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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Sunday, February 4 the following Elders and Deacons will be ordained/installed. Installed Elders: Duane Dunn, Mark Lee and Elizabeth Sherfy. Installed/Ordained Deacons: Pam Van Dyke (installed), Cindy Wermager (installed) and Clyde Young (ordained and installed).

Souper Bowl of Caring

We will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please be prepared to give monetarily and/or with a non perishable food item. This will be taken after worship on Sunday, February 4.

Hands On CPR Class

A Hands on CPR class will be provided during the Enrichment Hour on Sunday, February 11 at 9:00 AM. This class is free and provided by nursing students and takes about 30-45 minutes. Class includes a short power point with statistics and breakdown of skills, instruction, and practice on mannequins. All supplies will be provided.

Handbell Choir

ATTENTION ALL DING-A-LINGS! The Good News Ringers have rested long enough.....time to gather and start ringing those bells! Practice will begin on Tuesday, February 6 at 5:15 PM. We will meet in the church balcony to set up the bell tables and practice some of the golden oldies. Please think about it, pray about it and ask a friend to come along. We need 7-8 ringers.....we have plenty of gloves and music. I just need YOU! We will discuss a permanent practice day and time if Tuesday's doesn't work for you. Call me at 320-4915 or call the church office and let Sharon know that you are excited to become a part of the bell choir! Your chief ding-a-ling, Diane Witzig

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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

FEBRUARY WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:

Bossingham, *Delbert	320-9024
*Ruth	320-8663
Wermager, *Cindy	252-7506

Hornung, Deb	952-8760 or 320-4089
Johnson, *Harry & *Dianna	252-0554
Korynta, *Larry & *Jenny	952-7327
	or Jenny cell 659-0039
Martin, *Bob & *Gail	252-7485
Reimers, *Dale & *Mary Ellen	252-5332
Szarkowski, Tyler & *Marcy	763-6526
Thompson, *Maris	269-2655
VanDyke, *Lynn & *Pam	669-2533 or 320-9464
Worm, *Paul & *Sandy	952-7049
Worm, *Troy	952-7049

*Member
 **High School Student

From the Pastor

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*
Micah 6:8

This verse is so powerful. It tells us what God wants from us. The prophet Micah asks, what does God require of us? He asks this question in a time of dishonesty, corruption, and injustice. It was a time when the leaders and the people had gotten so far off track that they were completely lost.

Had Micah posed this question to the people of today, the answer probably would be something along the lines of sacrifice, showing up for worship, giving offerings and all other ‘works.’ But instead, Micah asks this question and then answers it from God's point of view. And the answer should never cease to shock and surprise us, to make us uncomfortable as we wonder: am I really doing that?

God doesn't require the things we have come to expect like showing up for worship (which is good), knowing the Bible well (which is good), having all the right beliefs (according to who? Hopefully Jesus!). Instead God requires that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. These actions are not optional for a life of faith. So often we think of faith in terms of what we believe and how certain we are about those beliefs. But Micah wants us to think of faith in terms of what we are inspired to do. How does our belief in God change how we live our lives?

And Micah is not the only voice in Scripture asking this question, in the New Testament book of James we hear: *So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.* And we hear Jesus summarizing a life of faith as loving God with our whole being and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Faith is not a feeling but a verb, it is the way we live out our lives with the kind of love that humbly walks with God, seeks out justice, and extends kindness to all.

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4 Enrich. Hour 9 Worship 10:30 AM Communion Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons	5	6 Reading Group 2:30 PM HERRB Tutoring 4:00 PM Handbell Choir 5:15 PM	7 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM	8 Kitchen Cleaning 9:00 AM Joint Elder/ Deacon Meeting 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	9	10
11 Hands On CPR Class during Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	12	13 Reading Group 2:30 PM HERRB Tutoring 4:00 PM	14 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM	15 AA 7:00 PM	16	17 Community Prayer 10:00-10:30 Temple Baptist
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Happy Valentines Day!



FEBRURY BIRTHDAYS

Marcy Szarkowski	2
Vicki Enger	2
Gabriele Matzke	6
Carrie Orn	6
Isaiah Chimanga	9
Kayla Thoele	15
Mike Allmer	16
Christiana Teboh	16
Don Williams	18
Ruth Bossingham	22
Diane Weispfenning	23
Porter Orn	24
Paul Worm	24
Janet Miller	28



Thank You

Dear Church Family: My family and I have been overcome since the sudden death of my brother Randy. We sincerely appreciated the kindness you have shown, your prayers and the many cards we received. We appreciate the special music provided by David Morlock at my brother's funeral service it was truly beautiful.

Pastor Bob, we can't thank you enough for your presence at Randy's funeral; your prayers and your ongoing support to my father and to me and my family at this difficult time have been very comforting.

