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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Easter Lily Memorials

If you would like to donate a lily in memory/honor of a loved one, or for the beautification of the church, please do so by placing a check with lily written in the memo of your check in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Gifts of Women Sunday

Gifts of Women will be celebrated next Sunday, March 4. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers for the Soup and Bread Luncheon after worship. Soups, Breads and Desserts are needed.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church that deals with hunger, disaster and development. It is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Fish banks are to be used during the season of Lent and are available in the Narthex and will be given out during Enrichment Hour. This offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

At 8:00 AM there will be an Easter Sunrise Service here at the church. The Deacons will be sponsoring an Easter breakfast at 9:00 AM. Worship begins at 10:30 AM. Please join us!

MARCH WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:
Weispenning, *Bill & *Diane 251-9084
Reimers, *Doug and *Mary Claire 320-7680

Burgard, *Joe & *Nancy 952-0051
Haag, *Theresa 320-3599
Hoffman, *Larry & *Bev 252-2668
Johnson, *Terry & *Deb 763-6245
Kooker, *Betty 252-1708
Muhs, *Bob & *Mary 778-7130
Schmitz, Chuck & *Bonnie 252-0191
Schmuhl, *Carroll & *Opal 269-6032
Tarpinian, *Jackie 269-1515
Wegner, *Dean & *Kathy 252-3980
Wegner, *Yvonne 952-2399

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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

From the Pastor



How many of us are bound by the chains of resentment? "No matter what, I will never let go of how you wronged me. I will take this anger, this hatred, to the grave!"

There is no freedom in such hatred. For resentment controls you. It permeates your being, your soul.

That's why Jesus has so much to say and declare about forgiveness. In the Gospel of Matthew 18:21-35, Peter asked Jesus, *"how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister when I'm sinned against? Up to seven times?"* Forgiving someone seven times is generous in the extreme, but Jesus went far beyond that.

Jesus told an outlandish parable about an "unmerciful servant" who received forgiveness for his own enormous debt, but then instead of extending forgiveness for a tiny debt that he was owed, he imprisoned his debtor. In the kingdom of God that Jesus announced, he instructed us to forgive not merely seven times, but seventy-seven times, or seventy times seven. The forgiveness that characterizes his kingdom is beyond calculation or comprehension.

Jesus also linked receiving forgiveness to offering forgiveness. He established a law of proportionality. We can expect divine forgiveness in the measure that we extend human forgiveness: "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from the heart." Similarly, in the Lord's Prayer we ask God to "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Our own sense of the need of forgiveness is the basis upon which we freely forgive others. We can only long for ourselves what we lavish upon others.

Forgiveness of this magnitude finds its basis not only in our own sense of need but, even more sure and certain, in the character of God himself as a fundamentally forgiving God. Paul writes, *"be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"* (Ephesians 4:32). And: *"Accept one another, just as God has accepted you"* (Romans 14:1, 15:7).

Remember these important thoughts:

It takes two to reconcile. It takes one to forgive.

You are not excusing the action.

You are not ignoring the wrong, the sin committed and the person responsible.

You are not eclipsing justice. What you are doing is setting yourself free from the weight of harm that you have carried far too long.

Over the years I've seen too many wonderful people, children of God, be dragged down into despair over what another has done to them. There was no chance for reconciliation and they just kept hold of the anger and harm, not knowing what to do with it, ever reliving the pain, allowing the perpetrator—long gone—to hold them in his or her power.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Christian Nurture 6:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	2	3
4 Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Communion	5 Property & Finance Committee 5:00 PM	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 Session 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	9	10
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More Dates to Remember....

March 6 Worship Committee 6:00 PM



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Matthew McIntyre	1
Arvel Koehn	3
Steve Koehn	3
Maris Thompson	4
Rae Ann Paulson	5
Terry Johnson	8
Brittany McIntyre	9
Amanda Mitzel	9
Mary Ellen Reimers	13
Emma Bennett	16
Gail Martin	23
George Barnes	24
Kathie Dunn	24
Tristan Williams	26
Sofia Williams	28
Larry Hoffman	30



Anniversaries in March

<i>Barry & Kathy Buchholtz</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>George & Jackie Barnes</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Jeff & Vicki Enger</i>	<i>26</i>

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kasey Gengler who has recently taken the position of Coordinator of Athletic Events and Facilities for the Colorado Buffaloes in Boulder, Colorado.



