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United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, ND

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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Congregational Budget Information Meeting

A congregational budget information meeting will be held during the adult Sunday school hour on Sunday, November 4 at 9:00 AM. Please see the Stewardship article on page 4.

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 4 we will be lighting candles for those who have died in the faith since the last All Saints Sunday.

Consecration Sunday

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Community Thanksgiving Service

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Operation Christmas Child

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State Hospital Christmas Gift Program

On page 7 you will find a list of acceptable gifts that may be purchased for patients at the State Hospital for Christmas. Please read carefully as some items are not allowed.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

NOVEMBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:

Paulson, *Rae Ann	252-7183
Stewart, *Mary Jo	952-1973

Allmer, *Angie	252-2464
Barnes, *George & *Jackie	252-8366
Berg, *Bruce & Roni	952-2310
Bond, *Jim & *Susan	269-8560
Eddy, *Harriet	252-2788
Ford, *Drago & *Brooke	320-0936
Fruetel, *Karl & *Evelyn	252-3899
Morehouse, *Sally	952-0904
Nething, *Dave & *Marge	252-3353
Nordgaard, Les & *Enger, Char	269-5146
Reed, *Steve & *Mary	952-5013
Schaack, *Bev	252-5659

*Member
**High School Student

From the Pastor



Praying in reverence and in thanksgiving...

What a joy to behold for such a prayerful congregation, filling all the spaces we can with this divine conversation, be it in Sunday School, at home and even in otherwise we consider ordinary activities, we all honor our God in our prayers, some in the silence of our solitude and some in the unison of our worship.

We pray for ourselves, for others and even for those we might not know. We pray for specific items, but we in all uniformity always praise God in gratitude, thanking God for answered prayers and even still in gratitude when God's hands seem to be unseen. For what more can we thank for than this gift of life that we enjoy morning after morning.

"No people on earth have more cause to be thankful than ours, and this is said reverently, in no spirit of boastfulness in our own strength, but with the gratitude to the Giver of good who has blessed us."

Theodore Roosevelt

The Christian faith provides a perspective that helps us to see that good things are not something owed to us, but gifts from a loving God. Christians understand that even in hard times when obvious blessings seem scarce, we are still abundantly graced with life itself—a wonderful gift—and more importantly, with the abiding presence of God.

Ellen and I are thankful for our first grandchild, Violet Joy Watters, who lives with her parents Kristina and Matt in New Jersey. We plan to celebrate Thanksgiving in New Jersey early with them when Ellen and I visit in late October.

An opportunity for thanksgiving at United Presbyterian Church is on November 4th, All-Saints Sunday. This is the Sunday that we light candles for those who have died in the faith since the last All-Saints Sunday. For those who would like to remember a loved one, please call the church office at your earliest convenience.

In closing let me express my appreciation for the members, friends and all of those who support the ministry of Jesus Christ at United Presbyterian Church in Jamestown with their time, talent and treasure. And even those in their respective homes, for praying and saying precious tokens of support in their conversation with our Lord. Truly this is one praise and thanksgiving item that we in this church should give thanks to in unison. And as we acknowledge this God-ordained practice, all the more we encourage others to realize what joy there is to be in the hands of God doing His will in appreciation and thanks for what He is to us. I thank those whose involvement in any capacity be it in the silence of their prayers or in the ministry of service all propelling us to fulfill our mission to Share Christ's Love through Service ... and thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Bob Boyar

November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Christian Nurture 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	2	3
4 SS 9:00 AM Congregational Budget Mtg. 9 Worship 10:30 Communion All Saints Sunday	5	6 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	7 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM	8 Kitchen Committee 9:00 AM Session 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	9	10
11 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Consecration Sunday Thankful Dinner	12	13 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00 Deacons 6:00	14 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM	15 Faith and Hope Circles 1:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	16	17 Community Prayer First Baptist Church 10:00-10:30 AM
18 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	19	20 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	21 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM	22 Office Closed for Thanksgiving AA 7:00 PM	23	24
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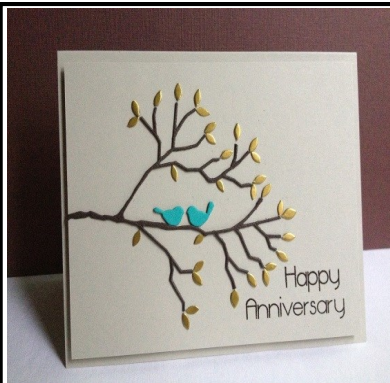
More Dates to Remember...

