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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Church Pictorial Directory

We would like 100% participation. If for some reason taking a picture at this time does not work call Sharon at the church office and work out other plans.

You Won't Want to Miss This!

On Sunday, May 20 there will be a lot happening. It is Confirmation Sunday and we will receive the Confirmation class into membership when they profess their own faith in Jesus Christ and honor them after worship with a cake reception. We will also be honoring our Enrichment Hour teachers and choir members for their service. Summer Worship hours begin the following Sunday, May 27. Worship will begin at 9:30 AM.

Last Day of Enrichment Hour

Sunday, May 20 is the last day of Enrichment Hour. Enrichment Hour will resume in the fall.

Summer Worship Hours

Summer worship hours begin Sunday, May 27 at 9:30 AM.

Wednesday Evening Service

Wednesday Evening Service will continue through the summer at 6:00 PM.

Relay for Life

If you would like to do more in the fight against Cancer we would like to have you join our Relay Team consisting of Bob and Ellen Boyar, Ruth Bossingham, Vicki Enger, Carol Erbele, Pat Liedtke, Pat Lindbo, Bill and Sue Parries, Jackie Tarpinian, Becky Taylor, Maris Thompson, Pam VanDyke and Cindy Wermager. Stutsman County Relay For Life will be held June 8 at Taylor field on University of Jamestown Campus, 6:00 PM till Midnight. You may purchase luminaries to honor a friend or relative from any of the team members which will go toward Cancer, in finding a cure for this dreadful disease or servicing those currently going thru treatment. If you are a Survivor of Cancer we would love to honor you also on June 8th, as YOU have "Fought the Fight and Won the Race!!" Our Team is here for you.

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

MAY WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:

Morris, Jim & *Rita	952-8342
Sherfy, *Mark & *Elizabeth	952-6049

Barkus, *Neil & *Ruth	252-3101
Buchholtz, *Barry & *Kathy	252-4988
Enger, *Jeff & *Vicki	669-2580
Fletcher, *Nancy	252-6811 or 952-7570
Gengler, *Penny	251-1932
Miller, *Randy & *Janet	269-0224 or 269-3694
Orn, *Carrie	952-6767
Reimers, *Vi	252-5014
Spitzer, *Selmer & *Phyllis	327-4295
Williams, *Madelyn	252-9514
**Sherfy, Karla	952-6049

*Member

**High School Student

From the Pastor



As I write to you it is a beautiful spring day. Another season that generally compels us to do certain tasks, maybe even routine activities associated with the season's change. As we progress through springtime, we may be sprucing up around the yard, the home, the office, and the garage. In doing that, we may want to also include our spiritual lives as well. Are there things that need to be thrown out, polished, or replaced?

Do we approach our spiritual lives with the same concern that we have for our physical wellbeing or our social wellbeing? Or do we have a room for our nagging questions about our relationship with God or our ability to remain faithful in our discipleship vis-a-vis the other pile of thoughts in our garage?

I would like to suggest an idea I received from Pastor Dennis Cates that might help with your spiritual spring cleaning. It reminds me of one of the exercises we did at Good News Club at Roosevelt School. *Take a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle from top to bottom. Put the heading "God" on the right side and "Me" on the left. List those things that you are doing or thinking during this time. Place Christ-like or Godly thoughts or activities on the right and those things that relate to "self" on the left. Of course, some thoughts of self may be Christ-like or Godly. But, if your thoughts have nothing to do with serving the Lord, then you might want to put them in the "Me" column. This can be done on a daily or weekly basis. Upon completing your list, note whether your list is lopsidedly in favor of the "Me" side. If it is, consider some actions that might help to balance your lists, or hopefully, make it more lopsided in favor of God.*

You will find that much deep thinking and maybe agonizing may occur. At the end of your contemplation and prayer you will be in a better position to organize your spiritual nature. As you continue your spring cleaning, remember that God gives us life each day. That life does not belong to us, it belongs to God. When that fact finally sinks in, our need for spring cleaning will be minimal and we can spend more of our time giving God all the praise for the joy that fills our hearts.

