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The Communicator

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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

World Communion Sunday

October 6 is World Communion Sunday. We will serve Communion the traditional way by passing the elements to each other.

Reformation Sunday

October 27 is Reformation Sunday. As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as *Presbyterians* is in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit's ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals. Martin Luther helps us to understand and acknowledge that the institution of the church is not equal to God. We are called to worship the triune God alone, to claim Jesus Christ as Lord of the church, and to seek the ongoing sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Deacons

On November 17, 2024 the Deacons are planning a catered meal to celebrate the ways in which our congregation "Shares Christ's Love Through Service." See page 3 for more Deacon news.

Christian Education

We welcome Jerome Zamgba to the staff of United Presbyterian Church as our new Christian Education Director. Turn to page 7 to become better acquainted.

Stewardship Sunday

We will celebrate Stewardship Sunday on Sunday, November 17. Be looking for your Estimate of Giving cards, as they will be mailed out soon.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 YouTube
at 10:30 AM

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

OCTOBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairperson:
Lindbo, Jonelle 269-4677

Dunn, Duane & Kathie	(Duane) 269-0982 (Kathie) 269-2044
Giesler, Brent & Danielle	320-8324
Koehn, Steve	320-0241
Lindbo, Pat	320-1792
McIntyre, Mike & Cheryl	(Cheryl) 369-9818
Nelson, Colleen	269-8960
Reimers, Dale & Mary Ellen (Mary Ellen)	320-3332 (Dale) 320-4332

From the Pastor

I love to share good news. Before I share the good news from United Presbyterian Church, let me first share the greatest news of all—the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel message is a **call to repentance and faith, inviting us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior**. It proclaims the forgiveness of sins and the restoration of our relationship with God through Christ. Through faith in Jesus, we are saved from sin and death, and we receive eternal life with God. The Gospel is also the means through which the Holy Spirit works in our lives.

Let me know how I, along with members of the United Presbyterian Church, can support you in your Christian journey. Together, let us realize that pointing others to Jesus is the greatest privilege life has to offer!

Now, on to the good news happening at United Presbyterian Church.

First, the Session decided to serve communion the traditional way by passing the bread and the cup as we did before the pandemic. This will begin on October 6th, World Communion Sunday.

You might ask, *What is World Communion Sunday?* World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, including Presbyterian Church USA and United Presbyterian Church. It takes place on the first Sunday of October and promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The observance focuses on the Lord's Supper. This tradition began in 1933, initiated by Hugh Thomson Kerr at Shadyside Presbyterian Church. Please join us for our service at 10:30 AM on October 6, 2024!

Second, we are excited to announce an answer to a longstanding prayer. As of September, Jerome Zamgba is serving as our new Christian Education Coordinator. Jerome leads the Youth Sunday School and recently accompanied the youth to Fargo for a Presbytery Youth event on the International Day of Peace, September 20, 2024. Please read Jerome's column for more details.

Third, our choir received their new robes and is now wearing them during our 10:30 worship services every Sunday. If you would like to sing with us, please contact our choir director, David Morlock.

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 <h1 style="text-align: center;">October 2024</h1> 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Deacons 6:15 PM	2 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	3 AA 7:00 PM	4	5
6 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM World Communion Sunday	7 Property & Finance Committee 5:00 PM Christian Nurture 6:15 PM	8	9 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 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 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	24 PW Women Circle 1:00 PM	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	28	29	30 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	31 AA 7:00 PM		
<p>More Dates to Remember . . .</p> <p>October 6 Deacon's Offering</p>						



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 2024

Blake Bossingham	1
Diane Witzig	5
Vi Reimers	7
Sandy Worm	8
Jackie Barnes	10
Sharon Watson	11
Konah Tarr Jr.	14
Danielle Geisler	15
Angie Allmer	19
Flory Austin	21
Duane Dunn	21
Kathy Wegner	21
Ellen Boyar	23
Harry Johnson	28
Natalie Szarkowski	29
Madelyn Williams	30



October Anniversaries

Joe & Nancy Burgard	11
Carroll & Opal Schmuhl	17
Les & Bethyl Lueck	19
Carrie Orn & Ryan Carlson	26
Bob & Gail Martin	27



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.



On November 17, 2024 the Deacons are planning a catered meal to celebrate the ways in which our congregation “Shares Christ’s Love Through Service”. We are asking of our Church Family that you share with us the ways in which you serve our church, our neighbors, and our community. We will be compiling and displaying this information. No person’s name will be used. There will be sheets on which you can write your comments located in the back of the narthex, on the table on the north side in the sanctuary, and in the church office. You may also call, text, or email Vicki Enger at 701-320-1764 or vicki.k.enger@gmail.com. The deadline will be

Sunday, November 3, 2024. Some neighbor/community examples are: giving people rides, bringing food to others, helping them with their lawns or sidewalks, anything at all that you do that makes someone’s life easier. We have many opportunities in our church such as serving on Sundays, Sunday School, VBS, anything you do that enriches the faith experience for yourself and others. What are your favorite or most meaningful things you do for others?

