

Community Press

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*What words come to
mind when you think
of “Community”?
Do those words change
when you think of
“Church Community”?*

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APRIL 2024

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of six ruling elders, elected for two 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 2024</u>	Lyal Powell Amanda Ross Sherrie Wilson	Building and Grounds Personnel and Nominating Mission
<u>Class of 2025</u>	Sue Chipman Ivy Pillers Aaron Simms	Christian Education Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Officers:</u>	Dave Copeland Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2024 Nominating Committee

Mary Meyer, Dave Copeland, Jane Burgstaler, Peggy McCarty (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 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Dave Copeland Aaron Simms	Ron Murray Louis Bouchard	Peggy McCarty Margaret Petersen

Staff

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

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

Happy Easter!! Christ Is Risen!

We Are Free!

What do I mean by that? Well – we are free from guilt, shame, regret, loneliness, fear, doubt, and more **IF** we take the hand of Christ and accept the gift of the resurrection. It's not an easy gift to receive – we have to accept it over the voices in this world that tell us we aren't enough – But **GOD** says – I SEE YOU; I CREATED YOU; I LOVE YOU, You are seen, You are forgiven, You are held in MY Grace! Don't forget that!



It's hard to believe that I have been here for five months already. With Christmas and then an early Lenten season time has flown by. It has been wonderful getting to know you and settling into the rhythms of the church, now it is time to start working on who you are called to be in this urban community.

Over the next six weeks “Community” will be the theme on Sunday morning and in the questions I ask. We might have gatherings to talk about “Community” as well, what does it mean to us, what do we want it to mean? It's part of our name, so we should have some type of definition.

Webster says community is a noun and gives six different definitions ranging from “a unified body of individuals, to a group linked by a common policy.” We might fit better under the third definition, “a body of persons of common and especially professional interests scattered through a larger society.”

None of the definitions sound very welcoming do they. That is why we have to do the work to come up with our own definition of who we are and what we want to do and be in the world -whether it be in Rochester, Minnesota, or the larger world. Community - just us, just our town, our state, our country, or the world?

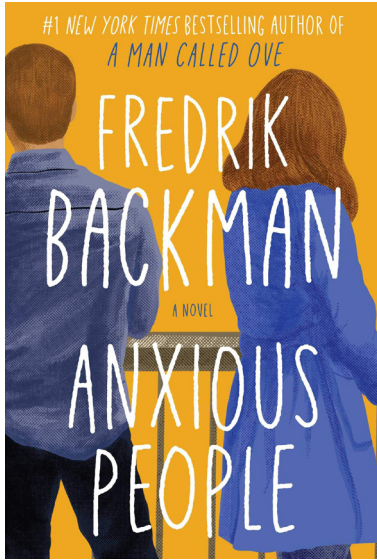
What makes Community Presbyterian your place to encounter God? What draws you to this House of Worship? How do you define community? What is it about this group of people that keeps you coming back week after week?

Are these the questions you want answered or are there others that you think are important? Let me know. Everyone's voice needs to be heard as we journey together into the future of Community Presbyterian Church.

Community Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Our Mission is to be an open-hearted, open-minded Christian community sharing a ministry of faith, hope, and love.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



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The Book Discussion Group will meet after worship on Sunday, April 21 to discuss *Anxious People* by Frerik Backman

from Goodreads.com:

“From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* and “writer of astonishing depth” (The Washington Times) comes a poignant comedy about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.”

AROUND CPC

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



Pastor Carla is usually in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9-12.

Stephanie is usually in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:15-11:30/12:00. The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1, for Easter Monday.

Stephanie will be on vacation April 4-15.

Stephanie works remotely on Mondays and Thursdays.



**Our Annual Spring Fling is set for
Sunday, May 5th.**

We will be doing spring cleaning and small fix-it jobs around the church. Many hand make light work! Sign up will be available in the coming weeks. Labranza de Dios, our building partners, will be joining us for the spring fling and providing a meal! Don't miss this important, joint event!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

You are invited to volunteer on Sunday mornings!

Each Sunday, a liturgist is needed. A liturgist helps lead worship by reading some of the words and scriptures during the service. If you are interested in reading and leading - please sign up in the narthex.

Church is about community AND we are COMMUNITY Presbyterian Church. As human beings we often find community when sharing food. Please consider offering your time on Sunday morning by preparing a pot of coffee (and/or a pitcher of lemonade) and sharing some treats. Individually packaged foods are easy and safe for sharing with less worry of infections (and little preparation). If you need ideas for that, ideas can be provided!

The signup sheet for both of these volunteer positions is in the narthex. Or, if you'd rather, email Stephanie at office@cpchester.org with questions or dates that you are available!



*Now that we have our new Music
Director, Jennifer Taylor,
it is a great time to join the choir!
Rehearsals are
Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm!*



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



CPC PW Resumes Bible Study Tuesday, April 9th at 9:30 am

Save Tuesday April 9 at 9:30 on your calendars for the first of the spring Bible Study sessions. Judy Robb will lead the group in new paths. If she has a home-work assignment, she will let PW know what needs to be done. Plans will be made for the future Bible study sessions on the 9th. Thank you, Judy, for all of your hard work on the Bible Study.

You are cordially invited to attend the 2024 Spring Gathering Presented by the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

DATE: April 20, 2024 TIME: 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 802 4th St. SW, Austin, MN

SIGNUP DEADLINE: April 10 - see the link below

Our speaker will be Louella Voigt a recent participant in the National PW USA mission journey to our southern border. She will be talking about her experiences during this journey, what she saw, what she learned, and what is being done.

The gathering is taking place in Austin MN at Westminster Presbyterian, not Westminster in Minneapolis, as was previously advertised.

[To register or read more information - please click here!](#)

• *Working for Justice and Peace* •

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR

APRIL

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_Assault_Awareness_Month
Ecumenical Advocacy Days; advocacydays.org
- 2 PW Together in Action Days for Children's Literacy; presbyterianwomen.org/justice
- 7 World Health Day; who.int/campaigns/world-health-day
- 8 International Romani Day; en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Romani_Day
- 22 Earth Day; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday
- 24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day;
presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/churchcalendar/armenian-genocide
- 24 Denim Day; denimdayinfo.org

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	1 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours 9:30am Mission Prayer Group 6:00pm Building Use: Med City Tai Chi	2 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Christian Education Committee meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	3 9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal	4 Stephanie - Vacation 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	5	6
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Per Capita

Providing the means to strengthen the connections of our work, and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry.

*Per Capita
Apportionment rate for 2024
is set by the presbytery at
\$38.50 per member.*

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Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

**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**