



Community Press

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ROCHESTER, MN



AUGUST 2026 SERMON SERIES

Fruitful Stewards: Faithful with All God Has Given

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."

1 Corinthians 4:2

God has entrusted Community Presbyterian Church of Rochester with many treasures: faithful people, a rich history, spiritual gifts, a church building, financial resources, and opportunities to serve our neighbors.

During August, Pastor Paul will lead us through a five-week sermon series entitled
"Fruitful Stewards: Faithful with All God Has Given."

Together, we will explore what the Bible teaches about money, possessions, generosity, tithing, wise financial management, and the responsibility to use God's gifts for Christ's mission.

This series is not simply about raising money. It is an invitation to grow in gratitude, trust, generosity, wisdom, and faithfulness.

August 2: Everything Belongs to God

August 9: Where Your Treasure Is

August 16: Honoring God with the First-fruits

August 23: Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much

August 30: God Provides Enough for Every Good Work

**Come and discover how God's blessings can flow
through us to bless Rochester and beyond.**

AUGUST 2026

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 2026</u>	Amanda Ross Lyal Powell	Personnel and Nominating Building and Grounds
<u>Class of 2027</u>	Peggy McCarty Ronda Marshall Mary Alice Richardson Dave Copeland	Christian Education Finance and Stewardship Mission Worship and Music
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Meyer Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2026 Nominating Committee

Mary Meyer, Jane Burgstaler, 2 open spots

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.

Class of 2026

Carole Kinion Copeland
Margaret Petersen

Class of 2027

Stacy Kopecky
Mary Meyer

Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff
Pianist
Music Director
Custodian
Office Manager

Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Dr. Tianyao Xie
Jennifer Taylor
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

Sunday, August 16, CPC-Rochester will travel to CPC- Plainview for a Joint Worship Service.

The service will begin at 9:30 am. To carpool to Plainview, please gather at CPC at 8:30 am. We will plan to leave CPC Rochester by 8:45 am to get to CPC Plainview in plenty of time! There is a potluck brunch afterwards, all you can eat corn begins at 11:00 am, and a parade goes past the church beginning at 1:30 pm.

Sign up in the narthex or by emailing the office!



Pastoral Installation Celebration Coming Soon

The congregations of Community Presbyterian Church of Rochester and Community Presbyterian Church of Plainview are joyfully preparing for the installation of the Rev. Pornchai “Paul” Banchasawan as their shared pastor.



The installation service is currently anticipated for the end of August or the beginning of September 2026. The exact date, time, location, and other details are being discussed and coordinated between the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area and the sessions of both congregations.

A pastoral installation is a special service of worship and celebration. It recognizes the covenantal relationship among the pastor, the congregations, and the Presbytery as they commit themselves to serving Jesus Christ together.

Members, families, friends, and community neighbors will be warmly invited to attend and celebrate this joyful new season of ministry. Please watch upcoming bulletins, newsletters, emails, and church announcements for the confirmed dated and additional information.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Paul, his family, both congregations, and all those helping to prepare this meaningful celebration.



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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A New Season of Ministry Together

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As I write my first newsletter article as your pastor, my heart is filled with gratitude. My family and I moved to Rochester on June 18, and I officially began serving as

the shared pastor of Community Presbyterian Church of Rochester and Community Presbyterian Church of Plainview on July 1. These first weeks have been filled with new beginnings, meaningful conversations, warm welcomes, and many opportunities to learn about the people and ministries of both congregations.

My wife, Areerat, and I are grateful to be here with our three children, Sun, Alpha, and Win. Moving to Minnesota has brought many changes for our family, but your kindness, prayers, hospitality, and encouragement have helped us feel welcomed into this new community. Thank you to everyone who helped with our move, greeted us in worship, introduced yourselves, shared meals with us, and offered support as we began settling into our new home and ministry.

