

# CPC LIFE

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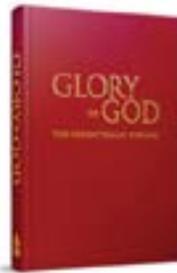
**Elder of the Month**  
**Debbie Celio**

- Event Schedule**  
For more information and events visit:  
<https://www.cplombard.org/calendar>
- Office will be closed:**  
- November 11 (Veterans Day)  
- November 24-25 (Thanksgiving Holidays)
- Mon., Wed., & Fri. - Chair Yoga 1 - 1:45pm Westminster Hall. No class 11/21 & 25
  - FaithWeaver Friends & Kids Club Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00pm Register online, Walk-ins welcome. [cplombard.org/cpc-school-registration](http://cplombard.org/cpc-school-registration)  
- Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00pm Jr.High - High School
  - Sun., - Pastor's Bible Study: The 5 books of the Torah 9:00 - 9:45am. No class 11/13 & 20. See pg. 3
  - Mon., - Lectionary Bible Study: The Revised Common Lectionary 7:00 - 8:00pm No class 11/14 & 21. See pg. 3
  - Sun., Nov. 6 - Consecration Sunday & Congregational Meeting (Communion Sunday) - Following service. There will be a luncheon to follow.  
- Deacons Thanksgiving Basket Donations for Gift Cards is due Nov 13. See pg. 6
  - Mon., Nov. 21 - Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner. 1:00pm. See pg. 3
  - Sat., Dec. 3 - Parents Day Out 8:00am - Noon. See pg. 2



## Pastor's Post

by: Pastor Brent Anderson



### The New Hymnal, Glory To God

Glory to God is the newest Presbyterian hymnal, published in 2013. It contains 853 hymns, psalms, and songs. About 400 hymns are carried over from the 1990 blue hymnal, which means, if there was a hymn you liked in the blue hymnal, then most likely it's in Glory to God. There are also more than 450 new hymns that come from older Presbyterian hymnals, other songbooks, and individual composers and authors.

Glory to God includes a complete Psalter of singable Psalms and enough music for a complete Taizé service. There are liturgical texts to serve as a model for Reformed worship, and a brief note is included with each hymn, providing information about its music, theology, or history.

Glory to God reflects the diversity of the church, incorporating many different musical styles: traditional, spirituals, folk, gospel, jazz, contemporary, and global music are all well-represented.

Glory to God has thinner pages so that the 1000 + pages within the hymnal will not seem heavier than the last hymnal. Glory to God has eight different indexes: a Topical Index; a Lectionary Index; a Scriptural Index; an Index of Authors, Composers, and Sources; an Alphabetical Index of Tunes; a Metrical Index of Tunes; and an Index of First Lines and Common Titles.

Along with 100 copies of the Glory to God hymnal, we have also received a copy of the digital and projection versions.

**What will happen to the blue hymnals?** Several of our blue hymnals were dedicated to the memory of or given in honor of specific people. Those hymnals have been set aside and can be claimed in the church office by appropriate people. In addition, there are many hymnals without dedications that will be available in the Narthex for people to take home and use at their leisure.

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## Committees & Meetings

### TUESDAYS

- Staff 10:00am
- Nov. 8 / Finance 6:00pm  
Worship 7:00pm
- Nov. 15 / Deacons 6:30pm  
Trustees 7:30pm
- Nov. 22 / Session 7:00pm

### WEDNESDAYS

- Nov. 9 / Communications 10:00am

### THURSDAYS

- Nov. 17 / Children & Family Ministries  
6:30pm  
Growing Place Board 1:00pm

## Lay Reader & Usher Schedule

### Lay Reader:

- Nov 6 - Rev. Brent Anderson
- Nov 13 - Betsy Swinson
- Nov 20 - Cary Mentzer
- Nov 27 - Don Comfort
- Dec 4 - Steve Sweetser
- Dec 11 - Sandi Rennie

### Ushers:

- Nov 6 - Diane Porter & Betsy Swinson
- Nov 13 - Bill Stout & Diane Porter
- Nov 20 - Ken Schweisthal & Jack Force
- Nov 27 - Mike Casey & Jim/Adam DeLuca
- Dec 4 - Diane Porter & Betsy Swinson
- Dec 11 - Bill Stout & Diane Porter

## AV Schedule

### AV:

- Nov 6 - Ethan, Emily, & Dave
- Nov 13 - Dan & Dave
- Nov 20 - Dave
- Nov 27 - Dave & Dan/(TBD)
- Dec 4 - Ethan, Emily, & Dave
- Dec 11 - Dan & Dave
- Dec 18 - Dave, Ethan, & Emily (TBD)
- Dec 24 - 5pm: Dave, (TBD)  
11pm: Dave
- Dec 25 - Dave, Dan (TBD)
- Jan 1 - Ethan & Emily

To join or for more information, contact Dan at [dan.smaczny@outlook.com](mailto:dan.smaczny@outlook.com).

