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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Relay for Life

Annual UPC Relay For Life Silent Auction and Potato Bar fundraiser will be Sunday November 5. See any team member if you have items to donate.

New Windows

Did you notice the 22 new windows that were installed in late August? Homer's Siding did the work. One of our own, Ryan Carlson, was on the team that installed the windows.

Congregational Budget Meeting

Please come to the Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, October 15 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The property and finance committee will have the first draft of the budget ready to discuss. We want to share with you the positive things the ministry and mission of United Presbyterian Church is able to do because of your generosity and also share the priorities that we have for the near future. Come and be a part of the discussion.

HERRB Tutoring Program

The HERRB tutoring program is ready to start their second year. We are focusing on children from families that speak another language but English at home. The tutoring will begin on Tuesday, September 26 at 4:00 PM. Please consider joining our growing pool of volunteers. No experience necessary.

Wednesday Evening Service

Want a midweek service? Unable to worship on Sunday? Want an informal service with videos and dialogue? Please join us for The Wednesday evening worship service every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the **Fellowship Hall** at United Presbyterian Church. People of all ages attend and participate. Please come and bring a friend.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FALL-SPRING
WORSHIP HOURS
Enrichment Hour 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

OCTOBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:

Burgard, *Joe & *Nancy	952-0051
Thompson, *Maris	269-2655

Haag, *Theresa	320-3599
Hoffman, *Larry & *Bev	252-2668
Hopwood, *Lois	952-2607
Kooker, *Betty	252-1708
Muhs, *Bob & *Mary	778-7130
Schmitz, Chuck & *Bonnie	252-0191
Schmuhl, *Opal	763-6386
Tarpinian, *Jackie	252-3887
Wallace, *Ken & *Sally	252-5359
Wegner, *Dean & *Kathy	252-3980
Wegner, *Yvonne	952-2399
Weispenning, *Bill & *Diane	251-9084

*Member

**High School Student



Reformation Sunday - Why We Remember It

When the Holy Spirit moved 500 years ago on October 31, 1517, a Roman Catholic priest named Martin Luther posted an invitation to a debate on his church door at Wittenberg in Germany. The invitation, entitled "Ninety-Five Theses or Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences," listed 95 statements about issues Luther had with the way salvation and forgiveness were being taught to God's people, and with the misuse of Scripture.

From the lenses of truth and authority drawn no less from the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Luther wanted to engage the church in a debate about these things so that the real mission of the church could be reclaimed. Debates were held, people talked, Scripture was studied and the Holy Spirit moved in the Christian church again. True Christian Freedom, based in the Scriptures rather than church tradition or culture, was let loose in the church, and the world was changed. What is known as the Protestant Reformation was under way. One of the second generation of reformers that followed Luther was John Calvin who is considered the father of the Presbyterian denomination.

So why do we need to go back 500 years to consider concerns about Luther's issues with the Christian church at that time? The church continues to be distracted by culture, power and money and needs to be brought back to having Scripture as the source of its faith, life and direction for ministry. Without Scripture, what we say and do has no more importance or value in the Kingdom of God than what a religious cult or any other human institution might do.

Pastor Lawrence Becker writes: The response one often hears from some people: "Why are you so slavishly following scripture? You're making scripture itself an idol that gets in the way of following God! We just need to follow Jesus" - no matter what the scriptures actually say.

Yet without a genuine respect for and understanding of the Scriptures, we really have no true sense of what Jesus said and did, or what the disciples taught, or what's in the Old Testament, or what the Apostle Paul was so concerned about. The centrality of the Scriptures is a gift of the Protestant Reformation. Let us receive it as a gift.

Let us all go back then, to that time when someone stood up not for just anything but for something truly of substance, truly about the truth and truly about Jesus's story of salvation—salvation per se, bereft of any coatings, without trimmings, without the influence of culture nor convenience. This is his story, this is Martin Luther—the one who brought us back to where we ought to start – the Scriptures and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

United Presbyterian Church is tentatively planning for a Reformation Service on Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00 PM. More information to follow.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob Boyar



October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Rebekah Worship 10:30 AM Communion	2	3 Reading Group 3:00 PM	4 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	5 Christian Nurture 6:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	6	7
8 Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Miriam Worship 10:30 AM	9	10 Reading Group 3:00 PM Deacons 6:00 PM	11 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	12 Session 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	13	14
15 Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Deacon Offering	16	17 Reading Group 3:00 PM	18 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	19 AA 7:00 PM	20	21
22 Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Ruth & Naomi Worship 10:30 AM	23	24 Reading Group 3:00 PM	25 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	26 Faith and Hope Circles 1:00 PM at Church AA 7:00 PM	27	28 MIP Class Boardroom 8:00-3:00 PM
29 Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Hannah Worship 10:30 AM	30	31 Reading Group 3:00 PM				

More Dates to Remember . . .

October 15 Congregational Budget Meeting during Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Blake Bossingham	1
Cody Kilgore	2
Vi Reimers	7
Sandy Worm	8
Jackie Barnes	10
Helen Hample	18
Angie Allmer	19
Helmut Albrecht	20
Flory Austin	21
Duane Dunn	21
Kathy Wegner	21
Grant Bollingberg	25
Harry Johnson	28
Dick Larson	29
Natalie Szarkowski	29
Madelyn Williams	30
Lynn VanDyke	31



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.

