

## *Financial Update*

Year to Date Revenue	\$75,833.24
Year to Date Expenses	\$92,179.00
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$(19,228.49)

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.

## *Humble Jörn* (continued from page 2)

This humble man followed in the example of the apostle Paul, who loved those he served and prayed for them while confined. He wrote to those in Ephesus while he was likely imprisoned in Rome, praying that God would give them “the Spirit of wisdom and revelation” and that the eyes of their hearts would be “enlightened” (Ephesians 1:17–18). He yearned that they would know Jesus and live with love and unity through the power of the Spirit.

Jörn and the apostle Paul poured themselves out to God, committing those they loved and served to Him in prayer. May we consider their examples in how we love and serve others today.

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### **SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

Sunday Worship 9:30 AM  
Sanctuary  
YouTube 9:30 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*



*“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. <sup>24</sup> No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. I Corinthians 10: 23-24 (NIV)*

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us consider Christian freedom. As Christians, we are freed from sin by believing in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross, and we are freed for doing the will of God. The freedom to choose God’s will for us will arise from our prayer. Prayer is where we enter into the struggle with God’s will, with our fear and compulsions. In prayer, our true freedom is not following our own way, but in making ourselves the servants of others for Jesus’ sake.

Poh Fang Chia tells this story: *While reading on the train, Meiling was busy highlighting sentences and jotting down notes in the margins of her book. But a conversation between a mother and child seated nearby stopped her. The mom was correcting her child for doodling in her library book. Meiling quickly put her pen away, not wanting the toddler to ignore her mother’s words by following Meiling’s example. She knew that the child wouldn’t understand the difference between damaging a loaned book and making notes in one you owned.*

*Meiling’s actions reminded me of the apostle Paul’s inspired words in 1 Corinthians 10:23–24: “ ‘I have the right to do anything,’ you say—but not everything is beneficial. ‘I have the right to do anything’—but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.”*

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The believers in Jesus in the young church in Corinth saw their freedom in Christ as an opportunity to pursue personal interests. But Paul wrote that they should view it as an opportunity to benefit and build up others. He taught them that true freedom isn't the right to do as one pleases, but the liberty to do as one should for God.

*If our Christian freedom does not have an impact on our relationships with everyone around us, it is less than Christian. We follow in Jesus' footsteps when we use our freedom to choose to build others up instead of serving ourselves. When deciding how to exercise our Christian freedom, we ought to seek the good of others before our own good. As we become more and more like Jesus, we discover our true selves, our true freedom, as God created us to be, as you and I are called according to His purpose!*

Blessings,  
Pastor Bob Boyar

***Humble Jørn***

Amy Boucher Pye tells this story in Our Daily Bread: They didn't think Jørn, a tenant farming the land, would amount to much. Yet despite his weak vision and other physical limitations, he poured himself out for those in his village in Norway, praying the many nights when his pain kept him awake. In prayer he'd move from house to house, naming each person individually, even the children he hadn't yet met. People loved his gentle spirit and would seek his wisdom and advice. If he couldn't help them practically, they'd still feel blessed when they left, having received his love. And when Jørn died, his funeral was the biggest ever in that community, even though he had no family there. His prayers blossomed and brought forth fruit beyond what he could have imagined.

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***Vacation Bible School***

Camp Firelight is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. VBS will run from August 4th-7th for 3-year-olds-5th grade from 5:15-8:00 PM. Meal begins at 5:15 PM. We are looking for volunteers for various roles including Coordinator, MC of Ceremonies and those to help provide a meal. Please contact Danielle Giesler at danielleschoeler@gmail.com or 701-320-8324 if you can help.



**JULY  
BIRTHDAYS**



<b>Sally Wallace</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bruce Berg</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Bethyl Lueck</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Pam VanDyke</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Colleen Nelson</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Rhonda Schlenker</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Izabellia Dillingham</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Steve Reed</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Mason Gibson</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Les Nordgaard</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Bill Weisfenning</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Erica Tarr</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Harriet Eddy</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Rita Morris</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Dean Wegner</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Gary Mayer</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Dennis Divers</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Lou Mayer</b>	<b>30</b>



**JULY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Tiffany &amp; John Dauer</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Harry &amp; Dianna Johnson</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Randy &amp; Penny Gengler</b>	<b>29</b>

**CHURCH NEWS**

- ◆ Summer Worship hours continue with worship at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. You may also watch the live stream on YouTube at 9:30 AM.
- ◆ You are invited to Camp Good News! Camp Asbury is located at 1102 River St., Washburn, ND and is for children ages 7-12 beginning at 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 21 and ending with lunch on Friday, July 26. Cost per camper is \$160.00. For scholarship information call Charity Ost at 701-357-7730. Transportation will be provided to and from camp. Leaving from Buffalo Mall parking lot at 3:00 PM on Sunday and returning at 1:30 PM on Friday. For more information or to register, visit [www.ndcef.com/camp](http://www.ndcef.com/camp).
- ◆ Redemption in Christ Ministries First Year Anniversary Celebration is being held July 6-7. Saturday July 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Hansen Arts Park. Sunday, July 7 beginning at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church. For more information please call 701-394-6773.