### Sunday Virtual Worship Service Links

Services stream "Live" at 10:00am. Recordings of services are available at <https://www.cplombard.org/cpc-video>

Also: Transmission on 88.1 FM to the CPC Parking Lot.

### Change of Address or Your Contact Info

Let the office know if you have any address, email, or phone number changes at any time, so we can update our CPC Directory.

Contact our office administrator Karen Ford at [cpcadma@gmail.com](mailto:cpcadma@gmail.com).



### Reserving a Room at CPC

If you would like to schedule an event or meeting at CPC, please contact our office administrator Karen Ford at [cpcadma@gmail.com](mailto:cpcadma@gmail.com) to guarantee a space. Please include the date requested, time, purpose, and any special needs you may have. We prefer a few weeks' notice if possible, however, if your need is more last minute we'll do our best to accommodate.

## Upcoming Youth & Family Events



### Parents Day Out

Saturday, December 3. FREE  
8:00 - Noon. Ages 3yrs - 5th Grade

Parents can go shopping knowing their children are safe and engaged. Includes: Breakfast, Activities, and Games. Watch for more details.

Keep an eye out for a November Event in the Sunday Bulletin, Bulletin Board and on Facebook.

## Pastor Brent's Installation 10-16-22



# Adult Ed



**Pastor's Sunday Morning  
Bible Study**  
Sunday Mornings  
9:00 - 9:45am  
Geneva Community Room

The first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) form the most sacred text in Judaism, the Torah, which serves as the foundation from which the rest of Scripture finds its footing. Over the course of the next three years, Pastor Brent will walk us through the Torah and help us engage the stories, explore the mysteries, notice things we've never noticed before, and wrestle with their meaning while paying attention to the historical, cultural, and social contexts in which they were written.

11/6 - Genesis 4-5  
Noah and the Flood II

11/13 & 11/20 - No Study  
(Brent's study leave vacation)

11/27 - Genesis 10-11  
The Tower of Babel

12/4 - Genesis 12-13  
The Call of Abram

12/11 - Genesis 14-15  
Covenant with Abram

12/18 - Genesis 16-17  
Ishmael and Circumcision

12/25 - 1/1 Holidays  
No Study

1/8 - Genesis 18-19  
Sodom and Gomorrah

1/15 - Genesis 20-21  
Gerar, Abimelech, and the Birth of Isaac

1/22 - Genesis 22-23  
The Test

1/29 - Genesis 24  
Isaac and Rebekah



## The Lectionary Bible Study

Monday Evenings  
7:00 - 8:00pm  
Geneva Community Room

The Lectionary Bible Study gathers in person to read, study, and reflect on the passage of Scripture that Pastor Brent will be preaching on the following Sunday. Pastor Brent usually follows the assigned readings found in the Revised Common Lectionary. This study allows participants to dive deeper into the text, live with it, and let it simmer for a week prior to hearing his message on Sunday. This study helps Pastor Brent be a better preacher and the congregation be better hearers of the Word.

11/7 - Luke 21:5-19  
Destruction of the Temple Foretold

11/14 & 11/21 - No Study  
(Brent's study leave vacation)

11/28 - Matthew 3:1-12  
John the Baptist

12/5 - Matthew 11:2-11  
John the Baptist Again

12/12 - Matthew 1:18-25  
The Birth of Jesus

12/19 - Luke 2:1-20  
The Christmas Story

12/26 - 1/1 Holidays  
No Study

1/2 - Matthew 3:13-17  
Baptism of Jesus

1/9 - John 1:29-42  
Lamb of God

1/16 - Matthew 4:12-23  
Fishing for People

1/23 - Matthew 5:1-12  
Sermon on the Mount 1

1/30 - Matthew 5:13-20  
Sermon on the Mount 2

### Chancel Bell Choir

Would you like to play a musical instrument that's easy and fun? Join Bells! For more information, contact Marcia Adkins at: 630-390-8910 or email: [madkinssd44@gmail.com](mailto:madkinssd44@gmail.com)

### CPC Seniors



### Thanksgiving Dinner Monday, Nov. 21st

1:00pm - Westminster Hall  
Cost: \$ 15/person

Please don't let the cost prevent you from coming – financial assistance is available. Deadline to reserve your space and pay is Sunday, November 13th.