During July, we reflected together on the meaning and calling of the church. We considered the church as God's household, a community of worship and fellowship, living stones and a holy priesthood, and a people sent into the world as Christ's witnesses. These messages have been especially meaningful to me as we begin this new season together.



August Sermon Series: “Fruitful Stewards”

As we enter August, we will begin a new five-week sermon series called “Fruitful Stewards.” Through this series, we will explore what the Bible teaches about possessions, generosity, faithful management, and trusting God’s provision.

Stewardship is about much more than money. It is the faithful way we use everything God has entrusted to us—our time, spiritual gifts, abilities, relationships, possessions, opportunities, and financial resources. Everything we have ultimately belongs to God, and we are called to manage these gifts in ways that honor God and bless others.

My prayer is that this sermon series will not be experienced as a message of pressure or guilt, but as an invitation to gratitude, freedom, trust, and joyful participation in God’s work. Christian stewardship grows from the good news that God has first given everything to us through Jesus Christ.

As your pastor, I look forward to learning more about you, hearing your stories, visiting with you, praying with you, and discovering how God is calling us to serve together. I also look forward to supporting the separate identity, history, and ministry of each congregation while encouraging our shared partnership in Christ.

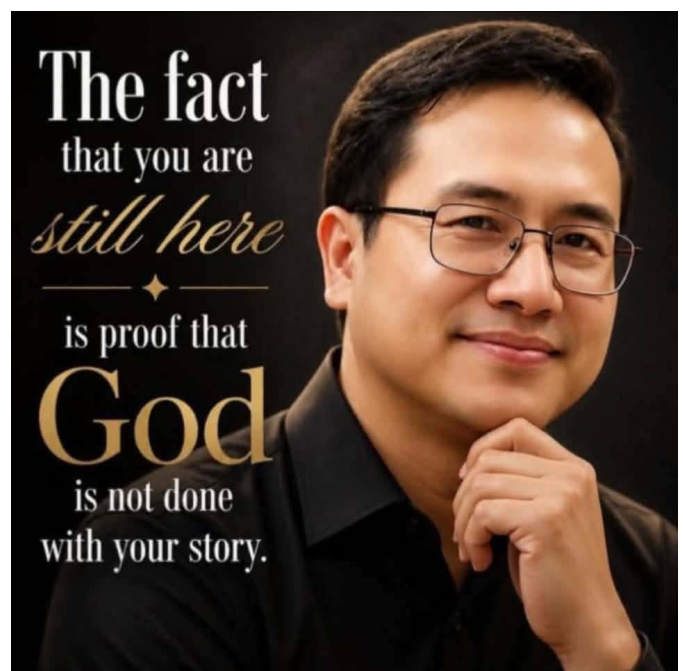
We are only at the beginning of this journey. There will be much to learn, many decisions to make, and many opportunities for ministry before us. I believe that God has brought us together for a meaningful purpose. With prayer, patience, faithful communication, and a shared commitment to Christ, we can move forward with hope.

Thank you for welcoming my family and me into your church family. Please continue to pray for us, for the leaders of both congregations, and for the ministry that God has entrusted to us.

May we walk together in faith, serve together in love, and become fruitful stewards of all that God has placed in our hands.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Paul Banchasawan

