

# *The Communicator*

United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, ND

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## *Sharing Christ's Love Through Service*

### *Huntington's Disease 5K Walk/Run*

Huntington's Disease 5K Walk/Run will be held this Saturday, September 25, 2021. Registration 7:00-8:00 AM. Walk/Run starts at 8:00 AM and lasts until 10:00 AM at Wilhelm's car dealership.

### *Giving Tree*

The time to get your donations under the tree has been extended to Sunday, October 3. Thanks to all who have participated!

### *Operation Christmas Child*

Once again we will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. See page 5 for more information.

### *Blufrog Bingo Bash*

Blufrog Realty is hosting a bingo fundraiser and would like you to participate. Turn to page 7 for what, when, and where.

### *World Communion Sunday, October 3rd*

### *Reformation Day October 31st*

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#### **FALL-SPRING WORSHIP HOURS**

Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Facebook 10:30 AM  
Youtube 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**

##### **Chairpersons:**

Dunn, Duane & Kathie	952-4778
Lonnberg, Judy	218-368-0677

Chisholm, Della	320-5539
Koehn, Steve	252-7374
Leigh, Jesse & Simone	269-8737/269-8738
Lindbo, Jonelle	952-8306
Lindbo, Pat	320-1792
McIntyre, Mike & Cheryl	252-4260
Nelson, Dick & Colleen	252-5936
Pringle, Roger & Sylvia	252-6617/320-0190
Reimers, Dale & Mary Ellen	252-5332/320-3332
Schoeler, Maurine	952-1051/320-5158

## From the Pastor

### “The church reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God”

We continue the Fall sermon series of “This We Believe.” It coincides with the start of Sunday School and the Confirmation Class. The Confirmation class has 6 students. I am assisted by Tammie Keese. The book *This We Believe: Eight Truths Presbyterians Affirm* by Stephen Plunkett is the starting off point for this sermon series.

We were able to kick-off the sermon series with an introductory sermon on August 29<sup>th</sup>. In subsequent weeks we focused in on what Presbyterians believe about the Bible; the Sovereignty of God; and Being Chosen by God, also known as the Doctrine of Election or Predestination. These sermons are made available for you on our Facebook page or YouTube.

Lord willing, my plan is to continue this series until Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Reformation Sunday. On Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the baptism of Anja Reimers and I will preach on what we believe about Baptism. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is World Communion Sunday, and I will preach on what we believe about Communion.

David Morlock and Bill Wojner are arranging a special service on Reformation Day highlighting the music of the Reformation. We will keep you updated on this as we complete the preparations.

The last Sunday of October (this year October 31<sup>st</sup>) is traditionally marked as Reformation Sunday, as being the Sunday nearest to when Martin Luther nailed up his ninety-five propositions or theses and began the popular movement of the Reformation. We need to remember that Presbyterians are members of the Reformed tradition of which John Calvin, a Christian reformer, is considered the founder or father of the Reformed tradition.

It will also be recalled that John D. Hannah described the situation at the time (the year 1517) this way: *“The Reformation was a call for authentic Christianity, an attempt to escape the medieval corruption of the faith through renewal and reform. Its teaching, which swirled around a fivefold repetition of the word sola (“alone” which) was a radical message for that day (and should be for ours) because it called for a commitment to an entirely God-centered view of faith and life”*

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# October 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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3 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM World Communion	4	5 Christian Nurture 5:15 PM	6 Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00	7 AA 7:00 PM	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	11 Property & Finance Com. 5:00	12 Deacons 6:15 PM	13 Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00	14 Session 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	18	19	20 Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00	21 AA 7:00 PM	22	23
24 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	25	26	27 Wednesday Service 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00	28 AA 7:00 PM	29	30
31 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM						

### More Dates to Remember . . .

October 31 Reformation Sunday



## 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>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>Natalie Szarkowski</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Madelyn Williams</b>	<b>30</b>



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

Today the motto that is used about our Reformed tradition is: “the church reformed and always being reformed according to the Word of God” As Michael Horton said: “*When we invoke the whole phrase, we confess that we belong to the church and not simply to ourselves and that this church is always created and renewed by the Word of God rather than by the spirit of the age.*”

When we learn about the Reformed tradition we are learning about the Christian faith? The Apostles' Creed begins with these two words, "I believe," which comes from the Latin “Credo” where we get our word “Creed”. The Christian, according to the Word of God, is called to both use our mind and heart, but the creed says, "I believe. I believe in my heart. I don't just know in my head. I believe in my heart." That's what drives us as the people of God. Lynn Malone says: *Faith is living our lives in such a manner to reflect the beliefs we hold in our hearts and minds.* As Christians at United Presbyterian Church, we have the opportunity to live our lives with meaning and purpose, to reflect the ‘credo’ we nurture by sharing Christ’s love through service. Indeed, when we believe... we transform, we reflect the faith!

