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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

United Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Restoration

Over the past few years our church leadership has been praying and working to develop a restoration plan for our Sanctuary and we are excited to announce our next step towards this church project. Today, we are kicking off the Sanctuary Restoration Capital Campaign to raise \$30,000. Our vision is to restore and renovate our Sanctuary in order to enhance and safely provide for our present church family and allow our worship space to serve generations to come.

As you may know, in 2018, dialogue began about plaster repair and painting that is needed in our Sanctuary. Further discussion presented balcony safety concerns and pew restoration questions. Meetings, investigation and conversations were held. Church Interiors, Inc., (www.churchinteriors.com) a leading church remodeling, restoration and renovation specialist, was chosen to handle our project with work to begin in June 2020.

The Sanctuary Restoration Project entails the following tasks:

- Raising the balcony railing to a safe height and install tempered glass panels below the railing to maintain the current appearance.
- On-Site pew refinishing (chemical cleaning, staining, and polyurethane finishing). Pew repair needs will be determined and dealt with as they are discovered.
- Painting and plaster repairing on the Sanctuary walls and ceiling. This includes repairing loose, crumbling, cracked plaster and loose caulking, spot priming and a minimum of two coats of paint. Stenciling of the ceiling will be similar to the current ceiling and colors will be in keeping with the historic nature of our Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Restoration Project cost is estimated at \$115,381.00. A majority of the funding for this project has already been designated by the Session: \$41,000 from the Building Fund (already paid as a down payment), \$30,000 from the Melikian Fund and \$30,000 from the General Reserve Fund. The remaining \$14,381 is to be paid from donations.

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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

FEBRUARY WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:
Hornung, Deb 952-8760 or 320-4089
Thompson, Maris 269-2655

Allmer, Michael	269-1662
Bossingham, Delbert & Ruth (Delbert) or 320-8663 (Ruth)	320-9024
Johnson, Harry & Dianna	252-0554
Martin, Bob & Gail	252-7485/320-5760
Reimers, Dale & Mary Ellen	252-5332
Szarkowski, Tyler & Marcy	763-6526
Van Dyke, Lynn & Pam	669-2533 or 320-9464
Wermager, Cindy	252-7506
Worm, Paul & Sandy	952-7049
Worm, Troy	952-7049

From the Pastor



The Faith of a Farmer

Ellen and I are in our fifth winter in North Dakota where there are, according to a sweatshirt worn by members of our church, four seasons – summer, almost winter, winter and still winter. I learned from last winter that I don't have to turn on the heater in the garage until maybe twenty-five below temperatures. I am hoping that we can save some money on utility bills this year.

If you don't count the Sunday a few years back, when Christmas was on a Sunday, we decided to cancel church the night before because of an impending storm that actually started in the afternoon of Christmas. It took us five winters of being your Pastor that we cancelled because of weather. That was on December 29, 2019 and just about everything was shut down.

For those who have been paying attention there is a spring flooding concern this year for a large area of North Dakota. The concern began this past fall and the amount of snow we've had raises the concern higher. This past fall we were able to be of assistance to members of our church who were in danger of having their house flooded by the James River. Some of us also helped to fill sandbags for the Jamestown community just in case.

The farmers have taken a big hit because of the weather and other factors. We have farmers in our church, who are dependent on the weather, that are hoping for a much better growing season than last year. I pray for the farmers every day. I pray for the Ag community.

Nowadays I am reminded often of my talks with John Schoeler. John is a deceased member of our congregation. In my conversations with John we talked about his relationship with God as one of trust. I believe he learned that as a farmer. Who knows what tomorrow's weather will bring the farmer? Will there be enough sun? Enough rain? Will there be too much of either? Will a cold snap or a powerful storm ruin the crops? Will the bees be numerous enough to do the pollinating?

As a farmer, you live in total dependence on God to provide. John had the sturdy faith of the farmer who knows how to work hard and to trust God for everything. He had the kind of relationship with God that was real and honest. It was part of the day-to-day of his life. He lived with God in the everyday.

And I think because he had been at God's mercy most of his life on the farm; because he had learned to trust God's faithfulness; because he had lived well; it wasn't hard for him, as he came to the end of this life, to reach out and grab God's hand and say "Let's go Lord. I'm ready. I can't wait to begin enjoying life again." I pray that we all have the faith of a farmer like John Schoeler. The faith that says, "I trust God for everything and in every circumstance."

Blessings,
Pastor Bob Boyar




February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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2 SS 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 Communion Souper Bowl of Caring	3 Handbell Choir 4:15 PM	4 Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	5 Youth 8:30 AM At Babb's Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	6 AA 7:00 PM	7	8
9 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Baptism of the Lord	10 Handbells 4:15 Property & Finance Committee 5:00 PM Worship Committee 6:15 PM	11 Tuesday Tutoring 4:00 6:00 PM Deacons 6:00	12 Youth 8:30 AM At Babb's Wednesday Evening Service 6:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM	13 Session 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	14	15 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
16 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Race Relations Sunday	17 Handbell Choir 4:15 PM	18 Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	19 Youth 8:30 AM At Babb's NO Wednesday Evening Service Choir 7:00 PM	20 AA 7:00 PM	21	22
23 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting	24 Handbell Choir 4:15 PM	25 Tuesday Tutoring 4:00	26 Youth 8:30 AM At Babb's NO Wednesday Evening Service Choir 7:00 PM	27 AA 7:00 PM	28	29


More Dates to Remember...