Parents, grandparents, and all members of the congregation,

When your child, or a child you know (ages 0 through high school), has not been feeling up to par for a couple days or more, or maybe having some bad days emotionally, please call the church office (252-1748) or send an email to manoog@csicable.net (this is a Deacon email). We will mail them a get well or thinking of you card. This information will not be shared with anyone without permission.

Deacon’s Offering will be received on October 6. This offering benefits the community and our congregation with a helping hand when they need it. Prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause.

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.

Property & Finance/Stewardship

End of Fiscal Year Approaches!

Have you noticed that we are highlighting the year-to-date income and expenses as a financial update each month in the bulletin and the newsletter? As of the end of August the deficit is \$22,794.01. In the last few years, we have lost some generous givers through death and relocation as well as some members' financial position has changed. Therefore, we feel we need to communicate our concern.

The Property & Finance Committee closely monitors the status of our funds and budget throughout the fiscal year, meeting monthly to review income and expenses and discuss any significant departures from expectations. We are conservative in estimating annual expenses and rely on faith that giving will cover these needs.

It is not unusual for our year-to-date income to be significantly less than our year-to-date expenses. This gap typically grows throughout the year, and by fall we are often concerned about whether we will close the year in the black. Through tremendous faith and generosity, our congregation has a strong history of covering these gaps with late-year donations that allow us to meet expenses without drawing on reserves.

This year we are facing an imbalance of actual expenses greatly exceeding income, and this discrepancy in our late-year finances has grown each year. In each month's newsletter, we provide a Financial Update that shows our year-to-date income and expenses so that you can be informed of our financial status as you consider your intent for the remainder of the year. Because of our concern we have begun to put the year-to-date income and expenses in the bulletin once a month.

If you have any questions about our budget or financial status, please reach out to any member of the Property & Finance Committee (Delbert Bossingham, Joe Burgard, Mark Lee, Bob Martin, Mary Reed, and Mark Sherfy). Thank you and God Bless!

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: Jerome Zamgba (252-1748) email: zamgbajerome2014@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

Through August 2024:

Year to Date Revenue	\$112,473.99
Year to Date Expenses	<u>\$135,268.00</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss	\$(22,794.01)

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 September 2024

Christian Nurture – Danielle Giesler

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends the following teachers and curriculum:

PreK-Kindergarten: Ruth Bossingham – David Cook curriculum

1st-5thth: Tammie Keese & Danielle Giesler – Sparkhouse Whirl curriculum –

Tiffany Dauer, music – Nancy Burgard, substitute

6th grade and older: Jerome Zamgba

Adult Sunday School: Pastor Bob Boyar - RightNow Media.”

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Property and Finance – Mark Sherfy

Complete Cleanliness cleaned the church carpets. Significant improvement.

Buffalo City AA will dump the outside garbage container.

½ of the per capita will be disbursed.

Stewardship – Mark Sherfy presented a ‘Budget/Stewardship Schedule’.

October 27 - Budget meeting during Sunday School hour

October 29-30 (Tue-Wed) - Stewardship letters mailed to all members

November 3 - Stewardship Moment #1

November 10 - Stewardship Moment #2

November 17 - Stewardship Moment #3

November 25 (Monday) - Estimate of Giving cards due in the Church office.

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Review –

Bill Weispfenning has the detailed report done for 2022 review and is working on 2023.

Bill plans to be ready for the October session meeting.

Worship Committee – Gail Martin

Traditional communion will start again on October 6, 2024.

Deacons – Jan Miller

Deacon’s offering will be taken Sunday, October 6th, 2024 after worship.

Giving Tree will be up through 9/29/24.

Winter apparel for the “Rotary Gear Up for Winter” will be collected and put by the Giving Tree.

Deacons approved \$300 to be given to each Jamestown Public Elementary school for items needed by the students.

\$25 Subway gift cards will be sent to UPC members that are college students.

October 27th donation meal will be for the Jamestown Middle School.

November 17th, Thanksgiving meal, will celebrate how we “Share Christ’s Love Through Service”. TJ’s will cater the meal.

Kitchen – Freezer has been defrosted and cleaned.

Membership – Nancy Burgard

The committee met August 19th. Membership roll was reviewed and letters will be sent to various active members.

Sanctuary Circle – Sanctuary is decorated for the fall.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session



The Circle meets Thursday, September 26 at noon with a potluck in the Fellowship Hall and a short business meeting, before moving to the Parlor for our Bible Study—Lesson One: *The Freedom to Flourish*. Nancy Fletcher will present this first lesson to us. Study guides are available in the church office at a cost of \$10.00.

Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presbyterian Women Gathering will be held from June 12-15 at the Watertown Event Center, Watertown, South Dakota. Pre-gathering opportunities: Visit Lake Travis Reservation, Redlin Art Gallery, or Coddington County Museum. Watch for details in the next *Sower* newsletter as speakers, workshops, and details are available. If you would like to volunteer to help plan this event, provide a workshop, or help with onsite details—we’d love to have you come onboard the planning team. —Maggie Horak, PWSLAP Vice Moderator

Presbytery Women of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies created a new Facebook page to keep you informed on all the exciting things happening with PWSLAP! The page can be found by searching for Synod of the Lakes and Prairies Presbyterian Women on Facebook. Once you find the page please “like it” and updates will appear in your Facebook feed.

Mental Illness Awareness Month

The month of October is Mental Illness Awareness Month. Mental illness, also called mental health disorders, refers to a wide range of mental health conditions — disorders that affect your mood, thinking and behavior. Examples of mental illness include depression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders and addictive behaviors.

Many people have mental health concerns from time to time. But a mental health concern becomes a mental illness when ongoing signs and symptoms cause frequent stress and affect your ability to function.

A mental illness can make you miserable and can cause problems in your daily life, at school or work or in relationships. In most cases, symptoms can be managed with a combination of medications and talk therapy (psychotherapy). Mayo Clinic. Rotary, of which I (Pastor Bob) and other members of our church are members, have mental health as one of their focuses this year as well.

From the Pastor (continued from page 2)

Fourth, members of United Presbyterian Church participated in the Jamestown Community 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Zonta Park. Our members sang the National Anthem with the Choralaires, directed by Pam Burkhardt. George Barnes, one of our own, is an organizer of this important event. Additionally, the Deacons donate to the Patriotic Council each year, helping ensure that our community can continue to witness and participate in patriotic activities.

Fifth, on Saturday evening, September 7th, the Huntington's Disease walk took place at Meidinger Park. This event raises funds to search for a cure. Huntington's disease (HD) is an **inherited disorder that gradually breaks down nerve cells in the brain, affecting movement, cognition, and mental health**. The Deacons contributed \$250.00 to the cause and members of our church participated in the walk or donated to support the effort.

Finally, The Deacons—and all of us—want to hear how you “Share Christ’s Love Through Service.” In this newsletter, you will find more ways to participate and make a difference.

God bless you all with this good news!

Blessings,
Pastor Bob Boyar

Senior Companion Services North Dakota

Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota (LSS), is now serving North Dakota, and is partnering with AmeriCorp Seniors, a national service agency, to offer the Senior Companion Program.

- * Are you 55 years of age or older?
- * Do you like helping people?
- * Do you have at least 5 hours to volunteer each week?
- * Could you use some extra income that is tax free?
- * Would you like to spend time with people who have similar interests or hobbies as you?

If YES to any of these questions, please call either number below to see if you qualify for our Senior Companion services!

Michelle at Lutheran Social Services of ND and MN (701)230-0759
Kathy at James River Senior Citizens (701)-252-2882

Christian Education

I am introducing myself as Christian Education Coordinator. At the present time I am doing this as an internship to satisfy requirements at Valley City State University (VCSU) where I am a Senior Psychology major. I work with the Christian Nurture committee and report to Pastor Bob. The plan is that I will average 24 hours a week. My responsibilities include:

- Continue an existing weekly Sunday school program.
- Plan and carry out additional programming of fellowship, service, and/or Biblical education activities for children and youth.
- Actively and creatively seek out new youth and families.
- Oversee and participate in an annual Vacation Bible School ministry.
- Coordinate, empower and recruit adult volunteers who assist in family ministry.
- Further engage and nurture the love of Christ in the hearts of children, youth, and families.

I will continue to serve as a Deacon in the church and operate the live streaming of the service every Sunday and as needed. I work at Eventide Assisted Living. I am the proprietor of the JayCon Grocery Store at 519 5th St NW. Please come and see us. I am also the founder of Leader’s Academy, a school in Liberia, West Africa. United Presbyterian Church continues to financially support Leader’s Academy through the Mission Committee. My spouse is Laura and we have four children: Agnes Jenifer, Jayden, Jerusha and JJ.

In my new role I have started a Sunday school class for Youth that has 5 students right now and I hope it will grow.

I traveled with the youth to Fargo Saturday, 9/21 to join other Presbytery Youth for a Peace Retreat: Peace in a Chaotic World. Our day in Fargo started with an amazing sound session called Sound Bath. This therapeutic sound waves were full of peace and relaxation. The sound session was followed by a meal. The day continued at Farm Dell in Moorhead, Minnesota. There, everyone volunteered on various tasks, seeding, arts and crafts, face painting, pumpkin sale, car parking, corn maze, candy finding, and much more. It was a fun day. We took off at 9:00 am and returned to Jamestown at 5:27 pm. The following individuals made the trip to Fargo and back: Hannah Tarr, Konah Tarr, Agnes Jenifer Nyepen and Jerome Zamgba.

Christian Education Coordinator,
Jerome Zamgba