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United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, ND

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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Fall Schedule Resumes

On Sunday, September 10th our fall schedule resumes. Sunday School for ages 3-adult is provided and will begin at 9:00 AM. Worship service will follow at 10:30 AM. Nursery is available. All are welcome!

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir resumes on September 6th. Turn to page 10 for more information.

Presbyterian Women

Circles will resume on September 28th. For more information on upcoming events such as the Fall Gathering see page 5.

Giving Tree

The Backpack Program provides non-perishable food items for children in need of extra food on the weekends. Your donations make a difference in the lives of many children. Please place your donations under the Giving Tree that will be placed in the sanctuary on August 31st and will stay up through October 4th. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Elevator

Check out a little bit of history about our elevator journey on page 4.

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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

You may also join us for Sunday
worship on Facebook and Youtube
at 10:30 AM

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

SEPTEMBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:

Gengler, Penny	251-1932
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Buchholtz, Barry & Kathy	252-4988
Enger, Jeff & Vicki	701-669-2580
Fletcher, Nancy	659-0017
Miller, Janet	269-0224
Morris, Jim & Rita	952-8342
Parries, Bill & Sue	320-2199 (Sue) 269-0355 (Bill)

From the Pastor

What we believe drives the actions of our lives. Our everyday lives at home, in our work environment, or at school make an impact on others when we let God work in us. We're surrounded by people who are watching the way we speak and behave. Are we as James says, quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. Let's depend on God in Jesus Christ as we believe God and have God rule our actions and thoughts. Then we'll influence those who don't believe or those struggling with belief in Jesus and this may lead some of them to turn in faith to Jesus.

Stephen Holmgren shares this story: *On an autumn Sunday in Memphis Tennessee, a young woman in her thirties enters a large church in an older neighborhood. The greeters do not recognize her and they ask if she is a visitor. In the process of introducing her to others later at the coffee hour, the greeters learn more about her. After years of inactivity, she is looking for a church home, a place to come to some maturity in the faith that is just beginning to take root again in her life. She identifies one question that she says sums up all her questions: "What should I believe now?" The young woman is encouraged to join an adult group that is exploring this very question on a year-round basis, a class in adult Christian formation. When she attends their next meeting, she discerns that other newcomers share her question. In turn, the explorations of this group have had an impact on the entire congregation, prompting other adult members in the parish to ask a related question "what do we believe?" After her reaffirmation of faith she finds that her focus is shifting to another question: How should I live now?" These are the basic questions of the Christian faith. "What do we believe?" and "How then shall we live?"*

As we begin the fall season with Sunday School and all the opportunities available to us on the horizon let us take up those basic questions: What do we believe? and how shall we live? The two questions go together.

John 6 says that the work that Jesus calls us to is belief. The Apostles' Creed begins with these two words, "I believe," which comes from the Latin "Credo" where we get our word "Creed". It does not say, "I know." There are two types of knowing. The first type of knowing is in our minds. That is called understanding or intellectual assent. We know a lot of things that we should be doing, but we don't do them. That kind of knowing does not make a difference in our lives.

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September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 9:30 AM	4	5 Deacons 6:15 PM	6 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	7 AA 7:00 PM	8	9
10 Sunday School Resumes 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	11 Property & Finance Committee 6:00 PM	12	13 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	14 AA 7:00 PM Session 5:15 PM	15	16
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More Dates to Remember . . .

Sunday School resumes on September 10th



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Allmer	1
Isaac Bollingberg	4
Kim Thoele	9
Brenna Thoele	13
Ruth Hoherz	16
Tammie Skari	16
Joey Dauer	17
Dick Nelson	17
Laura Nyepen	20
Karla Sherfy	21
Scott Bennett	22
Penny Gengler	23
Jenny Korynta	23
Mary Margaret Reimers	25
Sylvia Williams	27
Judy Lonnberg	28



Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir resumes its regular rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 PM, in the church sanctuary. The choir sings for Sunday services at 10:30 AM. A brief rehearsal is held each Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

Please consider joining the Chancel Choir for this important ministry through music. No auditions are required, and all singers are encouraged to join the choir.



