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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Valentine's Day

According to Catholic Online, “the origin of St. Valentine, and how many St. Valentines there were, remains a mystery. One opinion is that he was a Roman martyred for refusing to give up his Christian faith. Other historians hold that St. Valentine was a temple priest jailed for defiance during the reign of Claudius. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. The first representation of Saint Valentine appeared in The Nuremberg Chronicle, a great illustrated book printed in 1493. Alongside a woodcut portrait of him, the text states that Valentinus was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius II. Since he was caught marrying Christian couples and aiding any Christians who were being persecuted under Emperor Claudius in Rome, Valentinus was arrested and imprisoned. Claudius took a liking to this prisoner—until Valentinus made a strategic error: he tried to convert the Emperor—whereupon this priest was condemned to death. He was beaten with clubs and stoned; when that didn't do it, he was beheaded outside the Flaminian Gate [circa 269]”

Thank You!

Thank you Presbyterian Women for your time and generosity you provided for us at the Monthly Birthday party! We also appreciated the talented accordion player, Yvonne! We can't wait to see you once again. Thank you so much for your time.
—Shanna Stecker, Activity Therapist, Eventide Nursing Home

Dear United Presbyterian Church—Thank you for your donation. We appreciate your help in our efforts to help others in our community. Major Nauta, Salvation Army

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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*

FEBRUARY WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:
Johnson, *Harry & *Dianna 252-0554
Van Dyke, *Lynn & *Pam 669-2533 or 320-9464

Allmer, *Michael	269-1662
Bossingham, *Delbert & *Ruth (Delbert) or 320-8663 (Ruth)	320-9024
Hornung, Deb or 320-4089	952-8760
Korynta, *Larry & *Jenny or Jenny cell (659-0039)	952-7327
Martin, *Bob & *Gail	252-7485
Reimers, *Dale & *Mary Ellen	252-5332
Szarkowski, Tyler & *Marcy	763-6526
Thompson, *Maris	269-2655
Wermager, *Cindy	252-7506
Worm, *Paul & *Sandy	952-7049
Worm, *Troy	952-7049

***Member**
****High School Student**

From the Pastor



Dwelling in God's love, abundance and service...

It is love month once again and on this month of February people who will heed the call out of love and service will be installed and ordained as the new ruling elders (Session members) and deacons after being elected at the Annual Meeting on January 27, this year. This year, we will all mark this event on the 10th of February at our 10:30 am worship service.

These newly elected officers will start serving the beginning of their term with a joint meeting on Tuesday February 12th with the other officers at our Annual Joint Session/Deacon meeting. This joint meeting will also serve as a venue for our officers to share and take care of our local church's matters such as our vision, activities that we plan to undertake and other essential concerns.

Did you catch all those specialized terms that I just used? These words describe the Presbyterian Church practices and how the church operates. Let me define some terms.

- Church. The people of God who serve God in this world through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Elder. An elected representative in a local church who is ordained to carry out duties of governing and spiritual care.
- Local church. The individual congregation (i. e. United Presbyterian) to which people belong.
- Session. The group of elders who have spiritual and governmental oversight in a local church.
- Deacon. An ordained office in a local church charged with ministries of care, witness, and service.
- Ordination. A biblical practice of setting a person apart for a form of ministry or service to God. The church ordains leaders who will serve the church in various ways.

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February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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3 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 Communion Souper Bowl of Caring	4	5 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	6 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM	7 Christian Nurture 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	8	9
10 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	11 Property & Finance Committee 5:00 PM Worship Committee 6:15 PM	12 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tuesday Tutoring 4:00 Session 5:30 Deacons 6:00	13 Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Youth 7:15 PM	14 AA 7:00 PM	15	16
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More Dates to Remember. . .

February 10 Ordination and Installation of Officers



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marcy Szarkowski	2
Vicki Enger	2
Hawa Dunor	4
Carrie Orn	6
Isaiah Chimanga	9
Doreen Wegner	12
Kayla Thoele	15
Mike Allmer	16
Ruth Bossingham	22
Diane Weispfenning	23
Porter Orn	24
Paul Worm	24
Janet Miller	28



Anniversaries in February

<i>Steve & Terry Koehn</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Pastor Bob and Ellen Boyar</i>	<i>14</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.

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, February 3.

