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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Deacons Offering

The semi-annual Deacons Offering will be taken Sunday, October 14. See page 3 for more Deacon activities.

Consecration Sunday Kick-Off

Sunday, October 21 begins our annual stewardship campaign. All are encouraged to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletin announcements for more information.

Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life Potato Bar and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, October 28 after worship. Included will be a bake sale and a country store. Plan to stay for food and fellowship and help the fight against Cancer.

New Member Introduction

Florence Smith, recent member of our church, is featured this month. Please see page 6 for more interesting facts about Florence and family.

Thank You

Cindy Wermager would like to thank the congregation for all of the cards, phone calls, well wishes and prayers during her recent surgery and recovery. She is doing well.

Widow's Retreat

The Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is pleased to offer a Widow's Retreat October 19-21, 2018 to be held at the beautiful Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. The retreat is an opportunity to immerse yourself in healing with no distractions. Retreat begins at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 19 and will conclude after the noon meal on October 21. The cost of the weekend is \$150.00. Registration forms can be obtained in the church office.

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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

OCTOBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairperson:
Wegner, *Yvonne 952-2399

Burgard, *Joe & *Nancy	952-0051
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, *Carroll & *Opal	269-6032
Tarpinian, *Jackie	269-1515
Thompson, *Maris	269-2655
Wegner, *Dean & *Kathy	252-3980
Weispenning, *Bill & *Diane	251-9084

*Member
**High School Student

From the Pastor



World Communion Sunday takes place on October 7, 2018. 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. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. (With material from: Wikipedia) This text has been taken from www.cute-calendar.com

On Sunday, September 30, 2018, a week before World Communion Sunday, in Sunday School for Kindergarten through 5th grade. I will be teaching to the children about communion. I make it a point to teach on communion almost every Communion Sunday during the Children's time. Yet Parents of our children have asked for more instruction, which I am glad to provide. I encourage the parents to attend the class with their children so that you are aware of what they are learning.

Rev. Jack Roeda shares these five points that I will use to teach the kids. Perhaps before you arrive at church on World Communion Sunday you could run through these points as you prepare your hearts to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

- *look back—over the long history of God's faithfulness, especially in the life of Jesus.*
- *look forward—to the feast we will share in the kingdom of heaven.*
- *look "up"—to the ascended Jesus in heaven, remembering how he prays for us and how we trust in him.*
- *look around—at the people of God who promise to love each other and serve the world.*
- *look within—to see our own sin and need for a Savior and to remember that we are loved by God and are members of God's own family.*

What follows are other items that might be of interest:

Dayton Burkholder requested a memorial service to be held at United Presbyterian Church on Monday, October 8th at 9:30 am for his late wife Barbara Eddy Burkholder.

I will officiate at the wedding of Becky Taylor and Patrick Liedtke on Friday, October 19, 2018 in Bismarck.

I will take vacation from October 22-29, 2018. Candace Adams will preach on October 28th.

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October 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	3 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM	4 Christian Nurture 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 Communion Peace Offering Received	8	9 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00 Deacons 6:00	10 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM	11 Kitchen Com. 9:00 AM Session 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	12	13 Community Prayer Voorhees Chapel 10:00-10:30 AM
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21 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Consecration Sunday Kick-Off	22	23 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	24 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM	25 Faith and Hope Circles 1:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	26	27
28 SS 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Relay for Life Potato Bar and Silent Auction	29	30 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	31 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM			

More Dates to Remember...

The Kitchen Committee will meet Thursday, October 11 at 9:00 AM for kitchen cleaning. All women of the church are invited.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Blake Bossingham	1
Vi Reimers	7
Sandy Worm	8
Jackie Barnes	10
Danielle Schoeler	15
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



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>



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 Sunday, October 14 during worship. Prayerfully consider giving to this endeavor which not only supports those in need in our congregation but also in the community.

Don't forget there is a shopping cart in the Reading Room for Community Action. Please consider a donation of non perishable items for Community Action.

We also are looking for personal hygiene items for Salvation Army (toothbrush, tooth paste, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, and etc.) There is a box in the Reading Room for those donations also.

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	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, October 7.

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!

Christian Education

As you have heard, I am moving onto another adventure in Wisconsin, but having said that, I continue to be fond of you all! You have made us feel welcome and part of your spiritual community. Your acts of services made us simply see the Love of God! I am so thankful to God for you and your response to God's call to Mission. The Lord brought many of us in one place so that we can serve him with the very best of our efforts. You have done so well, and much greater things are yet to come for those who are faithful in God's vineyard.

