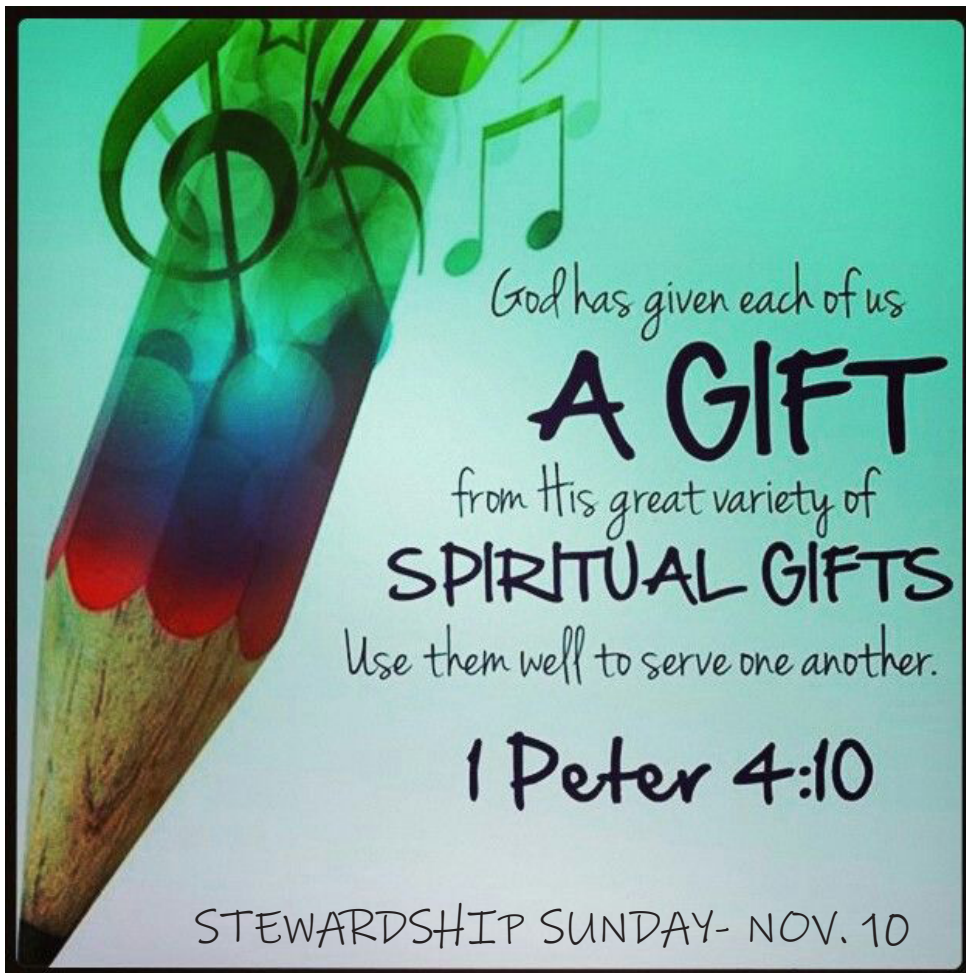


# Community Press

A PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROCHESTER, MN



***Don't miss these important days  
in November at CPC!***

***Sunday, November 3 - All Saints Sunday***

***Sunday, November 10***

***Stewardship Sunday and Armistice Remembrance  
Congregational Meeting***

***Sunday, November 17 - Book Discussion Group***

***Wednesday, November 20***

***Life Line Screening Event***

***Sunday, November 24***

***PW Thank Offering Sunday***

***Gobble, Gobble Thanksgiving Luncheon!***



Lighting candles for remembrance  
On Sunday November 3rd, 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. The worship service, including communion, will reflect our deep gratitude for God's promise of the resurrection and the eternal life that is ours in Christ.

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 worship service. During Joys and Concerns, we will have a chance to share the names of those specially remembered in this way.



NOVEMBER 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

Pastor/Head of Staff  
Pianist  
Music Director  
Custodian  
Office Manager

Glenna Muir  
Jennifer Taylor  
Nancy Sanford  
Stephanie Pasch

**Ministers to the world**

**Congregation Members**

For my final newsletter article I wish that I could sing you a song, but that doesn't work so well on paper so I guess I'll give you the link for the song by Sara Thomsen "What Shall I Give" I hope the link works for you, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUTs9qa5h3g>

Being your minister for the past year has been a privilege. And I have wondered what do I leave you with? What do I say?



Now as you move into the future, I pray that you do so by really asking yourselves some of those important questions not just of yourselves but as a congregation – what are you doing to keep yourselves grounded in scripture? What are you doing to discover what your mission is? What are you doing to keep yourselves connected to each other?

As you move forward, transparency is going to be so important, continuing to make those connections with each other is going to be important, caring for each other is going to be important, (the Deacons may need some help) and being out in the community is going to be very important – people need to know you exist!

You are an important part of the Rochester community. You have a lot to offer, you don't need to have large growth over night, steady growth over time will do just fine. It will happen if you can find a way to make yourselves known.

Do you want to be the congregation know for helping the children of Gage East? Then get really involved there and wear t-shirts & sweatshirts – Carole is working on a design. Or do you want to be known for helping more children, maybe someone volunteers to read during story time at the library, or maybe you help with the backpacks for back to school.

There are so many ways to expand on helping kids in our community that don't take a lot of resources, just some organization. You just need to decide what will work best for you.

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned dog commercials on TV asking for money to save the pets that drive me nuts because I want to know where the "Save the Children" commercials are. Well, they have them, just not very many because they want most of their money to go to the children. Eighty-five percent of the donations given to [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org) are used for the children.

