

Community Press

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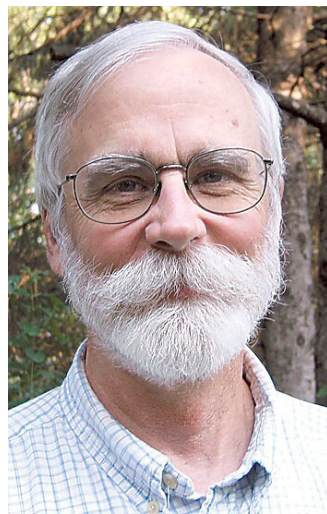
The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected Sunday, October 1, see page 3 for more information about that offering. Twenty-Five Percent of the offering will be shared locally. CPC has chosen the SE MN Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense as our recipient this year.

The Southeastern Minnesota Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense estimates that 7,800 people live in southeastern Minnesota without documentation.

More than half of Immigration and Customs Enforcement detained immigrants from southeastern Minnesota are not represented by attorneys.

People in detention who can't afford representation have a 3 percent chance of avoiding removal. By contrast, for those who get released from detention and who have legal representation, the success rate is 74 percent.

Community Presbyterian Church in Rochester will sponsor a program on legal defense for immigrants on Sunday, October 1, following worship. Leading the program will be Michael Resman and Phil Wheeler of the Southeastern Minnesota Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense.



Michael Resman and Phil Wheeler

The organization, it said, “works not to evade immigrant laws but to ensure that immigration laws are followed.”

In addition to the 25% of the Peace and Global Witness offering, donations can be made:

- By check to CPC, memo SMIILD
- Online: SMIILD website at <https://www.smiild.org/>
- By mail: Rochester Area Foundation, 12 Elton Hills Drive NW, Rochester, MN 55901 with a note intending the donation for SMIILD
- Online: the foundation website <https://rochester-area.org/>



OCTOBER 2023

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 2023</u>	Ivy Pillers Kim Nickander Lyal Powell	Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship Building and Grounds
<u>Class of 2024</u>	Amanda Ross Sherrie Wilson	Personnel and Nominating Mission
<u>Class of 2025</u>	Sue Chipman	Christian Education
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Meyer Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2023 Nominating Committee

Mark Neville, Bruce Felger, Dave Copeland, and Mary Alice Richardson,
Margie Petersen (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 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Margie Petersen Peggy McCarty	Dave Copeland Aaron Simms	Ron Murray Louis Bouchard

Staff

Pianist
Custodian
Office Manager

Glenna Muir
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

PEACEMAKING AND GLOBAL WITNESS



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

We live in an era of uncertainty. The uncertainty of floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes — climate change. The uncertainty of aggression through war, gun violence, human trafficking and international conflict. The uncertainty of employment, inflation, illness — a global pandemic.

However, when I think about it, I guess humanity always has in one form or another. Long ago, the Psalmist wrote: “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4, NRSV). Today, as a community of faith, we claim God’s promise — you are with me.

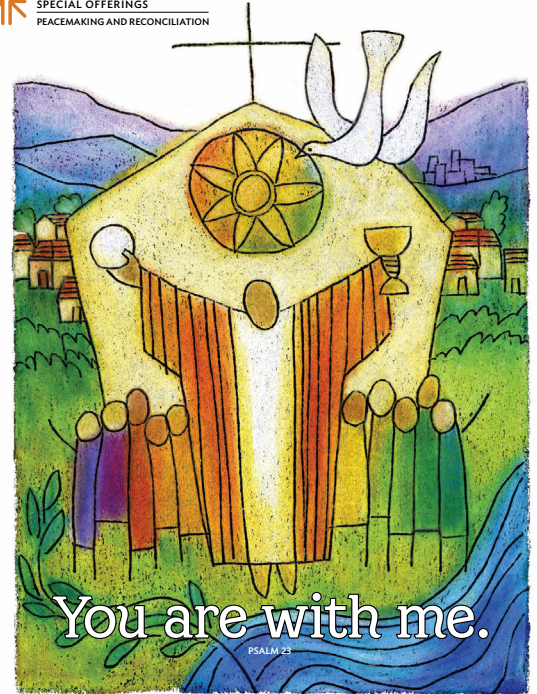
Sunday, October 1st, we will collect the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday. This offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to siblings in Christ who work for peace every day. Your support of this offering helps encourage our church partners in Ukraine as they struggle against the trauma of war. It helps congregations begin to address the growing mental health crisis and the increase in the number of suicides in their communities. It provides resources for congregations seeking to address issues of gun violence in their communities.

