crooked Lake Road, Deerwood, MN 56444



**Save the Date!**  
**Winter Chrysalis Feb. 18 - 20, 2022**

# Community Presbyterian's Calendar

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:30am Online and In-Person Worship	<b>28</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due	<b>30</b> 6:30am Prayer Group	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30am Online and In-Person Worship with Communion	<b>5</b> Independence Day Observed - Office Closed	<b>6</b> 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30am Prayer Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30am Online and In-Person Worship	<b>12</b> Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving	<b>13</b> Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting	<b>14</b> Office Closed 6:30am Prayer Group 8:00am Med City Driving	<b>15</b> Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving	<b>16</b> Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving	<b>17</b> Office Closed Garden Rental (Building, if rain): Wedding
<b>18</b> Office Closed 9:30am Online and Outdoor, In-Person Worship (bring your lawn chair!)	<b>19</b> Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving	<b>20</b> Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving 12:00pm Newsletter articles due 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due	<b>21</b> 6:30am Prayer Group 8:00am Med City Driving	<b>22</b> Office Closed 8:00am Med City Driving	<b>23</b> 8:00am Med City Driving	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30am Online and In-Person Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12:00pm Online Conference Call 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:30am Prayer Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, you can either pick one up in the church narthex or you can have Stephanie mail you one each month. Just let Stephanie know if you want one mailed!

*Newsletter*



CPC worships at 9:30 each Sunday both onsite and online! On the 3rd Sunday of the month, worship is outdoors. Sunday School at 10:45 each Sunday (September-May).

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](http://www.cpcrochester.org)

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