

Leaders Academy

A big thank you to the church and the Mission Committee for all the financial and spiritual support. Leaders Academy doors are finally open to over 260 school kids. The kids and their parents are overwhelmed with joy and they are grateful to the church, Pastor Boyar, and the entire Jamestown community. There are a few challenges I need to bring you up to speed with: The school has nowhere to eat lunch so we are believing in God to break ground on a dining hall soon, we are asking for donations to help pay our teachers, and we are also feeding the children twice a week, so we're open to any non-perishable food item donations.

Thank you very much for everything,
Jerome Zamgba



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FALL-SPRING
WORSHIP HOURS
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Wednesday Zoom Bible Study
6:00 PM

SECRETARIAL HOURS
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

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

NOVEMBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:
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Johnson, Harry & Dianna 252-0554

Bennett, Scott & Amy 952-2604/269-1671
Leigh, Jesse & Simone 269-8737/269-8738
Mayer, Gary & Lou 252-0031
Thoele, Kim 952-2844/269-1229
Wright, Wanda 952-6665

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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Zoom Bible Study

Join us on Zoom for Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:00 PM. We are studying the Book of Acts. This book is about the growth of the early church through the storms of false teaching, persecutions, and trials. We are learning about the Apostle Paul and his influence on the church today.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour the night before.

Deacon Updates

The Deacons have several activities planned for the next few months. See page three for dates and times.

Children/Youth Activities

See page 6 for children/youth activities for November.

Presbyterian Women

Catch up on all the news from PW on page 5.

Steve Reed

Steve Reed is in Kristiansand Norway as a guest researcher at the University of Agder. Turn to page 6 for his reflections on worship of God in a foreign land.

From the Pastor

More than any other special day, Thanksgiving remains private and personal. And, as someone has said, no one is “complaining that they have somehow taken the thanks out of Thanksgiving.”

No one has needed to make that complaint, for even the most hardened of us recognize that undeserved blessings come our way. Some of our brethren might opt to substitute “good luck” or “opportunities” for “blessings,” how’s that when instead of saying “potluck,” we say “potbless!” But the fact remains that many of us are aware that life graces us with gifts we’ve done nothing to earn. Most of us absorbed the meaning of Thanksgiving Day as first-graders when we portrayed Pilgrims in construction paper hats or bonnets or friendly Native Americans in cardboard feathers we had colored with crayons. We learned that the day was for offering thanks.

This Thanksgiving story was published in Readers Digest...

Mrs. Klein told her first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful, she thought how little these children, who lived in a deteriorating neighborhood, actually had something to be thankful for. She knew that most of the class would draw pictures of turkeys or of bountifully laden Thanksgiving tables. That was what they believed was expected of them.

What took Mrs. Klein aback was Douglas’ picture. Douglas was so forlorn and likely to be found close in her shadow as they went outside for recess. Douglas’ drawing was simply this: A hand, obviously, but whose hand? The class was captivated by his image. I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food, said one student. A farmer, said another, because they grow the turkeys. It looks more like a policeman, and they protect us. I think, said Lavinia, who was always so serious, that it is supposed to be all the hands that help us, but Douglas could only draw one of them.

Mrs. Klein had almost forgotten Douglas in her pleasure at finding the class so responsive. When she had the others at work on another project, she bent over his desk and asked whose hand it was. Douglas mumbled, Its yours, Teacher.

Then Mrs. Klein recalled that she had taken Douglas by the hand from time to time; she often did that with the children. But that it should have meant so much to Douglas. Perhaps, she reflected, this was her Thanksgiving, and everybody’s Thanksgiving, not the material things given to us, but the small ways that we give something to others.

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November 2022



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Deacons 6:15 PM | 2 Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 | 3 AA 7:00 PM | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Time Changes | 7 Christian Nurture 6:00 PM Property & Finance 6:00 PM | 8 | 9 Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 | 10 Session 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM | 14 | 15 | 16 Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 | 17 AA 7:00 PM | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM | 21 | 22 | 23 Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 | 24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving AA 7:00 PM | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM | 28 | 29 | 30 Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 | | | |

More Dates to Remember . . .

