

# Community Press

A PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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## Welcome to our new bridge pastor!

Session is happy to announce that starting November 1st, Carla Nelson will start as Community Presbyterians Bridge Pastor. As our Bridge Pastor, Carla will help guide us through this time of reflection and focus on what we see as the future goals of CPC. She has over ten years of experience in pastoral care and spiritual leadership to the growing church. We are lucky to have her in our community and happy to have her here to serve our congregation. While she knows many of us already. It will be a joy for us all to get to know each other better during our time together.

## STEWARDSHIP and D<sup>ONUTS</sup>!!

Sunday November 5th is D<sup>ONUT</sup> SUNDAY!! Also known as the annual Stewardship Sunday. This year, you are challenged to see how many “D<sup>ONUTS</sup>” you can add to your 2023 pledge. If a traditional D<sup>ONUT</sup> cannot be added to your pledge, let the traditional Long John D<sup>ONUT</sup> guide you. We know that decisions should not be made on an empty stomach, so come and join us on Stewardship Sunday. In addition to the normal operating pledging, we also have an opportunity for Mission directed pledging available on your pledge card. We’ve also added a check box if you would like to receive more information on contributing to the long-term investment fund. Our tradition of D<sup>ONUTS</sup> from <sup>OT</sup>’s Bakery in Byron continues!!

This year’s stewardship theme is “Community Grows Here.” CPC members and friends will receive a letter and pledge card soon, if you haven’t already. Please plan to return the pledge card on Stewardship Sunday, November 5 or that following week. Remember, all budget decisions are based on the pledged amounts... so all pledges are important!



NOVEMBER 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	Dave Copeland	Ron Murray
Peggy McCarty	Aaron Simms	Louis Bouchard

## Staff

Bridge Pastor	Rev. Carla Nelson
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

**Ministers to the world**

**Congregation Members**

## Lighting candles for remembrance

On Sunday November 5th, we remember those dear to us who guided us in faith and preceded us in death, as well as any other who have passed from this life. For example, we may also remember COVID victims or others who perished in natural disasters. The entire service, including communion, will reflect our deep gratitude for God's promise of the resurrection and the eternal life that is ours in Christ.

Worshippers are invited to share the names of loved ones who have died with the office by Tuesday, October 31 at noon, to be printed in the bulletin. Also, all who wish to do so may bring a memorial candle to be placed on a central table and lit from the Christ candle prior to the service. During Joys and Concerns, we will have a chance to share the names of those specially remembered in this way.



**On Sunday, November 12, we will honor veterans by observing Armistice Day, with a moment of silence and the tolling of a bell.**

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, originally called Armistice because the horror of World War I, ended officially at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. For many years, bells rang worldwide at that ancient moment of power, coupled with a commitment to honor veterans by ending the suffering of war. Veterans for Peace revived that practice 30 years ago, and in 2018, 100 years from war's end, even groups like the American Legion replaced their traditional 21 gun salute with an 11th hour, 21-bell volley.



CPC Choir will rehearse after worship on Sunday, November 12th, with plans to sing on Sunday, November 19th. All are welcome to join the fun!



Greening of the Church will take place after worship on Sunday, November 26th. Plan to stay and decorate our worship space for Advent and Christmas! Many hands make light work!



## AROUND CPC

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



CPC's Mission and Christian Education committees are planning to collect presents and gift cards for the children and families at East Gage. The committees are working with East Gage to determine what is needed. We will offer the congregation the opportunity to participate. More details will be forthcoming.



One last call to become a part of the new sign to be installed at our Villa Road Entrance!! See the sign in the Narthex for details to donate buckets of bricks, mortar or panel of sign for any amount. Make check payable to CPC with a memo of "Sign Me Up!!" As of the end of September we have received a total of \$450!!

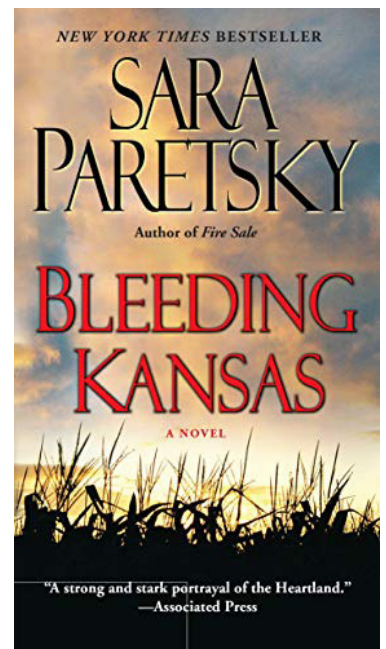
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The Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, November 19th, following worship. The November book selection is *Bleeding Kansas* by Sara Paretsky. About the author: Sara Paretsky is the author of 20 books, including her renowned V. I. Warshawski novels. Her many awards include the Cartier Diamond Dagger Lifetime Achievement Award from the British Crime Writers' Association and the 2011 Mystery Writers of America's Grand Master Award. She lives in Chicago, Illinois.

Synopsis: In Kansas, on land that once saw some of America's bloodiest antislavery battles, three families have coexisted for more than one hundred fifty years: the Grelliers, the Fremantles, and the Schapens. Once allies in the fight against slavery, today the Schapens and the Grelliers disagree on every subject, from organic farming to the war in Iraq, but above all religion. Read about these families linked by their Midwestern pioneer pasts, and the dark family secrets that threaten to tear them apart and then come join in the lively discussion on Sunday, November 19th.





