

Community Press

A PUBLICATION OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCHESTER, MN



*Spring Fling will be
Sunday, May 4th noon to 4:00 pm!*

Plan to spend part of the day at CPC doing cleanup and repair projects around the church! Many hands make light work! After the work is done, stay for a bite to eat!



Music Appreciation Sunday, May 18th

The musicians at Community Presbyterian Church bless the congregation and the worship services with their music. Be sure to attend worship on Sunday, May 18th, when we recognize the contribution our musicians make to CPC!

THANK YOU

*Dear CPC,
Thank you so much for the incredibly generous gift of cash last month. I was planning to purchase a new sewing machine. With the gift that you gave me, I was also able to get a very nice cabinet to hold the machine! I will enjoy my new set up for years to come! Thank you so much for always taking care of me and making me feel appreciated.*

Blessings to you all, Stephanie

MAY 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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

Update from the office:

There will be one newsletter for June and July... the content deadline is May 20.

The office will be closed May 22 -27, a long Memorial Day weekend. The office will also be closed June 23-30.



Sing in the SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Worship and Music News

Jennifer is organizing a 'walk-in' choir for the summer months. No experience necessary. Here is your opportunity to sing with the choir with no rehearsals. You just walk-in and join us on one Sunday each month. The dates are: June 22, July 27, and August 17. The music will be easy and singable so don't fret. You can do it. All you have to do is walk-in and join the choir.

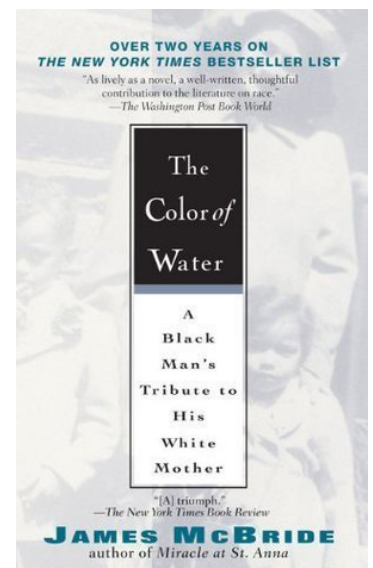
Outdoor Worship with hymn sings are June 15 and July 20. Watch for your opportunity to request hymns for the hymn sings!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Sunday, May 18th, following the Music Appreciation Sunday festivities. They will discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride.

From the Rochester Public Library website: "Who was Ruth McBride Jordan? Not even her son knew the answer to that question until he embarked on a twelve-year journey that changed himself and his family forever. Born Rachel Deborah Shilsky, she began life as the daughter of an angry, failed Orthodox Jewish rabbi in the South. To escape her unhappy childhood, Ruth ran away to Harlem, married a black man, became Baptist and started an all-Black church. Her son James tells of growing up with inner confusions, chaos, and financial hardships ; of his own flirtation with drugs and violence ; of the love and faith his mother gave her twelve children ; and of his belated coming to terms with her Jewish heritage. The result is a powerful portrait of growing up, a meditation on race and identity, and a poignant, beautifully crafted hymn from a son to his mother."

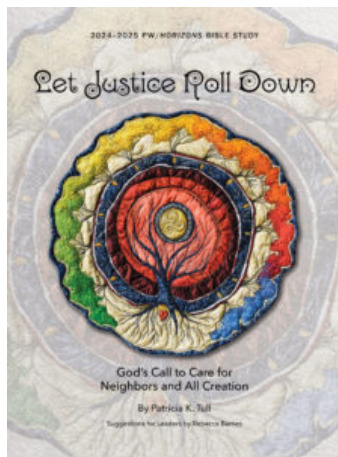
Read the book and join in the discussion on May 18!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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The last study from this book is on Tuesday, May 6 at 9:30 am.

We will have a study on The Lord's Prayer on Tuesday, May 13 at 9:30 am.