Estimate of Giving Cards for Stewardship are due by November 20, 2022.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | |
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| Della Chisholm | 3 |
| Jacob Bollingberg | 4 |
| Breanna Diede | 6 |
| Ken Wallace | 7 |
| Bev Schaack | 9 |
| Gene Cagle | 10 |
| Tammie Keese | 10 |
| Bob Thompson | 12 |
| Sophia Bond | 14 |
| Ryan Carlson | 16 |
| Bill Wojnar | 16 |
| David Reimers | 17 |
| Mary Muhs | 18 |
| Josh Bond | 19 |
| Charles Schmitz | 21 |
| Alex Bennett | 23 |
| Yvonne Wegner | 23 |
| Marge Farley | 27 |
| Lucy Leigh | 28 |
| Samuel Leigh | 28 |
| Maurine Schoeler | 28 |
| Susan Bond | 29 |
| Florence Smith | 29 |



Deacons is a ministry of caring; a ministry of love; a ministry of compassion; and a ministry of prayer and community service (*G-60402; from the Presbyterian Book of Order*). Following is what has taken place and what is on the agenda during the upcoming holiday season that involves the Deacons and congregation in *Sharing Christ's Love Through Service*.

October: We completed the Giving Tree project with more than 1000 individual snacks were delivered to Community Action for the school Back Pack Project.

October 20 Deacons made a special visit to shut-ins and others.

October 24 our church hosted a presentation by Tim Burchill, former CEO of Ave Maria, on how to prepare for long term care for a loved one.

November: The sign up sheets for Salvation Army bell ringing will be on table by the south window in sanctuary. Beginning November 13 through December 15. Call the church office or Jackie Tarpinian (269-1515) if you or members of your family will ring bells and are unable to get to church to sign up. Chairs available while ringing. Music, instrumental or vocal is welcome.



The Marine Corp Toys for Tots is 75 years old this year. Dixie Lee, Deacon, announced there is a drop off box located in Zimmerman's for Toys for Tots. Toys must be new and for ages newborn through high school. If you know of a family in need of toys this Christmas, you can contact Dixie or leave a message at the church office.

December: We committed to another week of bell ringing for the Salvation Army from December 12-17. Sign up sheets will be up until December 15.

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!

Anniversaries in November

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| <i>David and Nikki Reimers</i> | 14 |
| <i>Dale & Mary Ellen Reimers</i> | 22 |
| <i>Paul and Sandy Worm</i> | 28 |
| <i>Doug & Mary Claire Reimers</i> | 30 |



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

For this Thanksgiving let us try to remember those who held our hands when we needed them the most. Let us take a little time to say thank you.

An occasion for thanksgiving at United Presbyterian Church is on November 6th during the 10:30 am All-Saints Sunday Communion service. This is the Sunday that we light candles as we celebrate the life of those who have died in the faith since the last All-Saints Sunday. For those who would like to remember a loved one, please call the church office at your earliest convenience. Remember, Daylight Savings time ends on November 6th. Thank God we gain an hour. Remember the adage “Fall back”.

Also, November brings the season of Stewardship. Our Stewardship Committee, Angie Allmer, Mark Sherfy, Dixie Lee, and Mark Lee are planning a three-week Stewardship emphasis beginning on October 30th in the worship service. On Sunday, November 13th, we will have our annual Congregational Discussion during the Sunday School Hour. At that time, we will have a presentation of the 2022 Budget.

When one becomes God’s agent, one also becomes fully aware of how we as stewards also receive all these underserved gifts knowing the imperfect self that we are, but despite, God’s love remains steadfast. God’s love continues to be manifested in little things we might take for granted, and this time onward, we only need to be sensitive that humanity without God is really nothing, and this in itself is already a big thanksgiving item, a joyful occasion in humility where in our inadequacy God’s fullness is not only felt but perfected.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob Boyar

Jamestown Volunteer Program

We are looking for card players at Ave Maria. Pinochle, Whist, Rummy or whatever you like to play. Dates and times are flexible, but card players are always welcome! Please let me know and I will pass your name on.