## Sunday, November 19th is PW Thank Offering Sunday!

The women will lead worship and provide treats for coffee!

Our speaker will be Holly Fifield who founded The Landing with her husband in Rochester.

From their website ([www.thelandingmn.org](http://www.thelandingmn.org)):  
“In 2017, The Landing MN started as just a dream. The concept came as an idea to co-founder Holly Fifield as she had a conversation with a friend, where they discussed the need for a retreat for those suffering and in need of spiritual and mental healing. This was the conversation that set the groundwork for what The Landing MN would come to be. That same night, co-founder Dan Fifield had a dream about a place called ‘The Landing’, a cabin on a lake that served as a place for retreats to help those in any place of need. Little did they know, The Landing would grow to be much more.”

**Come hear more about The Landing on Sunday, November 19th!**

## • *Working for Justice and Peace* •

### NOVEMBER

- Native American Heritage Month; [archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month](https://archives.gov/news/topics/native-american-heritage-month) or [nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov](https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov)
- 6–12 Children’s Book Week; [everychildareader.net/cbw](https://everychildareader.net/cbw)
- 12 Hunger and Homelessness Sunday; [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger](https://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger)
- 13 World Kindness Day; [randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day](https://randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day)
- 13 J&P Book Discussion Group online, 6:30–8:30 PM (Eastern) on Wind River (2017 film featuring Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen). Register at [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](https://presbyterianwomen.org/justice)
- 20 Universal Children’s Day; [un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day](https://un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day)
- 23 Thanksgiving; [americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving\\_poster.pdf](https://americanindian.si.edu/sites/1/files/pdf/education/thanksgiving_poster.pdf) or [presbyterianmission.org/resource/just-living-alternative-thanksgiving-ideas](https://presbyterianmission.org/resource/just-living-alternative-thanksgiving-ideas)
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; [un.org/en/events/endviolence-day](https://un.org/en/events/endviolence-day) or [unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action](https://unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action)
- 25–D10 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence; [unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism](https://unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism)



# SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE COMMUNITY

## A Call to Prayer for Protection of Sacred Land November 4, 1-4, Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester

From time immemorial, Oak Flat in Arizona has been the spiritual home of 11 Indigenous tribes. Now, an international copper mine threatens to destroy the site, and with it, the spiritual relationship of the people to their land.

The Apache Stronghold invites people of all faiths everywhere to join in a day of Prayer-Rising for the protection of Oak Flat on November 4.

\*\*At 3:00, guest speaker Dr. Valerie Guimaraes, DNP MA RN, will talk about her work as the Patient Experience Ambassador who works solely with Native American patients at Mayo/MCHS. She also chairs the Multicultural Nurses MERG at Mayo and serves on the Health Equity Task Force. An enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation with Dakota Ancestry, she has given a great deal of her life and energy to promoting human rights.

All are welcome to participate at any time during the three-hour event. Contact Jan Wiersma ([janwiersma@msn.com](mailto:janwiersma@msn.com)) for more details.



*The woman on the left is Valerie Guimaraes and the man is an Indigenous patient, I believe; they're standing in front of a plaque honoring an Indigenous man who apparently did a great deal to promote Mayo's understanding of Indigenous patients.*

### November 4th Prayer-Rising for Oak Flat

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
**3705 Fairway Place NW, Rochester**  
**1-4 pm - Individual and communal prayer and learning**



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 all faiths to join them in this spiritual struggle on November 4th, amplifying intercessions into a prayer-rising for the preservation of Oak Flat. Indigenous peoples 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.

**Join the local gathering at Community Presbyterian Church to:**

- Engage in personal and communal prayer in support of Apache Stronghold
- Get to know more about Oak Flat through videos, discussion, and print resources
- Explore the history of our own land and the Dakota people who stewarded it
- Learn about the Doctrine of Discovery and its continuing effects today
- Hear from Dr. Valerie Guimaraes, Native American Patient Ambassador, Mayo Clinic

All are welcome to participate at any time during the three-hour event.

Contact Jan Wiersma ([janwiersma@msn.com](mailto:janwiersma@msn.com)) for more details, or visit [www.apachestronghold.com](http://www.apachestronghold.com) or [www.dismantlediscovery.org/novfour](http://www.dismantlediscovery.org/novfour).

# Community Presbyterian's Calendar

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</b> 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>9:30am PW Bible Study</b> 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>1</b> 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	<b>2</b> 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>1:00pm Building Use: Prayer-Rising</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Stewardship Sunday/ Donut Sunday!</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion</b> 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>6</b> 9:30am Mission Prayer Group	<b>7</b> 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>8</b> 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	<b>9</b> 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Veteran's Sunday</b> <b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</b> 10:40am Choir Rehearsal 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>13</b> Office Closed	<b>14</b> Office closed (Stephanie will work from home in the afternoon) <b>9:30am PW Bible Study</b> 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>15</b> 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>PW Thank Offering Service</b> <b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</b> <b>10:30am Book Discussion Group</b> 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>20</b> 9:30am Mission Prayer Group 12:00pm Newsletter articles due	<b>21</b> 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>22</b> 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> Office Closed 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</b> <b>10:40am Greening of the Church</b> 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting (v) 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	<b>29</b> 6:30am Prayer Group at CPC	<b>30</b> 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1:30pm Building Use: Piano Recital</b>

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

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Church office: [office@cpcrochester.org](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org)**