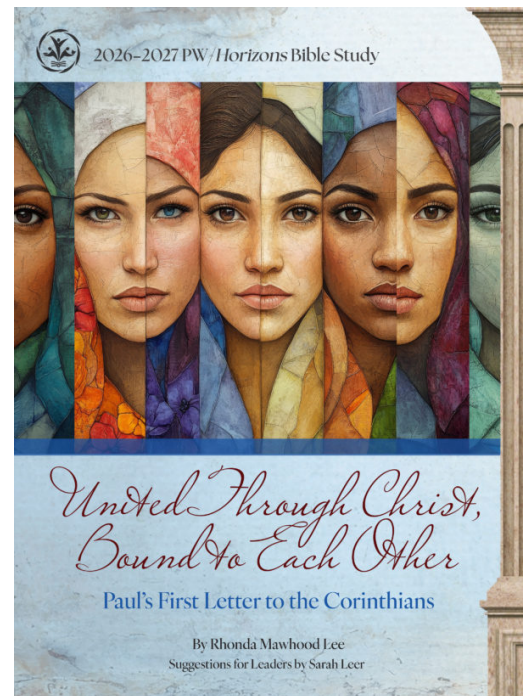


United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

By Rhonda Mawhood Lee

The 2026–2027 PW/Horizons Bible study

Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready when that day came. Two thousand years later, the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has already been transformed by God's life-giving love. Our challenge remains to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection.



Many of the questions asked by our earliest siblings in faith remain ours, too. How can our lives demonstrate our trust in Jesus Christ's victory over death? What do we do when different understandings of the gospel undermine church unity? How can Christians understand gender and sexuality? When conflict arises, how do we deal with it?

This Bible study will raise many questions while providing few direct answers. Those, you will seek yourself through prayerful reading, thinking, and discussion. I pray that unity in Jesus Christ will guide you and your study group and inspire you, together, to do everything in love.

***This study will begin at CPC-Rochester this fall!
The study guides have been ordered will be available soon!***

Working for Justice and Peace

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR

AUGUST

06 Nuclear Victims' and Survivors' Day; pcusa.org/worship-with-us/yearbook/august-6-2020

09 International Day of the World's Indigenous People; un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day

09 Day of Prayer for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula;

pcusa.org/worship-with-us/yearbook/june-24-2018

19 World Humanitarian Day; un.org/en/observances/humanitarian-day



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Community Presbyterian Church

When: August 19, 2026

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

Trusted by over 11 million customers.

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

Who should attend:

Anyone **age of 40+**

Special Pricing for \$129

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
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Call **800-324-9458** and use
promo code **HABC001**

Visit  **LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC**



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.

REMEMBERING AMY WARD

Amy Girard (Calehuff) Ward

October 31, 1960 – June 30, 2026

The Ward/Calehuff family would like to let you know our precious Amy passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 30 after more than a year in hospice at Cottagewood (the special Senior Memory Care cottage that has been her home since September 2023). Her gentle passing was filled with love thanks to the devoted staff there, Cal's almost daily visits, and regular visits from sons Tucker, Luke, and her four sisters.

Music was an ongoing source of delight and connection for Amy, so the day before she passed, with Cal holding her hand and her sisters joining by phone, we spent more than an hour singing Amy's favorite songs to her one last time. Though she never opened her eyes, we're quite sure she heard us and felt our love.

Amy's legacy is one of extraordinary strength, resilience and optimism despite decades of physical challenges. Born on Halloween 1960, she was a bright, adventurous teen who soloed in a glider plane at age 15. She spent her senior year of high school in Sweden as an exchange student and proved to be an adventurous international traveler. She was on Penn State's ski team, worked as an Analyst for IBM, was a choir director, Mayo Gonda singer and more. Cal was the love of her life, and she adored their two ginger redhead boys. She was barely 40 when surgery for a large brain tumor changed the trajectory of her life. For 25+ years, she lived with resulting physical and mental challenges with remarkable grace and optimism.

We remain in awe of Amy's ever-bright "ginger peachy" attitude and are forever grateful for the lessons she taught us, especially to stop and take time to truly notice the miracles all around us – a beautiful flower, a spotted cow in the field, a crimson sunset.

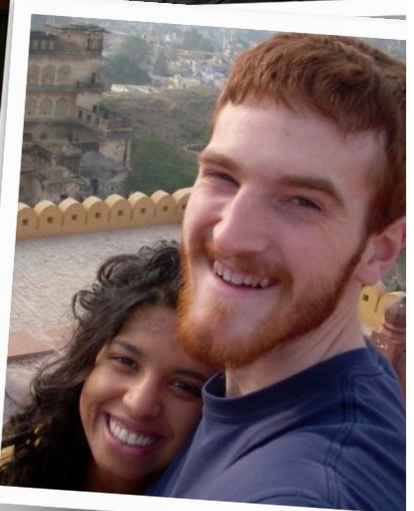
We know Amy will always be with us, her beautiful smile forever in our hearts. May her journey home be filled with peace, light and love.