PCUSA 's gifts to the Pentecost offering goes to children. "A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency" <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>

Thank you for the wonderful year that I have spent walking along side of you as you have journeyed towards a new way of being church. As you move forward, I pray that our time together will continue to bear fruit. Be blessed and live loved - Pastor Carla

**Gobble Gobble Luncheon**  
**Sunday, November 24**  
**following worship**

We plan on having turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry salad and pumpkin pie. In addition, we will watch *Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving* (short movie) during our lunch. Please sign up in the narthex or by contacting the office, so that we have an idea of numbers to feed. Questions? Talk with Ivy Pillers!



**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

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



**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

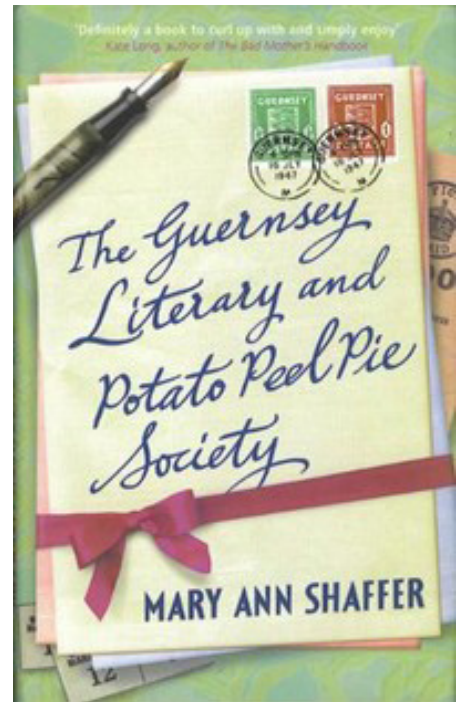
**BOOK DISCUSSION  
 GROUP**



The Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, November 17, after worship. They will discuss the book *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. Read this interesting book and join in the discussion!

From the Rochester Public Library website:

“January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she’s never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb.... As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends—and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society—born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island—boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all. Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society’s members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever. Written with warmth and humor as a series of letters, this novel is a celebration of the written word in all its guises, and of finding connection in the most surprising ways.”



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: THANK OFFERING



## 2024 THANK OFFERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with *many thanksgivings to God.*  
—2 Corinthians 9:11–12

*muchas gracias a Dios*

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Learn more about the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women by visiting [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](https://presbyterianwomen.org/thank).

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Each year Presbyterian Women heeds the call of Paul to “supply the needs of the saints” through the PW Thank Offering. This grant making program originated in 1888 with one generous woman, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, when she urged everyone to give one dollar over and above their usual contribution to mission. Since then, organizations in the United States and around the world have benefitted from the overflowing of thanksgiving to God shown by Presbyterian women through their offerings.

Eliza called upon women to give a “thank offering to her Lord” and today we continue to answer that call through support of the PW Thank Offering. When we come together to pool our money as Presbyterian Women, we can make a much greater impact than we can on our own.

For more information on the 2024 Thank Offering recipients, read the Summer issue of *Horizons* magazine or go to [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](https://presbyterianwomen.org/thank).

***Community Presbyterian Church will celebrate Thankfulness on Sunday, November 24th. Enjoying music and worship around the theme of Thankfulness, collect the PW Thank Offering and then share in a meal together (Gobble, Gobble!). Don't miss this special Sunday!***



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

# LIFE SCREENING EVENT AT CPC



## You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

**Where:** Community Presbyterian Church

**When:** November 20, 2024

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

*Trusted by over 10 million customers.*

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

### Who should attend:

Anyone over the age of 40

### Special Member Pricing for \$159

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Plus a **FREE** Hypertension Screening

### 4 ways to book your appointment...

Call 888-814-0466 and use  
promo code HSCA001

Visit  [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://llsa.social/hsc)



Text the word "circle"  
to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

*CPC has three complimentary screenings.  
The first three people to contact Stephanie will receive them!*

# Community Presbyterian's Calendar

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Pastor Carla's Last Sunday</b>  <b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</b>                      2:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30am PW Bible Study                      12:00pm Bulletin info due                      6:30pm Session Meeting                      7:00pm Building                      Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC                      9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours  <b>6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</b>                      7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>5:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>All Saints Sunday</b>  <b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion</b>                      2:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30am Mission Prayer Group</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due                      7:00pm Building                      Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC  <b>6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</b>                      7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>5:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Stewardship Sunday</b>  <b>Armistice Remembrance</b>  <b>9:30am Onsite and Online Worship</b>  <b>10:30am Congregational Meeting</b>                      2:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due                      6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting                      7:00pm Building                      Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC  <b>6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</b>                      7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>5:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</b>  <b>10:30am Book Discussion Group</b>                      2:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:30am Mission Prayer Group</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due                      5:30pm Finance &amp; Stewardship Meeting                      7:00pm Building                      Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC  <b>9:00am Building Use: Life Line Screening Event: public welcome! Registration Required</b>                      12:00pm Newsletter articles due  <b>6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</b>                      7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>5:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>PW Thank Offering</b>  <b>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship</b>  <b>10:30am Gobble! Thanksgiving Luncheon</b>                      2:30pm Building                      Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due                      6:30pm Session Meeting (v)                      7:00pm Building                      Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC  <b>6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal</b>                      7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Sunday, November 10th,  
there will be a congregational  
meeting following worship.  
The purpose of this meeting  
is to vote on the 2025 Slate  
of Leadership Positions  
(elders, deacons and others).  
Thank you to those who have  
stepped forward to lead our  
congregation!*

**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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