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<div>  <h1>May 2018</h1>  </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 HERRB Tutoring 4:00 PM	2 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM	3 PW Spring Luncheon 11:30 Christian Nurture 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	4	5
6 Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Communion	7 Property & Finance Committee 5:00 Worship Committee 6:00	8 HERRB Tutoring 4:00 PM Deacons 6:00 PM	9 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM	10 Kitchen Com. 9:00 AM Session 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	11	12
13 Enrichment Hour 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Deacons Offering Honoring Graduates	14	15 HERRB Tutoring 4:00 PM	16 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM	17 AA 7:00 PM	18	19 Community Prayer 10:00 St. John's Lutheran Church
20 Enrich. Hr. 9 Worship 10:30 AM Confirmation Sunday Last Day of Enrichment Hour	21	22 HERRB Tutoring 4:00 PM	23 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	24 AA 7:00 PM	25	26
27 Summer Worship Hours Begin Worship 9:30 AM	28	29	30 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM	31 AA 7:00 PM		
<h3>More Dates to Remember....</h3>						
May 14, 15, 16			Pictorial Directory Pictures Taken		2:00-9:00 PM	



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Korynta	6
Tiffany Dauer	12
Mary Reed	12
Char Enger	13
Bob Serba	13
Daniel Reimers	14
Jacob Sherfy	16
Kelli Connolly	17
Bill McMillan	17
Michael Diede	19
Bob Martin	20
Tony McIntyre	20
Bob Muhs	21
Ruby Lucille Leigh	22
Kathy Buchholtz	27
Freja Rose Reimers	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.

The semi-annual Deacons Offering will be received during worship on May 13. Prayerfully consider donating to this fund which benefits those in need in our congregation and the community.

After church on Sunday, May 13 we will be having cake downstairs to recognize our college and high school graduates.

May 20 will be confirmation Sunday. Come join us downstairs after church for cake and recognizing our confirmation students: Logan and Gavin Gibson, Ariel Teboh, and Ben Matzke.

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, May 6, 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!



Anniversaries in May

<i>Del & Ruth Bossingham</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Steve & Mary Reed</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Bob & Linde Serba</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Terry & Deb Johnson</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Bryan and Lori Miller</i>	<i>31</i>

New Member Highlight

Carrie Diede

Carrie was born in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where her parents, Del and Ruth Bossingham lived when Del was in the military. When he was discharged they moved to Carson, North Dakota, where Del and Ruth had grown up and where Carrie was baptized. She has 2 brothers, Kevin and Keith, and a sister, Connie. When she was four years old, they moved to Jamestown. She attended first grade at Roosevelt grade school; second through sixth at Franklin School; then Junior High and graduating from JHS in 1983. She played violin and cello in orchestra from fourth grade through graduation. She played clarinet in band from fifth grade through college as well as in Jr. and Sr. Marching Band. Growing up she helped her mother in her day care in their home. After living in Fargo and then moving back to Jamestown in 2000 she worked 6 years as Office Manager for Ingstad Media (KQDJ Big Dog Country) radio. She spent the next 6 years at Sanford Clinic at the registration desk and Carrie currently works as a Certified Pharmacy Technician at White Drug Pharmacy. She has two children, Michael, 22; Breanna, 19. Michael attended college in Wahpeton and works for McGruder Construction here in Jamestown. Breanna currently attends college at MSUM in Moorhead. Carrie was a member of our church; in 1994 she moved to Fargo and joined the Presbyterian Church of Fargo. She has now transferred her membership back to this church. She is our attendant in the nursery on Sundays.

Clearwater Forest Camp

At Clearwater Forest, each session of camp for children and youth is rich in a variety of activities. The loving, enthusiastic and dedicated staff provide safety nets for campers to take healthy risks through fun, challenging and adventurous activities. From learning to paddle a sea kayak to cooking over a fire to snorkeling to completing the High Ropes Course, we provide challenges which will help any camper stretch and grow in a safe Christian community.

Leadership experiences abound for all ages of campers – they will be able to choose daily activities, participate in planning and leading worship, and opportunities to lead their cabin or quest groups through a variety of activities.

Come connect with others and God through Christ as we explore our theme, Branching Out, Connecting Through Christ.

- share meals in covenant with one another
- learn that your actions can be transformative to others
- learn that in the choices that you make, your brokenness strengthens you and binds you to one another in God's love
- accept God's forgiveness and grace
- continue the experience of camp in your everyday life

Go to <http://clearwaterforest.org/summer-camp> for more information about Clearwater Forest Camp.

