

Community Press

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ROCHESTER, MN



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE



It is an exciting time! There will be a **special congregational meeting after Sunday worship service on Sunday, February 16th**, for the purpose of the congregation electing three members to serve on a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) jointly with Plainview CPC. There will also be an **informational meeting after worship on February 9th** to inform members of the PNC process and answer questions.

Any member of the congregation can ask to be considered and placed on the ballot for the PNC election. If you are interested, contact Clerk of Session, Dave Copeland, via [email](#), phone call, in person, or text message.

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Come dressed to have your picture taken on Sunday, February 2 or 9! We're putting together a new directory! Talk to Ivy if you have questions!

Community Presbyterian Church is still actively seeking a pianist. If you know of anybody that would be a good match, have them check out the job description or contact Amanda or [the office](#)!

The job description can be found on our website: <https://www.cp-crochester.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Pianist-JOB-Description.pdf>



FEBRUARY 2025

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 2025</u>	Sue Chipman Aaron Simms	Christian Education Finance and Stewardship Worship and Music
<u>Class of 2026</u>	Amanda Ross Sherrie Wilson Lyal Powell	Personnel and Nominating Mission Building and Grounds
<u>Officers:</u>	Dave Copeland Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2025 Nominating Committee

Mary Meyer, Dave Copeland, Jane Burgstaler, Mary Alice Richardson
Peggy McCarty (Deacons)

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 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Louis Bouchard Mary Meyer	Peggy McCarty Margaret Petersen	Carole Kinion-Copeland Dave Copeland

Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff
Pianist
Music Director
Custodian
Office Manager

Jennifer Taylor
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

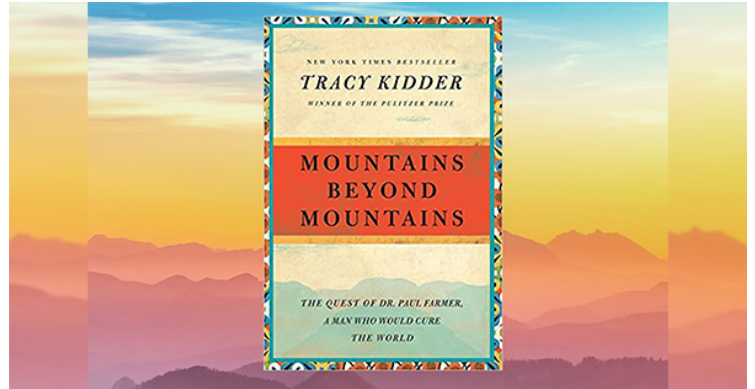
Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Discussion Group will meet on February 16th following worship. They will discuss *Mountain Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder.



From the Rochester Public Library website:

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “[A] masterpiece . . . an astonishing book that will leave you questioning your own life and political views.”—USA Today “

If any one person can be given credit for transforming the medical establishment’s thinking about health care for the destitute, it is Paul Farmer. . . . [Mountains Beyond Mountains] inspires, discomforts, and provokes.”—The New York Times (Best Books of the Year)

In medical school, Paul Farmer found his life’s calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. Tracy Kidder’s magnificent account shows how one person can make a difference in solving global health problems through a clear-eyed understanding of the interaction of politics, wealth, social systems, and disease. Profound and powerful, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* takes us from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Farmer changes people’s minds through his dedication to the philosophy that “the only real nation is humanity.” WINNER OF THE LETTRE ULYSSES AWARD FOR THE ART OF REPORTAGE

Don’t miss reading and discussing this interesting book!



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

MISSION

THANK YOU!

For supporting Gage East families this holiday season!

Thank you!
-Kaylyn



Thank you
for making such
a wonderful holiday
for our residents!
Patty

Thank you
Community
Presbyterian
Church!

- Gage East Apartments

Thank you for always
helping Gage East at
our events and for
donating for our residents!
-Missy

THANK YOU SO MUCH.
WE APPRECIATE YOU!
-Alyssa

Thank you for thinking
of our families ♡ Kristen

Thank you for
always supporting
our Gage East
community!
Happy Holidays
Heather



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Rochester, MN 55903
(507) 285-1010
www.womens-shelter.org

January 13, 2025

Community Presbyterian Church
3705 Fairway Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Dear Pastor Jan and friends at Community Presbyterian Church,

YOU are absolutely incredible! Because of you, survivors of domestic violence have access to life-changing resources like emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal support, and ongoing advocacy. Your kindness and generosity truly **SAVES LIVES**, and we are beyond grateful for YOU and your recent gift of:


Date	Amount	Type
12/17/2024	\$300.00	Donation

EXCITING PROGRESS UPDATE!!!