The Kitchen Committee has been rescheduled. The committee will meet Thursday, November 8 at 9:00 AM for kitchen cleaning. All women of the church are invited.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Della Chisholm	3
Jacob Bollingberg	4
Breanna Diede	6
Ken Wallace	7
Tara Morris	8
Bev Schaack	9
Gene Cagle	10
Dante Dillingham	11
Bob Thompson	12
David Reimers	17
Mary Muhs	18
Charles Schmitz	21
Katelyn Schwind	21
Alex Bennett	23
Yvonne Wegner	23
Lucy Leigh	28
Samuel Leigh	28
Maurine Schoeler	28
Susan Bond	29
Florence Smith	29



Anniversaries in November

David and Nikki Reimers	14
Dale & Mary Ellen Reimers	22
Paul and Sandy Worm	28
Doug & Mary Claire Reimers	30



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 Deacons will once again sponsor the Thankful Dinner on Sunday, November 11 after worship. They will also be providing the meal. Mark your calendar and please join us. You won't want to miss this!

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, November 4.

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!

Stewardship

In preparation for Consecration Sunday, the Property and Finance Committee on Sunday, *November 4, at 9 AM will hold our annual congregational budget information meeting.* There will be no adult Sunday School that morning so that everyone will have an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about enriching United Presbyterian Church’s ministry and mission. A priority is for leadership with our growing Sunday School and Youth programs. We have also identified some needs to keep our beautiful church building functional and fit to carry out our ministry.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Find a Shoebox—Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. Shoeboxes will be available at the church soon. Please include a \$9.00 check for postage.

Fill with Gifts—Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

Do not include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Pray—Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

Please return all filled shoeboxes to the church by November 19. Thank you!

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 September 30, 2018)

General Fund Revenue for September	\$16,967.60
General Fund Expenses for September	<u>\$13,457.59</u>
Excess Income/Loss for September	\$ 3,510.01
Year to Date Revenue	\$150,028.85
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$147,504.89</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ 2,523.96

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 October 2018

- Recorded baptisms on September 16, 2018 of Hawa, Faith, and Favor Dunor; children of Helena Korvah, Rev. Robert Boyar officiating
- Recorded marriage of Brittany McIntyre to Shane Chandler on September 22, 2018, at Voorhees Chapel, CP Bill Weispfenning officiating.
- **Elder of the Month:** November, Elizabeth Sherfy
- **Home Communion:** Duane Dunn agreed to serve home communion with Rev. Boyar in November.
- Reminder: Rev. Boyar has vacation approved for November 5-21, 2018. Bill Weispfenning will preach November 11 and November 18.
- World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 1, 2019. The session has approved having the service at UPC. Rev. Boyar is planning to work with our New Americans to develop this service that will be for the Jamestown Community.
- November 4, 2018 is All-Saints Sunday. **The Worship Committee recommended, “to approve on November 4, 2018 the lighting of candles for those who have died in the faith since the last All-Saints Sunday. MOTION CARRIED**
- A congregational informational meeting will be held November 4, 2018 during the time of Sunday school.
- Consecration Sunday is November 11, 2018. October 21, 2018 will be the first speaker during worship, Jen Bollingberg; the next speaker will be Bev Schaack; the third will be Mary Reed presenting the step chart.
- Deacons are sponsoring the November 11, 2018 dinner and asking the work families to help serve .
- Elizabeth Sherfy gave the Christian Nurture report. The position for interim Sunday school superintendent is still open. Sub teachers are needed for November 11 and 18.
- The Sunday school Christmas service is planned for December 16, 2018.
- Angie Allmer submitted a report that the Nominating Committee is formed, and they are formulating plans.
- Elizabeth Sherfy reported for the Sanctuary Committee that the church architect will be coming to the church next week. Dixie Lee, Elizabeth Sherfy, and Mark Lee will meet with the architect.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Weispfenning, Clerk

Women’s Ministries

Connecting women to God and one another

In October Faith and Hope circles met on the 25th. In November the meeting will be one week earlier because of Thanksgiving. On November 15th Faith Circle will meet at the church and Hope Circle in the home of one of the members. The third lesson of our study is entitled "God With Us in Our Discouragement." God's promise of presence gives us courage, strength, boldness and hope, when on our own we would lose heart.

We look forward to our annual Advent Luncheon on December 6th when the circles meet together. The groups continue to collect our least coins for mission projects around the world and our offerings for the Hunger Fund.

Edie

Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday is November 11 for our congregation. You will be asked to fill out your Estimate of Giving Card during worship. The Deacons are sponsoring the Thankful Dinner after the service.