Our Church Leadership

Elders

Diane Weispfenning, Clerk of Session

Class of 2018

Angie Allmer
Pat Lindbo
Lynn Van Dyke

Class of 2019

Bob Martin
Mary Reed
Diane Weispfenning

Class of 2020

Duane Dunn
Mark Lee
Elizabeth Sherfy

Deacons

Class of 2018

Dixie Lee
Tony McIntyre
Maris Thompson

Class of 2019

Tiffany Dauer
Bill Hines
Colleen Nelson

Class of 2020

Pam Van Dyke
Cindy Wermager
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 March 31, 2018)

General Fund Revenue for March	\$15,611.71
General Fund Expenses for March	<u>\$14,560.52</u>
Excess Income/Loss for March	\$ 1,051.19

Year to Date Revenue	\$50,548.83
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$52,241.80</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ (1692.97)

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 April 2018

- May Elder of the Month: Angie Allmer
- May Home Communion: Diane Weispfenning
- Rev. Boyar and Diane Weispfenning reported that funds to date from the HERRB Grant were used for phone cards; transportation; help with rent; tuition for Douglas Chimanga for class in the lay ministers at Dubuque Seminary; Christmas gifts for the children and prizes for tutoring class
- Bob Martin, Ellen and Rev. Boyar served Homebound communion to 13 people on April 8, 2018. They visited Arvel Koehn.
- Sue Parries requests the session to approve payment of the \$500 sponsorship fee for the UPC 2018 Relay for Life team.
- **Elizabeth Sherfy made a motion/2nd, “to pay half (\$250) from the Mission Budget and ask the team to raise the other half.” MOTION CARRIED**
- Mark Lee reported: The East entrance to the balcony has been blocked temporarily with plywood. He is looking for a gate that will work for a better, permanent solution to closing the balcony when not needed for seating.
- Financial Review: Rev. Boyar announced that the Financial Review Committee will be meeting in the next couple of months to do a review of the 2017 Financials.
- Deacons: Rev. Boyar reported the Deacons are working with the Christian Nurture committee to honor the graduates on May 13. May 20 is Confirmation Sunday; teachers and choir will also be recognized on May 20.
- The Deacons have agreed to accept the work of the Care Ministries Committee.
- Christian Nurture: Elizabeth Sherfy reported: A meeting will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2018 following worship with families to discuss attending summer camp at Clearwater Forest. Rides are being coordinated with the Bismarck Church. Camping is open to children in grades 3 through 12.
- The April PNP Crystal Spring’s youth retreat for grades 6 through 12 will be discussed at the April 15th meeting.
- **Elizabeth Sherfy made a motion/2nd, “to cover \$50 of the \$85 registration fee for the Crystal Springs Retreat using money from the Youth Group Fund.” MOTION CARRIED**
- The Christian Nurture committee is hopeful the Christian Education Coordinator position will be filled in time to have that person manage VBS in August.
- Jenny Korynta has resigned her position as an Enrichment teacher. The committee is looking for two more teachers.
- Habitat for Humanity will be reporting on their mission trip at the April 22, 2018 worship service. They will be doing a craft with pre-school and elementary students during the Enrichment Hour and sharing during the Children’s message.
- Worship: Two baptisms, Sanie and Praise Gayflor, will be on the agenda of the special session meeting on April 15, 2018.
- **Diane Weispfenning made a motion/2nd, “to dissolve the Care Ministries Committee and roll into the work of the Deacons.” MOTION CARRIED**
- A special session meeting was called on Sunday, April 15, 2018, 10:10 AM in the church office for the purpose of receiving Patrick Liedtke and Winifred Queye as active members by reaffirmation of faith; and to approve the baptisms of Sanie and Praise Gayflor, children of Winifred Queye on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Diane Weispfenning, Clerk

Women’s Ministries

Connecting women to God and one another

Some activities for Presbyterian Women wind down in April and May.

The Faith Circle met early on April 26, and then went to Eventide for their April birthday party. Yvonne is gracious and entertains with her accordion.

On April 28 four of our members, Ellen, Char and Susan went to Gilby, ND for the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. The theme for the day was "Created in Christ Jesus for Good Works". The women took along items for Hygiene Kits packed that day to be sent for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Texas, California and Puerto Rico.

Our final gathering of the season will be on May 3. The circles gather together at 11:30 AM that day for a potluck luncheon. The afternoon will include the receiving and dedication of the Birthday Offering. The final lesson of our study from Hebrews is entitled “In Community with All the Saints.” This has been an interesting and challenging study. We are hoping to have a special guest speak to us. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information about this and do plan to come.

