

United Presbyterian Church  
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# The Communicator

United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, ND

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## Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

**Transform. Engage. Serve.**

### Deacons Offering

On Sunday, October 20 the semi-annual Deacon's Offering will be received during worship. Your generous giving continues to help not only members of the congregation but those in the community. Prayerfully consider donating to this worthy endeavor.

### Potato Bar

The annual Potato Bar will be held on Sunday, October 27. The Deacons and the Relay for Life team will be hosting this event. Freewill donations accepted.

### Budget Meeting

There will be a Budget Review in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 27 at 9:00 AM. This meeting is open to the congregation and are encouraged to come.

### Stewardship Kick-Off

Transform. Engage. Serve. We are transformed by God, who gives us guidance and life. We turn to him to transform us, to revive us, and to seek His presence and call in our lives. Once we are transformed by God then we engage with others. We engage by connecting with our neighbors, co-workers, friends, and with those we pass by on a daily basis. We spread the word of God by engaging our faith and love towards others in our midst. Once we are connected with others we are then summoned to go out and serve. This message of God is not for us to keep to ourselves. It is meant to be shared in giving back to our church, community, and world. We will hear three presentations from three different people starting on October 20<sup>th</sup> of how God is moving in their lives and how they became called to action. This stewardship message is central to our mission statement, "Sharing Christ's love through Service." How can you give back to our church and to our community using your gifts and talents? Please keep this in your hearts and minds as we discuss what this looks like as children of God.

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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**

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Koehn, Steve	252-7374
Leigh, Jesse & Simone	269-8737 or 269-8738
Lonnberg, Judy	218-368-0677
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Nelson, Dick & Colleen	252-5936
Pringle, Roger & Sylvia	252-6617
Reimers, Dale & Mary Ellen	252-5332
Schoeler, Maurine	952-1051

\*High School Student

## From the Pastor



### Transform, Engage, Serve

While the season is now on the verge of transitioning to the colder months moving on to Christmas, we at the United Presbyterian Church continues to tackle the theme *Transform, Engage, Serve*. With the power of God's words to change us, we are transformed by God to engage with others and the world to *Share Christ's Love through Service*. This month we go to the second piece of this theme. **Engage**. This means to have a Christlike impact on those we come in fellowship with.

Engaged is when a couple in a romance comes to the point in their relationship that they decide that they want to make the commitment to become married. A transformation has taken place. The relationship has grown deeper in that they engage with each other on a deeper level.

When I lead worship on Wednesday evenings I like the opportunities we have to dialogue about the subject of the evening. We pray for each other, we read scriptures, view a video on the subject of the scripture passage, and then we discuss among ourselves what God is saying to us. Not everybody talks, but we are all engaged. When I hear from someone present share their thoughts at the worship service who doesn't share on a regular basis, a transformation has taken place and a deeper level of engagement is evidently achieved.

In our church, the path of commitment is also seen with our Sunday school engaging the students with the Word of God in different ways. The learning of the Word is based on the Lectionary readings each Sunday. The passage I preach on that week is the passage the students are studying and reflecting upon. During the Children's time at 10:30 am worship Rachel passes on to the congregation what they learned in the class. A few minutes later in the sermon I bring in the children's discussion to further their engagement in learning about Christ and to hear the message proclaimed in various forms.

When a person or family becomes more active in the church they may decide to show their commitment to Christ and the other members of the church by becoming a member of the United Presbyterian Church. This commitment further demonstrates a much deeper level of engagement. Either this engagement is expressed by sharing time, talent and even treasure. Jesus says in Luke 12: 34, *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*.

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## October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Reading Group 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:00 PM	2 Confirmation Class 4:45 PM Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	3 Christian Nurture 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	4	5
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### More Dates to Remember . . .

Stewardship Kick-Off      Sunday, October 20



# **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Blake Bossingham</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Diane Witzig</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Vi Reimers</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Sandy Worm</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Jackie Barnes</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Konah Tarr Jr.</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Danielle Geisler</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Angie Allmer</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Helmut Albrecht</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Flory Austin</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Duane Dunn</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Kathy Wegner</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Ellen Boyar</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Grant Bollingberg</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Harry Johnson</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Dick Larson</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Natalie Szarkowski</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Madelyn Williams</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Lynn VanDyke</b>	<b>31</b>



## ***Anniversaries in October***

<b>Joe &amp; Nancy Burgard</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Carroll &amp; Opal Schmuhl</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Les &amp; Bethyl Lueck</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Gail Martin</b>	<b>27</b>



## **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 have several projects going on during the month of October. The Deacons will be sending Subway Gift Cards to the college students that are members in our church. On October 20 we will be having our bi-annual Deacon's offering. Please consider a gift to the Deacon's to help with our ongoing service projects. October 27 will be the Relay for Life Potato Bar. The Deacons will be helping to put that on this year.

