

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
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Our Mission Statement:

As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."

A Love Letter To The Saints of Community Presbyterian Church

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Matthew 13.1-9

To the Saints of Community Presbyterian Church engaged in God's mission, greetings;

The Gospel of Matthew contains five teaching sections, and this text introduces the third, teaching in parables. This familiar parable has been called by a number of titles through the years, "The Parable of the Sower" being the most common. Jesus has perhaps, in gazing, noticed a farmer sowing as he tells the story. In Palestine, the seed was scattered on the ground and then the ground was turned over, not the other way around as it is in agriculture in the west. The path would have been packed by animals walking single file, the rocky ground was the most common ground in Palestine; after the seeds were turned into the ground, some found a plethora of other seeds to compete with, others found more suitable soil. And there is a harvest—not only a harvest but a bountiful harvest!

There is an interpretation of the parable found in Matthew 13.18-23, wherein the seed becomes the "word of the kingdom" and is perhaps Matthew's construction. Here, in the short, short story, what's remarkable is that the sower sows seed, trusting that the seed will take root and lead to a harvest, an abundant harvest, without getting caught up/tied down with outcomes. The sower simply trusts. So does Jesus trust that in telling us the story, we too will persevere in trust, and bear fruit.

Thank you for your witness to God's mission in the person of Jesus through the passion and purpose of the Holy Spirit and for your witness to God's Way in the world as you love God and neighbor and yourself, and for your presence in the Community Presbyterian Church.

Blessings and Be Well...

Timm

Sunday morning worship begins at 10am weekly in the sanctuary.

The texts for preaching during July are:

July 2	5 th Sunday After Pentecost	Matthew 7.1-6, 12	
July 9	6 th Sunday After Pentecost	Psalm 127	Matthew 7.24-28
July 16	7 th Sunday After Pentecost	Isaiah 55.1-13	Matthew 13.1-9
July 23	8 th Sunday After Pentecost	Isaiah 44.1-8	Matthew 13.24-30
July 30	9 th Sunday After Pentecost		

Worship In July

We will gather as a community for worship regularly at 10am during May, worship that will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion on July 2nd.

Steve Schunk, Member of *CPC* and Member of the Session, will lead worship on July 30th.

An Invitation to be Transformed: Dwelling In The Word

On Sundays from 9-9.40am, you are invited to come to the gathering space to reflect on the texts that will be preached during the worship service that morning.

Timm Out Of Town

Timm will be on vacation and out of town in late July/early August. All pastoral needs/issues should be directed to Shirlee Gallagher, 715.588.1320 or 708.334.2599 (mobile).

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Thanks Be To God To...And For...

Members and friends of *CPC* who as disciples faithfully share their presence and presents supporting God's work individually and corporately through *CPC*!

Members and Friends who are sustaining their financial commitment to *CPC* for 2023!

Those who continue to faithfully pray for resolution and reconciliation regarding the land dispute between our neighbors who live on the lakes, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the title companies, and the town of Lac du Flambeau.

The visitors who joined us in worship during July.

The dedicated persons who volunteer on Wednesdays and Fridays at The Attic.

Rev. Rich Blood who led worship and preached at *CPC* on June 25th.

Do You Have An Interest In Participating In A Summer Book Read?

Do you have a particular book or a particular subject or even a particular book of the Bible you would like to spend time reading and reflecting on during the Summer months? If so, please jot it below and return it to Timm or contact him through the contact information found within this newsletter and every Sunday bulletin, along with a suggested time for the gathering.

Summer can be a very useful and enjoyable time for a book read. Timm looks forward to hearing your desires and your suggestions!

Inside The Attic: Process And People

Recently a number of the persons who volunteer at The Attic were asked what they enjoyed about their experience of being a part of The Attic crew. Their responses can be loosely categorized around resources: process and people.

