

**Planting seeds of greatness and health
Food justice talk promotes farming, entrepreneurship**

Samantha “Foxy” Winship of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, wants to reshape the image of what it is to be a farmer and reclaim the practice of growing food as a source of empowerment for African Americans.

“I want my kids to say, ‘You know what? My mama was a farmer, and I’m proud of that,’ and I want another kid to say that same thing: ‘My mom or dad was a beekeeper or a farmer, and guess what? They are like the president. They are like gold to me. They are like royalty to me,’ and that type of thing, and that not to be erased from us.”

Winship, a farmer and beekeeper with [Mother’s Finest Urban Family Farms](#), shared her thoughts during a [Union Presbyterian Seminary](#) webinar called “Just Food: Grow, Sell, Eat.”

Winship, who is African American, noted that over the years, farming has become associated with being downtrodden or with being a sharecropper because of “what our ancestors went through,” but “we really need to just get together, think local, buy local, think small, get involved, do something, be self-empowered,” she said. There is “something beautiful at the end of this.”

From the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook

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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*

**JANUARY WORKMONTH
FAMILIES**

Chairpersons:

**McIntyre, Mike & Cheryl 252-4260
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Dunn, Duane & Kathie	952-4778/269-0982
Koehn, Steve	252-7374
Lindbo, Jonelle	952-8306/269-4677
Lindbo, Pat	320-1792
McIntyre, Tony & Reina	368-9784
Nelson, Dick & Colleen	252-5936
Schoeler, Maurine	952-1051/320-5128
Witzig, Diane	320-4915

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Sharing Christ’s Love Through Service

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 23. Please submit all committee/financial reports by January 10.

Future Projects

Property & Finance is considering two projects for the near future, an electronic sign to replace our old one in the northwest corner and carpeting. The sign project is more of a safety issue as the lettering has to be replaced manually rather than be controlled by a computer. Our carpet is showing its age and some areas have to be replaced. We are not considering a fund raiser, but rather reaching out to our members if they would consider donating funds to help in these projects. If so, just place in your memo area of your check, want project you wish to contribute to. Thank you.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thank you to all who participated in the Salvation Army fundraising campaign this year. Please see page 5 for more details.

Christian Nurture

Sunday School children and youth have been busy this holiday season. On page 6-7 you can read about these activities along with pictures of some of these events including the Christmas Program 2021—*The Birth of Jesus*.

Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 5. Turn to page 8 for upcoming topics.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 Worship 10:30 AM	3	4 Christian Nurture 5:30 PM	5 Wednesday Bible Study Zoom 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00	6 Epiphany AA 7:00 PM	7	8
9 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	10 Property & Finance Committee 5:00 PM	11 Deacons 6:15 PM	12 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00	13 Session 5:15 PM AA 7:00 PM	14	15
16 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	17 Martin Luther King Birthday	18	19 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00	20 AA 7:00 PM	21	22
23 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Annual Mtg. after worship.	24	25	26 Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom 6:00 PM Confirmation 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00	27 AA 7:00 PM	28	29
30 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM	31					
January 11	Human Trafficking Awareness Day					
January 16	Hands only CPR training					
January 18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins					



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Douglas Chimanga	1
Bill Hines	2
Zachary Bossingham	4
Cindy Wermager	6
Jim Bond	10
Delbert Bossingham	10
Gunnar Reimers	10
Carol Danuser	12
Roy Brown	15
Bill Parries	17
Lois Hopwood	18
Bev Hoffman	20
Jennifer Allmer	27
Zoe Bennett	28
Opal Schmuhl	29
Ruth Barkus	30
Braden Sherfy	30



From the Pastor (continued from page 2)

May I now invite your hearts that you do the following:

1. Use a daily devotional like *These Days* provided by the church. Pick one up at the usher tables in the Sanctuary or in the church office.
2. Read daily the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook online at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/>
3. Resolve to know Jesus better in 2022. Further resolve to lean upon Him and trust Him.
4. Remember to reach out to people with the Good News of Jesus. The good news is that we have Jesus who stands with us to forgive, to renew, to empower. God meets us and sees us through the darkest, coldest and most fearful of situations for ourselves and for those that God has placed in our midst.

There is good news. May we anticipate with joy the coming new year. May 2022 be a year that we experience the presence of God in our lives, trusting in the absolute reliability of our God and His plans as we in obedience continue to share Christ's love through service.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob Boyar

Food Pantry/Personal Item Donations

There is a shopping cart in the narthex 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!

Deacon's Continuous Mission Project: What a great opportunity for us to continue our community outreach. We will be partnering with several churches to collect personal hygiene items for the Salvation Army (throughout the entire year). Our items of choice are **bar soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste**. A collection box will be located by our food pantry cart for your convenience. We sincerely appreciate your support with this project. Please help us help those less fortunate than us. On behalf of the Deacons thank you for all your generosity!!

Session Highlights for November

- December 2021 Elder of the Month: N/A
- December 2021 Elder/Deacon Home Communion: N/A
- Marjory Ackerman, former Presbytery Leader, was terminated at the Presbytery meeting in Bismarck on Saturday, November 6, 2021.
- The youth plan to help with ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in December (date TBD).