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 sponsor the Backpack Program which provides extra food for school children on the weekend. Please place your donations under the "Giving Tree" which will be up until October 4. Thank you for your continued generous giving.

Don't forget there is a shopping cart in the narthex 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 shopping cart for those donations also.

Look for more information about future Deacon projects in the Sunday bulletin.

Property and Finance Committee

Priority

1. Getting the elevator operational

The committee is near to making a decision on what company they will use to make the repairs needed. The electronic components in the elevator now are obsolete and can no longer be purchased, thus the reason we have to do this update to get the elevator back into service.

Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser

Jamestown High School is hosting a Spaghetti Feed to raise money for a band and choir trip commemorating Pearl Harbor on Sunday, September 10th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Club 1883.

Elevator

On October 10, 1995 the first letter was sent to the congregation announcing a fund drive to build an elevator addition within our church. The elevator project committee members at that time were Nancy Burgard, Dick Coleman, Gerhardt Heutzenroeder, Gertrude Mikkelsen, Dave Nething, Sue Parries and Diane Witzig. These committee members were committed to seeing that everyone that wanted to attend church would have the opportunity to do so no matter their physical obstacles.

The estimated cost of the elevator at that time was \$260,000.00 The congregation rose to the challenge and \$150,000.00 was raised in contributions with a loan providing the balance.

We now find ourselves facing another considerable cost to modernize the existing elevator to make sure that everyone who wants to worship in person has the opportunity to do so.

To quote David Nething from a letter sent to the congregation during the first fund drive, “We have but five gifts we can return to God: Our time, our talent, testimony, temple, and treasure. Matthew 25:14-30 attests to the responsibility we have for full and faithful use of the treasure given to us. Failure to exercise this responsibility is contrary to God’s charge. Your willingness will be long remembered. It is truly an appropriate way to return part of God’s treasure to support our evangelism commitment to our community and our own membership.”

If you would like to contribute to getting the elevator back into service you may do so by putting “elevator” in the memo of your check and dropping into the offering plate or mailing to/dropping off at the church.

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to the needs of our church.

This is Our Story

Since the beginning of the United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, (formerly First Presbyterian Church), pieces of our history have been recorded. Each month we will take a short look at the history of our church in the newsletter compliments of Jackie Tarpinian.

“In the summer of 1878, The Rev. C.B. Steven of Fargo, Dakota Territory visited and preached at Jamestown as well as other places along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad between Fargo and Bismarck. These services were held in the summer in a little frame schoolhouse on Section 3 or what is now the corner of Eighth Avenue and Pacific Street. There was not preaching every Sabbath, about one Sunday in three. There was Sunday School during the summer. During the winter there was no Sunday school and the services were held in different homes; several times in the Northern Pacific depot. A box car was also used once at least and in the dining room of the Dakota House.”

Our Church Leadership

Elders

Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Class of 2023

Duane Dunn
Mark Lee
Mark Sherfy

Class of 2024

Danielle Giesler
Charley Keesee
Mary Reed

Class of 2025

Jeff Enger
Gail Martin
Mary Jo Stewart

Deacons

Class of 2023

Susan Bond
Vicki Enger
Jackie Tarpinian

Class of 2024

Delbert Bossingham
Janet Miller
Jerome Zamgba

Class of 2025

Dixie Lee
Doreen Wegner
Cindy Wermager

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

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

Year to Date Revenue	\$125,444.96
Year to Date Expenses	\$133,435.71
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$ (7990.75)

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 \$50.00 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 August 2023