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.

Beginning at 8:00 AM there will be an Easter Sunrise Service here at the church. The Deacons will be sponsoring an Easter breakfast at 9:00 AM before worship at 10:30 AM. Please join us!

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	Colleen Nelson	Maris Thompson
Pam Van Dyke	Cindy Wermager	Clyde Young

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, March 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)

Forgive. Let it go. Release it! Throw it out! Take back the God-given power you have for your own life. For some, the time is right. For others, it will take time and healing. Perhaps you need to talk with someone, but take control.

Forgiveness is not weakness. It is not passive, not gutless.
Forgiveness and being forgiven is part of the fabric of being human.
Serious issues stare us in the face when we consider forgiveness.
Forgiveness is healthful. Forgiveness is freeing.
It may take time.
It may be one-sided.
But it will release you. It will set you free!

Join us at church during Lent as we continue to learn that we are a forgiven people made possible by God’s grace shown on the cross as Jesus died for us so that we might have a right relationship with God. In the rational context, the basic and fundamental source in all this is that we were forgiven first! Might it be so difficult for us to return the gesture? Within the emotional realm we find it so hard to forgive, the pain and the hurt are always rendered fresh whenever we revisit what happened, but letting go is liberating, it may be painful but let us come to mind, that for us in the United Presbyterian church, forgiving while painful, is a healing and a needful hurt.

God bless,
Pastor Bob Boyar

JMA Lenten Services 2018

March 7 Emmanuel Lutheran
March 14 Trinity Lutheran
March 21 New Hope Lutheran
March 30 Presbyterian Church - Good Friday Service **Noon - 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

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Angie Allmer	Bob Martin	Duane Dunn
Pat Lindbo	Mary Reed	Mark Lee
Lynn Van Dyke	Diane Weispfenning	Elizabeth Sherfy

Deacons

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Tony McIntyre	Bill Hines	Cindy Wermager
Maris Thompson	Colleen Nelson	Clyde Young

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 January 31, 2018)

General Fund Revenue for January	\$20,133.06
General Fund Expenses for January	<u>\$20,907.70</u>
Excess Income/Loss for January	\$ (774.64)
Year to Date Revenue	\$20,133.06
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$20,909.70</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ (774.64)

