

Financial Update

(General fund activity as of March 31, 2021)

General Fund Revenue for March	\$17,317.14
General Fund Expenses for March	<u>\$16,884.67</u>
Excess Income/Loss for March	\$ 432.47
Year to Date Revenue	\$91,421.18
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$50,511.75</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$40,909.43

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 \$48.00 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.

Live Streamed Worship Services

Each Sunday the 10:30 AM worship service is live streamed on Facebook and Youtube. For those of you that have Facebook search for **United Presbyterian of Jamestown** and click on the latest video. You will also find videos of past sermons so you never have to miss one.

For those of you that don't use Facebook you may watch on Youtube. Go to youtube.com and search for **United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown** and you will find the service there as well.

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WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday School Grades K-5 - 9:00 AM - Zoom

Youth Class 2:00 PM - Zoom

**Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Sanctuary**

Facebook and Youtube 10:30 AM

PASTOR & SECRETARIAL HOURS

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Monday-Thursday

For corrections or additions to the newsletter please call the church office—252-1748

The Communicator

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Our Mission

Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor...

In Matthew 28:19, we are commanded to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” It is in that obedience that we are gathered here in faith and love as one church. The United Presbyterian Church is a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce. And recently, we were invited to send in information about our church to be included in the April 2021 edition of their newsletter for their Chamber Spotlight column. May I invite you to look at the newsletter article that is posted on the church bulletin board. Not all of what was sent in was included. So, I share with you in this space an updated version. After reading and studying this for yourself, you are encouraged to share this with those who are looking for a church to be part of. I also encourage you to please check out our online presence as well on our Website, Facebook, and YouTube.

Chamber Spotlight

Before North Dakota was a state, before the City of Jamestown was incorporated, the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown was already preaching the Word of God, administering the Sacraments, and bringing spiritual guidance and comfort to its members and the community. The First Presbyterian Church (later United Presbyterian Church), organized on December 5, 1879, was the first formally recognized Church in Jamestown. Rev. Neville D. Fanning, the first pastor, was installed in 1880. During his ministry the congregation completed its first building in 1881. The first structure was replaced by the current structure in 1914, and rooms for Sunday school and chapel were added in 1958. More recent renovations include an elevator, office, kitchen, and in 2020 the Sanctuary. The Rev. Bob Boyar is the current Pastor, serving the church since December 2015.

Beliefs for the Presbyterian faithful to follow:

- **The Trinity**—We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
- **Jesus Christ is God**—We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
- **The Authority of Scripture**—Our knowledge of God and God's purpose for humanity comes from the Bible, particularly what is revealed in the New Testament through the life of Jesus Christ.

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- **Justification by Grace through Faith**—Our salvation (justification) through Jesus is God’s generous gift to us and not the result of our own accomplishments.
- **The Priesthood of All Believers**—It’s everyone’s job—ministers and lay people alike—to share this Good News with the whole world. The Presbyterian church is governed at all levels by a combination of clergy and laity; men and women alike.
- **The Sovereignty of God**—God is the supreme authority throughout the universe.

We are happy to announce the newest addition to our staff in the person of Tammie Keesee, Christian Education Coordinator. Tammie works with the children, youth and families of the congregation. Tammie, her husband, Charlie, one-year-old son, Paxton, and Golden Retriever, ‘Nilla Wafer, moved in from Texas in August 2020.

Pandemic protocol sees Sunday school for children and youth on Zoom during this pandemic times. Classes for K-5 grades meets at 9:00 am and Youth class meets at 2:00 pm. United Presbyterian Church services (in-person) begin at 10:30 am Sunday in the Sanctuary with a live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube. All are welcome! However, temporarily, no nursery is provided.

What is worship like? Sunday morning worship is about one hour. The order of worship is traditional with an informal, relaxed spirit and “feel.” Bible readings and a sermon continue to be the center of worship. The sermon strives to explain the Bible readings, applying them to daily life. Other parts of the service include music, prayers, a children’s message, and the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. The 10:30 am worship service is livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

What kind of music? With the pandemic in mind, we are planning for congregational singing soon. Traditional church hymns are sung; accompanied by an organ or piano. Contemporary and gospel hymns enrich the worship experience from time-to-time. The choir sings anthems in various styles under the direction of David Morlock, the organist/choir director.

Can anyone take communion? Yes. We celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month. An invitation to participate is extended to all who love and seek to serve the Lord, regardless of church membership.

Are children welcome in church? Yes. Post-pandemic there will be a fully staffed nursery for infants and preschoolers.

Should I dress up? Only if you want. There is no dress code.

Will I be singled out? No. You will be welcomed by a friendly greeter and sit by a friendly church member. You will not be asked to stand or be singled out in any way.

What about the offering? Am I expected to give money? Guests and visitors are not expected to contribute. In fact, many members make their donations to the church in ways other than by the weekly offering plate. No one will notice when the plate is passed.

Where do I park? Parking spaces in the church’s small lot are reserved on Sundays for those who have physical disabilities. There is street parking, the large public-school lot on the corner of 2nd Ave SE and 3rd Street SE, and the lot south of the church building.

I am glad for this opportunity the Chamber of Commerce gave us to share with the community who we are. Please share this with others as you see fit.

Despite the times and conditions, we continue to seek the Lord, seeking refuge in His words and be comforted in Psalms 34:4, “I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.”

Pastor Bob Boyar



MAY BIRTHDAYS



Ryan Korynta	6
Tiffany Dauer	12
Mary Reed	12
Lucas Bollingberg	13
Charlotte Enger	13
Daniel Reimers	14
Reuben Szarkowski	14
Jacob Sherfy	16
Bill McMillan	17
Ariel Teboh	18
Bob Martin	20
Tony McIntyre	20
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Ruby Leigh	22
Kathy Buchholtz	27
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CHURCH NEWS

- ♦ We are still actively seeking a full-time Christian Education and Family Ministries Coordinator. Tammie Keesee is part-time staff. Please call the church office at 252-1748 if interested.
- ♦ Sunday School—Kindergarten-5th grade Zoom Class meets each Sunday at 9:00 AM with Carrie Orn and Tammie Keesee. Youth Zoom Class meets on Sundays at 2:00 PM with Pastor Bob and Tammie Keesee.
- ♦ High School, college and graduate school graduates from the last two years will be recognized on Sunday, May 16. We do not want to overlook anyone so if you have graduated from any of these categories please contact the church office.
- ♦ On Sunday, May 16 we will be recognizing confirmands from last year.
- ♦ The youth will be doing a service project in May, which will require several flowerpots. If you have any old flowerpots (or potting soil) taking up space at home that you would like to donate, please bring them to the narthex anytime this month. (Sizes needed are 4 to 12 inches in diameter.)
- ♦ The Jamestown Choralaires will be presenting an informal concert at Temple Baptist Church, 1200 12th Avenue NE, on Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 PM. The concert is free and all are welcome. Space is limited so you are encouraged to arrive early.
- ♦ Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom at 7:00 PM. Contact Pastor Bob if you would like to join in. All are welcome!
- ♦ Kiwanis Pancake Day will be held on Monday, May 3 from 11:00 AM -7:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus. For tickets call 701-252-9145.