With thankfulness, Rita, Jim, Tara, and family of
Randall "Randy" Roberts

Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat for Humanity brunch fundraiser sponsored by the University of Jamestown team netted \$660.00. Thank you for your participation and continued generous giving!



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.

Look for more Deacon events in the upcoming Sunday bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Deacons.

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.

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, February 4, 2018.

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!

From the Pastor (continued from page 2)

This is what God requires. Micah reminds us of this not to shame us, because the truth is we all miss the mark. None of us are perfect and we all struggle with this. But although we might not be perfect, we can still try. And with God's grace we can grow to love more deeply so that justice, kindness, and a humble walk with God become more and more how we live. So how today, or this week, or this month will you live your faith? How will you seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God? Faith is about what we do with what we believe graciously walking our talk.

Our mission is to Share Christ's Love through Service. Why do Christians walk through life feeling a humble sense that we owe service to people, rather than them owing us? The answer is that Christ loved us and died for us and forgave us and accepted us and justified us and gave us eternal life and made us heirs of the world when He owed us nothing. He treated us as worthy of his service when we were not worthy of his service. He took thought not only for His own interests but for ours. Jesus counted us as greater than himself as recorded in Luke: "Who is the greater," He said, "one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves"

Let us be magnanimous enough to serve while ever thankful and gracious enough to be humble. And together let us continue to practice our service as we begin the season of Lent. This year, February 14th is not only Valentine's Day, it is also Ash Wednesday, the official start of Lent. We will have an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Catch our worship services, be one with us and please come to join us.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob Boyar

JMA Lenten Services 2018

February 21 Victory Lutheran Pastor Bob will be preaching
February 28 Candace Adams will be preaching
March 7
March 14 Trinity Lutheran
March 21
March 30 Good Friday - No meal

Lunch will begin at 11:30 AM at each site and the service will begin at 12:15 PM. A freewill offering of \$5.00 is suggested.

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
Cindy Wermager

Class of 2018

Dixie Lee
Tony McIntyre
Maris Thompson

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 December 31, 2017)

General Fund Revenue for December	\$61,063.02
General Fund Expenses for December	<u>\$20,301.95</u>
Excess Income/Loss for December	\$40,761.07
Year to Date Revenue	\$288,629.61
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$196,400.41</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ 92,229.20

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 January 2018

- Elizabeth Sherfy made a motion/2nd, “to tentatively make the following changes to the the *2018 Session Committee Assignments*: remove Mark Lee from the Personnel Committee; add Duane Dunn to the Worship Committee; remove Joel Ruby and Bryan Miller from and add Ruth Bossingham and Marcy Szarkowski to the Christian Nurture Committee; remove Jackie Tarpinian from and add Jackie Barnes and Delbert Bossingham to the Church Growth & Outreach Committee; remove Jackie Tarpinian from the Care Ministries Committee; and replace Delbert Bossingham with Lynn Van Dyke as one Elder on the Nominating Committee.” MOTION CARRIED
- Elizabeth Sherfy made a motion/2nd, “to approve the clerk returning the Nonprofit Corporation Document indicating Mark Lee as President, Diane Weispenning as Secretary, and Mary Reed as Treasurer.” MOTION CARRIED
- Elder of the Month and Home Communion February Elder of the Month: Pat Lindbo
February Home Communion: Mary Reed
- Pat Lindbo and Rev. Boyar served Homebound communion to 15 people on January 7, 2018.
- The search for a Christian Education Coordinator is on hold. Jim Morris will be teaching middle school class through February.
- HERRB Project: Jackie Tarpinian reported our church gave the 12 tutoring students a “needs” gift (a box of art and craft supplies for each student). The community project, *Toys for Tots*, provided extra gifts for 19 children as referred by Rev. Boyar.
- Tim McCallister, Associate of Mission Office Grants, has requested UPC submit a brief report by January 31, 2018 as a recipient of the First Cycle 2016 Dream Grant in our Presbytery. The report will be presented at the February session meeting.
- The next meeting will be a joint Elder/Deacon meeting on February 8, 2018 at 5:15 PM with deacons joining the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Reed, Clerk pro-tem

Women's Ministries

Cold weather doesn't keep us in! Presbyterian Women still gather for winter circle meetings. On February 22 Faith Circle will meet at the church at 1:00. Hope Circle will meet at the home of Nancy Fletcher at 1:15. The lesson this month from our Horizons magazine is “In Community with the Reality of the Present.” This year's study from Hebrews is interesting and challenging.

Mark your calendars for March 9 which will be the Gifts of Women Sunday. Women will be participating in the worship service that day and we will host a soup and bread meal after worship. The theme for the service is “Women Called Lead With Love.”

The Reading Ministry continues to meet in the Board Room on Tuesday afternoons.