As Amy would say...  Happy Trails to you, 'till we meet again 

Cal, Tucker, Luke, Linda, Kathy, Heather & Phyllis

*Amy's Celebration of Life will take place on
Sunday, November 1st following worship.*

REMEMBERING AMY WARD



MINNESOTA VALLEYS PRESBYTERY

FAITH & Agriculture FARM TOUR

*Faith in Action Through
Stewardship of God's Creation*

Hosted By:
PRESBYTERIAN ELDER
BRUCE TIFFANY AND
THE TIFFANY FAMILY



Sun, Aug 9



3:00 pm



- rain or shine -

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. -Genesis 2:15

ALL ARE WELCOME! **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Come and See

HOW FAITH SHAPES LIFE ON THE FARM.

Join us for an afternoon of learning, worship, fellowship, and discovery at Tiffany Family Farms, LLC, in Redwood Falls.

Whether you are a farmer, retired farmer, landowner, gardener, church leader, pastor, or simply curious about agriculture, this tour offers a unique opportunity to explore the relationship between faith, stewardship, and modern farming.

Hear the story of how one Presbyterian family strives to care for God's gifts of soil, water, crops, wildlife, and future generations while continually improving their practice.

Observing. Learning. Celebrating.

FAITH. FAMILY. FARM. FUTURE

- See the beauty of the farm with its trees, Redwood River, grasses, and crops
- Observe soil and water conservation practices in action in the farm fields while riding on wagons
- Hear the story of Tiffany Family Farms long-term commitment to caring for God's gifts of soil and water
- Be inspired by worship
- Enjoy fellowship and refreshments



Bruce is an experienced farm tour host showcasing proven soil and water stewardship practices to urban, suburban, and rural audiences. If you google Bruce Tiffany you will read several citations of articles, podcasts, and radio interviews featuring Bruce.



-WHAT TO BRING-

- Wear appropriate clothing, shoes, and hats
- Water bottle, sun protection, and bug repellent
- Your curiosity, questions, and open heart
- Family, friends, neighbors, and community!



LOCATION

Tiffany Family Farms, LLC
32505 327th St
Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Restrooms will be available.

RSVP

To help us plan for refreshments and attendance, please RSVP by Aug 5.



Questions: Please contact Rev. Tim Olsen at revtim93@gmail.com or the Presbytery Office at tina@minnesotavalleys.org.

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) 11:00am Online and Onsite Worship	27 9:00am Session Packet Items Due	28 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network 7:30pm Session Meeting	29 8:00am Prayer Group	30	31	1
2 11:00am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion	3 8:00am Great Room Use: Med-City Driving	4 8:00am Great Room Use: Med-City Driving 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	5 8:00am Prayer Group 8:00am Great Room Use: Med-City Driving	6 8:00am Great Room Use: Med-City Driving	7 8:00am Great Room Use: Med-City Driving	8
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16 8:30am gather to carpool to Plainview 9:30am Joint Worship in Plainview 11:00am Potluck Brunch in Plainview, Cornfeed and Parade (parade begins at 1:30)	17	18 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	19 8:00am Prayer Group 8:00am Great Room Use: Life Line Screening Event	20 12:00pm Newsletter articles due	21	22
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***Community
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 11:00 am each Sunday
Both onsite and online!
Communion is the first Sunday of the month.**

**Online Worship, Sundays 11:00 am
<https://meet.google.com/mhq-retb-jzs>
Or dial: (US) +1 715-600-0099 PIN: 959 349 717#**

**Bulletins for worship can be found
on the homepage of our website.
www.cpcrochester.org**

**Contact the church office: 507-280-9291
or email office@cpcrochester.org**