We are planning to host a “Birthday Party for Jesus” at the Jamestown Gymnastics Club on Saturday, December 11th for our Kindergarten thru 5th graders.

We brought back Worship bags for students at the beginning of November.

The first week out they were well received.

The children’s nativity service will be held on December 19th at 10:30am.

Children and youth will be practicing each Sunday in December during the Sunday School hour.

- UPC has signed up to ring the Salvation Army ‘Red Kettle’ bells December 13th – 18th at Cash Wise in the entryway. Jackie Tarpinian is heading this project. Gifts for the State Hospital patients are being collected. A list of suggested items and a box for the items are available in narthex.
- **Mark Lee moved/2nd, “to approve a dinner, by TJ’s Catering, after the December 19th Christmas program. The Deacons will provide the desserts.”**
MOTION CARRIED
- **The Worship Committee recommends, “to approve a Christmas Eve service December 24th, 2021 at 5pm.”** **MOTION CARRIED**
- Class of 2024 Elders: Danielle Geisler, Charley Keesee and Mary Reed (all 1st Term).
Class of 2024 Deacons: Delbert Bossingham (2nd Term) and Janet Miller and Jerome Zamgba (1st Term).
- **Mark Sherfy moved/2nd, “to approve Mary Reed as UPC Treasurer and Nancy Burgard as UPC Clerk of Session for 2022.”** Mary and Nancy agreed to positions. **MOTION CARREID**

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burgard, Clerk

Our Church Leadership

Elders

Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Angie Allmer
Charlotte Enger
Danielle Geisler

Class of 2022

Gail Martin
Sylvia Pringle

Class of 2023

Duane Dunn
Mark Lee
Mark Sherfy

Deacons

Class of 2021

Delbert Bossingham
Diane Witzig
Sandy Worm

Class of 2022

Jim Bond
Dixie Lee
Doreen Wegner

Class of 2023

Susan Bond
Vicki Enger
Jackie Tarpinian

Church Leadership Team

Pastor: Rev. Robert Boyar (814-937-9225) email: rab316.bb@gmail.com
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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 November 30, 2021)

General Fund Revenue for November	\$13,731.13
General Fund Expenses for November	<u>\$16,825.33</u>
Excess Income/Loss for November	\$(3,094.20)
Year to Date Revenue	\$218,916.06
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$177,563.46</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ 41,352.60

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.

Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study for January, 2022

The Zoom Bible Study led by Pastor Bob will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm in January. We will explore the Theme **God Makes Everything New**. Possible topics are God's Agenda for the New Year, Principles for the New Year, Praying for others, Praying over burdens.

Please join us beginning January 5th via Zoom. Pastor Bob will send out preparatory questions and the Zoom link each week. If you are uncomfortable with Zoom you can join Pastor Bob in his office at 6:00 pm where he will be on Zoom. If you want to learn to use Zoom this might be a good opportunity to learn. This Bible study gives you the opportunity to engage with others in a friendly environment and grow in your Christian faith. Those who are living away from Jamestown at this time can join us via Zoom.

Thank You for Your Service

We thank the outgoing Elders and Deacons for their faithfulness to our mission of *Sharing Christ's Love Through Service*.

Outgoing Elders:

Angie Allmer
Charlotte Enger

Outgoing Deacons:

Diane Witzig
Sandy Worm

Thank You!

Thank you Presbyterian Women for the thoughtful Christmas gift. You are a blessing! —Sharon

Thank you very much for the donation to the North Dakota State Hospital for our Christmas gift program. The items you sent will help us provide gifts for each of our clients. The nice variety of items will ensure that everyone gets something special. We truly appreciated your thoughtfulness and your support over the years. —North Dakota State Hospital Volunteer Department



Thank you to the 46 people from baby to 91 years of age who showed up for bell ringing for Salvation Army at Cash Wise the week of December 13-18. This included members, friends and families. We don't have the final dollar amount but it is around \$3000.

Here are a few of the volunteers that participated in this year's bell ringing from United Presbyterian Church. You can find more pictures of the bell ringers on the United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown Facebook page.



Christian Nurture

The UJ Nursing Students Association will be offering “hands only” CPR training in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-10:00am on January 16th (During Sunday School). If you are interested in attending, please contact Tammie (903-399-5690, tdsprott@gmail.com) so that we can provide an accurate count to UJ.

Our kids and youth had a busy month in December with Jesus’s Birthday Party at the Jamestown Gymnastics Club, games and hot cocoa at the church, and the Christmas play. I am hoping to have a couple of service projects in January including one at the James River Humane Society for our elementary aged kids.

I’d like to thank all of the Sunday School teachers who have done so much this semester!

Nursery: Laura Nyepen

PreK: Ruth Bossingham (Using David C. Cook curriculum)

Elementary: Jennifer Bollingberg, Ryan Carlson, Simone Leigh, Carrie Orn (Using Sparkhouse’s “Spark” curriculum)

Youth: Charley Keesee (Using Illustrated Ministry’s “The Beatitudes: An Illustrated Curriculum”)

Substitutes: Danielle Giesler, Mary Claire Reimers

Below are some pictures from Jesus’ Birthday Party at the Gymnastics Club:



Christmas Program 2021 The Birth of Jesus

