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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Fall Schedule Resumes

On Sunday, September 10, Sunday School will begin at 9:00 AM for everyone including the two adult classes in the fellowship hall. Donuts and refreshments will be served between 9:00-9:30 AM. New curriculum for all classes (except pre-school and the Adult Parlor Class) will be highlighting women in the Bible.

HERRB Project—Welcome International Students!

On Sunday, September 17 we will be serving pizza and ice cream after worship to welcome our international students from University of Jamestown. Please plan to stay for some treats and fellowship. All are welcome!

Festival of Music

The Festival of Music will be held on Sunday, September 24 at Presbyterian United Methodist Church in Ellendale, North Dakota beginning at 4:00 PM. A meal will follow the program. The United Presbyterian Church Choir will be singing their own special music. For more details contact David Morlock.

Anyone Interested?

The old Revised Standard Version Bibles, Worship Books and VBS material will be donated. Anyone that would like to take any of these items please feel free to do so.

Did you Know?

Most banks allow automatic bill pay from your bank account at no extra charge. You can set up your donation to the church to be paid on a regular schedule. The bank will automatically send a check from your account to the church. You do not need to remember to write a check as the bank takes care of this for you. For more information, check with your local bank.

SEPTEMBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:
 Parries, *Bill & *Sue 252-5219 or 320-2199
 McIntyre, *Tony 368-9784

Austin, *Flory	252-4821
Bossingham, Kevin	320-0458
Chisholm, *Della	320-5539
Dunn, *Duane & *Kathie	952-4778 or 269-0982
Koehn, *Steve	252-7374
Lindbo, *Jonelle	952-8306
Lindbo, *Pat	952-7863
Matzke, Kevin & Melissa	269-1233 or 269-4712
McIntyre, Mike & Cheryl	252-4260
Muhs, *Dave & *Stacey	320-3048
Nelson, *Dick & *Colleen	252-5936
Pringle, *Roger & *Sylvia	252-6617
Schoeler, *John & *Maurine	952-1051
Spitzer, *Selmer & *Phyllis (Dawson)	327-4295

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FALL-SPRING
 WORSHIP HOURS
 Sunday School 9:00 AM
 Worship Service 10:30 AM

SECRETARIAL HOURS
 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
 Monday-Thursday

For corrections or additions to the newsletter
 please call the church office—252-1748

From the Pastor

For the fun and fellowship, let me thank God for the kind hearts (Deacons) for the Cake and Ice cream social after service on my birthday. Truly even as we thank God for the gift of life, I am in great gratitude as I thank you all who thought of me, sent birthday cards and to those whose kind words of prayers buoyed me up on that day. I also thank all for making the visit of my daughter Kristina meaningful.

As we strive to know Christ and make Him known, the Sunday School classes will start studying the Women of the Bible starting on Sunday, September 10th. To warm us a bit, the Deacons will supply refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between 9 – 9:30 am for everyone. And to complement this, I will devote sermons to the same Biblical woman each Sunday.

Ms. Sylvia Pringle and I, on behalf of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains will interview the full-time Chaplain at University of Jamestown, Presbyterian Pastor Candace Adams. She will be joining this Presbytery and transferring her membership from her Presbytery in Minnesota. Candace and her husband Doug joined us for worship on August 20th.

This coming World Communion Sunday, October 1, we will witness a reunion between this church and an old friend, Dr. Jim Walker, former President of the University of Jamestown, and his wife Nadine as they will join us for worship and fellowship time on that Sunday. Though it has been nineteen years since they left Jamestown, the Walkers are looking forward to seeing again many people they knew in their fifteen years in Jamestown. Let us demonstrate once more what this church is made of, a caring, welcoming and a living testimony of God's love on this event.

God's presence knows no bounds as we plan to have a table at the "The Rock the Block Party" to welcome the University of Jamestown freshman class on Thursday, August 31st starting at 5 pm. Please come see us at our table and if you would like to help please contact me.

The services of this church transcends the four walls of our building, as last August 6, 2017, a Sunday, Jackie Tarpinian and I served homebound communion to 11 people. Homebound communion is offered every communion Sunday. Please let me know if this is a service we could offer you or for someone you know.