This is why we give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ’s peace. From our congregation, where we retain 25% of this Offering to support the Southeastern Minnesota Interfaith Immigrant Legal Defense and its important role in our community; to the region, where 25% is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website (pcusa.org/peace-global) to learn how your support of this Offering helps peacemaking efforts both in the U.S. and around the world. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community. As Presbyterians, we claim Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness and grace that he shows us. God is with us. May we joyfully bring that peace to all those we care for, love and serve.



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Text **PCUSAPEACE** to 41444 to give to Peace & Global Witness
or visit pcusa.org/peace-global for more information.



AROUND CPC

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays can be found in the print edition of the newsletter. Pick one up at church!



Sunday, September 10th, we welcomed Brass, Etc! to worship with us! While we couldn't be outside for the morning, it was still a wonderful service with the sanctuary filled with beautiful music! We look forward to this fun Sunday each fall! Thanks!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

• *Working for Justice and Peace* •

OCTOBER

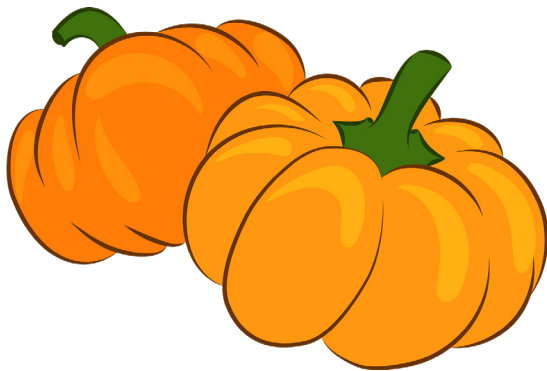
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month; ncadv.org/take-action; nomore.org; presbyterianwomen.org/justice or presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa
- Fair Trade Month; fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month; dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam

- 1 World Communion Sunday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday
- 9 National Indigenous Peoples' Day; presbyterianmission.org/story/celebrating-indigenous-peoples-day
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child; unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child
- 11 National Coming Out Day; hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day
- 15 Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World; pcusa.org/news/2015/8/14/educate-child-transform-world
- 16 World Food Day; fao.org/world-food-day/home/en
- 24 United Nations Day; un.org/en/observances/un-day

Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat at Gage East will be on Thursday, October 26th, from 4:30 to 6 pm. All are welcome to participate. Please let Melissa Stortz, family case manager/children's program coordinator, know how many vehicles will be coming so it can make sure to provide adequate space. Her email address is: mstortz@centercity-housing.org



LifeGate Services Mobile Food Shelf

Time: 10:00 Am To 12 Noon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 2021

Location:
FRONT OF SILVER LAKE APARTMENT OFFICE:
1515 3RD AVE NE
ROCHESTER, MN 55906

FAIR TRADE MARKET

Over 20 fair and ethical trade vendors under one roof selling food, chocolate, home décor, and so much more



Friday, October 6, 4pm-7pm



Saturday, October 7, 9am-4pm

Sunday, October 8, 10am-1pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2124 Viola Rd NE

