



## COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FELLOWSHIP TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM  
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 AM  
FELLOWSHIP TIME: 9:30 AM

# Pastor's Journal

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lately I have talked with many people who felt that their prayers were not being answered. It is difficult to understand why, when we pray and pray diligently trusting in God for something, that nothing seems to happen. And then another person who had been praying without ceasing and had not yet received an answer to that prayer said this to



me, "I don't feel sad that God has not answered my prayer, instead I feel glad that God's rejection is protection." I thought about that, and it makes a lot of sense. We don't know what the future holds for us, but God does; so God is silent sometimes in order that we don't proceed down a path too soon or not at all, for our own protection.

But how can rejection be a form of protection? I'm not talking about rejecting by God. The Lord will never reject you, He will always love and accept you! The rejection I'm talking about is the rejection you sometimes face in your own life. When you feel like the world is rejecting you, whether at work, in your personal life or through the loss of something important to you; that may be God's way of protecting you.

God's NO  
is not a  
rejection.  
It is a  
redirection.

No matter where you are, you should accept it as the place God wants you to be and trust in God's perfect timing. Thank God that He has seen in His wisdom to answer some of your prayers in unexpected ways and to answer others in the negative, because sometimes what we thought was the best for us wasn't the best at all.

We should be thankful to the Lord for all of the doors that He has opened and thank Him even more for the doors that He has closed in our lives. We should learn to trust that Jesus knows what is best for us and is in control of our destinies. We may not

understand everything that is happening and we can't know what is in store for us in the future, but if we trust in Christ, we can move forward knowing that Jesus has our best interests at heart. After all, He knows the future and understands that there may be something far greater just around the next corner for us.

When faced with any form of rejection or disappointment, we must remember to fight our discouragement and put our faith in Jesus Christ. The temporary rejection is God's protection of our future. He is protecting us from some future hurt or sorrow by putting us on the proper path in the here and now. If we walk it in faith and allow Jesus to comfort and keep us, we will get through the rejection and come out stronger on the other side, ready to accept the greater gifts He has waiting for us in the future!

Dear God,  
If today I lose my hope  
please remind me that  
your plans are better  
than my dreams.

God is on your side, trust Him. Ask God for His will and not your own. Being in God's will is the safest place you can ever be. One of the most important aspect of faith is trusting that God will know what is right for you, even when you don't understand His reasons. When it seems like your prayers aren't being answered, it may be that God is protecting you from something that you can't see, the timing isn't right, or that God has something far better planned for you that you haven't even thought about. Give yourself over to Him completely and realize that any rejection you suffer from is only temporary here on earth, and that God's plan is all-encompassing and will always prevail.

God's  
timing is  
perfect.

Proverbs 3:5 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight." And Proverbs 3:6 says, "Seek His will in all you do and He will direct your paths." 2nd Peter 3:9 reminds us that, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you."

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Cindy



## Community Presbyterian Session Meeting October, 2017

The Session met on Wednesday, October 11th.

Presbytery Meeting will be at Lakeshore Center in Okoboji on Saturday, October 28th.

The Harvest Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 8th, serving from 5 - 7 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1st. Please contact Nancy Todd if you wish to add an item to the agenda.



## Communion at Community



Communion for November will be on Sunday, November 5th.

If you or someone you know would appreciate home communion, please let



## Bible Study



The Bible Study groups have resumed their normal Tuesday schedule:  
Bronson - 10:00 a.m.;  
Lawton - 2:00 p.m.;  
Char Mac - 6:00 p.m.



## Daylight Savings Time Ends



Turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 4th. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th.



## Joint Session Meeting

There will be a joint Session meeting on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Bronson church. This will follow Bronson's Session meeting at 6:30 p.m. This will be to review the Fairstand report and a gift to the fairstand.





**New Prayer Requests  
for Our Community  
Presbyterian Church  
Family  
Oct 1st - Oct 29th, 2017**

A complete list can be found at  
[www.community-presbyterian.org](http://www.community-presbyterian.org)

*Please keep the following members of our church family in your prayers:*

Ann Marie Hunter (Linda Garthright's mother), Jorene Sobotka and Anne Vicker (Pastor's mother and sister), safety for farmers during harvest, Brooke Lieber family, Terry Swanger, Howard Easton family, Josephine Gill granddaughter of Jodie and Greg Salmon, Diane Schossow, Bill Cook family, John-nephew of Galen Bennett, victims of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and fires.

*Also, please pray for our shut-ins:*

- At Char-Mac: Donald Harrison, Mary Gerking, Helen Eberly, Lucille Eberly, Lawrence Edwards, Altha Bos, Betty Law
- At Correctionville: Harold Howard
- At Countryside: Francis Hartz
- At Kingsley: Anna Packard
- At Sunrise: Delores Handke
- At Sunrise the Pointe: Don Grigg
- At Touchstone: Alice Vanlangen
- At Home: Barb Willer; Ruth Rathe; Velura Stilwell, Jerry Stilwell



**New Prayer Requests for Our  
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*Please keep the following members of our church family in your prayer:*

(Living at Char Mac: Mary Gerking.) Paul David, Lynnelle Amick, Safety for the farmers during harvest, Carol Cross, the military, Jorene Sobotka and Anne Vicker (Pastor's mother and sister), Dean and Linda Rasmussen (traveling), Loren and Virginia Lewis (move to Char Mac), Richard Gerking, Larry Lewis, Richard Gerking, Michael LaPlant, John Tucker and family, Tim Mayne family, Howard Easton family, Ted McManigal family, victims of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and fires especially those in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Joys: Work being done on church, blessings for Roger and Carol's wedding.



**Necrology Report**

**The reading of the  
Necrology Report  
will take place  
during worship on  
Sunday,  
November 19th.**



**The next  
potluck will  
be on  
Sunday,**

**November 26th, in  
conjunction with the  
Hanging of the Greens  
to decorate the church  
for Christmas.**



**Lord,  
I cant say it in words...  
Can you please just listen  
through my heart.**

# Harvest Dinner



**Community Presbyterian Church**  
417 E. Birch, Lawton, Iowa

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**  
**Serving 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.**

*Roast Beef Dinner including mashed potatoes, choice of vegetable, assorted salads and desserts, roll and drink.*

**Adults: \$ 8.00**  
**Children, 4-10: \$ 5.00**  
**Children 3 and under: Free**

**Carryouts Available**

*"Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field." (NIV)*

*- Exodus 23:16*



# OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:00 a.m. 	2 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m.	3 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	4 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	5 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	6 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	7 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm
8 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m.	9  Columbus Day	10 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	11 Session Mtg 7:00 pm. CharMac - 6 pm	12 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	13 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	14 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm
15 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m.	16 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m.	17 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	18 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	19 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	20 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	21 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm
22 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m.	23 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m.	24 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	25 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	26 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	27 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	28 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm
29 Trunk Or Treat 10 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m. Halloween Potluck	30 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m. Halloween Potluck	31 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	1 	2 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	3 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm	4 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm

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November 2017

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12 Worship Service Bronson - 8:30 a.m. Lawton - 10:30 a.m.	13 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	14 Bible Study Bronson - 10 am Bible Study Lawton - 2 pm Bible Study CharMac - 6 pm	15 EC Session Mtg 6:30 pm. Joint Session 7:30 p.m.	16 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm.	17 Pastor Cyndy - Text Study 12 pm.	18
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