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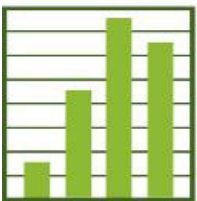
ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting for Community Presbyterian Church is Sunday, January 26, following worship. Plan to attend as we look back on the year that has been and look forward to 2025!



The deadline for most things for the annual report (except for financial reports) is Sunday, January 12th.



Community Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time pianist! If you are interested or know of somebody who is, please talk to Amanda!



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ROMANS 15:13

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

2024 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

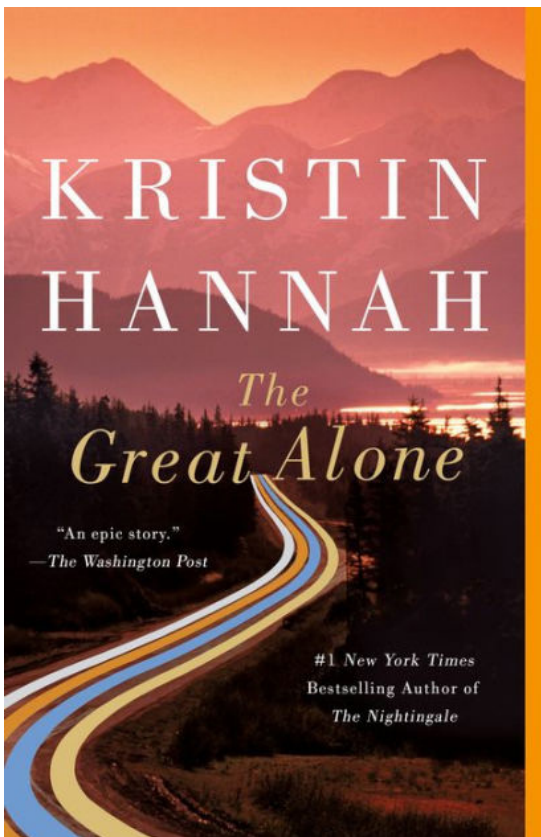
Jennifer Taylor
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Book Discussion Group will meet on January 19th following worship. They will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah.

From the Rochester Public Library website:

“#1 New York Times Instant Bestseller In Kristin Hannah’s *The Great Alone*, a desperate family seeks a new beginning in the near-isolated wilderness of Alaska only to find that their unpredictable environment is less threatening than the erratic behavior found in human nature. Alaska, 1974. Ernt Allbright came home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes the impulsive decision to move his wife and daughter north where they will live off the grid in America’s last true frontier. Cora will do anything for the man she loves, even if means following him into the unknown. Thirteen-year-old Leni, caught in the riptide of her parents’ passionate, stormy relationship, has little choice but to go along, daring to hope this new land promises her family a better future. In a wild, remote corner of Alaska, the Allbrights find a fiercely independent community of strong men and even stronger women. The long, sunlit days and the generosity of the locals make up for the newcomers’ lack of preparation and dwindling resources. But as winter approaches and darkness descends, Ernt’s fragile mental state deteriorates. Soon the perils outside pale in comparison to threats from within. In their small cabin, covered in snow, blanketed in eighteen hours of night, Leni and her mother learn the terrible truth: they are on their own.”

Don’t miss reading this interesting book and joining in on the conversation!

MISSION



The Reading Center DYSLEXIA INSTITUTE OF MN

November 25, 2024

Community Presbyterian Church
Mary Alice Richardson
3705 Fairway Place NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Dear Mary Alice,

You understand the importance of providing the necessary support for dyslexic children to learn how to read. That's why you generously donated to The Reading Center to help us make that happen. Your generous donation of \$10,000 from the **Margaret N. Nelson Trust and Mission Committee of Community Presbyterian Church** to The Reading Center was received on November 21, 2024. Specifically, your donation will help us reach more at-risk struggling readers in Rochester through our Partnership Tutoring program.

Recently, a parent of a student participating in tutoring through our partnership at Urban Ventures in Minneapolis shared: "My 8-year-old child was at a pre-school level before reading plus. He was so embarrassed about his difficulty, and instead of using his mind for learning, he was occupied trying to hide his disability from his peers by pretending. After one year with individual support from Jenny during his school day, he is reading just little words for now, but the code has been cracked for him, and he is sounding out words at home and trying to read signs! I believe that my child was on a path to being an illiterate adult, with all of the life-altering limitations that it implies. I don't know how long he would have stayed in school, facing the devastation of the widening gap. I believe that, because of this program, my child will be literate. And this has changed the trajectory of his whole life."

You can be assured that The Reading Center handles your donation with accountability because we follow the best practices endorsed by the Charities Review Council (www.smartgivers.org).

Thank you for supporting The Reading Center's mission. You give children the opportunity to achieve success in school and in life. Together we are building confidence, inspiring hope, and enhancing success.

Warmly,

Cindy Russell
Executive Director

*Wow!
We are blown away
by the generosity of
your donation!
It makes a huge
difference for
struggling readers.*



The Reading Center / Dyslexia Institute of MN is a 501 (c) 3, tax-exempt non-profit organization. Contributions to The Reading Center / Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota are tax-deductible according to IRS regulations. This letter certifies that the contributor received no goods or services in exchange for this donation. Please retain this letter for your tax records.

Rochester Location & Mailing Address: 2010 Scott Rd NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Woodbury Location: 7650 Currell Blvd, Suite 320, Woodbury, MN 55125

Phone 507 288 5271 | Fax 507 288 6424 | www.TheReadingCenter.org

Established in 1951

Merry Christmas to All!



Some of the Christmas cards that we received at CPC. The cards are posted on the bulletin board near the coat racks.



Christmas Blessings



Thank you

Thank you for the very generous gifts this Christmas! They are so kind and appreciated.

- Stephanie Pasch and
- Nancy Sanford

AROUND CPC AND THE COMMUNITY

2025 Holidays

Church office will be closed

January 1	New Year's
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17	President's Day
April 21	Easter Monday
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
November 27	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas



PC(USA) Resources Aid Immigrants in Our Communities (and You Can Too)

Many people are concerned about how the change in national Administration could impact members of our community born in other countries. While we cannot be certain what changes will actually take place, we can be in relationship with groups that represent immigrant communities. If you already know who they are, do not wait until January 20th to reach out! They may not know what they need yet but need to know whom they can count on.

Read more about PDA's Migration Accompaniment Ministries and the Office of Immigration Issues and other PC(USA) resources via the link below.

To read about PC(USA) Immigrant Resources, [click here!](#)

I HOPE THIS NEW YEAR
BRINGS YOU...

Courage to try again

Passion for doing what you love

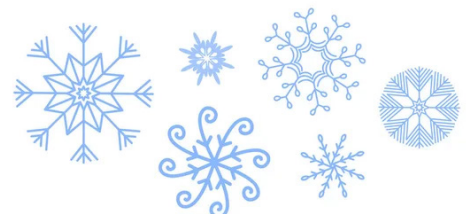
Ambition to aim higher

Resilience in overcoming obstacles

Humility to learn from others

Kindness for yourself and others

OurMindfulLife.com



Community Presbyterian's Calendar

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Open 9:00am Bulletin info due</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Open - may be remote 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:30pm Building Use: Piano Recital</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Closed 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Office Closed 9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Annual Report Items Due 9:30am Onsite and Online Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 10:40am Book Discussion Group 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed 9:30am Mission Prayer Group 12:00pm Newsletter articles due</p>	<p>21</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<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 6:45pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>

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3705 Fairway Place NW
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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**

**Contact CPC: 507-280-9291
Church office: office@cpcrochester.org**