Ongoing projects include non perishable food items collected for our local food pantry. Hygiene items are collected and given to our local Salvation Army. If you have any extra greeting cards consider donating them to the Deacons. Cards are sent out to multiple Church Members every month. Thank you for your continued support so that we can continue to support the members of our church.

Don't forget there is a shopping cart in the Narthex 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 shopping cart for those donations also.

Look for more information about future Deacon projects in the Sunday bulletin.

Those currently serving as Deacons include:

Delbert Bossingham	Tiffany Dauer	Bill Hines
Colleen Nelson	Pam Van Dyke	Cindy Wermager
Diane Witzig	Sandy Worm	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 6.

*Christian Nurture*

Engage. What do you think of when you hear that word? Maybe you think of participation, devoting time, or being involved with another person and not just on your own. A part of our stewardship message this year is, “Transform, Engage, Serve.” What does that mean? First, we look to God to transform us. To ask God how we can be looking at Him and not our own perspective. To be deep in word and in prayer to see in what ways we can be the hands and feet of Christ.

Then, we move to engage with others. Now that we have been given the Gospel, we are to make it come alive with the relationships around us. When I think of the word engage, I think of the word engagement as well. How we aren’t just to quickly check in on others, but to be in a devoted engagement with them. Not that we are married to them, however, but how we are a connecting link to them and to Christ. To see how we can walk alongside them in their lives throughout the hurdles that may come their way. Jesus’ disciples were engaged by walking with him, seeing the miracles he performed, listening to parables, and being constantly reminded to trust Him through their doubts. It wasn’t a smooth ride, but our faith journey is meant to be enacted in engagement with others.

How have you engaged with someone this week? Maybe it was checking in on someone you know is struggling or through a donation of the Giving Tree. Perhaps it means finding coats for kids to be given to Salvation Army or being an advocate for someone who feels like they have no voice.

Being a part of the Huntington’s Disease walk/run was a part of a service element offered to our Confirmation students this year. They were intrigued to help support our faith community as well as being a part of something greater than themselves. This is the message of ministry and this is the message of being like Christ.

Whatever it may be, seeking to be engaged in our community is an outward expression of our faith and our call as a disciple of Christ. In Ephesians 4:11-13, “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers (you), to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

Rachel Holsten

*Our Church Leadership*

Elders

Diane Weispfenning, Clerk of Session

Class of 2019

Douglas Chimanga  
Bob Martin  
Mary Reed

Class of 2020

Duane Dunn  
Mark Lee  
Elizabeth Sherfy

Class of 2021

Angie Allmer  
Charlotte Enger  
Lynn Van Dyke

Deacons

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Tiffany Dauer  
Bill Hines  
Colleen Nelson

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Pam Van Dyke  
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Church Leadership Team

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Organist/Choir Director: David Morlock (252-4572)  
Treasurer: Mary Reed

*Financial Update*

*(General fund activity as of August 31, 2019)*

General Fund Revenue for August	\$12,561.25
General Fund Expenses for August	<u>\$18,532.79</u>
Excess Income/Loss for August	\$(5,971.54)
Year to Date Revenue	\$126,474.59
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$161,561.74</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$(35,087.15)

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 2019

- **Angie Allmer moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve the membership of Austin Adams by letter of transfer from Hope Presbyterian, Spicer, MN.” MOTION CARRIED**
- **Lynn Van Dyke moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve Mary Reed and Duane Dunn as new co-representatives of UPC (Nierling Trustee) for the Nierling Trust.” MOTION CARRIED**
- The 2020 Budget Planning Meeting will be September 23, 2019. Budget items/requests need to be in prior to that meeting
- October 20, 2019, a congregation get-together is scheduled to talk about the church’ finances and budget needs for 2020
- Handrails will be placed in the choir loft
- Caulking around the base of the church is planned this fall when the rain breaks
- Jennifer Bollingberg, CPA, has finished the 2018 financial review and will be writing up the report to session soon.
- Stewardship – There was some discussion of the meaning of this year’s theme— *Transform, Engage, Serve*. Angie Allmer reported plans to have three speakers present on three different Sundays this fall around the theme.
- **Mark Lee moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve a potato bake fund raiser on October 27, 2019, with money raised divided between Relay for Life and the Deacons.” MOTION CARRIED**
- **Charlotte Enger moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve having a Thankful dinner on November 10.” MOTION CARRIED**
- **The worship committee recommends, “to approve the baptism on September 29, 2019, of Okinanni Ogbada, born on August 12, 2019, Jamestown, ND, to Ekpang Ofem and Blessing Ogbada.”MOTION CARRIED**
- The University of Jamestown Block Party was well attended. Our church gave away 294 water bottles. Our booth had two games, Bean Bag Toss and Ring Toss. Those manning the booth wore “Have you Hugged a Presbyterian?” aprons.
- Elizabeth Sherfy reported that she has received a contract for painting the sanctuary; however, she is having some difficulty getting a response for the balcony and pew work. She will continue to try reaching them.
- Fall Breakfast for the start of Sunday school was well received.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Weispfenning, Clerk