Please watch the weekly Sunday Bulletins, Bulletin Board by the Narthex, CPC Life, and the website [cplombard.org](http://cplombard.org) for all announcements!

## FEET TO FAITH

James 2:26 - "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead."

By: Dave Micksch  
Communications Specialist



### Trials of Man

God in the good, bad, and ugly.

The trials we often go through are both from God and from Satan. However, when God gives us trials, they are designed to strengthen and build. When Satan tries us, he intends to weaken and destroy us. We often look at our trials as good or bad, blessings or curses, and we do so often base them on how we feel. Do we feel good about what is taking place? If so, we see it as a blessing from God. If it is something painful, difficult, or just plain ugly, then it must be from Satan, and we pass it off as an attack.

What if both are true? Does that change how you look at the trials you are facing?

There is a spiritual war that has been waging long before you or I were born. It is the war for our soul. Since the Garden, Satan has been fully committed to weakening our relationship with God, so that he can permanently separate us from God, thus destroying us. Ephesians 6:12 – "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." In 1 Peter 5:8, Satan prowls like a roaring lion ready to devour. And in Job 1, God and Satan are taking sides on the character of Job; with God allowing Satan to test Job through a series of trials.

- Job lost children and servants at the hands of murderous thieves.
- He lost his flock of sheep and those who tended the flock to fire.
- He lost his herd of camels and those who tended them to murderous thieves.
- He lost more children to a tornado.
- He suffered painful sores from head-to-toe.

Because Job had gone through all of this, he was tormented day-and-night with grief and likely depression. Very few in human history have ever faced such a series and duration of trials. In James 1, he states "know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance ... maturity and wisdom."

Then there are the trials of our own making that Satan exploits. Judas is an example of this. Judas' trials were of his heart and mind. In John 12:4 he was a thief, taking from the poor. Later, he betrayed Jesus (possibly out of disillusionment – Jesus not starting a rebellion) for 30 pieces of silver. And his final trial, taking his own life.

For Judas, life was not what he expected, and he let his mind travel down that path. He believed he was owed more, so he took it. He may have expected more from Jesus, so he betrayed his relationship with Him. And though Judas spent a lot of time with Jesus, listening to His teachings, and seeing His heart in action, Judas did not understand that Jesus came to redeem

and forgive. Thus, feeling shame and hopelessness from his betrayal, he took his own life.

Both Job and Judas faced trials, albeit very different ones. Job during his trials maintained his faith that God is sovereign, even when the world around him did not. Judas didn't see Jesus (God) as enough. He believed that Jesus should have been more.

How does your view of Jesus/God affect your view of the trials you face?

As hard as it is to understand the world in which we live, and what seems to be an unrelenting series of trials, how we view our trials changes how we face them.

Truth sometimes hits hard. Whatever trials we face, we may not know why we face them. Is it God allowing the trial to strengthen and build our character for something greater He has planned? Or is the trial a weakness in us that Satan exploits; seeking to separate us from Jesus? Regardless of which it may be, we should hold the mindset that James 1 laid out – we are being tested to persevere, to mature, and to become wise. God is refining us into something far more valuable than we know.

Job 23:10 – "But He knows the way I take; when he has tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

### Archives Committee



CPC has updated some of our technology, so we are giving away this 50 inch Sanyo flat screen TV (not a Smart TV). If

interested contact Dan at  
[dan.smaczny@outlook.com](mailto:dan.smaczny@outlook.com).

# Youth & Family Ministry



By:  
Youth & Family Director  
Melissa Ferguson

The second Sunday event was held on October 9th. The children put together blessing bags for those in need. Over 40 bags were filled to take out into the community. A huge "thank you" to the congregation for the generous donation of items, as well as to Jamie DeLuca and Amanda Campbell for planning the second Sunday events each month.

The pumpkin carving event was a successful family event at CPC. There were 47 people in attendance (25 children and 22 adults). The families ate breakfast, listened to a faith lesson, made crafts, and carved pumpkins together. Thank you to Deb Celio, Joan Marlow, Diane Gilliard, Karen Selby, Sue Roucka, and Melissa Ferguson for their time and effort in planning, setting up, running the event, and cleaning up. It was a great morning of fellowship with families from CPC and our community.