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 February 2018

- Added the following to the active membership rolls: #2172 Florence Smith; #2173 Douglas Chimanga, #2174 Immaculee (Emma, Mrs. Douglas) Chimanga, and #2175 Rahama Nanseruka
 - **Diane Weispfenning made a motion/2nd, “to approve Angie Allmer and Lynn Van Dyke as co-chairs of the 2018 Nominating Committee; and to release Angie Allmer as chair of the Care Ministries Committee.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - Request from Kate Early, daughter of Shirley Sanders, long time former member of UPC, to have a memorial reception in the fellowship hall for Shirley on Friday, June 8, Noon to 3:00 PM, with set-up on Thursday, June 7, during office hours. They plan to use paper products. Suggested donation was quoted by Sharon Watson to be \$75.00.
 - **Diane Weispfenning made a motion/2nd, “to approve the request from Kate Early for use of UPC for a memorial reception for her mother, Shirley Sanders.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - **Elder of the Month and Home Communion**
March Elder of the Month: Lynn Van Dyke
March Home Communion: Lynn Van Dyke
 - **Mary Reed made a motion/2nd, “to approve Mark Lee, Sue Parries, Mary Reed, Dixie Lee, RaeAnn Paulson, and Yvonne Wegner for collecting, securing, and counting offerings.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - Mary Reed, and Ellen and Rev. Boyar served home-bound communion to 16 people on February 8, 2018. Jean Miller would like to have visits from women.
 - Anytime you see children wandering the church, please guide them to where they should be.
 - Rev. Boyar mentors Douglas Chimanga as he is part of the Leadership program at Dubuque Theological Seminary. Funds for tuition were taken from the HERRB Project.
 - **Mary Reed made a motion/2nd, “If the way be made clear, to approve the baptism of Gabbie, Erica, Hannah and Konah Tarr, children of Munah Tarr and grandchildren of Florence Smith.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - Members serving Presbytery: Bruce Berg Permanent Judicial Commission, Sylvia Pringle: Pastoral Leadership POD, Bill Weispfenning Mission POD. Pastor Bob serves on the Pastoral Leadership POD.
 - Danielle Schoeler will be co-teaching the Middle school students with Jim Morris. The VBS theme this year is “A Raging River.” A number of children are interested in summer camp at Clearwater Forest and financial assistance will be needed.
 - Easter Brunch this year will include an egg bake, muffins, and fruit.
 - There was discussion about giving support for the James River Transit, because UPC has members and families using it. Mary Reed made note of it to discuss with the Mission Committee.
 - Jackie Tarpinian sent a written report on the HERRB Project. She reported that anti-human trafficking has made great strides in the past two years. Melissa Williams, Trafficking Navigator from Fargo, ND, has organized Jamestown resources and has a coalition team in place. A headline article ran in the Jamestown SUN on February 6, 2018 regarding the local coalition and included UPC’s involvement in getting it started. This article brings some closure to the anti-trafficking part of the grant. Very little funds were required, so the HERRB committee is recommending transfer of most of the funds earmarked for anti-trafficking be moved to the refugees, immigrants, and UJ international students part of the DREAM grant. There are many challenges for our church to meet among this group.
- Diane Weispfenning made a motion/2nd, “to move \$4000 from trafficking to immigration, refugees, and UJ international students.” MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted, Diane Weispfenning, Clerk

Women’s Ministries

Connecting women to God and one another

March 4 will be an important day for Presbyterian Women. We will observe the annual Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. The service this year is called “Woman Called to Lead With love.” Women in our church family will be assisting in the service, leading the Call to Worship, reading the scriptures and litany, and serving the communion.

Following worship, there will be a soup and bread meal in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheets have been in the narthex, but even if you haven't signed, please plan to come, bringing soup, bread or dessert if you can—or just come! An offering will be received to go to S.A.F.E. Shelter.

Circles will meet again on March 22. Faith meets at the church at 1:00 PM and Faith Circle with Marlys Legler at 1:15 PM. The lesson for that day is entitled "In Community with the Hope of the Future" from the book of Hebrews.

Do notice the beautiful quilt now hanging in the Fellowship Hall. It is another outstanding artwork done by Jonelle Lindbo.

UPW STUDY FOR MARCH—WHAT FEEDS YOUR SPIRIT? . . .or IN COMMUNITY WITH THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE

Think about it, what feeds your spirit? What is it that keeps you going, giving you energy and zest for life? What is it that gives you HOPE for the future? Lesson 7 is about Sabbath Rest. While many of us seldom take a whole day of rest as part of our Christian tradition these days, it is necessary that somehow, we boost up our spirits. We do need to give ourselves time out and perhaps we should consider making it a habit, starting when you finish reading this. Think about what can feed our spirits. Reading the Bible regularly could be a start. If you already do, then how about a 10 minute prayer time every day but have a little notebook and write down the people you want to pray for. Often when we start to pray our minds go blank of who we wanted to be praying for. It might boost your spirit to call a favorite relative or friend and visit for awhile. This lesson encourages less traditional ways of renewing ourselves to get closer to God.

Is a half hour a day too much to give for renewal instead of a whole single day? Can we encourage our congregation to renew themselves by starting ourselves. There are still people who do not shop on Sunday for instance. There are some of us who feel guilty when we do. Mostly, however, the general population has grown up with no thought of a special day for renewal. 24/7 is now part of the American Culture but individually, let us think about how we can each incorporate Sabbath Rest into our lives and encourage friends and family.