Do you have any neighbors, parents, church friends or other seniors who could use some extra groceries every other month? Commodity Supplemental Food Program is in Jamestown every other month for income eligible seniors over 60. Applications are available at the Senior Center or in my office. Delivery available. Please call Deb Lee at 701-952-9684 or email: volunteers@daktel.com if you are interested in participating in any of these areas.

Our Church Leadership

Elders

Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Class of 2022

Gail Martin
Sylvia Pringle
Jeff Enger

Class of 2023

Duane Dunn
Mark Lee
Mark Sherfy

Class of 2024

Danielle Giesler
Charley Keesee
Mary Reed

Deacons

Class of 2022

Jim Bond
Dixie Lee
Doreen Wegner

Class of 2023

Susan Bond
Vicki Enger
Jackie Tarpinian

Class of 2024

Delbert Bossingham
Janet Miller
Jerome Zamgba

Church Leadership Team

Pastor: Rev. Robert Boyar (814-937-9225) email: rab316.bb@gmail.com
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Christian Education Coordinator: Tammie Keesee (903-399-5690) email: tdsprott@gmail.com
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 September 30, 2022)

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund Revenue for September | \$13,247.24 |
| General Fund Expenses for September | <u>\$24,767.10</u> |
| Excess Income/Loss for September | \$(11,519.86) |
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| Year to Date Revenue | \$149,874.87 |
| Year to Date Expenses | <u>\$167,534.57</u> |
| Year to Date Excess Income/Loss | \$(17,659.70) |

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.

Session Highlights October 2022

Treasurer's Report — Mary Reed

- Financial statements for September were emailed and reviewed by session members. Statements will be filed for audit.
- Mary reported the Nicholas Fund originated from gifts of stock from a couple in the church, from 1998-2002.

Moderator's Report — Reverend Robert Boyar

- Vacation for November 21-28. Bill Weispfenning will lead worship on November 27, 2022.

Christian Nurture — Danielle Giesler

- Discussed Sunday school and youth activity attendance and the number of November/December activities to be held for UPC youth. Sunday school for the children has been reorganized to 3 classes.

Property and Finance — Mark Lee

- The new electronic sign had been installed by Roughrider Signs.
- The sale of UPC's old sign is not feasible. The old letters and numbers will be donated to Rough Rider Signs.
- All Clean cleaned carpets so well, new carpet is not deemed necessary at this time.
- UPC's proposed budget will be presented at the November 10th Session meeting. A congregational informational meeting will be held Sunday, November 13, at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship — Mark Sherfy

- 'Stewardship Moments' will be presented on Sundays, October 30th, November 6th and November 13th.
- Letters to congregation will be sent with November 20th pledge card deadline.

Deacons — Jan Miller

- Subway gift cards sent to UPC's college students.
- Veteran's day cards will be set out for congregation to sign. Subway gift cards will be sent with cards.
- UPC shut-ins will be receiving pumpkin bread, cookies and apple cider on November 20, 2022.
- Donations of \$300 to Toys for Tots and \$150 for Veteran's meal.

Nancy Burgard
Clerk of Session



Presbyterian Women are invited to Circle on Thursday, November 17. The circles will meet separately. Faith Circle will meet at the church at 1:00 PM with Deb

Hornung leading lesson 3. Further information will be in the weekly Sunday bulletins.

Lesson 3 is titled *Sabbath and Sunday*. To prepare for discussion, please read Luke 4:16-22 and Acts 16:11-15. The Scripture nudges an individual toward fullness, not just in their own life, but also in their relationship with nature, family and community. You can pick up a copy of the 2022-2023 Horizons Bible Study at the church office for \$10.

Moderator,
Charlotte Enger



Lesson 3 *Sabbath and Sunday* artwork

Preparing for Long Term Care

On Monday evening October 24, the Deacons of our church hosted a presentation for the public by Tim Burchill on Preparing for Long Term Care (LTC). After telling about his origins, family, professional background and experiences, Tim explained to a group of people from the area, the variety of care and support services available. He also explained the differences between 6 options: Skilled nursing and rehabilitation; Basic Care (unique to ND); Assisted Living; Home Health Care; Home and Community Based Services and new options such as Telehealth Monitoring.