## Stewardship Sunday 10-23-22



**Do you love teaching children about the love of God?** We are looking for a few more CPC Sunday School teachers to teach our children throughout the month. There is a rotating schedule, so it is a once-a-month commitment. We would love to have you join our CPC Sunday School Team.

Please contact Melissa Ferguson at [melissa@olyola.com](mailto:melissa@olyola.com) or 630-247-4531 if interested.

# Deacons' Diary

Now is the time for the Deacons, on your behalf, to make direct contributions to families in our communities. On Oct. 18th the Deacons wrote cards to the students and military persons in our church. Enclosed in the cards were \$15 Amazon gift cards for each one. We wanted to remind them that, though many of them are away from home, their church remembers that they are important members of our congregation and that they are thought of and prayed for often.



The Thanksgiving project is already taking place. The Deacons have asked the social workers of the 16 local schools to submit information for 3 families at their school that are in need. Instead of collecting food items to fill boxes, the Deacons have decided instead to purchase gift cards for the families. These gift cards will be of varied amounts, depending on the size of the family. We are hoping that you will donate money to purchase these gift cards. The money can be given by check to CPC with "Deacons' Thanksgiving" written on the memo line or donations can also be given online at the CPC website at <https://www.cpclombard.org/donate>. Add the amount you wish to donate in the box next to "Deacons Thanksgiving." The Deacons will purchase all the gift cards and deliver the cards during the week of Nov. 14, ahead of the Thanksgiving break for the schools. There is a cute poster for this project, designed by Cheryl Williams, which is a turkey baster design thermometer to show the progress of this fundraiser for these families in need.



Believe it or not, the Christmas gift project will be starting at the end of this month! The season of Advent begins on Nov. 27th, and the Deacons' Giving Tree will be in the narthex filled with ornaments thanking those people who are donating toward the Deacons' Christmas giving fund. Once again, the Deacons will be donating to 3 families in 16 different schools, but this will be different than the Thanksgiving fundraiser. Only the children under the age of 18 in a family will be given an individual \$25 Walmart gift card. The parents of these children will receive an envelope of these gift cards on Dec. 21st. If you wish to participate, you can contribute two different ways. One is either donating checks to the Deacons' fund with a memo "Deacons' Christmas" or online at the website given above where there will be a box specified for "Deacons' Christmas." The other choice is to purchase a \$25 gift card from Walmart (Walmart only please) and place it in the decorated special box found in the narthex starting on Nov. 27th. We request that the gift card be only for \$25 but if you want to purchase more than one \$25 gift card that would be wonderful! The absolute deadline for your donations must be Dec. 18th.

The Deacons give thanks to all of you for your generosity and love for others. We bless you all and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

- Sheri Richards

## Prayer Requests

With faithful hearts, we lift our prayers before you, loving God, for:

Bob Brunton; Betsy Swinson, for currently undergoing Chemotherapy; Phil Dahm, for recovery and healing; The Smaczny's relatives, Mark and Michael Nagode, for health issues; Jeff Van Schaick and family; Herb Miller; Pat Semple, for hip surgery; Diane Karrow's son Bill, who has recovered from multiple strokes; Celia Dizonno, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery; Joe Dizonno, for chemo treatments; Dan Smaczny's father, John, recuperating from pneumonia; Janelle Webster, Don Comfort's daughter, for treatment and surgery; Martha Krema, recovering from cancer treatment; Sami, 32 yrs old with rare and lethal skin cancer; Joan Marlow's brother, Ralph; Don Comfort's sister-in-law, Gayle; Eric Schwarz's father, Lewis; Pat Semple's son, Corey for healing from a recently detected thoracic aortic aneurysm; Andrea Pokrefke and her family; Ryan, a friend of the Marlow's who is undergoing chemo for prostate cancer; Cary Mentzer's friends' daughter, Kira, for leukemia, now in remission; Lolly Voss, and her daughter Vickie Anderson.

**Always remember:** Aidan Schwarz, Tim Baffa, Lynda Stahl, Joan Keith, David Nimmer, Clare Tabbert, Karen Cline, Terry Keith, Joan Given, Nancy Bane, and a friend of Phyllis.

## Prayer Group

Our prayer group continues to meet to pray by phone for our church and our world every Saturday. We would love to have anyone who is interested in joining to please do so, even if you do not want to pray out loud. We would love to have you join us! We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am for about 30 minutes. Please join us for this phone prayer group. Please drop a note or call Joan Marlow if you wish to join the group, and we will merge you into our small group. It is VERY easy. Hope to pray with you. Joan Marlow, Diane Porter, and Diane Gilliard.

