



### 4th Annual Community Carnival

James River Senior Center & Public Transportation is planning their 4th Annual Community Carnival on August 17 from noon to 3:00 PM at the Stutsman County Fairgrounds.

There will be bouncy houses, games, petting zoo, bookmobile, race cars and drivers, food vendors, kiddie train rides, a local DJ, and much more.

Please help make this the biggest non-profit event ever this year. This event will help many non-profits in our community.

### Financial Update

Year to Date Revenue	\$88,535.23
Year to Date Expenses	\$107,277.71
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$(18,742.48)

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.

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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



In this challenging world we are in today, I hope all of us still yearns to live in peace with one another in families, in communities, as a nation, and as citizens of this world. I know some people like to argue and have fun sowing discord and division. But I know, most of us, I hope, are not like that. As Christians we were taught and know a better way -- The way of love that Jesus taught and practiced for our eternal benefit.

Let's look at the book of Proverbs as a source of wisdom that we can all benefit from. In the book of Proverbs, we're taught to never take the impact of words lightly, for "Death and life are in the power of the tongue," (Proverbs 18:21). What we say can either encourage or discourage another person or group of people. At its worst, cruel words can be a factor contributing to real physical death.

How do we bring life with what we say? Scripture teaches that our words flow from either wisdom or foolishness (Proverbs 15:2). We find wisdom by drawing close to God, the source of wisdom's life-giving power (Proverbs 3:13, 17-19).

Lisa M Samra tells this story. *In 2019, the Oxford Bus Company launched the instantly popular "Chatty Bus," a bus with designated people on board willing to talk with interested passengers. The route was initiated in response to government research which found that 30 percent of Britons go at least one day each week without a meaningful conversation.*

Many of us have likely experienced the loneliness that comes from not having someone to talk to in a time of need. As I reflect on the value of important conversations in my life, I'm especially reminded of discussions that were full of grace. Those times brought me joy and encouragement, and they helped to cultivate deeper relationships.

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At the end of his letter to the Colossian church, Paul encouraged his readers with principles of authentic living for believers in Jesus, including ways our conversations can exhibit love to everyone we encounter. The apostle wrote, "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (Colossians 4:6), reminding his readers that it is not simply the presence of words but the *quality* of those words—"full of grace"—that would allow them to be a true encouragement to others.

The next time you have the opportunity to connect deeply in conversation—with a friend, co-worker, or even a stranger seated next to you on a bus or in a waiting room—look for ways your time together might bring blessing into both of your lives. Let us embrace each other, in our thoughts, in our actions, in our prayers and carefully, in our words!

Blessings,  
Pastor Bob Boyar



**Hey Kids!  
VBS Is Coming!**

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.

Please contact Danielle Giesler at [danielleschoeler@gmail.com](mailto:danielleschoeler@gmail.com) or 701-320-8324 if you can help. All are welcome! Invite a friend!

**Summer Music Festival**

Atonement Lutheran Church (1009 12th Ave. NE, Jamestown) is hosting a Summer Music Festival and Sweet Corn Feed on August 11th from 4:00-7:00 PM. Free entry for festival and freewill offering for the meal. Meal includes: hamburgers, chips, sweet corn, dessert, and beverage. There will be a sing-a-long with Tim Burchill on accordion and gospel music performances by Curt Beattie, Terry & Linda Schwartz, and Kerry Wick. Join us for a great time!



**AUGUST  
BIRTHDAYS**



<b>Dianna Johnson</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Nathaniel Cloyd</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Olivia Orn</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Pastor Bob Boyar</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Paxton Keesee</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Clyde Young</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Bonnie Schmitz</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Jeff Enger</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Jackie Tarpinian</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Roger Pringle</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Linda Brown</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Elvera Divers</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Norah Leigh</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Janet Holaday</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Charley Keesee</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Jesse Leigh</b>	<b>31</b>



**AUGUST  
ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Jim &amp; Susan Bond</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Elizabeth Sherfy</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Aaron &amp; Lisa Cloyd</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Dean &amp; Kathy Wegner</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Dixie Lee</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Duane &amp; Kathie Dunn</b>	<b>21</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.
- ♦ Jamestown Vocational Rehabilitation office is sponsoring a food and personal care item drive on Monday, August 5 from 5:00-7:30 PM. Items needed are canned meats, peanut butter, canned soups, boxed milk, oatmeal, mac and cheese, complete pancake mixes, shampoo, conditioner, soap and feminine hygiene products. Donations benefit Bridge Together Food Pantry at Buffalo Bridges Human Service zone. Drop off location is South Central Service Center/Rehabilitation parking lot at 520 3rd St. NW in Jamestown. If you have questions please call 701-253-6388.
- ♦ Bdecan Ministry Team is collecting school supplies for the Backpack Giveaway on August 17, 2024 during the food pantry day. Backpacks will be ordered shortly. 175 backpacks were given out last year! However, prices have increased this year, so if you would like to help by contributing money to purchase these backpacks please send your money to the Presbytery at 5555 South Washington St. A, Grand Forks, ND 58201. Please put Backpack on the memo line of your check. Supplies needed are: notebooks, folders, pens & pencils, markers, scissors, and rulers. We have plenty of crayons and erasers. Donna Preston is willing to pick up any school supplies so please have them ready by August 1st. You may drop off supplies at the church office.