Sunday School has begun. I hope and pray that the classroom experience will be exciting this year for you, even if I am not going to be there physically I will be there in my prayers with you. Allow me to make an appeal: Would you consider volunteering in one of the classrooms? It will make a lot of difference for the class if you come! Let us all participate in God's Kingdom together!

Lastly, I want to tell you how grateful I am for all of you who helped this summer with VBS and the Clearwater Forest trip, with your time and/or donations. Please know that we are very grateful for your generosity. You have given the kids a valuable gift to remember for the rest of their lives. **YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!** Keep up the good work!

Christian Senyoni

Bdecan Presbyterian Church Celebrates with Joy

Presbytery of the Northern Plains Bdecan Ministry Team hosted an open house on Saturday, July 14 at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Tokio, ND in honor of Joe Obermeyer's 5th year anniversary as their Youth and Outreach Coordinator and the ministry taking place at the church. Churches throughout the US who have partnered were invited to attend.

The day started with a 5K run/walk followed by a lunch prepared by Ministry Team members. Following lunch, activities included a puppet show, music and a basketball shoot sponsored by the youth. Attendees pledged so much a basket to raise funds for the new clothes closet building.

At 1:00 PM an appreciation ceremony was held for Joe and he had to follow up on shaving his beard as the \$10,000 goal was met for the clothes closet building.

Bdecan Presbyterian Church thanks all who have partnered with them through the years.

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)
Treasurer: Mary Reed

Financial Update

(General fund activity as of August 31, 2018)

General Fund Revenue for August	\$13,381.11
General Fund Expenses for August	<u>\$18,587.27</u>
Excess Income/Loss for August	\$ (5206.16)
Year to Date Revenue	\$133,061.25
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$138,956.30</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ (5895.05)

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 September 2018

- Recorded active memberships of #533 Diane Witzig, #2185 Qualishie Hayes, and #2186 Helena G. Korvah by reaffirmation of faith.
- Elder of the Month:** October, Bob Martin
- Home Communion:** October, Duane Dunn
- Rev. Boyar will officiate at the wedding of Becky Taylor and Patrick Liedtke on Friday, October 19, 2018 in Bismarck.
- Christian Senyoni has accepted a call to a church in Wisconsin. He will serve UPC until the end of September.
- Mary Reed made a motion/2nd, “to appoint Mark Lee and Diane Weispfenning as commissioners to the next Presbytery meeting.” MOTION CARRIED**
- Christian nurture committee is encouraging people to offer children’s messages during Sunday worship.
- October 7th is World Communion Sunday. We can arrange for people who speak in a different language to participate.
- There was discussion on the purchase of an electronic sign.
- LED Exit signs were purchased for the sanctuary.
- Diane Weispfenning made a motion/2nd, “to approve the request to have a Thankful Dinner on November 11, 2018 with the Deacons preparing the food and money for the dinner to be taken from the Deacon’s Fund.” MOTION CARRIED**
- The semi-annual deacon collection will be taken on October 14, 2018.
- Elizabeth Sherfy made a motion/2nd, “to approve the job description presented for an interim Sunday School Superintendent. Position is 2-3 hours per week at \$15.00/hour.” MOTION CARRIED**
- Contact Rev. Boyar, Elizabeth Sherfy, or Sharon Watson if interested in doing a Children’s Sermon during worship.
- Mary Reed made a motion/2nd, “to propose that UPC host the next World Day of Prayer service on March 1, 2019.” MOTION CARRIED**
- Angie Allmer submitted a report that the Nominating Committee will be organizing and meeting in October.
- The tabled motion from the Property and Finance Committee: “for the purchase of audio/visual equipment” will remain tabled pending more information from the Sanctuary Circle.
Rev. Boyar indicated the need for proof-readers for the UPC pictorial directory.
Rev. Boyar indicated the discussions continue with Douglas Chimanga about being a Lay leader and becoming an Elder prior to continuing in the program.
- Betty Kooker and Helmut Albrecht are now at Eventide. Betty is in assisted living and Helmut is in the nursing home.
- Rev. Boyar asked for prayers for the people of the USA East Coast, Hawaii, and the Philippines in light of the storms and natural disasters.

The next regular session meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2018 at 5:15 PM in the Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Weispfenning, Clerk

Women’s Ministries

Connecting women to God and one another

On September 27 Faith and Hope Circles of Presbyterian Women met together for the first gathering of the season. We began our new Bible study, “God’s Promise, I am With You.” Circles will meet again on October 25, Faith at the church and Hope in the home of one of the members. The second lesson of our study is entitled “God is with us in our uncertainty.” God’s promise is given to all of us, even when we feel powerless and inadequate.