# Mission Minutes



## News From Our Missions Partners In Mexico

by Terry Jackson

Todd and Maria Luke's Gospel-driven outreach to build cisterns in Mexico gives families, many of whom are indigenous Ch'ols suffering from poor health due in part to lack of clean water, access to an abundant supply of rainwater that makes a family healthier. Ch'ol Presbyterian laymen organize families to work together to build family-owned cisterns that collect rainfall. During the process, our Mexican partners teach useful construction skills, demonstrate the value of partnership, pray together, and share the Good News in a casual and natural manner. Generally, American partners work with our Mexican partners to lighten the physical load. What a joy in 2022 to welcome the first American mission team able to visit since March 2020 due to COVID!

### Here is a recent letter from Todd Luke.

*Dear friends,  
Thank you for the prayers, gifts, and hands-on participation that have made 2022 a very good year.*

### Cisterns Built in 2022 March

*Four cisterns in the Village of Felipe Angeles. It was our first time building there. We worked side by side with fantastic families who love the Lord and will not*

*hesitate to break a sweat and get their hands dirty.*

### May

*Four cisterns in the town of Xpujil for four families who live beyond the reach of the town's water works system that only distributes water about once a week (if that). We hesitate to build cisterns in our county seat because the need is so great elsewhere. But these families showed us how they lack clean water as badly as families in other villages.*

### June and Early July

*Twelve cisterns in the village of Guillermo Prieto. We were excited to return because the families worked so well with Victor, Raul, Isaias, Ezequias, Diego, and*

*the rest of the crew back in 2020.*

### Late July and Early August

*We will build ten cisterns in the village of Ley de Fomento. This is another community that over the years has formed a solid relationship with our local crew.*

### New Cistern Mold

*Each mold has a life span of about four years. We cannot build without strong molds. Our newest mold was paid for with loan repayment funds provided by hundreds of our satisfied cistern owners.*

Your gifts to CPC enable us to support this life-saving outreach. Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKvXisOXqQg>



Doris Holden  
Growing Place Director  
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October was a very busy month for Growing Place. In observance of Fire Prevention month, Growing Place had an all-school fire drill on October 5th. Firefighters and inspectors came out to watch and time our fire drill. Everything went well, and we had an awesome evacuation time of one minute and thirty seconds.

Firefighter Daniel Pingel from the Downers Grove Fire Department was also out on October 19th & 20th to talk to the children about fire safety and demonstrate how to protect yourself in case of fire or smoke.

## Halloween:

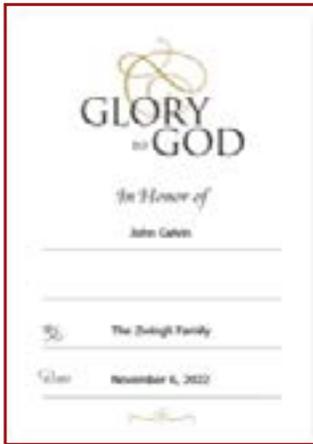
The children celebrated Halloween in their respective classrooms by doing Halloween crafts, art projects, and hearing and sharing some fun stories! The culmination of Halloween celebrations were class parties and Halloween parades on October 27th and 28th.



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### Can I dedicate one of the New Hymnals?

If there is someone you wish to honor with the dedication of a Glory to God hymnal, please contact the office. Each dedication is \$20 and a bookplate will be placed on the inside cover of one of the new hymnals. See example below.



## Nominating Committee And Church Officers

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, we will be having a congregational meeting following worship for the purpose of electing elders, deacons, and trustees for the class of 2025. Once elected, these officers-elect will receive basic training in Presbyterian polity, worship, Reformed history and theology, Bible, and the mission and ministry of the church.

The nominating committee of the congregation has brought forward the following slate of nominations:

### Elders for Class of 2025

Don Gilliard  
Jamie DeLuca  
Martha DeJong

### Deacons for Class of 2025

Kathy Price  
Ruth Force  
Martha Krema

### Trustees for Class of 2025

Jim Williams  
John Harris  
Jim DeLuca  
Gordon Rondeau  
Cary Mentzer  
Don Comfort

## The Ministry Of Ruling Elders

From the Book of Order – G-2.03 Ruling Elders: The Ministry of Discernment and Governance

Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. Ruling elders are so named not because they “lord it over” the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. When elected by the congregation, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session which has the responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness.