Your commitment of support, demonstrated by completion of your Estimate of Giving card on Consecration Sunday, will help our Session to adopt a budget for 2019 that equips United Presbyterian Church to serve our congregation and to live out our call to serve in God’s world.

We look forward to your participation in Consecration Sunday and your commitment to help us in planning for 2019 by completing an Estimate of Giving Card for the coming year.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 PM at New Hope Free Lutheran Church located at 1545 15th Ave. NW, Jamestown. We invite the whole community and people of all churches to join in giving thanks to God for his blessings and provision!

We are awaiting a response from the Jamestown Choralaires as to whether they can sing during the service. If they cannot, then we may pursue organizing a community choir, with a 6:00 PM rehearsal.

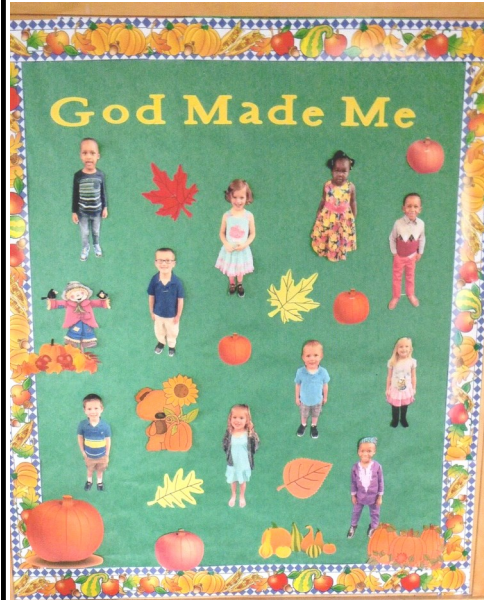
Following the service, there will be a time for fellowship. We will be asking for donations of bars, cakes, pies, etc. Those who can bring should text or call Cheryl Eslick at 701-320-0803.

Giving Tree

126 red and green paper apples were placed on our Giving Tree, each one with a request for a certain type of food in a certain kind of container, in some cases, all intended to be part of the Weekend Back-Pack program. All 126 apples were taken and returned with the item on their apple(s) and often, givers included more than asked for. The food items were then delivered by the Deacons to Community Action which administers the program. Deacons of our church thank you for your generosity. It is another way we 'Share Christ's Love Through Service' (our mission statement) in our community.



Ruth Bossingham's Pre- School Class



K-2nd Grade Classroom

Marcy Szarkowski reports that the children are enjoying the season of fall with pumpkin painting.



CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM for STATE HOSPITAL PATIENTS



Volunteers at the State Hospital wish to give you all an opportunity to be "**Family**" to patients on Christmas! Here are a few suggestions which may be of interest to those individuals who wish to respond to this appeal.

For Men & Women: Hair brushes and combs, hair accessories, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, chap-stick.

For Women: Pajamas sets, nightgowns, lounge pants, panties, slippers, blouses or tops, sweat-shirts, sweatpants, socks, make-up (eye shadow, mascara, foundation, lipstick), lotions, nail polish, slipper socks, stretch gloves, winter hats. Christian devotionals, journals, book markers, notebooks (no spirals), planners and fleece throws.

For Men: Sweatshirts, sweatpants, hooded sweatshirts, colored t-shirts, socks, boxer briefs, flannel shirts, lounge pants, winter caps and gloves, billfolds, hand lotion, slippers, handkerchiefs, pajama sets, notebooks (no spiral), planners, playing cards, book markers, Christian devotionals, journals and fleece throws.

For Wards: Games, supplies for arts and crafts (especially yarn and fuzzy posters), coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, colored markers, puzzles, new boxes of all occasion greeting cards, stationery, Bibles, Christmas candy, calendars, blankets and quilts.

Financial Aid is welcome & we will send a postcard receipt for all monetary donations.

WE ALWAYS RUN SHORT OF ITEMS FOR MEN.

Please note: Please DO NOT wrap gifts or send used clothing, used items, glass, metal, aluminum, ceramic, breakable knick-knacks, books or calendars with spiral binding or alcohol based perfumes, mouthwash or deodorant for patient gifts. We do not put used items in patients Christmas gifts.

Volunteers work with staff members to make sure patients receive suitable gifts. All gifts are individualized as much as possible. Gifts are then wrapped and their name is affixed.

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS AND PLACE IN THE DESIGNATED BOX AT THE CHURCH
BY NOVEMBER 29, 2018**