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!

Youth Connection



Souper Bowl of Caring uses the energy of the Super Bowl on February 3rd, to mobilize youth in a national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry or in need. In the next few weeks please donate money to the cooking pots children will hold prior to the next Sunday services or donate non-perishable food items to the labeled grocery cart. Let's give back to our Jamestown community!

We will have a Youth Fundraiser this next month! Please sign-up your name as well as what baked goods you can contribute for the youth fundraiser in the main office to support youth attending the Youth Triennium in July. We will have a silent auction for baked goods on Sunday, February 10th in the fellowship hall to support youth going on this mission trip as well as funding youth programs.



Youth Group has started up again for high schoolers in 9th-12th Grade. We meet every Wednesday in the High School Sunday School room at 7:00 PM. We gather with fellowship, asking deeper questions about our faith, and praying for one another. All are welcome to come as we explore how Christ is active in our lives. Questions? Contact Rachel at rachelholsten7@gmail.com

RestFest Retreat is coming up for all 6th-12th Graders! Come take time to relax, hang with your friend, and have fun! The retreat is February 16-17th in Fargo where we will stay at a hotel, have Bible study, swim, go to a hockey game, and attend worship at First Presbyterian in Fargo. The cost is \$95 per person and the deadline is February 1st. Please contact Rachel with any questions at rachelholsten7@gmail.com or call 515-419-0820.

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 and Family Ministry Coordinator: Rachel Holsten
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 December 31, 2018)

General Fund Revenue for December	\$34,658.62
General Fund Expenses for December	<u>\$17,493.63</u>
Excess Income/Loss for December	\$17,164.99
Year to Date Revenue	\$220,694.23
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$200,382.70</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ 20,311.53

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 \$46.00 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 for January 2019

- **Pat Lindbo made a motion/2nd, “to approve the membership of Ekpang Ajah Ofem and Blessing Ofem by profession of faith.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - **The Christian Education Committee recommends, “approving new consequences regarding the Incident Report. The first incident the student must have a chaperone with them in order to return to class. The second incident the student must have a chaperone attend class with them in order to attend and participate. The third incident the Christian Nurture Committee will meet to review incident reports and determine subsequent consequences. All Incident Reports must be turned into Rev. Boyar, Pastor, or Rachel Holsten, Christian Education/Family Ministry Coordinator.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - **Lynn VanDyke made a motion/2nd, “to approve having a fundraiser, led by Rachel Holsten, for the youth triennium.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - **Diane Weispfenning made a motion/2nd, “to approve a scholarship of \$200 from the Youth Group Fund for up to five youth attending the Triennium.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - **Diane Weispfenning made a motion/2nd, “to approve a second nursery attendant on Sunday morning as planned for in the 2019 budget.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - Elizabeth Sherfy reported that a letter has been sent to the Church Interiors, Inc. Dixie Lee and Elizabeth will meet with Kathy Bates for a church fund-raising plan for the purpose of refurbishing the sanctuary in 2020.
 - Received a letter from Diane Weispfenning submitting her resignation as an active elder on the session; she will remain Clerk of Session in 2019.
 - **Mark Lee made a motion/2nd, “to accept the resignation of Diane Weispfenning from active membership on the session.” MOTION CARRIED**
 - Received request for Steve Reed to present a preaching seminar for Lent for the PNP from 1:00-5:00 pm on January 28, 2019 in the fellowship hall.
Bob Martin made a motion/2nd, “to allow this event in the UPC fellowship hall.” MOTION CARRIED
 - **Elder of the Month for February:** Bob Martin
 - **Elder/Deacon Home Communion for February:** Mary Reed
 - Lynn and Pam Van Dyke, Ellen and Rev. Boyar served Homebound communion to 12 people on January 6, 2019.
- Diane Weispfenning, Clerk

Women’s Ministries Connecting women to God and one another

Faith and Hope Circles will meet February 28th - Faith at the church and Hope with Marlys Legler.

From our study guide, "God's Promise, I am with you", the lesson for February is entitled "God with us through our trials." God says "I love you and will be with you through the end" - a wonderful promise.

All women of the congregation are invited to join a circle for these studies.