Rae Ann has compiled our directories for 2018/2019. They were distributed at the September meeting.

One of the ministries of Presbyterian Women is providing birthday parties at the local nursing homes. On October 9 we will be going to Rock of Ages with cake and a short program.

On October 27 there will be a meeting of the PWP South Cluster in the Colgate Presbyterian Church. Children’s winter wear will be collected.

Do take note of the lovely quilt now hanging in the Fellowship Hall made by Judy Lonneberg. The beautiful quilted crosses in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall were made by Pat Lindbo. Many thanks to our talented quilters.

Edie

Thank You

My name is Keziah Wambui Ndungu and I am a 2007-2011 recipient of the Sponsorship by the Presbyterian women at Clive Irvine College in Kenya.

I was honored to receive this scholarship and am grateful for the opportunities it will provide me.

As a post high school student in a small, village in Kikuyu Kenya I had always dreamed of going to college of nursing and becoming a Registered Nurse.

I was never sure a University education would be possible. I was at Clive Irvine College for 31/2 years and am realizing my dream every day!

Through my nursing career, I’ve been able to work for Kenyatta Hospital the biggest in Eastern and Central Africa. I’m also involved in community medical camps where I get to offer free medical care to the community.

Without a doubt, this scholarship has played a key role in achieving my educational dreams and I have also by the Grace of God gotten to educate my siblings and also have a cousin studying nursing who I sponsor.

Because of your generosity, the financial burden that was placed on me to pursue my education was reduced.

Thank you for your investment in the futures of students like me. I am forever grateful.

God Bless.

Sincerely
Keziah Ndungu.

Submitted by Lou Mayer

*Keziah was sponsored by this church for several years as she attended nursing school.

New Member Introduction



Florence Smith was born in a town in Liberia, a country located on the mid-west coast of Africa, south of Sierra Leone, west of Cote D'ivoire (Ivory Coast) and Ghana. She attended school in her hometown. She has three sisters and three brothers. She was baptized and raised in the Catholic Church. Florence had experiences that few of us here can phantom. Caught in the midst of a civil war in her country, the people suffered starvation and illness due to no food or water. Florence's mother made herself an oven made of mud and she learned how to make a variety of breads such as banana bread etc. She taught Florence how to make these breads and during the Civil War, Florence made breads as baking supplies were available. People were starving and dying. She lost 3 of her 7 children. The United Nations stepped in and she, along with her 4 other children boarded a boat which took them to a refugee camp located in Ghana. This itself was a 4 day journey with no food on the boat. Florence also took 2 year old Laura, the child of a neighbor whose parents were killed in the war. The tents were set up in an area that already was a holding area for the mentally challenged of Ghana and there were priests and nuns working with them and the refugees. They lived in tents for 3-4 years before a steel framework was put up providing a better covering from the weather. Florence lived there 12 years. With supplies from Catholic Relief Services, Florence made breads as her mother had taught her and sold it in the refugee camp and she would take that money to feed her family and make more bread.

Through the efforts of Lutheran Social Services, her daughter Munah came to America first. (Munah lives here and her story will be in a future issue of our newsletter).

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Florence came in 2014. She worked in Fargo in hotel housekeeping for 3 years before coming to Jamestown. Her other three children are with her sister, Mary, in Liberia; sons Tarka and Mimley (but called Neman) and daughter Boryonnh (Bun u). Her adopted daughter Laura is also with Florence's sister, Mary, and she has a daughter, Agnes, 2 years old. Florence's son, Tarka, and her adopted daughter Laura with daughter Agnes have now secured visas through a special program and arrived in Jamestown on September 23, 2018.

Florence joined our church on January 21, 2018.



From the Pastor (continued from page 2)

I will take vacation from November 5-21st. Bill Weispenning will preach November 11th and November 18th.

We are saying goodbye to our Christian Education Coordinator, Christian Senyoni as he has accepted a call to a church in Wisconsin.

Lastly, our Stewardship season will begin on October 21st. This will be the third year of the Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program. We will receive Estimate of Giving cards on Consecration Sunday, November 11th.

Congratulations!

Sandi Podoll, member and former Christian Education Director of this church, is being ordained October 6, 2018 at the Louisa Presbyterian Church in Louisa, Virginia. Sandi was sponsored by this church for many years as she attended Princeton University. She has since finished her doctorate. If you would like to send Sandi a note of congratulations you can email her at sandipodoll@hotmail.com.