February 14 Valentine's Day

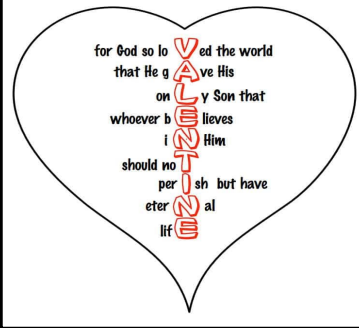


FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marcy Szarkowski	2
Vicki Enger	2
Hawa Dunor	4
Carrie Orn	6
Rachel Holsten	7
Isaiah Chimanga	9
Doreen Wegner	12
Kayla Thoele	15
Mike Allmer	16
Brent Giesler	18
Don Williams	18
Ruth Bossingham	22
Diane Weispfenning	23
Porter Orn	24
Paul Worm	24
Janet Miller	28




John 3:16



for God so loved the world
that He gave His
only Son that
whoever believes
in Him
should not
perish but have
eternal life

February Anniversaries

Steve & Terry Koehn	14
Pastor Bob and Ellen Boyar	14



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 are looking for unused greeting cards for all occasions. If you are willing to donate please bring your cards to the church office.

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:

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, February 2.

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!

Lenten Service Schedule

Please note that all meals and worship will be held at Grace Episcopal Church starting Wednesday, March 4 at 11:30 AM for the meal with worship following at 12:15-12:45 PM. The theme for the series will be Road to Resurrection. Messages will follow the events leading up to Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection.

- March 4 - Betrayal (Luke 22:1-6)
- March 11- Last Supper (Luke 22:7-38)
- March 18 - Jesus in the Garden (Luke 22:39-46)
- March 25 - Jesus Arrested (Luke 22:47-53)
- April 1 - Peter's denial (Luke 22:54-62)
- Good Friday, April 10, Jesus' Trial (Luke 22:63-71)

Census Day

April 1, 2020 is Census Day. The U.S. Census Bureau will be contacting you beginning in March and asking you to complete your census form. You may do so online, over the phone or using a paper form. Please remember to do so, your participation is important. The federal government disburses \$675 billion in funding each year based on census population counts. This funding is important to our community and the people we serve. If you have any questions or need assistance with your form, please contact Pastor Bob Boyar of the United Presbyterian Church at 252-1748 or visit [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

AED Training



Nursing students from the University of Jamestown will be holding a training session on Sunday, March 15 at 11:45 AM for those who would like to be proficient in the use of the recently purchased AED (Automated External Defibrillator) by our church. Express your interest by calling the church office.

Our Church Leadership

Elders

Diane Weispfenning, Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Douglas Chimanga	Duane Dunn	Angie Allmer
Bob Martin	Mark Lee	Charlotte Enger
Mary Reed	Elizabeth Sherfy	Lynn Van Dyke

Deacons

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Tiffany Dauer	Pam Van Dyke	Delbert Bossingham
Bill Hines	Cindy Wermager	Diane Witzig
Colleen Nelson	Clyde Young	Sandy Worm

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, 2019)

General Fund Revenue for December	\$61,637.39
General Fund Expenses for December	<u>\$17,942.74</u>
Excess Income/Loss for December	\$43,694.65
Year to Date Revenue	\$251,475.71
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$242,782.47</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ 8,693.24

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 \$47.00 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 2020

- Mark Lee reviewed 2020 UPC Property and Liability Insurance policy. There were no major changes to coverage and the premiums were lower. **The Property and Finance Committee recommends “to approve the 2020 UPC Property and Liability Insurance policy.”**
MOTION CARRIED.
- The new dishwasher for kitchen has been purchased. They are waiting on the plumber to install.
- **Elizabeth Sherfy moved/2nd to approve “an amendment to the December 12, 2019 motion to approve a \$50,000 Capital Campaign for the Sanctuary Restoration be changed to \$30,000 with the remaining unpaid funds to come from the General Reserves (\$30,000) and the Melikian Fund (\$30,000).”** **MOTION CARRIED**
- Sunday School time for youth and children time has been changed from 9:00 AM to 9:15 AM.
- Contacting Carla Sayler for painting or art project for families for a February event.
- Confirmation youth curriculum is starting on the New Testament this week.
- Mark Lee reported four individuals are trained on sound system. They are looking for more trainees.
- **The Worship Committee recommends “to approve Ordination and Installation of new Deacons and Elders on February 9, 2020”. MOTION CARRIED**
- **The Worship Committee recommends “to approve March 8th as Gifts of Women Sunday with soup and bread after the service.”**
MOTION CARRIED
- **The Worship Committee recommends “to approve March 8th as Communion Sunday since Reverend Boyar will be out of town March 1st.”**
MOTION CARRIED
- **The Worship Committee recommends “to not conduct an Ash Wednesday service on February 26th since Reverend Boyar will be out of town.”**
MOTION CARRIED
- **The Membership Committee recommends “to approve Name Tag Sundays for February 2, and March 8, 2020”. MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burgard, Clerk

Women's Ministries

Connecting women to God and one another

PW Circles Faith and Hope Circles meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship. In February the meeting day is February 27. We continue with our study, “Love Carved in Stone, a Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments. The lesson for February is called, “Words of Love, Hold Your Marriage Sacred.”