The NEW SHELTER is officially under construction, with a tentative move-in date set for late this year! The main source of funding for this incredible project is from a grant through the *Minnesota Department of Human Services*, along with designated donations and additional sources of funding. Our capacity will **nearly triple**, meaning fewer survivors will face the heartbreak of being turned away due to lack of space. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The grant **ONLY** covers construction costs, and not the vital services that survivors rely on every day. And this is where YOU come in. Your gift ensures that survivors have access to the essential services they need to heal and thrive.

Thank you for being such an extraordinary part of our community. YOU are the reason we can continue saying "yes" to survivors in need.

With heartfelt gratitude,


Barbara Schramm
Director of Development
barbaras@womens-shelter.org
507-292-6743

Thank you for caring! We are so grateful to you all for helping families find safety.

PS: If you haven't already done so, sign up on our website to receive updates through our quarterly E-news: www.womens-shelter.org

Please consider this letter official receipt of your tax-deductible contribution. No goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift. Our federal tax identification number is 41-1316614. This organization is a 501c(3) tax exempt organization, IRS Section 170(b)(2)(iii) for both federal and state tax purposes

PS. The van is a work horse for us, running errands, appointments, shuttling kids, transporting supplies, & so much more. You all are so special to us! Thank you for everything!

SUMMER CAMP FOR ALL AGES!



2025 Clearwater Forest Programs

Youth	Snow Camp Theme: Snowflakes in His Hands	January 10-12
Women	Winter Chrysalis Women's Retreat	February 21-23
Adults	Couple's Retreat	February 28-Mar 2
Adults/Families	Seeds of Service	April 11-13
Young Adults	Campus Ministry Retreat	April 25-27
Youth	Day Camp Open House	May 27
Youth	1st Day of Day Camp	June 2
Youth	Clearwater Forest VBS-to-go	June 15-20
Young Adults	CITs at camp	June 15-20
Youth/Family/Adults	Week 1: Discovery, Adventure, Sr. High, and Grands & Family I and CITs	June 22-27
Youth/Family/Adults	First Timers / Grands & Family II	June 29-July 1
No Camp	STAFF are OFF	July 2-6
Youth/Family/Adults	Week 2: Discovery, Adventure, Grands & Family III	July 6-11
Youth	Sr. High Sailing & 10-Day Camp	July 9-19
Everyone!	Clearwater Forest Fest!!!	July 12
Youth/Family/Adults	Week 3: Discovery, Adventure, Grands & Family IV (this week includes Sailing & 10-Day)	July 13-18
Youth	Week 4: Discovery, Adventure, Sr. High	July 20-25
Youth/Family/Adults	Week 5: Camp Create! Discovery, Adventure, Sr. High, Adults, and Families	July 27-Aug1
Youth/Adults	Presbyterian Youth Triennium Lead trip: go to Chicago/mission experience	July 28-31
Youth	Week 6: Endless Discovery, Adventure, Sr. High	August 3-8
Women	Summer Chrysalis	August 12-17
Young Adults	Ministry Leadership Retreat	Sept 21-24
Everyone!	Fall Retreat for All Ages!	Oct 15-19
Men	Men's Retreat: Bible, BBQ & Brew	Oct 24-26

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Clearwater Couple's Retreat 2025:

The 4 Seasons of Marriage

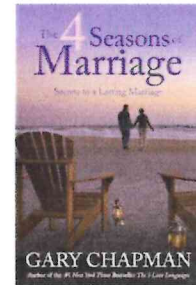
When: Feb. 28- Mar. 2 (7 pm on Friday until 1 pm on Sunday)

Where: Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center

Cost: \$350/couple

Leaders: Pastors David and Sarah Parker

Pastor Hans and Erin Anderson



It will be spring at Clearwater, but is your marriage also in the season of spring? Come to Clearwater Forest to enjoy a meaningful weekend learning about the four seasons of marriage and how your marriage can thrive in any season! There will be time for couples to be together on their own as well as time for large-group activities. Here are some of the fun activities we have planned:

- ♥ Love Song Karaoke
- ♥ Couple's Board Games
- ♥ Worship with Vow Renewal
- ♥ Quality time with your special someone!

Goals for the weekend:

1. Learn about the reoccurring seasons of marriage
2. Identify which season of marriage you and your spouse are currently in.
3. Learn seven relationship strategies for any season.
4. Spend meaningful time with your spouse.
5. Reconnect with the other couples and/or get to know new couples!
6. Have fun!

This retreat will be partially based on the book *The 4 Seasons of Marriage* by Gary Chapman, author of the #1 New York Times Bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Anderson, Clearwater Forest Executive Director, at eanderson@clearwaterforest.org or (218) 678-2325

To register, go to clearwaterforest.org!

Complete brochures for all Clearwater Forest programming can be found on the rack next to the bulletin board in the coat room!