Thanks to all who donated to the "Giving Tree" providing food for children who are recipients of the weekend "Backpack Program" at participating schools.

The semi-annual Deacon's Offering will be received on Sunday, October 15. This offering not only benefits members of our church in need but those in the community that need a helping hand. We ask you to prayerfully consider donating to this endeavor and thank you in advance for your continued generous giving!

The Deacons will also be sponsoring the "Thankful Dinner" on Sunday, November 19 after worship. Please join us for some fun and fellowship and a wonderful meal catered by TJ's catering.

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, October 1.

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 October

<i>Joe & Nancy Burgard</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Carroll & Opal Schmuhl</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Les & Bethyl Lueck</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Bob & Gail Martin</i>	<i>27</i>

Getting Acquainted with your Deacons

Kim Thoele

Kim was born at Jamestown Hospital into the family of Clayton and Marge Lee, and two older brothers, Mark and Rick Lee and a younger sister, Rhonda (Lee) Schlenker. She was baptized and confirmed in this church. She attended the Fried School, a one-room school about 15 Miles north of Jamestown, until 5th grade and from there, the Jamestown Public Schools. Kim played basketball in high school, her freshman year at, then, Jamestown College and two seasons when she attended Moorhead State University. In high school, she placed at state in throwing events, discus and shot put. She graduated from Moorhead State university with a BS teaching degree in Education and an AA in Developmental Disabilities. She has been with Jamestown Public Schools for the past 20 years, initially serving as the coordinator of the Even Start Family Literacy Program. Before becoming involved with adult education she worked at the South Central Human Service Center for 10 years and worked for several Developmental Disabilities service providers in ND and Texas prior to that. She is still teaching adult education in Jamestown but within the Valley City School System. She is married to Kevin Thoele and they have two daughters, Kayla, (married to Kenny Allen) and living in New Mexico, and Brenna, who attends the University of Jamestown. Kim's Mother, Marge (Lee) Farley, lives in California. Her free time is spent gardening and watching the Minnesota Lynx and Tennessee Lady Vols basketball teams. She belongs to the National Education Assn., JEA, AND Elkettes. Kim was a former Deacon and is currently back on the Deacon Team. She co-taught Sunday School with her husband and served on the Christian Nurture Committee. She was on the original Dream Grant committee and was instrumental in getting the tutoring project started under the HERRB committee and continues to work with that.

Christian Nurture

Please join us for the Enrichment Hour on Sundays at 9:00 AM. We are using the term Enrichment Hour instead of Sunday School. Christian Nurture is not just for kids. There are two adult classes that are open to new participants.

Please go up to the second floor and view the Preschool, Elementary School classrooms and storage rooms. You will see the organizational touch that Ruth Bossingham placed upon the Enrichment space. Thank you Ruth.

All but the preschool and the Adult Parlor class of the Enrichment hour classes will study Women of the Bible this autumn. Sermons will be devoted to the same women of the Bible each Sunday. We invite you to participate, as this is a time for ALL ages to grow in their knowledge and understanding and provides an opportunity to deepen our faith and strengthen our church.

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

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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 August, 2017)

General Fund Revenue for August	\$12,788.80
General Fund Expenses for August	<u>\$13,012.14</u>
Excess Income/Loss for August	\$ (223.34)
Year to Date Revenue	\$165,960.73
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$126,352.30</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ 39,608.43