The Presbyterian Church in Ellendale is hosting the Festival of Music on Sunday afternoon on Sept 24th at 4:00 pm. With glee in my heart, I am happy to announce that another Christian sharing in action is up for everyone when Steve Koehn is driving his bus down to Ellendale for those who want a ride.

As we witness entrances in our Church structure, we also behold a departure by our former Christian Education Coordinator Joel Ruby who will now be teaching K-12 music in the Hope-Page School District. In this light, the Christian Education Coordinator search committee that will replace Joel is comprised of Bev Schaack, Dale Reimers, Jim Bond, and Pastor Bob. As we invoke the hand of the Lord in this endeavor, we enjoin you to pray with us and too, if you have a candidate you would like to suggest please talk with these people.

Getting an award for something we did for fun is indeed icing on the cake. The Ave Maria Fun Walk was held on August 5th where people from our church walked. We received the award for largest church family participating in this walk.

As we go mile after mile, we tread on the path laid before us by the guidance of our Supreme Navigator and jolly as we go, we hop through challenges and trials knowing that in everything, happy and sad, our Savior goes through them with us, lightening the load and showing us the road.

Pastor Bob Boyar

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 9:30 AM Communion Carpet Cleaning after Worship	4 Office Closed for Labor Day Carpet Cleaning	5 Reading Group 3:00 PM	6 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM	7 Kitchen Comm. 9:00 AM Christian Nurture 6:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	8	9
10 Introduction to Sunday School beginning in the Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	11	12 Reading Group 3:00 PM Deacons 6:00 PM	13 Choir 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM	14 AA 7:00 PM Session 5:15 PM	15	16
17 SS 9:00 AM Sarah Worship 10:30 AM	18	19 Reading Group 3:00 PM	20 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM	21 AA 7:00 PM	22	23
24 SS 9:00 AM Hagar Worship 10:30 AM Festival of Music 4:00 PM	25	26 Reading Group 3:00 PM	27 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM	28 Faith and Hope Circles 1:00 PM at Church AA 7:00 PM	29	30

More Dates to Remember . . .

September 6 - 9:00 AM

September 6 - 5:00 PM

September 17 - After Worship

Stewardship Meeting (in Pastor Bob's office)

Annual Membership Meeting (Board Room)

Welcome International Students



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Allmer	1
Janice Raitt	2
Marie Van Dyke	8
Kim Thoele	9
Brenna Thoele	13
Ruth Hoherz	16
Dick Nelson	17
Karla Sherfy	21
Scott Bennett	22
Lori Miller	22
Neil Barkus	23
Penny Gengler	23
Jenny Korynta	23
Hannah Muhs Goehner	24
Edna Brown	25
Sylvia Williams	27
Bryan Miller	30



DEACON DIALOGUE . . .

The Deacons are a group of men and women from our congregation that have a heart to serve those in our church and community. The Deacons organize a variety of activities by which they share the love and joy of Jesus Christ. The service of deacons in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is to lead the church in its ministries of compassion (distributing aid, caring directly for the poor, the sick, refugees, and prisoners), and justice (working for equity) in society.

The "Giving Tree" will be placed in the church sanctuary by Sunday, September 10. Please take an apple off the tree and purchase the item/items that are listed on it. Your donations benefit the "Backpack Program" which provides nutritious, non-perishable, easy-open food for children on the weekends. Thank you in advance for your generous giving!

Just a reminder of the ongoing projects the deacons have. We collect bars of soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes for the Salvation Army and we have the grocery cart in the Reading Room for Community Action non-perishable food donations.

Look for more information about future Deacon projects in the Sunday bulletin.

Those currently serving as Deacons include:

Tiffany Dauer	Bill Hines	Dixie Lee
Tony McIntyre	Janet Miller	Colleen Nelson
Pam Van Dyke	Kim Thoele	Maris Thompson
Cindy Wermager		

Home Communion for Shut-Ins

Communion is brought to those unable to attend church. If you would like to receive Communion, please call the church office at 252-1748. Next Communion will be served Sunday, September 3.