Edie

Relay for Life

Your United Presbyterian Relay For Life Team will soon have luminaria available for you until April 26 when the Relay will be held at Taylor Field on the University of Jamestown campus. Luminaria may be purchased in memory of someone that has lost their life or is a survivor. All proceeds go toward finding a cure or helping those currently fighting Cancer. We would also like to invite you to attend the Relay for an enjoyable evening beginning at 6:00 on April 26 when we honor survivors. Team members are: Bob and Ellen Boyar, Ruth Bossingham, Vicki Enger, Pat Lindbo, Bill and Sue Parries, Mary Reed, Jackie Tarpinian, Maris Thompson, Pam VanDyke and Cindy Wermager.



Jamestown Dollars for Scholars is a locally operated nonprofit foundation that believes in the importance of education. We work to raise funds that are awarded to graduates of Jamestown High School to encourage postsecondary education. Dollars for Scholars is collecting gently used shoes (tennis shoes, dress shoes, boots, flip flops, etc.) to be sent to third world countries.

Scholarship America matches the amount per pound of shoes donated to give as scholarships for students to go to postsecondary education. Their goal is to collect 7,500 pairs of shoes between now and April. Please see the box in the church office to donate your shoes.

Christian Education

“ The Journey”

I want to thank United Presbyterian Church for welcoming me into your community of faith. I have felt very blessed to be here, to learn about each of your stories. I am also excited to stand alongside each of you as we serve, praise, and listen to God together in our journey of life.

I wanted to tell you a little bit more about who I am. My husband, Lucas, is the associate pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church here in Jamestown. We moved to Jamestown from the Twin Cities in August. Prior to serving at United Presbyterian Church, I served at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church as a children, youth, and family director. I also received my masters from Luther Seminary in children, youth and family ministry. My family has a long line of pastors, which have helped shape who I am and what I believe.

As I have my own story and background, I know each of you have your own. This includes your own testimony of how you have belief in God and how faith became central to your life.

I believe life is a journey and not a road map. There is no telling where it starts, where it ends, and how long it will take to get to the final destination. Even though life is unpredictable, that is where faith comes in. Jesus is alongside us in this journey throughout the bumps and turns that may pop up.

I am constantly reminded that God remains faithful, loving, and merciful even when we are faced with sin and corruption. As we go about this journey together Jesus’ love becomes the primary focus.

Wherever you are in this journey of life, know that Christ is there with you. One of my favorite bible verses I cling to is from Romans 8:38-39, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present or the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

As we continue together as a faith community, let us reach out to one another in prayer, service, and love. Let us seek to find how we too can walk alongside one another with Christ as our eternal guide.

Blessings, Rachel Holsten

From the Pastor (continued from page 2)

- Installation. A service in the midst of worship for those previously ordained and who have been called anew to serve as elders, deacons, or ministers of Word and Sacrament.
- Christian service. *Christian service is unique for three reasons. First, it is unique in its source. That source is our redemption in Christ. Second, it is unique in its objective, which is to model, as far as is possible, Christ’s kind of servanthood. Third, it is unique in its character, for it is motivated by God’s holy-love.* David Wells
- Christian witnessing. *Sharing our heartfelt faith in Christ - what He's personally done to change our individual lives! We're not called to argue or debate anyone into heaven. We're merely called to share! As in the courtroom, we're called to be a witness for the Gospel, not the lawyer, judge or jury... Leave that up to God!* from “All About” website
- Christian caring: Being the hands and feet of Christ in our troubled world.

Indeed what an exciting year ahead as we all gear up for another year full of God’s activities, and as we do, let it ring loud and clear that we at the United Presbyterian Church say without any trepidation, ‘Here we are Lord, send us!’”

Per Capita

2019 Per Capita was approved at the October Presbytery meeting. The Per Capita apportionment is based on the funds necessary for the Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly to do their essential work.

The Presbytery office has a free brochure which will help individuals understand the fundamentals of Per Capita and Unified Mission.

2019 Per Capita Apportionment breakdown:

General Assembly (GA)	\$ 8.95
Synod of Lakes & Prairies	\$ 5.40
Northern Plains Presbytery	<u>\$ 31.65</u>
	\$ 46.00

The 2019 apportionment is based on a church's membership as of December 31, 2017, as reported in the 2017 General Assembly Minutes (Part II, Statistics).

For additional information about Per Capita, check out the Office of the GA Stated Clerk webpage.