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

- Jackie Tarpinian, Sylvia Pringle, Ellen Boyar and Rev. Boyar participated in The Rock the Block Party on Thursday, August 31, 2017. They gave out Frisbees, bubble gum, and cards describing the church.
- All but the preschool and Parlor class of the Enrichment hour classes will study Women of the Bible starting in September. Rev. Boyar will devote sermons to the same topics each Sunday.
- UPC joined the Chamber of Commerce. UPC paid \$75.00 for 2017.
- Rev. Boyar is developing relationships with the families involved with HERRB tutoring. The All Nations Prayer group has yet to meet. They moved it to Sunday evening.
- Douglas Chimanga and his family indicated they plan to join our church.
- Bruce Entzy of *Love Packages* of Butler, IL will pick up donated items from our church. Bibles, used VBS material, etc.
- **Jackie Tarpinian made a motion/2nd, “to approve Rev. Boyar’s vacation time from November 20-26, 2017.” MOTION CARRIED**
- The 22 windows have been replaced in the church.
- **The Property and Finance committee recommends, “that the four wooden doors on the East side of the church be refurbished this fall by the company that refurbished the doors approximate five years ago, S&S; refurbishment to cost \$885 with funds to be taken from the Building Fund.”**
- **MOTION CARRIED**
- **The Property and Finance committee recommends, “to hold a congregational meeting for adults to discuss the 2018 preliminary budget on Sunday, October 15, 2017 during the Enrichment Hour.”**
- **MOTION CARRIED**
- Rev. Boyar reported that the 2017 fall stewardship schedule has been determined—October 22, will be the first announcement and a letter sent; October 29, the second announcement and letter will be sent; and November 5 Rev. Boyar will give a sermon on stewardship.
- **The stewardship committee recommends, “that November 12, 2017 be designated Consecration Sunday, the estimate of giving cards be distributed, and Rev. Candace Adams deliver the Stewardship sermon.” MOTION CARRIED**
- **The Deacons recommend, “that the Relay for Life Fund Raiser Potato Bake and Silent Auction will be held November 5, 2017 following worship.” MOTION CARRIED**
- **The Deacons recommend, “that the Congregational meal will be held on November 19, 2017 following worship and will be catered by TJ’s.” MOTION CARRIED**
- Hands only CPR training for the congregation instructed by the Nursing Program at UJ will be offered during the Enrichment Hour. It was suggested that in be held in February because February is Heart Month.
- Ignite Light, a group focused on ND families that have experienced abuse will be asked to come to a worship service and give a moment for mission, explaining their program.
- The tutoring class is starting up with nine children participating. Adults to help with this project are being recruited. There is also a need for help with transportation. Rev. Boyar has contacted the James River Transit System and has received a 20% discount of \$2.00/ person for a ride.
- Angie Allmer reported that the Nominating Committee is in the formative stage. It was decided that the vacancy on the Board of Deacons left by Kathy Buchholtz will be remain vacant until we seek new members for next year. At that time the committee will look for someone to fill the 1-year vacancy left by Kathy for the Class of 2018.

Diane Weispfenning, Clerk

Women’s Ministries

Connecting women to God and one another

Presbyterian Women began their fall 2017 season with a joint meeting of Faith and Hope Circles at the church on September 28. After a social time with dessert and coffee, we studied the first lesson in our new Bible study book. The Bible study is from the book of Hebrews and this lesson is entitled “In Community with Jesus Christ.” The writer of Hebrews puts Jesus at the center of this letter/sermon. When the circles meet on October 26 lesson two will be studied, “In Community with the Living God.” If you have questions about Faith or Hope Circles, speak with Charlotte Enger or Nancy Fletcher, the Circle leaders.

The Presbyterian Women of the South Cluster churches will gather for the Fall Cluster meeting in Fargo on October 28. Some of our members will attend. Some of our members will also host a birthday party at Rock of Ages in October.

On October 1st Presbyterian Women will be helping to host the reception for Jim and Nadine Walker in our Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

OCTOBER - LESSON 2 “IN COMMUNITY WITH THE LIVING GOD”

Have you ever thought about the character of God? Definition of character: the combination of features and traits that form the nature of people and things. Why not think about the features and traits that form our understanding of God? Martin Luther King Jr. said he looked forward to the day when all Americans would be judged solely “...by the content of their character.” All the parts of a flower or plant makes up its character. As we continue our study of Hebrews, we are challenged to think about God’s character. In Lesson one, Hebrews calls the Son the “exact imprint of God’s very being.” In October we will think about living in Community with the living God. Bible studies are of little value unless we can apply its lessons to our own personal daily lives. Continue to read Hebrews and sign on to Right Now Media, the app is provided free of charge by our church, and enhances the study of Hebrews.

Eddie and Jackie

Jesus Christ said more about money than about any other single thing because, when it comes to a man's real nature, money is of first importance. Money is an exact index to a man's true character. All through Scripture there is an intimate correlation between the development of a man's character and how he handles his money.

Richard C. Halverson

Money will buy a bed but not sleep, books but not brains, food but not appetite, finery but not beauty, medicine but not health, luxury but not culture, amusement but not happiness, a crucifix but not a Saviour, a temple of religion but not heaven.

Anonymous

Christian Education Coordinator

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.

Thank You!

Thank you to Pastor Bob for the visits, those who sent birthday cards including the Deacons and to Pastor Bob and the Elders for Communion each month. I appreciate each and every one of you for your kindness. Marie Van Dyke

Book Club

Book Club begins Thursday at 5:30 PM, 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)

Stewardship Committee Report

New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program: Preparing for the second year

This Stewardship program:

Emphasizes giving as a spiritual activity instead of a way to meet the church's needs.

Focus is on giving to support one's relationship with God instead of giving to support a budget.

Creates a need of the giver to give instead of the need of the church to receive.

Budget created based on what members say they will give instead of creating a budget based on what church leadership assume members might give.

Challenges members to give a percentage of their income that they feel God calling them to give instead of challenging members to give a token increase from previous year.

Last year 19 giving units increased their estimate of giving (Pledge). 11 giving units pledged for the first time. Thank you to all who build up the Kingdom of God through your time, talent and treasure.

Worship

World Communion Sunday takes place on October 1, 2017. World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. Anyone who is fluent in another language other than English and would like to participate in the service please contact Pastor Bob

Jim and Nadine Walker will join us for fellowship time on October 1.

We have three new hearing assists for those who need them. Please check in the sound room before the service.

Prayer Concern

Please pray for those who have been affected by natural disasters. Please contribute to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Go to www.pcusa.org for more information.