Edie and Jackie

Hurricane Response Update from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

On behalf of the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, I’m writing to share an update about PDA’s response to the three hurricanes that battered parts of the Caribbean and Gulf Coast regions last fall—a response made possible by your generous donation of \$2500.00 Please see her message below. Thank you for supporting Presbyterian Mission! —Rev. Rhonda Kruse

Dear Partners in Mission at United Presbyterian Church Of Jamestown,

This past fall, three hurricanes battered parts of the Caribbean and Gulf Coast regions. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria brought violent winds and severe flooding, and their rapid succession left many people and relief organizations overwhelmed. Your faithful and generous support, however, allowed the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to respond with the light of hope in the midst of chaos, through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). **Thank you for your support.**

Your gifts provided emergency funding in Texas, Florida, Cuba and Puerto Rico. In the days after each storm, PDA was on the ground, assessing damage, providing expert support, partnership, consultation and coordination. Impacted congregations received urgent assistance to continue in ministry to their affected neighbors. PDA’s response is widening, providing resources for long-term recovery, working with partners to set up volunteer rebuilding opportunities, supporting capacity building and providing support and training for leaders in Compassion Fatigue and Resiliency. Fatigue and hopelessness often cause a second crisis long after the winds subside and the waters recede.

Historic support from Presbyterians ensured a swift response. In Florida, decades of work in partnership and capacity building with the Florida PDA Network (FLAPDAN) meant that preparation and coordination began before Irma made landfall. Collaboration with presbyteries in Texas provides coordination of disaster response efforts. Ongoing support from Presbyterians means that long-term redevelopment is accomplished as the love of Christ is made visible in all of the affected areas.

Nowhere is the need so pronounced as in Puerto Rico. Throughout the island, the loss of homes, infrastructure and loved ones has touched almost every resident. Many months later, thousands of people still lack electricity and running water. Your support is delivering the light of hope into the darkness of the disaster. From the aid and cleanup on the island, to support for presbyteries in Florida and New England as they receive many Puerto Ricans displaced by the devastation, to long-term rebuilding and development, your gifts have made the church’s response possible. Because of your support, PDA is able to support a coordinator for relief and development efforts in Puerto Rico from the Puerto Rican Presbyterian community. This important step ensures that the work done by the church will be delivered efficiently and effectively and will build capacity should future disasters strike the U.S. territory.



Thank you for sharing the Light with those in need by standing in the “GAP” — Give. Act. Pray. You have been so generous to us and we thank you. You can continue to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s emergency response and long-term recovery work through participation in One Great Hour of Sharing. This Special Offering secures PDA’s capacity to respond to these and other disasters.

Worship

Looking ahead:

- March 4 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday
- March 5 World Day of Prayer at St. James Basilica Catholic church.
- 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. There will be no meal.
- April 1 Easter - We will have an Easter sunrise service in addition to the regular worship service with a breakfast in between.
Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 AM
Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM
Easter Worship 10:30 AM

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

Deb Hornung

Deb grew up in the small town of Woodworth, North Dakota the youngest of seven, to Harrison and Irene Clark. All seven of the Clark siblings are educators. She graduated from high school in Woodworth and received her BA in education at Jamestown College (now University of Jamestown). She met Dan when she was student teaching in Jamestown and Dan was teaching Jr. High math. He is currently working in the institutional advancement office at the University of Jamestown. Dan is from Walhalla, North Dakota. They have 2 children, Madeline who is married to Tim Ranum and lives in Carrington and Andrew who is a sophomore at UJ. She is a half time teacher at St. John’s Academy; Deb has always loved coaching and most recently coached middle school girls basketball and high school boys and girls track. She does lawn care in the summer months. Her hobbies include biking, reading, repurposing and gardening. She belongs to a UPW bible study; P.E.O. (A women’s organization); and is on the North Dakota Advisory Board of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Deb transferred her membership from Jamestown Evangelical Church. She helps coordinate the tutoring program on Tuesdays and is a tutor in the program. Other areas she would be interested in serving in our church would be photography, website and she has a particular passion for Outreach.