## The Ministry Of The Session

From the Book of Order – G-3.02 The Session

The session has responsibility and power to:

- provide a place where the congregation may regularly gather for worship, education, and spiritual nurture,
- provide for regular preaching of the Word by a minister of the Word and Sacrament or other person prepared and approved for the work,
- plan and lead regular efforts to reach into the community and the world with the message of salvation and the invitation to enter into committed discipleship,
- plan and lead ministries of social healing and reconciliation in the community in accordance with the prophetic witness of Jesus Christ,
- initiate and respond to ecumenical efforts that bear witness to the love and grace of God,
- authorize the celebration of the Lord’s Supper at least quarterly and the administration of Baptism as appropriate,

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- exercise pastoral care among the congregation in order that the Sacraments may be received as a means of grace, and the congregation may live in the unity represented in the Sacraments,
- review the roll of active members at least annually and counsel with those who have neglected the responsibilities of membership,
- provide programs of nurture, education, and fellowship,
- train, examine, ordain, and install those elected by the congregation as ruling elders and deacons,
- encourage the graces of generosity and faithful stewardship of personal and financial resources,
- manage the physical property of the congregation for the furtherance of its mission,
- direct the ministry of deacons, trustees, and all organizations of the congregation,
- employ the administrative staff of the congregation,
- lead the congregation in participating in the mission of the whole church,
- warn and bear witness against error in doctrine and immorality in practice within the congregation and community, and
- serve in judicial matters in accordance with the Rules of Discipline.

## The Ministry Of Deacons

From the Book of Order – G-2.02 Deacons: The Ministry of Compassion and Service

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress.

According to the Book of Order, their ministry is under the supervision and authority of the session. Deacons may also be given special assignments in the congregation, such as caring for members in need, handling educational tasks, cultivating liberality in giving, collecting and disbursing monies to specific persons or causes, or overseeing the buildings and property of the congregation.

## THE MINISTRY OF TRUSTEES

From the Book of Order – G-4.01 Incorporation and Trustees

Where permitted by civil law, each congregation shall cause a corporation to be formed and maintained. If incorporation is not permitted, individual trustees shall be elected by the congregation. The corporation so formed, or the individual trustees, shall have the following powers: to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation, provided that in buying, selling, and mortgaging real property, the trustees shall act only after the approval of the congregation, granted in a duly constituted meeting; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The powers and duties of the trustees shall not infringe upon the powers and duties of the session or the board of deacons.

## 2023 Committee Structure

As we look toward the future, the session has been looking at how we can better organize ourselves to continue to meet the needs of our mission and ministry. To this end, all aspects of our life and ministry have been identified and placed into one of three areas of ministry. **Note: Organizational Chart on page 12.**

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### **What Are The Three Areas Of Ministry?**

- **Care & Connection**
- **Spiritual Life**
- **Stewardship**

### **What Falls Into The Care & Connection Area Of Ministry?**

Care and Connection Ministries are those ministries that provide care to people and help people make connections within our community of faith. These include ministries of congregational care, fellowship and mission (local, national, and global).

#### **The purposes of Care & Connection Ministries are to:**

- ensure that opportunities, programs, activities, and events that foster and encourage growing relationships among those connect to Community Presbyterian Church are planned and organized,
- to reach out to others with the love and grace of God, and
- to enable, equip, and encourage us to care for members of our congregation, especially during the more challenging and delicate times of life.

### **What Falls Into The Spiritual Life Area Of Ministry?**

Spiritual Life Ministries are ministries related to the nurture and care of one's spiritual life. These include ministries of Christian Education and Spiritual Nurture for children, youth, and adults, and worship.

#### **The purposes of Spiritual Life Ministries are to:**

- plan, organize and provide opportunities, programs, activities, and events that nurture the spiritual life of our congregation, lead us to deeper faith, and shape us as disciples of Jesus Christ, and
- enable us to worship God.

### **What Falls Into The Stewardship Area Of Ministry?**

Stewardship ministries provide for the proper care, use, and maintenance of our ministry resources (people, property, and finances).

#### **The purposes of Stewardship Ministries are to:**

- help us care for and manage our resources effectively (personnel, property, and finances) and
- help us be good stewards of all the gifts with which God has blessed us.