Food Pantry Donations

There is a shopping cart in the reading room next to the nursery where donations for the Food Pantry are accepted. Your contributions are very much appreciated. Due to such a high demand this season the Salvation Army and Community Action are stretched to their limits. Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated!

Anniversaries in September

Roy & Edna Brown 17



New Member Introductions

Tiffany Dauer grew up in Lisbon, ND, attended school and graduated from high school there. She received her BS degree in Social Services from UND and is a Program Coordinator at Alpha Opportunities in Jamestown. Her parents, Ross and Julie Cole, live in Lisbon and are active members of Tiffany's home churches, The United Presbyterian Church and Trinity Lutheran Church. She has two older sisters, one living in Walcott, ND and the other in Lisbon. She is married to John Dauer, who is guardian to Joey Dauer, who recently became a member of our church. Tiffany enjoys playing the piano and singing and is a member of our choir. In addition to working, she is a Deacon and plays piano for the Wednesday Evening Service here at UPC.



Getting Acquainted with your Deacons

Tiffany Dauer is a Deacon and a new member. See her bio in the New Member article above.

Ave Maria Fun Walk

Many people from the Jamestown community came out to support Ave Maria Village in their annual fundraiser. The United Presbyterian Church won the award for “Largest Church Family” participation.



Those who walked from United Presbyterian Church were left to right: Bill Parries, Sue Parries (holding award), Pastor Bob Boyar, Char Enger, Les Nordgaard, Becky Taylor, Yvonne Wegner and Ellen Boyar

Christian Education Director

The Christian Education Coordinator position is now vacant. We are in a search for the next person to lead this position. A job description and application are available in the church office. Bev Schaack, Dale Reimers, Jim Bond, and Pastor Bob serve on the Search Committee.

Our Church Leadership

Elders

Diane Weispfenning, Clerk of Session

Class of 2017

Delbert Bossingham
William Parries
Elizabeth Sherfy
Jackie Tarpinian

Class of 2018

Angie Allmer
Pat Lindbo
Lynn Van Dyke

Class of 2019

Bob Martin
Mary Reed
Diane Weispfenning

Deacons

Class of 2017

Janet Miller
Kim Thoele
Pam Van Dyke
Maris Thompson

Class of 2018

Dixie Lee
Tony McIntyre
Cindy Wermager

Class of 2019

Tiffany Dauer
Bill Hines
Colleen Nelson

Church Leadership Team

Pastor: Rev. Robert Boyar (814-937-9225) email: rab316.bb@gmail.com
Commissioned Ruling Elder: William Weispfenning (320-1739)
Christian Education Coordinator: Position Vacant
Administrative Assistant: Sharon Watson (252-1748) email: presbyterianchurch@daktel.com
Financial Secretary: Tammie Skari email: sfamily@daktel.com
Organist/Choir Director: David Morlock (252-4572)

Financial Update

(General fund activity as of July, 2017)

General Fund Revenue for July	\$18,489.85
General Fund Expenses for July	<u>\$ 8,858.19</u>
Excess Income/Loss for July	\$ 9,631.66
Year to Date Revenue	\$153,171.93
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$113,330.16</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ 39,831.77

We thank you for your continued support of United Presbyterian Church!

Per Capita Payments: We encourage all members to pay their per-capita as a gift above and beyond their annual pledge. **Our per-capita is based on \$44.00 for each active member of our church.** To submit a check for per-capita, simply write “Per-capita” on the memo line of your check.

