

Community Press

A PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, MN



Thank you to...

- *Jennifer and Lee for the beautiful music at the outdoor service in July!*
- *Carole for keeping the gardens looking beautiful!*

**Come Worship in the sun and enjoy our Garden of Life!
Sunophobe? Bring your umbrella!**

OUTDOOR WORSHIP



Volunteers to help set up required!

**Outdoor
Service
August 11**

**HELP is needed
to set up and put
things away....
contact Bruce or
Ivy for how you
can help!**

AUGUST 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	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

August already – as usual the summer has flown past and most of us don't know where the time has gone. We move through each day, each week and soon the month has passed and we wonder what we have to show for the passage of time. Sometimes it's ok not to have anything to show for that passage of time. It's ok to spend it with friends and family making memories that are sweet and simple – sipping lemonade and iced tea on the porch or eating ice cream on a hot day. It's not always the big things that are important it's the simple way you live your life that makes the difference to the people that love you, to the people that know you. It's how you show your faith, your love of God and your love for God's people that makes the difference.



That's what were in the process of learning how to do this summer on Sunday mornings. We're learning how to ask that questions that matter with curiosity and care. Curiosity because we really want to learn something about someone else and care because the people, we eventually want to ask these questions are not going to be members of our congregation. As we learn to ask these questions of each other and learn more about each other we become a stronger, closer, more welcoming congregation.

We will be better equipped to welcome the stranger into our midst because we will know the kind of questions to ask, and we will know how to listen to them, so they know we really care about them as a person – not just a number to fill a chair or a slot in a committee.

We, the worship team, are hoping that we as a congregation, will go out and do service together in our community, as well - like we do at Gage East, somewhere else – we are trying to arrange something with the Dorothy Day house. We want to do more than just serve the meal we want to engage with the people who we are serving – if they are open to engaging with us. Because we want them to know that they are loved by God as they are, for who they are, no strings attached. We can also offer this same opportunity to the people at Gage East. It will enrich our interactions there, deepen our relationships and help us see ourselves as God's hands and feet – we will become less self conscious and more inviting.

It's not easy to stop being seen as the "other" it takes work, but I believe that we can do it, I believe that we can open up our hearts to God's call to serve God's people no matter where they are. I believe that we can become that welcoming congregation that offers love and support to everyone who comes through our doors.

We are praying for new things to happen in our future while keeping some of the former things – our music, our prayer groups, our gardens – come and join us for worship as we move forward.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



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

Thank you

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, calls and concerns. They made all the difference to me, as well as to my family. Without them, I would not be where I am today. My orthopedic surgeon has told me that I am well healed and that I can live my life without restrictions. For God's love and healing and the love of this congregation, I am most grateful.

Mary Alice

I wanted to share this update with our congregation. I donated my hair to Children with Hair Loss in honor of my Grandmother Bertha Olson (96 years young). This is the 10th time I have donated over 12 inches.

Blessings, Shannon Cisewski



You're invited!

Elder Network Fundraiser Gala

September 21st, 2024

Rochester International Event Center
7333 Airport View Dr. SW | Rochester, MN 55902

Keynote Speakers:

The Intersection Between Medicine & Community

Angela Lunde M.A. & Vijay Ramanan, M.D., PhD - Mayo Clinic

Social at 5:00 pm | Dinner at 6:00 pm

Program, Silent & Live Auctions, and Dance to follow.

Attire: Semi-Formal

\$105 per ticket

RSVP by September 3rd or purchase tickets online:

www.elder-network.org

Questions: beccah@elder-network.org

Gold Sponsor:



Scan to purchase tickets online:



General Assembly, PC-USA

The General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be ruling elders, half will be teaching elders. Few will ever have been commissioners to the General Assembly before, but most will have served in one of the other governing bodies of our church: the session, which provides care and oversight of a local congregation; the presbytery, which provides care and oversight of a group of congregations; or the synod which provides care and oversight of several presbyteries.

It reviews the work of synods, resolves controversies in the church, is responsible for matters of common concern for the whole church, and serves as a symbol of unity for the church.

226TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 25 - July 4, 2024

Salt Lake City, UT

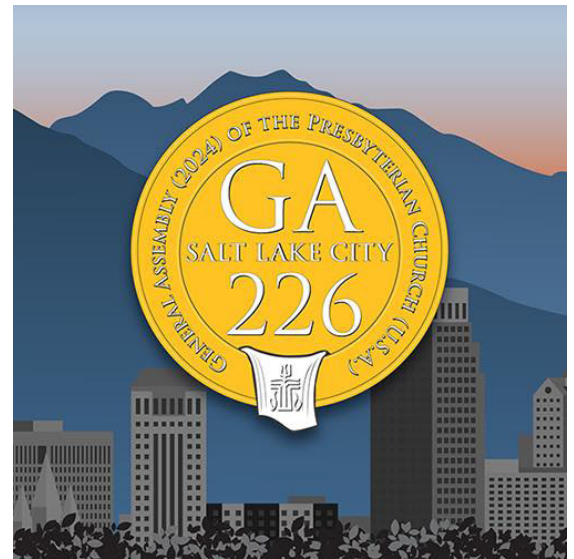
**GA commissioners and advisory delegates
got a lot done in Salt Lake City**

A top 10 list of accomplishments between June 29 and July 4

Mike Ferguson | General Assembly News - July 4, 2024

Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly discerned God's will in numerous ways during the 226th Assembly. What follows are 10 of the most significant things they did at the Salt Palace Convention Center and in neighboring churches between June 29 and July 4.

- The Rev. Jihyun Oh is elected, then installed, as Stated Clerk
- The Rev. CeCe Armstrong and the Rev. Tony Larson are selected as Co-Moderators
- Both portions of the 'Olympia Overture' are approved
- General Assembly backtracks on complete divestment from the fossil fuel industry
- 'Our ancestors' wildest dreams'
- Next stop: Milwaukee
- The 226th General Assembly is one for the ages
- Technology, committee support pass the test at General Assembly
- Young Adult Advisory Delegates participate in GA orientation
- Utah churches welcome commissioners and advisory delegates - Presbytery of Utah churches put out their welcome mats for those attending the 226th General Assembly. Following worship, guests and church members alike enjoyed food and fellowship.



To read more about the assembly, go to:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2024/7/4/ga-commissioners-and-advisory-delegates-got-a-lot/>

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00pm Session Meeting (offsite)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am NO Prayer Group at CPC 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am NO Prayer Group at CPC 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours 12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Outdoor and Online Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Stephanie Vacation 12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving 6:00pm Nominating Committee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Stephanie Vacation 12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Stephanie Vacation 9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours 12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Stephanie Vacation 12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Stephanie Vacation 12:00pm Building Usage: Med City Driving</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Building Usage: Labranza de Dios</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 10:30am Book Discussion Group 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:00pm Newsletter articles due 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:00pm Building Usage: Private Party 5:30pm Building (Outdoors) Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting (v) 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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

**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**

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Church office: office@cpcrochester.org**