Blessings,

Pastor Bob Boyar

### *Confirmation Class 2021-2022*

The Confirmation Class of 2021-2022 is meeting every Wednesday Evening at 7: 00 PM in the parlor. We have gotten off to a good start with Pastor Bob and Tammie Keesee leading. The members of the class are Sophia Bond, Hannah Tarr, Garmie Tokpah, Sophia Williams, Raul Wolf, and SeaAira Wolf. Their first service project is to participate in the Huntington’s Disease Walk on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for those in the class as they prepare to confess their own faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and become a full member of United Presbyterian Church.

### *Anniversaries in October*

<i>Joe &amp; Nancy Burgard</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Carroll &amp; Opal Schmuhl</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Les &amp; Bethyl Lueck</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Carrie Orn &amp; Ryan Carlson</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Bob &amp; Gail Martin</i>	<i>27</i>



## *Session Highlights August 2021*

- Mary Reed reviewed the financial information with the session. **Elder Dunn moved/Elder Sherfy seconded** that we pay the rest of our per capita of \$4800 to Presbytery of the Northern Plains. **Motion passed.**
- An additional worship service began September 8, 2021 at 6:00PM. This begins the Wednesday church night. Confirmation is at 7:00PM. Choir practice is at 7:00PM.
- **Motion from committee/Elder Sherfy seconded** to approve Charley Keesee and Mary Claire Reimers as teachers. **Motion Passed.**
- **Property and Finance:** Elder Lee reported that staining of front doors will get done, as will painting and facia work on windows. Electronic signage continues to be looked into. The Fellowship room carpet will be cleaned Sept. 13.
- **Membership:**
  - 1) Membership committee recommends, “to approve the resignations of Marge Nething and Diane Weispfenning from the Membership committee and to approve Mary Jo Stewart to the Membership committee.” **Motion Passed.**
- **Mission:** The Mission committee moves to give money to the following recipients. \$750 to the following: Liberian school, Leader's Academy and Dorcas Society \$1000 to the following: Salvation Army, Safe Shelter and Bdecan Ministry \$2000 to Presbyterian Disaster Aid **Motion Passed.**
- HERRB Project—There is \$3246 in the HERRB fund.
- **New Business:** After discussion, it was decided the session would send a letter to the Leadership Pod of Presbytery requesting written rational for continuing the position of Presbytery Leader. The letter will request the churches in the Presbytery receive written rational by October 6, 2021, one month before the Presbytery meeting. **Elder Martin moved/Elder Sherfy seconded** to send a letter to Leadership Pod of Presbytery requesting written rational for continuing the position of Presbytery Leader. Elder Pringle recused herself due to conflict of interest. **Motion Passed.**
- Next regular Session meeting will be October 14, 2021, at 5:15PM in the Fellowship Hall
- Meeting adjourned with prayer by Elder Sherfy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Pringle, clerk pro tem

## *Our Church Leadership*

### Elders

Diane Weispfenning, Clerk of Session

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Angie Allmer	Gail Martin	Duane Dunn
Charlotte Enger	Sylvia Pringle	Mark Lee
Danielle Geisler		Mark Sherfy

### Deacons

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Delbert Bossingham	Jim Bond	Susan Bond
Diane Witzig	Dixie Lee	Vicki Enger
Sandy Worm	Doreen Wegner	Jackie Tarpinian

### 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: Tammie Keesee (903-399-5690) email: tdsprott@gmail.com  
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 Organist/Choir Director: David Morlock (252-4572)  
 Treasurer: Mary Reed

## *Financial Update*

*(General fund activity as of August 31, 2021)*

General Fund Revenue for August	\$18,594.18
General Fund Expenses for August	<u>\$13,696.29</u>
Excess Income/Loss for August	\$ 4,897.89
Year to Date Revenue	\$171,656.73
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$122,894.45</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ 48,762.28

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.

## Mission Committee

The Mission Committee would like the congregation to know how we spent money that had been allocated for missions in the 2021 budget.

At our mission committee meetings, we watched presentations via zoom, listened to in-person speakers and have decided on the following recipients for our budgeted mission amount.

### \$2000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

### \$750 to each of the following:

Dorcas Society—a Christian charitable society that helps people in the Congo, Central Africa. Our connection—Douglas Chimanga.