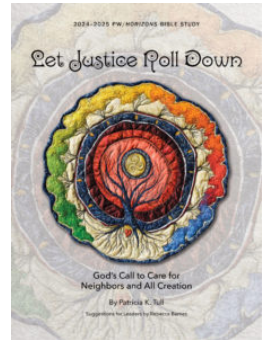


PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

CPC PW Bible Study will resume on March 11!

• *Working for Justice and Peace* •

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- Black History Month; blackhistorymonth.gov
- National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, teendvmonth.org
- 1-7 World Interfaith Harmony Week, worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com
- 9 Souper Bowl of Caring, tacklehunger.org
- 12 International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, redhandday.org
- 14 One Billion Rising for Justice, onebillionrising.org



February 21-23, 2025

Clearwater Winter Chrysalis

“Claiming Your God-Given Woman Wisdom”

Speaker - Rev. Chris Bellefeuille

Register December 1, 2024 - February 10, 2025



Muffins & Muffin Tops!

Kusudama

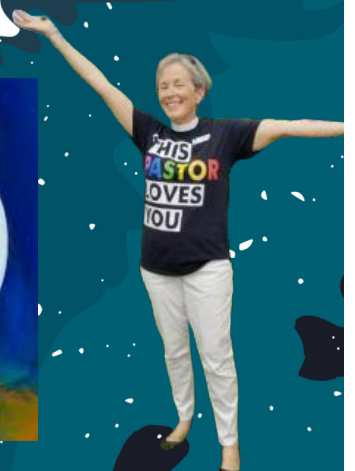


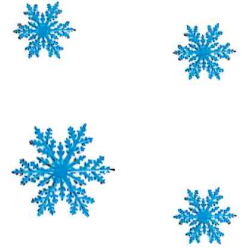
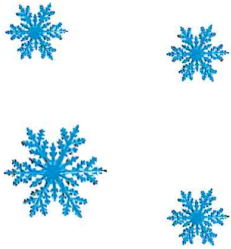
Whether you are 30, 50, or 80 – you are far wiser than you likely believe yourself to be. God calls our fullest selves to life in the world. God doesn't need the 41 year old that lives inside me, God needs the



Chinese Medicine Cosmology & Yoga Postures

<https://clearwaterforest.campbrainregistration.com/>





*Sleigh Rides****

Location: Olmsted County History Center
(intersection of West Circle Dr SW and Salem Rd SW)

When: **Saturday, February 15, 10am-4pm**

Admission: Free-will donation*

All proceeds will be donated to Special Olympics

For more information contact John Davis @ 507-365-8064



****Free****
Hot Chocolate



Enjoy the Bonfire
Free Cookies



Ride as often and as long as you'd like!!!

*****If there is not enough snow, the rides will be held using horse-drawn wagons*****

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A CHAIR AFFAIR

A Chair Affair
A fund raiser for the Rochester Area Boys and Girls Club

Saturday, February 22, 2025

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hilton Rochester : 10 E. Center St., Rochester, Minnesota 55904

After Party hosted by Rochester Art Center

Presenting Sponsor: Mayo Clinic

Tickets: <https://www.achairaffair.org/tickets-1>

Cocktail Reception

Step into Doctors Mayo Hall for an unforgettable cocktail reception and silent auction, where elegance meets excitement. Delight in captivating performances, elusive surprises, and exquisite hors d'oeuvres, all while mingling with fellow supporters of the Boys & Girls Club of Rochester as the evening comes to life. Don't forget to stop by our 360 video booth to capture a memory of the evening with your friends, family, or colleagues.

Dinner & Program

Indulge in an elegant dining experience featuring a custom menu and dessert. A brief program that includes dynamic presentations and a live musical performance will follow, as well as your opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind luxury auction packages and artisan-made chairs.

Keep The Event Going

The night doesn't need to end. All gala attendees are invited to celebrate late into the evening with free admission to the After Party hosted by the Rochester Art Center. You won't want to miss the 'Mini Golf & Chairs' exhibition, curated by Zoe Cinel, featuring a fun mix of chairs created by world-renowned architects and a mini golf course designed by regional artists. All registered guests get free admission. If you want to bring your friends, have them buy tickets here: <https://www.rochesterart-center.org/afterparty>

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 10:40am Annual Meeting 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Pictures After Worship 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00pm Building Use: Med-City Tai-Chi</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Pictures After Worship 9:30am Onsite and Online Worship 10:35am PNC Information Meeting 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00pm Building Use: Med-City Tai-Chi</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30pm Building Use: SE MN ASD Social Group</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 10:35am Special Congregation Meeting 10:45am Book Discussion Group 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Mission Prayer Group 6:00pm Building Use: Med-City Tai-Chi</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:00pm Newsletter articles due 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm Building Use: Med-City Tai-Chi</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1</p>

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**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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