Session Highlights for September 2017

- **September Elder of the Month:** Pat Lindbo
- **September Home Communion:** Mark Lee
- Jackie Tarpinian, Ellen and Rev. Boyar served homebound communion to 11 people on Sunday, August 6, 2017.
- The Nominating Committee placed Rev. Boyar's name in consideration as the Membership Interviews (In/Out) Task Leader. The Presbytery voted affirmatively, and he will begin my duties in October. In the meantime Sylvia Pringle and Rev. Boyar will interview the Chaplain at University of Jamestown, Presbyterian Pastor Candace Adams.
- The Presbyterian Church in Ellendale is hosting the Festival of Music on Sunday afternoon on Sept 24th at 4:00 pm.
- Rev. Boyar attended both funerals last week regarding the tragedy in Jamestown. Jim and Sue Bond are next door neighbors.
- Rev. Boyar thanks the deacons for the cake and ice cream social after service on his birthday.
- Rev. Boyar thanked all who attended the open house to meet their daughter, Kristina.
- Christian Education Coordinator search committee is comprised of Bev Schaack, Dale Reimers, Jim Bond, and Pastor Bob
- Ave Maria Fun Walk was August 5. Ten people from UPC intended to walk. Eight people actually walked. UPC received the award for largest church family participating in the walk.
- Rev. Boyar suggests UPC join the Chamber of Commerce. The benefits are listed on a separate page in the packet. There is an annual fee of \$225.00. It would be pro-rated for this year.
- **Bob Martin made a motion/2nd, "to join the Chamber of Commerce and pay the pro-rated membership for 2017. Funds are to come from the Publicity line item." MOTION CARRIED**
- Rev. Boyar reported that the search for a Christian Education Coordinator is in progress and asked that session members let him know if they have a person to recommend.
- Rev. Boyar reported there were 20-30 children who attended VBS, and Joel Ruby did well in leading VBS. Currently, the committee is looking back on the program for ways to improve VBS.
- Study of Women of the Bible this year was recommended by this committee. It was noted that one of the adult Sunday school classes studied Women of the Bible in year 2016-2017. Adjustments may be made with that class as needed.
- **The Worship Committee recommends, "donating the RSV red pew Bibles to Love Packages (contact: Bruce Entzie) and the Worship Books to UJ Library after they have been made available to members of the congregation." MOTION CARRIED**
- **The HERRB Committee recommends, "approving a Pizza Party for International Students at UPC on September 17, 2017 after morning worship." MOTION CARRIED**
- **The HERRB Committee recommends, "approving a request from Douglas Chimanga to allow an ongoing, Saturday evening Christian prayer and fellowship group for all nations from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Fellowship hall at UPC. Funds for refreshments to come from the HERRB grant." MOTION CARRIED**
- Jackie reminded session members of the requirements to be rewarded the Dream Grant: The committee will meet regarding an event for immigrant families and refugees as part of our Dream Grant.
- It was reported that Kathy Buchholtz has resigned from the Deacons for health reasons. There will be four (4) openings to fill for the position of Deacon.

Diane Weispfenning, Clerk

Women's Ministries

Connecting women to God and one another

After a relaxing, no-meeting summer, Presbyterian Women are ready to resume our meetings. Faith and Hope groups will meet together at the church at 1:00 on September 28 with dessert and coffee. We will begin our study from Horizons magazine entitled "Cloud of Witnesses, the Community of Christ in Hebrews." It will be another challenging study. The first lesson is called "A Community with Jesus Christ." If you would like to participate in this study, but the afternoon meeting time does not work for you, please make that known at the church office or call Edie Prentice at 952-3882. We can organize another time or get you a study book to use on your own.

The quilt that has been hanging in the fellowship hall since last spring, was found folded up in one of the church offices. It is not handmade, but is very pretty and we don't know where it came from. Starting in September, Bev Schaack will share with us the neat Philadelphia Eagles/Carson Wentz quilt made especially for her. Do admire it at your first opportunity.

The Tuesday afternoon reading group meeting with Ruth Barkus in the Board Room will continue its weekly gathering beginning at 3:00 PM.

Do you receive the Horizons magazine? It is one of the best publications of our denomination and is filled with interesting and informative articles. The July/August issue is especially good. Articles such as "Living a Revolutionary Love" about Ruth and Naomi, and "To the Moon and Back" about a Presbyterian woman NASA engineer. Included with the \$19.95 subscription in our annual Bible study guide.

If you have not received this year's study guide you may purchase one in the church office.