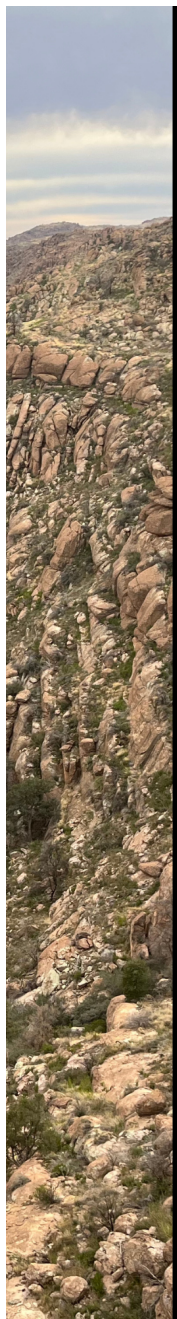
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SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mary Alice and former pastor Jan Wiersma have been participating in a group in support of land recovery for Native Americans. Through this group, they also became involved with the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, a ministry of the Mennonites. That group is supporting the protection of a sacred Apache site in Arizona called Oak Flat. Rev. Jan Wiersma hopes to spend a month sometime in 2024, following training she received in Tucson in September.

The Indigenous elders camping on the site to protect it have requested that people of all faiths and faith communities join them in Prayer-Rising for the protection of Oak Flat on Saturday, November 4. There will be an open house at CPC for people to come, share prayer, learn more about the situation on November 4th roughly paralleling the gathering at Oak Flat. **Mark your calendars!**



NOVEMBER 4TH

Prayer-Rising for Oak Flat

A Resolution Copper mine threatens to destroy Oak Flat. From the beginning of time, Apache Stronghold has grounded their resistance in the strength of their religious practice and spiritual relationship with the land.

Apache Stronghold asks people of other faiths to join them in this spiritual struggle. On November 4, Apache Stronghold will amplify these intercessions into a prayer-rising for the preservation of Oak Flat.

Indigenous people will gather at Oak Flat to pray according to their ways. People of other faiths will also gather to encounter the Holy and to confront, through prayer, the forces of destruction brought by Resolution Copper.

Come pray with us at Oak Flat November 4! Prepare yourself in prayer and plan your transportation to this sacred site, located an hour east of Phoenix, Arizona. Or, organize prayers in your own community.

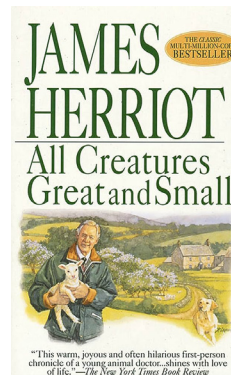
**For more updates, visit
apache-stronghold.com or
dismantlediscovery.org**



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will read and discuss *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot on Sunday, October 15, after worship.

From Amazon: "Delve into the magical, unforgettable world of James Herriot, the world's most beloved veterinarian, and his menagerie of heartwarming, funny, and tragic animal patients. In *All Creatures Great and Small*, we meet the young Herriot as he takes up his calling and discovers that the realities of veterinary practice in rural Yorkshire are very different from the sterile setting of veterinary school."



Community Presbyterian's Calendar

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Peace and Global Witness Offering 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion 10:30am Adult Forum: SMIILD 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	2	3 9:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Christian Education Committee meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	4 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	5 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	6	7
8 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	9 9:30am Mission Prayer Group	10 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	11 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	12 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	13	14
15 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 10:30am Book Discussion Group 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	16	17 9:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Presby Pastor's Gathering 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	18 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	19 MEA - No School 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	20 MEA - No School 12:00pm Newsletter articles due	21
22 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	23 9:30am Mission Prayer Group	24 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting (v) 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	25 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	26 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	27	28
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Per Capita



**Per Capita
Apportionment rate for 2023
\$37.50**

as follows:

PTCA per capita - \$22.15
(an increase of \$0.13)

Synod per capita - \$5.50
(no change)

PC(USA) per capita - \$9.85
(an increase of \$0.87)

**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**

**Contact CPC: 507-280-9291
Church office: office@cpcrochester.org**