- **The Property and Finance committee recommends, “renewing three CDs held by Bank Forward for 19 months at a rate of 4.25%.”** The CDs were originally worth \$50,000 each and are currently worth around \$58,000 each.
Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstained: 1 MOTION CARRIED 06/15/23
- **Gail Martin moved/2nd, “to approve 2023 vacation time be used for Reverend Robert Boyar from November 22, 2023 through November 27, 2023 and December 25, 2023 through January 10, 2024.”** MOTION CARRIED
- **Jeff Enger moved/2nd, “to approve the Presbytery of the Northern Plains spring meeting on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 be held at the United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, ND.”** MOTION CARRIED
- Christian Endo is doing Delbert Bossingham’s tasks in opening and closing the church on Sunday as well as making coffee.
- **Gail Martin moved/2nd, “to accept Larry Hoffman’s offer to donate 8 tickets to UPC for the Youth for Christ fundraising meal at the Jamestown Civic Center on Monday, October 23, 2023.**
- **The Christian Nurture Committee recommends the following: “Sunday school resumes on September 10, 2023 with the following teachers and curriculum:**
 - PreK – Ruth Bossingham – David C. Cook curriculum (using previously purchased)
 - K-11th – Tammie Keese & Danielle Giesler – Sparkhouse Whirl curriculum (using previously purchased)
 - 12th-College – Charley Keese – Direct Bible study through a book of the Bible
 - Adult – Pastor Bob & Jerome Zamgba – Right Now Media.”

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Property and Finance – Mark Lee

Tricorn adjusted and fixed the receiver with sound system in sanctuary.
Received information on new camera/equipment to record Sunday services from Tricorn.
For the safety of the children, the east nursery room door now has a different lock.
Good Shephard Construction reviewing bird spikes installed above SE door.
Researching the water on the floor in kitchen west hallway.
Service Master fall cleaning on hold.
Collecting bids on a new elevator.

- **The Property and Finance Committee recommends, “starting an Elevator Fund and changing the name of the Projection System Fund to the Audio-Visual Fund.”**

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Deacons – Jan Miller

May Deacon offering \$1,073
June Cancer fundraiser \$794
Giving Tree will be put up August 31, at 6:15pm. Susan Bond will check with Community Action on items needed for the ‘Backpack Program’ and if new ‘apples’ are needed for the tree. The tree will come down October 4th, 2023.
Deacons will help with fall decorating on August 31, at 6:15pm.
Washington and Lincoln elementary schools will each receive \$500 to be used to benefit the children.



TO All Women who belong to or attend our church

Blessings: from 2013 through 2022, the women of Faith and Hope Circles gave over \$9000 to Mission, Hunger, Disaster, Salvation Army and The Least Coin

Fellowship: Circles will resume Bible Study and Fellowship on September 28th. Yvonne has ordered 8 study guides—they are \$10.00 each. You can get them in the office and pay Sharon. Some of you may have subscriptions that you renew.

There are 9 lessons in our study. Lesson 4 will be held in each circle. Lesson 5 will be both circles combined. The new study is *Sacred Encounters* and based on Luke and Acts. It is what we learn from the Bible regarding encounters with everyday people.

Needs: Jackie Tarpinian will chair/facilitate Hope Circle. We need a chair/facilitator for Faith Circle. Yvonne is Secretary -Treasurer of our local UPW. Charlotte is the Moderator of our PW for the Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains Presbytery, representing us here in Jamestown. She is also a member of the Search Committee of the Presbytery. We meet September through May. With love, we NEED more women involved in our Bible Study and Fellowship.

Communication: All women will receive an email first part of September from Yvonne, Charlotte and Jackie regarding all of the above. If the Spirit is telling you that Bible Study and Fellowship for 9 months would be good, we welcome you. Faith Circle meets at the church; Hope Circle meets in the homes. The combined circle meetings are generally held at the church.



2023 FALL GATHERING

Presbyterian Women of the Northern Plains
First Presbyterian Church, 650 2nd Ave. N, Fargo, ND
Saturday, September 23, 2023

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR??

The Parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 10:29

The Youth Connection mission group will share experiences from their Mission Trip to Chogoria, Kenya. Registration is at 10:AM. Cost is \$15.00. Please RSVP your attendance to Lana Schultz by September 18th at 701-238-4538 or lanaj0@casselton.net.