We recently sent monetary gifts to Community Action for the Backpack Program, to the Arts Center for their Giving Hearts Day Fund, and to the James River Senior Center for their Giving Hearts Day Fund.

All women of the church family are invited to be a part of PW.

Sanctuary Restoration *(continued from page 1)*

We have set the Sanctuary Restoration Capital Campaign at \$30,000 for several reasons. Everyone knows construction/renovation projects always cost more than originally planned (unforeseen expenses, more repair work than expected, additional needs or wants, etc.) so extra funds are always good to have available. Nonetheless, even if there are not extra expenses, additional funds raised would reduce the amount of money contributed from the church accounts.

This Sanctuary Restoration Project is needed so we can continue to safely meet the spiritual needs of people who seek worship, peace and comfort in our church. We need your support to raise the Capital Campaign amount of \$30,000. Whether you give to the church on a regular basis, or just occasionally, we are asking you to consider contributing to this project prayerfully. Please know your contribution to the Sanctuary Restoration Capital Campaign would need to be in addition to your annual giving. A separate fund has been established for this project and donations can be made by writing “Sanctuary Restoration” on your check memo line. Pledge details will be coming soon.

The United Presbyterian Church is the rock that brings us together in service and worship. Our motto “Sharing Christ’s love through service” will continue in this project. As we restore and enhance our beautiful and historic Sanctuary, we will preserve this sacred space that anchors and serves our church family and our community into the next century.

Christian Nurture

As we progress into another month of the new calendar year; I am fully aware of the cold bitter winds, the snow piling up, and the need for warmth. The season of winter in general can bring forth a lot of mixed emotions. Some may enjoy the cold, catching snowflakes, sledding down snow hills, making snow forts, and building a snowman. For some, we see endless driveways to shovel, a need to escape frost bite, and possibly the feeling of being isolated.

Some may be feeling a need for connection, a need to be loved, and a need to be noticed. As we roll into the month of February commercialism tends to explode with the message of Valentine’s Day. What chocolates, roses, cards, and gifts we can give to those we hold dear to our hearts. Even though I am a huge fan of chocolate I think that spreading this message of love (not only through gifts) is important daily. How can we, as children of God, see those that feel extra grief during these winter months? Maybe we can offer to shovel an elderly neighbor’s driveway, give a gift basket to someone who lives alone, or share a meal together with those that may find themselves in the need for community.

We tend to think that love is just between partners or those that are married to one another. However, love can be expanded into those that are in our midst. Those that find the need to be loved, or those that are considered un-loveable. One of my favorite books is, “Strength to Love,” by Martin Luther King Jr. In the book he writes, “Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

We have received the love of Christ which knows no limit. Christ has loved us for who we are and it will never waiver. With God as our guide on love wouldn’t it be great to live this life with unguarded love? When we look at the scriptures, we see a true love letter to us from God. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him,” John 3:16-17.

There is no limit to where love can be found and, with the help of God’s love, we too can live our lives knowing that God’s love will overcome all barriers, boundaries, and walls we may put up. God’s love for you will dig through, climb over, fight for, and continue to search every corner even when you feel like you are unworthy of love. No matter what you feel this month, know that each day God is loving you and He will never stop. This is the true message of love that lasts forever...more than any valentine.

Rachel Holsten, Christian Education and Family Ministries Coordinator

Per Capita

2020 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.

2020 Per Capita Apportionment breakdown:

General Assembly (GA)	\$ 8.95
Synod of Lakes & Prairies	\$ 5.40
Northern Plains Presbytery	<u>\$ 32.65</u>
	\$ 47.00

The 2020 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.

Souper Bowl of Caring Kick Off

We are collecting canned goods and monetary donations for Community Action by Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd. Please put all donations on the Souper Bowl of Caring cart located in the narthex. Let’s help our community by filling our football field tablecloth with canned good items!

Sunday January 26th the Confirmation youth will be having fellowship with Ave Maria residents at 3:00 PM- 4:00 PM in their gathering space. All are welcome to join us as we play games with residents and connect with those within our community.

January 30th at 5:15 is the next meeting for Christian Nurture Committee. This will take place instead of their February meeting.

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

On Sunday, February 2, immediately after worship, the University of Jamestown Habitat for Humanity will provide a soup and bread fundraiser meal. In March, a group of seven individuals will travel to Houston, Texas. They will construct, repair and deconstruct (removing items to resell) homes and work in the local Restore.