SEPTEMBER - LESSON 1 "COMMUNITY WITH JESUS"

To study this lesson ahead of time, prepare by reading these very short portions of the Bible: Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 13:24; Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 1:1-4; 4:14; Hebrews 7:26-27. That is a lot of 'looking up' but it will be meaningful when you read your lesson. Reading the Whole book of Hebrews has proved an interesting exercise as well. Reading it out loud is a suggestion. We are always looking at how we can recognize Jesus in our lives. Can you imagine sitting in the congregation, way back then, listening to this letter, the letter called Hebrews...or this book called Hebrews - (no one is sure what to call it)....but imagine being there....how might it apply to your life today? Can you identify with any of the message in Hebrews? Do you feel like you are part of the Community of the Faithful?

Best wishes as we begin the fall season,
Edie and Jackie

Sunday School Curriculum 2017-2018

From the Sunday School curriculum we will be using this fall for the Elementary and Middle School classes. . .

Give Students the Gift of Admiration of Bible Women

The **Apostle Paul** states in **Galatians 3:28-29** that

“there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ then you are . . . heirs according to the promise.”

Men and women are both to be admired for the services they have done for God’s kingdom.

This series will give you a chance to make sure that the women get equal billing with the men!

When your students are given the chance to admire the women of the Bible, their faith will be sure to grow in ways that it hasn’t before.

You’ll be giving a great gift of empowerment for girls, and fresh understanding for boys, that can influence a lifetime.

Book Club

Book Club tentatively starting Thursday evening, October 5, 2017 at Sabir’s Restaurant. United Presbyterian Church will team up with Grace Episcopal, Trinity Lutheran, St. John’s Lutheran and other Jamestown churches to discuss Community. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Alfred Dickey Library. You will need to obtain your own copy of the book.

Everybody’s Normal Till You Get To Know Them by John Ortberg

Normal? Who’s Normal? Not you, that’s for sure! No one you’ve ever met, either. None of us are normal according to God’s definition, and the closer we get to each other, the plainer that becomes.

Yet for all our quirks, sins, and jagged edges, we need each other. Community is more than just a word—it is one of our most fundamental requirements. So how do flawed, abnormal people such as ourselves master the forces that can drive us apart and come together in the life-changing relationships God designed us for?

In *Everybody’s Normal Till You Get to Know Them*, teacher and best-selling author John Ortberg zooms in on the things that make community tick. You’ll get a thought-provoking look at God’s heart, at others, and at yourself. Even better, you’ll gain wisdom and tools for drawing closer to others in powerful, impactful ways. With humor, insight, and a gift for storytelling, Ortberg shows how community pays tremendous dividends in happiness, health, support, and growth. It’s where all of us weird, unwieldy people encounter God’s love in tangible ways and discover the transforming power of being loved, accepted, and valued just the way we are.
(article taken from the back of the book)

Motor Coach Tour 2017



A motor coach tour of rural churches was led by David Morlock and Steve Koehn on Sunday, June 18. Such a good time was had by all last year it was decided to do it again and it was well attended. Highlights of the trip included: architecture, different denominations, and pipe organs, along with the always beautiful North Dakota scenery.

From Presbyterian Outlook

Last weekend multiple white supremacist groups descended on Charlottesville, Virginia. Alt-right, white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups marched around a statue of Robert E. Lee in the center of downtown as multiple groups of counter protesters gathered nearby to resist their hateful message. The mix was chaotic and dangerous – ending in three lives lost, multiple injuries and a community searching for ways to heal.

As events unfolded, it was evident that the entire country was watching. The blatant display of hate, the visible presence of high-power weapons and the sheer number of people in the streets sparked something in the American psyche. Vigils and protests sprung up around the country, Confederate statues were torn down or removed in various cities and leaders of all stripes offered opinions on what took place.

And, as one article in the Atlantic put it: “The next day was Sunday. And it mattered.”

People went to the pews searching to make sense of what they’d seen on the screen or witnessed in person.

May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Jill Duffield, Editor

For more resources to those seeking to discern what God is calling you to do go to our website at www.jamestownupc.org and click on the menu at the top of the page on Other Resources. There you will find a link to the Presbyterian Outlook magazine with more information on this subject.

Deacon’s Offering

The Deacons will be receiving the semi-annual offering on October 15. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information.