Leader's Academy Boys Town, Liberia, West Africa—our connection, Jerome Zamgba

Praise Tower Academy, Liberia, West Africa—our connection, James Sumo

### \$1000 to each of the following:

Salvation Army

Safe Shelter

Bdecan Ministry—located in Fort Totten, North Dakota

### Mission Committee

Sylvia Pringle, chair

Pat Lindo

Cindy Wermager

Lou Mayer

Mary Reed

Steve Reed

Pastor Bob Boyar



The Deacons have again hung 'apples' on the annual Giving Tree for the Community Action School Backpack Program. We ask that you take an apple or two, make your purchase and place the grocery bag of snacks under the tree with your apples attached to it. We have until the end of September to clear our tree and the snacks

will be delivered to Community Action the first of October.

It was decided at the September meeting that because the Deacons were unable to carry out some of the events last year such as the Thanksgiving dinner and had less expenses, that they would not have the annual October Deacons Offering this year. However, donations are welcome if you want to give to the Deacon fund during the year.



The grocery cart, located in the SW corner of the Narthex is where you may place food donations for the Food Pantry and personal items for the Salvation Army.



## Operation Christmas Child

We will be filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child during the month of October. Shoeboxes can be found in the Narthex all month. Please return to church office by Monday, November 1 so that they can be sent in time. Gift suggestions for each age group have been printed out for your convenience and

can be found with the boxes.

Visit the website at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child> for the Label Options page to find out whether an adhesive or printable label is best for you. Whichever you choose, use the label to indicate on your shoebox whether it was packed for a boy or girl and which age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!

Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or 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. Thank you!



**Sunday**SCHOOL  
 ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD  
*Growing in Faith Together*

Sunday School began on September 12, 9:00AM in person with good attendance.

We welcome new and returning teachers:

Preschool-Kindergarten	Ruth Bossingham with Jennifer Bollingberg
K-2nd grade	Carrie Orn
3-5th grades	Simone Leigh and Ryan Carlson
6-12th grades	Charley Keesee

Substitute teachers:

Mary Claire Reimers, Tammie Keesee, Danielle Giesler

Adult Sunday School:

Jeff Enger

***Presbyterian Disaster Assistance***

Watching the news as the United States military pulled out of Afghanistan after a near-20-year war, bringing with it thousands of Afghan refugees, members of First Presbyterian Church in New Haven, Connecticut, knew they wanted to help.

The church had a history of welcoming refugees, even declaring itself a sanctuary church a few years ago. So, members reached out to the local refugee resettlement agency IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services) and asked how they could help. IRIS mentioned several needs, including financial contributions and a place to store donations to a winter coat drive.

The Rev. Jocelyn Cadwallader says IRIS representatives came to the church to see the potential storage space. While there, Cadwallader showed them the church's community building and said it could be used to temporarily house a family if needed.

That was a Monday. Cadwallader says, "On Tuesday, she called me back and she said ... 'Yes, we want to use you for housing. Could you accept the family on Thursday?'"

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***Bingo Bash***

Blufrog Realty of Jamestown is hosting its 4th Annual Blue Frog Bingo Bash and we would like you to be a part of it on October 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

5 charities/organizations and/or individuals will be chosen to benefit from this fundraiser. Ten rounds of bingo will be called during the event; two for each of our chosen recipients. These 10 rounds of bingo will be enjoyed by community members of all ages.

Blufrog Realty is asking local businesses for donations for a silent auction and/or bingo prize. If you would like to donate please drop off at Blufrog Realty during the hours of 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

Please contact the Blufrog Realty office at 701-952-5397 if you have donated items that you would like picked up from your establishment.

***Presbyterian Disaster Assistance...***(continued from page 6)

A Wednesday session vote and very busy night with about 30 church members later — all while the remnants of Hurricane Ida were dousing the Northeast — they had transformed the building into a home for an Afghan refugee family, complete with food, comfortable bedding, blankets, towels and such. There was only one hitch: the building didn't have a shower.

They said, "Could you build a shower?" Cadwallader says. "And we said, 'Yeah, OK. We'll do that.'"

The only thing is the shower takes a little time to build. Cadwallader and her family live in the church manse on the property, and she has let members of the Afghan family use their showers. But they are on the third floor of the manse and not accessible for a couple family members with disabilities. So, Cadwallader contrived a temporary solution involving her camper with an outdoor shower head and a tent for privacy pulled up next to the community center to provide a shower while the new one is being built.

"You do what you've got to do," Cadwallader says, echoing a widespread sentiment as churches and resettlement agencies across the country ramp up capacity to provide welcome to more than 100,000 Afghan refugees, in addition to an increasing amount of refugee admissions since President Joe Biden took office.