All of the goods The Attic has for resale are donated and they represent a wide variety from jewelry to clothing to household goods. Upon receipt, the goods are sorted and priced and prepared for sale. This process is one of many opportunities for volunteers who contribute their time and energy to The Attic. This represents the first half of the treasure hunt that The Attic offers: the discovery of what has been donated, goods that are items not otherwise available in other places at reasonable prices. The second half of the treasure hunt occurs when patrons stop by to discover something they have—or even have not—been looking for. These two aspects of the treasure hunt thus bring joy to the helpers and the seekers.

Amongst the people—both the volunteers and the customers—there is a range of personalities and peculiarities, the differences adding to the pleasure of the experience! There is a camaraderie among the volunteers that helps heighten the experience and there is a commonality amongst the shoppers who come looking for treasures, resulting in much joy being shared between individuals, as both clients and volunteers provide inspiration.

Ultimately, the process and the people provide a valuable and missional service with The Attic, as all of the donated goods are priced to sell, and the proceeds go to benefiting persons and causes within the Northwoods. In 2022, \$15,000.00 was earned from sales and distributed to recipients.

Inside The Attic: process and people make for a great mission! Volunteers and Shoppers and visitors of all kinds always welcome on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am-2pm!

The Parking Lot

The discovery of a sink hole in the parking lot has led to the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians desiring to do a ground-penetrating radar examination of the parking lot to the east of the church building to clarify if there are any human remains that were not exhumed previously. The process will not disturb the pavement and seeks to answer lingering questions as to whether or not all of the graves were removed before the parking lot was expanded. Further updates will be shared as the process unfolds.

SESSION NOTES FROM June 30, 2023

There will be Session notes from June in the August Newsletter

Time and Talent Gifts: Tom's Community Table

For those who like to plan ahead...watch for a sign-up to help when your church partners with St. Anthony's Catholic Church to serve at Tom's Community Table on **Tuesday, August 8 at 3 pm.**

Tom's Table is a community meal hosted by area churches on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Minocqua.

Stay tuned for more information. Questions? Please contact Kim Johnson at 608-772-1927 or johnsonschunk4@me.com.

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WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:

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JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Rebecca Wright	July 7
Ralph Kerler	July 11
Mary Jane Hettinga	July 20
Mary Jane Stevens	July 23
Richard Rosenthal	July 25
Delma Erikson	July 28
Judy Grahl	July 28

Anniversaries

John and Edi Spellmeyer	July 12
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Scripture readings for July

July 2 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 8

Semicontinuous: Gen. 22:1-14 and Psalm 13;

Complementary: Jer. 28:5-9; and Ps. 89:1-4,15-18; Rom. 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42

July 9 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 9

Semicontinuous: Gen. 24:34-38,42-49,58-67 and Ps. 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13;

Complementary: Zech. 9:9-12 and Ps. 145:8-14; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 10

Semicontinuous: Gen. 25:19-34 and Ps. 119:105-112;

Complementary: Isa. 55: 10-13 and Ps. 65: (1-8)9-13; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23- 8th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 11

Semicontinuous: Gen. 28: 10-19a and Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24;

Complementary: Isa. 44:6-8 and Ps. 86:11-17; Rom.8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30,26-43

July 30 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 12

Semicontinuous: Gen.29:15-28 and Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128;

Complementary: 1 Kgs. 3:5-12 and Ps. 119:129-136; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

Special Dates for July

U.S. Independence Day

July 4, 2022

Edi Spellmeyer Celebrates her 95th Birthday

In honor of Edi Spellmeyer, her 95th birthday on June 22, 2023, 11 friends from Community Presbyterian Church gathered at the "Boathouse" to help her celebrate. When Edi was asked what contributed to her long life she said, "choose your parents, choose the right man (husband), celebrate each birthday and each day and eat preservatives!!" The party concluded with a joyful round of happy birthday and sharing a delicious Swedish Almond Cake made by Shirlee Gallagher.



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