Children’s winter wear will be collected at the Fall Gathering and donated to the Bdecan Presbyterian Church for the November Children’s Winter Wear Giveaway. Donations of snow pants, snow boots, hats, waterproof gloves/mittens, and winter coats (new or gently used, youth and older youth sizes) would be greatly appreciated.

Christian Education

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 AM. We are extremely thankful for those who participate in Sunday School whether it is in teaching, helping, or attending, you are a blessing.

The following classes will be provided:

PreK — Teacher, Ruth Bossingham – David C. Cook curriculum

K-11th grades — Teachers, Tammie Keesee & Danielle Giesler —Sparkhouse Whirl curriculum

12th-College — Teacher, Charley Keesee — Direct Bible study through a book of the Bible

Adult Classes — Teachers, Pastor Bob & Jerome Zamgba — Right Now Media digital.
Teacher, Steve Reed — Bible study on the book of Mark

Youth

Fall Youth Presbytery Retreat – October 6th-8th (6th-12th graders) at Midway Parish. Cost is \$50.00 per person. See Tammie for more information.

From the Pastor (continued from page 2)

On the other hand, the second type of knowing is in our heart. That is called believing. Unlike the knowing in our minds, belief drives the actions of our lives. Knowing in your mind is not the same thing as believing in your heart. Louise Altman says *Beliefs drive our actions at work, in relationships, as parents, as friends, as citizens, as consumers – every choice and decision we make is the result of the patterns of our belief system.*

Examples of beliefs that drive our actions are: One would act one way if you believe the world is a safe place. We used to leave our doors open and children played outside. One would act another way if one believes the world is a dangerous place. Doors are locked and bolted and children are inside playing video games. The same can be said if one believes life has meaning and purpose. One generally starts their day with energy, imagination and hopefully love because they believe in something greater than themselves. Or, life is random. Success in life is a series of lucky coincidences.

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. Believing also subjects us to the standards not of this world but the standards of the Father. As Christians at United Presbyterian Church we have the opportunity to live our lives with meaning and purpose sharing Christ's love through service, and living the life following His word as the true light unto our path.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob

Church Growth and Outreach

Charley Keesee, chair of the Church Growth and Outreach Committee, wants to encourage University of Jamestown college students to join him in a Sunday School class beginning in September.

Tammie Keesee hosted a Splash Party event at TRAC on Saturday, August 12. Twenty three children who attended Vacation Bible School, had fun on a hot day. They were all invited to join in Sunday School starting September 10 at 9:00 AM

Pastor Bob engaged carnival attenders at a table similar to what we offer at the Community Block Party at the Carnival at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 12.

Jeff and Vicki Enger are inviting sweet corn pickers to their farm the week of August 27 to pick corn for themselves and for the Community Action Agency. The plan is to give a church card to anyone getting corn at the Community Action agency.

Andy Bannister suggests these two things that any Christian can do to love people into the Kingdom of God:

1. Pray

Specifically, I suggest praying for *opportunities*, that the Lord might bring people across your path. One helpful trick that works for me is to put a little reminder on a Post-it Note and stick it somewhere I'll see it first thing in the morning. Psychologists say that one of the best ways to learn a *new* habit is to connect it to an *existing* habit, so if the first thing you do each morning is put the kettle out, why not take a minute or two to pray whilst you're waiting for your first caffeine shot of the day?

2. Make a list

Write down the names of four or five non-Christians in your life—perhaps friends or colleagues and create a habit of praying for them regularly. Daily is great, but don't beat yourself up if you fail to do that. I've found writing a list and using it as a bookmark in my Bible is helpful.



Thank you for the birthday card shower. It was much appreciated.
—Jackie Tarpinian

On behalf of Presbyterian Ministry Engagement and Support, we would like to thank your mission committee, pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. Your gift of \$1370.00 for the One Great Hour Offering will go a long way to helping those who benefit from your generosity.

—Renee Meyers, Ministry Engagement Advisor