

Community
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Church



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Thursday, July 4, 2024

Newsletter

WORSHIP UPDATE

Sunday morning July 7th – Join us in person at church or online!

10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

I Samuel 17: 1-16

Mark 5: 1-20

Pastor Amy Kosari

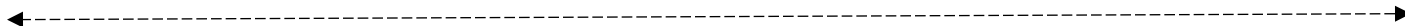
“The Country of the Gedarenes”

Community Presbyterian Church - Home (cpcplainview.com)

Community Presbyterian Church - YouTube

Coffee Fellowship in the church basement following worship.

Host: Cathy DeMartini



RUBY'S PANTRY

There is interest in starting a Ruby's Pantry in our PEM area. This program would also benefit the PEM Food Shelf. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Cain at 507-421-7163 or Trinity Lutheran Church, Elgin at 507-876-2671. There is more information at rubyspantry.org. Ruby's Pantry is a once a month, drive through, pop up pantry and is for ANYONE that eats! There is no income or residency requirement, and Ruby's Pantry is for anyone looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. Each guest donates a \$25 donation and receives an abundance of grocery items. Food items are gathered from manufacturer donations, food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops.

PER CAPITA

We must be mindful of our per capita payments to the Presbytery. Per capita is set at \$40.00 per individual. Our church still owes the Presbytery about \$3,350 in per capita payments. If you haven't paid your per capita for 2024 yet, please do so soon.

SIGN UPDATE

This project is on hold until we can take the sign apart and send in the two transmitters to the company. There does not seem to be any way to take the sign apart, so we may have to cut into the sign with tools to remove the transmitter.

COMMUNITY CLOTHESLINE UPDATE:

The missions committee and youth are working to open the Clothesline space. Currently, we are accepting specific items for donations; please keep in mind our customer base is looking for casual and work clothes: women's tops, women's bottoms, men's bottoms, baby boy clothes, tennis shoes (all ages), towels, sheet sets. We also need kitchen items such as pots and pans. Donations can be accepted during church office hours or during clothesline hours.

We need volunteers to staff the Clothesline on Thursdays. Please sign up in the church office or use this Google Document to sign up for shifts:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p2kNFIqGaEmX3IAe7bYPKVketP28IZABByMwqyGV6wo/edit>

To use the Clothesline Google Document, simply type in the https:// URL, noting the number "1", and capital "I" used in different places. If you have trouble, email or call the church office for help.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help staff the Clothesline this summer. Joan Lee, who staffed half the Clothesline last year, will be unable to do so due to surgery on her hip. We need your help! Thank you.

ALANON MEETINGS

Alanon Meetings take place weekly on Tuesdays at Plainview Church of Christ from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enter the south door on 2nd Avenue. Alanon is for friends and family members of alcoholics and addiction.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like your prayer request printed in the newsletter and bulletin, please provide a written request, and give it to Mark in the office (cpcoffice@hbc.com). I do not always hear the prayer requests in church or cannot write them down quickly enough for complete information. I want to have complete and accurate information for the prayer request. Thank you.

UPDATE FROM SESSION:

The session has committed to re-booting a few committees to help with all the changes we know we need to make.

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

Session Leaders: Joan Lee and Betsy Dewey

OUTREACH (LOCAL)

Session Leaders: Tim Pries & Shawn Jensen

STEWARDSHIP

The Session as a body

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Session Leaders: Alan Dewey

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Tim Pries & Tom Ellringer

MISSION

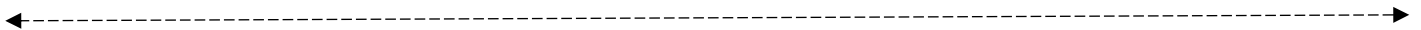
Session Leaders: Bonnie Bosma & Janet Rouillard

As the session continues to meet and to plan for change, we hope you will prayerfully consider joining one of these groups. They will be important in supporting the coming changes!!



PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine.
- Prayers for the country of Israel, in their battle against the Hamas.
- Prayers for the hostages in Gaza.
- Prayers for Haven Paulson, who recently lost his brother.
- Prayers for Ron's friend Chuck, who was diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for Tim's brother, Scott.
- Prayers for John and Zac Zabel, for better health
- Prayers for Wendy Rollie, who is having surgery on a broken wrist.
- Prayers for Diane's friend, Becca Johnson, who has cancer.
- Prayers for Joan Lee as she has her hip replacement surgery July 8.



CHOIR SCHEDULE

We are done with choir rehearsals until August. Please consider joining us next fall!



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Holly Reeve	July 4
Nancy & Josh Hollister	July 20
Jason Laske	July 23
Emily Alden	July 25
Stephanie Kreofsky	July 28

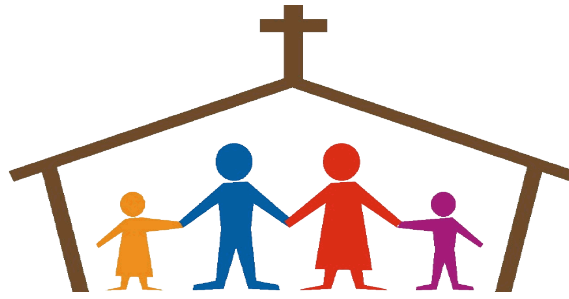
**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Volunteers needed to serve in August & September!

Is there a Sunday you would be interested in helping serve during worship?

We need greeters, coffee fellowship, and liturgist. Sign up on the deacon's sign up clipboard or email cpcoffice@hbc.com.



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

Mark Rich, Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Bosma

We ponder your steadfast Love, O God,

And our praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Tell the next generation:

Our God will be our guide forever.

Come, let us rejoice!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

Great God, many of us carry doubts and questions. Sometimes answers do not come as quickly or as clearly as we would like. Even so, God knows us and calls us to offer our whole selves. Remember that there is room in this place for your “I don’t know.” God invites us to follow in the way of wonder, the path of discipleship. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #354 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

God is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast Love.

Knowing that God is compassionate to all,

Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Amy

God upholds all who are falling,

And raises up those who are bowed down.

Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death;

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Alleluia and Amen!

GLORY TO GOD #581 "Gloria Patri" "Glory be to the Father" found in the purple "Glory to God" Presbyterian hymnal.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Pastor Amy

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bonnie Bosma

Let us pray together:

O Teacher, In Jesus Christ you have shown that even a prophet can be rejected by those who think they know best. Teach us to listen for your word in our midst; let us not be too proud to hear. Open our hearts to those we too easily disregard and the voices we readily exclude. All this we pray through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Bonnie Bosma

Samuel 17: 1-16

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor Amy

Mark 5: 1-20

SERMON

"The Country of the Gadarenes"

Pastor Amy

Responding

HYMN #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER #336 "We Gather Together" (Verse 1)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Amy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING

God Bless America

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,

Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,

Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,

As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America, land that I love,

Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with the light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam;

God bless America, my home sweet home.

July Mission of the Month: Feed My Starving Children

DOXOLOGY: #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" found in the purple "Glory to God" Presbyterian hymnal.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

DEPARTING HYMN #337 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

BENEDICTION SONG #327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (Verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Mark Rich, Organ

GREETERS: Jason Laske & Cathy DeMartini