## Women’s Ministries

Connecting women to God and one another

The Bible study for Presbyterian Women is called “Love Carved in Stone – A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments” by Eugenia Gamble. When the Faith and Hope Circles met together on September 26, Pastor Bob helped us with the introduction and first lesson. Now we look forward to lesson two, “Words of Love – Don’t Trivialize my Name.” The study writer is not calling these commandments but rather “words”-loving words from a loving God. The guide book includes beautiful art work for every lesson. The artist’s interpretations help us to understand the “words”. It’s not too late to participate in this study. There are books available in the church office. The October meetings will be on Thursday, October 24.

The reading group meets at the church every Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 PM. If you are interested in hearing a book read and discussed, there is room for you in this group. It’s not just for those with limited vision, but for anyone. Check with Yvonne Wegner or Ruth Barkus if you have questions. Yvonne is also the one to contact if you are interested in helping out with the kitchen committee.

Edie

## World Communion Sunday

Observed on the first Sunday in October, this day calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter observed in Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches. Sunday, October 6 is World Communion Sunday.

## Stewardship Quotes

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

—Winston Churchill (1874-1965), British wartime prime minister and statesman

A checkbook is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship.

—Billy Graham

## Widow’s Retreat

Jamestown Area Grief Support Team is hosting a Widow’s Retreat October 4-6, 2019 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. This retreat is an opportunity for any woman who has experienced the death of her husband, whether recently or in the past, to explore and deal with her grief in a relaxing and supportive atmosphere. For more information or to receive a brochure and registration form, please call Eileen at 701-269-4521.



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

As Christians we have the opportunity to meet and engage with all sorts of people in our everyday life to glorify God. Jesus employs the metaphors of salt and light to communicate the impact people transformed by the gospel bring to the world. Speaking to his followers in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus states,

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that<sup>[a]</sup> they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 5:14–16)*

In all aspects of our lives, including our workplaces, we radiate the light of the glory of Christ who lives with us and in us. Jesus emphasizes that we shine His light on our good works. Our good works take on many dimensions, and we need to know that even our daily work is a significant part of the good works that glorify God.

A large part of our calling is faithfully showing up every day and demonstrating to others around us our good work. Seeking to live out a faithful presence in our workplaces means that we show that Jesus lives in us by doing good work and being workers worthy of praise. It means that we extend common grace to our coworkers and our customers and too, seek their goodness.

As image-bearers of God, we are called to extend our engagement even beyond the walls of the church. Our faithful engagement does not end at the dismissal of Sunday worship, but propels us forward to engage with our neighbors, community, and our world. As Christians, we must joyfully understand that our workplaces and careers not only provide for our economic needs, but also allows us the privilege to care for the needs of others, and therefore creates a sphere of influence for the Gospel to be lived out and shared.

We forever thank God for giving us such opportunity to serve Him in our own work spaces and fellowships. Thanking Him for this privilege of engaging and showing His love to others through our care and service, and when necessary, through our sacrificial obedience to sow and show love to those who need it most.

Blessings  
Pastor Bob Boyar

***Huntington’s Disease 5K Walk/Run***

Wilhelm Chevrolet, Buick, GMC hosted this 5K walk/run fundraiser in which several of our youth and adults participated. The proceeds will go toward helping fund research for the cure and the administrative needs for Huntington’s Disease Society of America.

The United Presbyterian Church team received an award for being the largest participating group.



***Thank You!***

- ◆ Thank you PW women for your time and generosity you provided for us on the monthly birthday party! We can’t wait to see you again. —Shanna Steckler, Activity Therapist - Eventide Nursing Home
- ◆ Thank you for all of the donations provided for the God’s Child Project. All was greatly appreciated by our sisters and brothers in Guatemala.  
God Bless, Susan Lippert