### **What Committees Will Be Formed Within Each Of These Areas Of Ministry And Who Is Going To Lead Them?**

- Each elder on session will be responsible for serving as a chairperson of one of the committees in one of the areas of ministry.
- The Deacons will partner with elders from session and serve on the committees within the Care & Connection area of ministry along with other interested members of our congregation.
- The three committees within the Care & Connection area of ministry are:
  - **The Fellowship Committee**
  - **The Congregational Care Committee**
  - **The Mission Committee**

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- The Trustees will partner with elders from session and serve on the committees within the Stewardship area of ministry along with other interested members of our congregation.
- The three committees within the Stewardship area of ministry are:
  - **The Personnel Committee**
  - **The Finance Committee**
  - **The Buildings and Grounds Committee**
- Anyone interested in nurturing the faith and Life of our congregation can partner with elders on session and serve on the committees within the Spiritual Life area of ministry.
- The three committees within the Spiritual Life area of ministry are:
  - **The Children & Youth Ministries Committee**
  - **The Adult Ministries Committee**
  - **The Worship Committee**

This means that in 2023, there will be a total of nine committees organized into three areas of ministry:

### **Care & Connection**

**The Fellowship Committee** – Planning, promoting, and organizing ministries, activities, and events that allow people to connect to one another and our community of faith.

**The Congregational Care Committee** – Providing ministries of care and support to members of our community of faith.

**The Mission Committee** – Reaching out to others with the love and grace of God, working on behalf of the poor, vulnerable, and needy, and providing mission, service, and outreach that begins with our local community and extends beyond.

### **Spiritual Life**

**The Children & Youth Ministries Committee** – Planning, promoting, and organizing opportunities, activities, and ongoing ministries for the education and spiritual nurture of children and youth.

**The Adult Ministries Committee** – Planning, promoting, and organizing opportunities, activities, and ongoing ministries for the education and spiritual nurture of adults.

**The Worship Committee** – Providing opportunities for the community of faith to gather to worship God, hear the Word of God read and proclaimed, and receive the sacraments.

### **Stewardship**

**The Personnel Committee** – Ensuring the proper stewardship of the congregation's staff and volunteer resources.

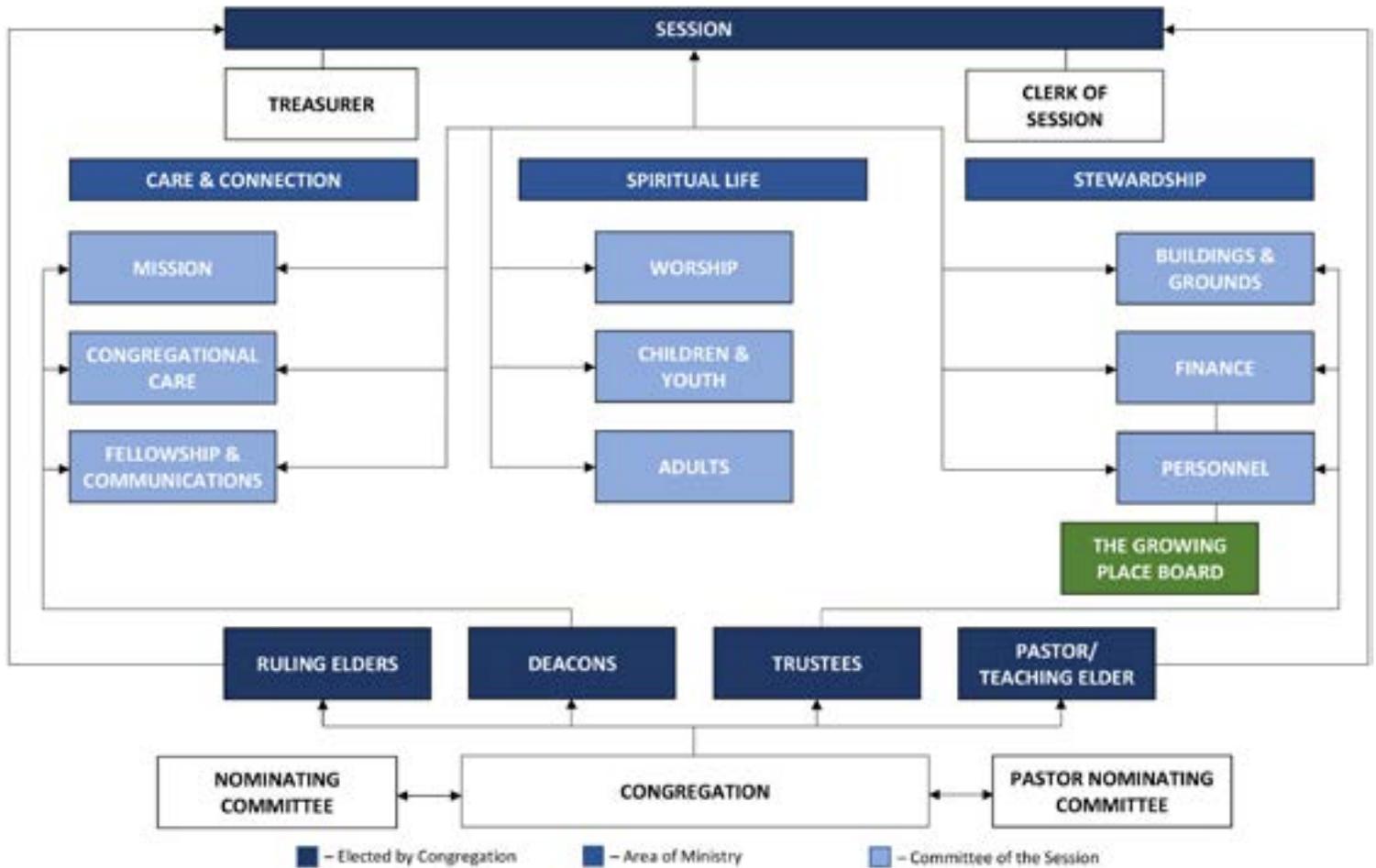
**The Finance Committee** – Ensuring the proper stewardship of the congregation's financial resources