• Working for Justice and Peace •

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month;

asianpacificheritage.gov

05–11 Children's Book Week; everychildareader.net/cbw

06 National Teacher Day; nea.org

10 World Fair Trade Day; wfto.com

10 Stamp Out Hunger Day;

about.usps.com/corporate-social-responsibility/nalc-food-drive.htm

11 Mother's Day; pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/mothers-day

15 Palestinian Nakba Remembrance Day; un.org/unispal/about-the-nakba

22 International Day for Biological Diversity; cbd.int/idb

26 Memorial Day; cem.va.gov/history/Memorial-Day-history.asp

Study Lesson 9: Sustaining Creation's Health for All

David C. Holman, "Accounting for Nature's Benefits: The Dollar Value of Ecosystem Services" (Environmental Health Perspectives 120:4, April 2012, <https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/ehp.120-a152>).

TED talk by Janine Benyus: <https://biomimicry.org/what-is-biomimicry/>.

Endnotes

126 Reagan Pearce, "What Are Ecosystem Services?" (Earth.org, Oct 6, 2020, earth.org/what-are-ecosystem-services). See also David C. Holman, "Accounting for Nature's Benefits: The Dollar Value of Ecosystem Services" (Environmental Health Perspectives 120:4, April 2012, ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/10.1289/ehp.120-a152).

127 "Ecosystem Services" (The National Wildlife Federation, <https://nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Wildlife-Guide/Understanding-Conservation/Ecosystem-Services>).

129 Wilson, Edward O., "The Little Things That Run the World (The Importance and Conservation of Invertebrates)" (Conservation Biology 1, no. 4, 1987, jstor.org/stable/2386020).

130 See Biomimicry Institute's discussion and watch a TED talk by Janine Benyus at biomimicry.org/what-is-biomimicry.

132 See Jangira Lewis, "US Military Pollution: The World's Biggest Climate Change Enabler" (November 12, 2021, earth.org/us-military-pollution).

Suggestions for Leaders

Earthday Sunday worship: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-day-sunday/>

Season of Creation: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Presbyterian Hunger Program's Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/>

PC(USA) Office of Public Witness: <https://votervoicenet.org/PCUSA/campaigns>



Lace Up for The Landing MN's First 5K Run & 1-Mile Walk!

Get ready to run (or walk) for a cause! We're thrilled to announce The Landing MN's first-ever fun run. This fundraising event will support our mission of providing a soft place to land for Rochester community members experiencing homelessness.

Please, save the date and join us for a morning of movement and impact. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to support The Landing MN, this event is for you!

Event Date: July 26, 2025

Location: Little Thistle

Start Time: 9 am

Registration is open now! Every step you take helps us continue offering essential services, support, and hope to those in need.

Stay tuned for more details, and get ready to hit the pavement for a purpose!

More information or to register, go to <https://www.thelandingmn.org/lace-up-for-hope-5k>



AROUND THE COMMUNITY

At Community Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 6!

Special screening package for \$159 for our members includes:

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

Call to schedule an appointment near you!

888-814-0466 and use code: HSCA001



If you are interested, the CPC office has a couple of free screenings, just call or email the office for the coupon!



At Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on May 8th!

Ring Out Presents:

Ringling Through the Storm

May 8th, 2025 | 7pm
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
3920 Victoria St N, Shoreview, MN

May 17th, 2025 | 7pm
Sateren Auditorium | Augsburg University
1977 S 7th 1/2 St, Minneapolis, MN



RingOutMN.ORG

Community Presbyterian's Calendar

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>Special Guest: The Landing 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Spring Fling 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00am Great Room Use: Life Line Screening 9:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm Great Room/ Library Use: SE MN ASD Social Group</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Onsite and Online Worship 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 6:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal 7:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:00pm Great Room Rental: piano recital</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Music Appreciation Sunday 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 10:40am Book Discussion Group 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Mission Prayer Group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:00pm Newsletter articles due 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship Meeting 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office Closed 5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3:00pm Great Room Use: Rental/Graduation Party</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Memorial Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Prayer Group at CPC</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</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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Church office: office@cpcrochester.org**