UPW study for February – Lesson 6...The Community of Living in the Present

Let's have a quick review:

- September - Recognizing Jesus in our lives.
- October – Recognizing our understanding of God
- November – Applying the lessons of the Bible to our daily lives
- December – Encounters with Angels
- January – Traditions of the Church and why they are important

This takes us to February's lesson about experiencing the realities of life which includes pain, suffering, grief, financial problems, hunger as well as the Fruits of the Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. All of this was experienced by Jesus and he is our rock when we go through the hard times. He will bring us through and as we live our lives, and conquer difficulties, we also experience the fruits of the spirit we mentioned above. Read the scriptures suggested for this lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18; Hebrews 10:34-35 and Mark 8: 31-38. There are 3 lessons left after this one. If you haven't been part of a Circle, join one of the groups and finish out the year with us.

Eddie and Jackie

Johnny Hunt Men's Conference Simulcast

Victory Lutheran Church is hosting the men's conference simulcast “What Men Won't Talk About and Why” with Pastor Johnny Hunt on Friday, February 2 from 5:30-9:00 PM and Saturday, February 3 from 7:00-11:15 AM. There is no charge for the conference but a freewill offering will be taken. For more information please call 252-1570.

IT'S ALL MISSION, NOT JUST THE MISSION POD

By: Ruling Elder Karen Macdonald, Mission Pod Leader

When discussing church business at the Leadership Pod, I was reminded that all of church business is “mission”; not just what occurs within the Presbytery of the Northern Plains (PNP) Mission Pod. What does this mean? That everything we do within our individual congregations or within the Presbytery structure should reflect or be based on the faithful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. As we develop the Mission Pod activities, I hope and pray that we keep this in mind.

The Mission Pod is charged with overseeing the seven missions of the Presbytery. Each mission team has at least a member from three different congregations within the Presbytery and meets on a semi-annual basis and submits reports to the Presbytery regarding ongoing activities. The Mission Pod also includes representatives from Presbyterian Women and Self Development of People Committee.

Our goals for the coming year are to educate congregations on the missions of Presbytery, to enhance fund-raising by the mission teams, and to encourage the use of designated mission funds for the faithful witness to Jesus Christ. We hope to provide answers to questions that church members might have about where the mission funds go. This might be in the form of a weekly or monthly mission statement about one of the missions, “talking points” for sessions to use as they determine their unified mission giving, how new missions can be formed, and stewardship of our talents and gifts.

Let me give you an example. University of Jamestown has a covenant relationship with the Presbytery and receives funding through the Mission Pod. Where does the money go? The University has called a full-time chaplain and the Mission Pod has asked that the funding go to support the campus ministry program. We are hoping to hear more about the campus ministry program in the future and know that this will support the overall mission of Presbytery of the Northern Plains.

The session at Glencoe Sloan Memorial recently met and I gave a presentation on what happens to the dollars that are sent to the Presbytery through the unified mission giving. The discussion that follows was heartwarming and thoughtful and led to the determination of Glencoe’s pledge. Is this the discussion that all churches would like to have? Can the Mission Pod provide information to individual sessions as they meet to determine their budgets for the coming year? Or in years to come? What information would individual churches like to have? If all our work within the Presbytery is mission-based, I pray the Mission Pod will be stewards of your giving.

The Presbytery of the Northern Plains

Worship

Looking ahead:

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| Feb. 14 | Ash Wednesday evening service in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm |
| March 2 | World Day of Prayer at the Catholic church. |
| March 4 | Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday |
| March 29 | Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm. |
| March 30 | Good Friday. There will be a Noon service in our church organized by the Jamestown Ministerial Association. |
| April 1 | Easter - We will have an Easter sunrise service in addition to the regular worship service with a breakfast in between. |

The Church Growth committee developed a survey entitled: Celebrating Strengths: Individual Assets and Skills Inventory. The plan is to have the whole congregation fill the survey out during an upcoming worship service.

New Member Introduction

Danielle Schoeler

Danielle was born in Jamestown. She grew up on a farm near Courtenay. She attended school at Wimbledon-Courtenay public school and participated in volleyball, basketball, choir, and speech in high school. She was also part of Wellness Educators at NDSU.

She graduated from NDSU with a bachelor’s degree in Community Health Education and Family Science and a Master’s Degree in School Counseling. Her brother Brady farms with her parents. Her brother John attends NDSU. Her fiancé, Brent Giesler works at Orriginals. She enjoys the company of her Goldendoodle ‘Millie’.

She is a school counselor at Jamestown Middle School. In the summer she works for the Stutsman County Weed Board and the Jamestown Country club. Her spare time is spent reading, cooking, working out, and drinking coffee. She transferred her membership from St. John’s United Methodist Church in Wimbledon, ND. She said she will enjoy working with the youth in our church.