**The Buildings & Grounds Committee** – Ensuring the proper stewardship and care of the congregation's property (buildings and grounds), ministry tools, and equipment.

### **What About The Growing Place Preschool Board?**

The pastor, the chair of the Finance Committee, and the chair of the Personnel Committee will all serve on the Growing Place Board, along with other members of the church interested in supporting the preschool ministry.

## COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOMBARD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## Fill 'Em Up Program



Providing weekend food for children who would otherwise go hungry in our local elementary schools.

We're seeking donations of foods that are child-friendly in taste and in preparation. Items cannot need refrigeration or added ingredients for preparation.

Donations are gladly accepted in the donation box in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Joyce Mantels.

- Macaroni & Cheese Cups
- Soup/Ramen Cups
- Granola Bars
- Cereal
- Oatmeal Packets
- Fruit Leather
- Fruit Cups
- Fruit Snacks
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Ham
- Canned Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Aseptic Milk Packages
- Cracker Packs
- Pudding Cups
- 100% Juice Boxes

# Let's Celebrate!

## November Birthdays

Diane Grek  
 Arthur Bell  
 Susan Finley  
 Jim Krema  
 Josh Strange  
 Joan Marlow  
 Charlie Campbell  
 Scott Rennie  
 Sheri Richards  
 Catherine Berner  
 Beth Haaker  
 Mike Berner  
 Logan Hanson  
 Allene Rondeau  
 Terry Jackson  
 Andrew Mancione  
 Karen Cline  
 Nancy Hollenbeck  
 Phil Capuzelo  
 Lindsey Grek  
 Karen Selby  
 William Brabec

## December Birthdays

Karen Rugg  
 Jon Sutherland  
 Sharon Harris  
 Marcia Adkins  
 Joyce DeJong  
 Rick Alejandro  
 Dolores Van Schaick  
 Jameson Bell  
 Gayle Casey  
 Jennifer Peterson  
 Katrina Ladendorf  
 Michael Keith  
 Carol Brunton  
 Cheryl Williams  
 Christi Woolbright  
 Sophia Opila  
 Barbara Dries  
 Kathleen Francis  
 Ken Schweisthal

## A Fond Farewell to Herb Miller 10-14-22



**Herb Miller's New Address:**  
 Deerfield, 13731 Hickman Road,  
 Urbandale, IA 50323.  
 Attn: Herb Miller, Room 112  
 Healthcare Side

## November Anniversaries

Michael & Diane Vargo  
 Arthur & Kelly Bell  
 Eric & Rachel Schwarz  
 Matthew & Robin Jungblut

## December Anniversaries

James & Jamie DeLuca

## CPC Seniors Countdown to Noon!



**Saturday, December 31st. 10:00am – 2:00pm.**

For more details please watch the weekly Sunday Bulletins, Bulletin Board by the Narthex, CPC Life, and the website [cpclombard.org](http://cpclombard.org) for all announcements!



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Roger Blasius. Roger passed away on October 15th.

Please keep his family in your prayers.