UPW STUDY FOR MAY—IMITATING THE SAINTS LESSON 9—Hebrews 6:9-12; 13: 24-25; 12L 1-2; 11:35-40

It seems before you can imitate anything or anybody, you have to identify who it is or what it is you are going to imitate. You see children imitating their pets; comedians imitating members of their family for laughs; dogs on Face book imitating people. Our lesson is *IMITATING THE SAINTS*. What saints? What are their names? Who are we looking at? How do we imitate them? One of the resources suggests we be careful who we are listening to. Is the person living out their witness with integrity? This could mean listening to people and do the words that come out of their mouths go in line with their actions or visa versa.....do their actions reflect what they say? If they are part of the cloud of witnesses that we have been studying this past 8 months....who would you imitate in your own life? Martin Luther King? Ann Keller? Eleanor Roosevelt? Your next door neighbor? A single mother working as a bar maid. Who do we imitate in this imperfect world filled with imperfect people? We, as imperfect people have a tendency to judge everyone and so it becomes difficult to find people who live up to our personal standards. Just take a look at the imperfect people in the Bible and how God loves them, and puts them in positions to be witnesses. That is how God uses us too.

From the Pastor. . . (continued from page 2)

All of us wonder what we must do to clean house. Micah provides an answer in chapter 6 verse 8: “....*and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*” And so, there you have it, a simple solution, yet so difficult to begin. My prayer is for fortitude and persistence and patience to wait on the Lord and to prepare your hearts to receive guidance from the Holy Spirit so that you may walk humbly with your God. Like spring, let us too get into that daily renewal, that daily purging, and that daily spiritual rejuvenation but most importantly, as we in awe watch the immensity of how our God creates and recreates nature and seasons, such humbling spring experiences must make us go deep in our daily introspection, and righteously walk in humility with our God, day in, day out, spring or otherwise.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bob

JRMC Community Service

Jamestown Regional Medical Center offers an amazing service to our community called Telecare. While Telecare is a wonderful service, it is not utilized by our community to the degree we would hope. We would like to see that change!

Telecare is a **free** service for community members who may live alone, are home-bound, disabled, recuperating from an illness or injury, or do not have anyone to check on them. A volunteer calls weekday mornings between 8:00-10:00 AM to simply give a friendly “hello”. Telecare gives peace of mind to our clients and their families. It can be a lifesaving service, but more importantly, it offers friendship, kindness and a connection to the community. If you or someone you know may be interested in this service, please call Mary Engels with JRMC Volunteer Services at (701) 952-4809 or email at Mary.Engels@jrmcnd.com.

Thank You!

Thank you for your continued support in helping out the community. You have blessed us, so we may bless others!! —Sarah Oberlander, Food Pantry Coordinator

On behalf of the University of Jamestown’s Habitat for Humanity, we wish to say “Thank You” for helping us make a positive difference. Your generosity on behalf of your community has allowed us to reach one step closer to our goal. Thank you!
—UJ Habitat for Humanity Team

<i>Sunday Worship</i>		
May 6	Communion Sunday	10:30 AM
May 13	Mother’s Day - Graduation Sunday Cake reception in Fellowship Hall	10:30 AM
May 20	Pentecost Sunday - Confirmation Sunday Choir Members honored - Enrichment Hour teachers honored Cake reception in the Fellowship Hall	10:30 AM
May 27	First Sunday of Summer worship hours	9:30 AM

Christian Nurture

*Youth are attending retreat at Crystal Springs Camp April 27-29

*Opportunities to attend summer camp at Clearwater Forest

*We will be honoring the Enrichment Hour teachers on Sunday, May 20.

*Vacation Bible study will be held in August

We are in need of Elementary teachers. Due to class size and age span, two classes are needed instead of one. Exciting growth is happening!

<i>Wednesday Evening Service</i> <i>6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall</i>	
Videos from RightNow Media:	
May 2	Everyday Work’s with Michael Wittner
May 9	A Contrarian’s Guide to Knowing God with Larry Osborne
May 16	Crazy Love with Frances Chan
May 23	How to Hear the Voice of God with Mark Batterson
May 30	Find God’s Perspective in Your Life The Power of Reframing Your Life with Laurie Polich Short