Recent online statistics show roughly 70% of those over 65 will need some form of LTC. Today, a 50 year old has a 50% chance of entering a nursing home at some point. It could be for short term rehabilitation services or long term. He also explained, based on current laws and Legislative action, how costs are determined, how much in assets you can have to be eligible for certain services. He answered questions throughout the presentation as they came up from the group.

It was a privilege to have someone like Tim share his first hand experiences as the former CEO of Ava Maria Village.

Reflections on Worship of God in a Foreign Land

As many of you know I am currently in Kristiansand Norway and am a guest researcher at the University of Agder. I am updating my lists of photographs of the Dead Sea Scrolls this Fall. I left Fargo on August 3rd and arrived here on August 4th. I will return to Fargo on January 3rd of next year. It has been a fruitful year for me as I gave a paper, am revising the paper for publication and am preparing another paper for a conference in December. Many updates are also being made in the lists. There is an encouraging group of students and faculty that I can interact with and exchange ideas.

While there are many churches here in Kristiansand they are mostly in Norwegian so I cannot understand too much. I enjoy the music and the church architecture around me. The Domkirke (Cathedral) in the center of town is a neo-Gothic church with resounding bells and powerful organ. There is a stained glass window of Jesus eating with the disciples who walked with him on the road to Emmaus. Most of the large pillars that hold up the roof are made out of wood. But the present church is not that old having been completed in 1885.

Another church which is close to the university is Oddernes Church, parts of which go back to the year 1040. It was designed as a Roman Catholic Church and only became a Lutheran church after the Protestant Reformation. There is an apse at the front of the church and a gigantic crucifix. In the 16th century Denmark ruled Norway and the king of Denmark became a Lutheran so all the country became Lutheran. This was similar to the model of much of Europe that the ruler of a land decided on the religion of the land. The Oddernes Church is surrounded by a graveyard. There was at one time a stone pillar carved with runes standing outside of the church. It has been moved inside the entrance. The runes go back to the 11th century as well and some think it mentions St. Olaf who is an important ruler who helped organize the people of Norway into a nation and encouraged the spread of Christianity.

While I cannot understand the language, I do recognize and enjoy musical tunes and can usually figure out the parts of the service and by watching others I know when to stand up and sit down. I enjoy looking at the beauty around me. But I miss understanding what is happening. Psalm 137: 4 says "How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" Many church services here begin at 11:00 AM. That gives me plenty of time to get home and watch the YouTube presentation of United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown. 10:30 AM in North Dakota is 5:30 PM here in Norway. Yes I am watching. I can see people in the choir singing and watch people participate in worship. It is nice to have the bulletin and words of songs sent out during the week. I sing along with the songs and recite the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed. I miss seeing those gathered in worship as well as being there in person and having the chance to interact with you.

Blessings upon you,
Stephen Reed

Christian Nurture

November Youth/Children's Activities:



Picnic

Saturday, November 5th 11:00am-noon
Picnic at the church
Toddlers - PreK with a parent
BYO Lunch, church will provide entertainment
Outdoors if weather allows, fellowship hall if not

Sunday, November 13th 4:00pm-6:00pm
More Than a Movie Night
Kindergarten - 12th grade
Fellowship hall



University of Jamestown Theatre

University of Jamestown Theatre presents *Big Fish*, a new Broadway musical based on a novel by Daniel Wallace. Dates are November 3, 4, 5 at 7:30 PM at Reiland Fine Arts Center. Get tickets at Reiland Box Office, Room 135 open 4:00-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday or email tickets@uj.edu.

Thank You!

Thank you Deacons for the beautiful 70th Anniversary card! We loved and so appreciated it. We send you all our love. Our prayers are with you daily.

—Bob and Mary Muhs

Dear United Presbyterian Church—Thank you for your generous gift of \$3,000.00 to the University of Jamestown for the Annual Progress Fund. Your support provides our students with many opportunities to become well rounded individuals. You are helping create critical thinkers and life long learners—each of whom are on their own journey to success.

—Brett Moser, VP Development of Alumni Relations