

**Session Minutes** (continued from page 4)

**Worship Committee – Gail Martin**

- A reminder that UPC Ash Wednesday service is March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00pm.

**Church Growth & Outreach**

- Discussion continued on growth.
- Anne Carlson students & their parents.
- Working with other committees.
- Youth parents more active.

**New Business:**

- Tiffany Dauer might be able to attend the spring Presbytery meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at University of Jamestown. She will let us know.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Burgard

# The Communicator

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*Sharing Christ's Love Through Service*



Dear Friends,

As we step into the season of Lent, we embark on a meaningful journey of faith and renewal. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 5<sup>th</sup>, marking the beginning of a sacred time of reflection and preparation as we anticipate the glorious celebration of Easter on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Lent is an opportunity to draw closer to God, centering our hearts on His love, grace, and guidance. In the busyness of our daily lives, distractions can easily pull us away, but this season encourages us to refocus, rediscovering our identity as His beloved children. Choosing to place God at the center is a step toward a deeper connection with Him and a renewed sense of purpose.

**A Time for Spiritual Renewal**

Surrendering to God's will is not about losing ourselves but about embracing a life filled with grace and purpose. It is a courageous act of trust, allowing Jesus to lead us into Jesus' perfect plan. Lent calls us to seek truth and righteousness, to let go of what hinders us, and to embrace a life of faith and devotion. We invite you to join us for our **Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. on March 5<sup>th</sup>**. This service is a powerful moment of reflection as we receive the sign of the cross in ashes—a visible reminder of our faith and commitment to God. As the ashes are placed on our forehead the words are spoken, *Repent, and believe the Good News of the Gospel*. In a biblical context, repentance is recognizing that our sin is offensive to God. Repentance can be shallow, such as the remorse we feel because of fear of punishment or it can be deep, such as realizing how much our sins cost Jesus Christ and how his saving grace washes us clean. The acronym for GRACE is God's Riches At Christ's Expense.

**Understanding the Lenten Season**

Lent is a forty-day journey leading us to the triumph of Easter, a time for spiritual growth and renewal. The word "Lent" originates from the Anglo-Saxon word lenchten, meaning "spring," signifying new beginnings. Historically, Lent was a time of fasting and preparation for baptism, evolving into a season of reflection and penitence, reminding us of our need for God's grace.

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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

**MARCH WORKMONTH FAMILIES**

Chairperson:  
Wegner, Doreen 952-1789/303-241-1744

Burgard, Joe & Nancy	952-0051
Haag, Theresa	320-3599
Johnson, Terry & Deb	763-6245
Reimers, Doug and Mary Claire (Mary Claire)	701-200-9347
Wegner, Dean & Kathy	252-3980
Wegner, Yvonne	952-2399
Witzig, Diane	320-4915

**From the Pastor** (continued from front page)

Yet, Lent is not solely about sacrifice—it is also a time of celebration! Each Sunday is a “mini-Easter,” a day to rejoice in Christ’s victory over death. Many choose to give up something as a spiritual discipline during Lent, and while this can be meaningful, let us also use this time to build habits that draw us closer to God. If we are striving to let go of habits that do not serve us, let’s commit fully and embrace lasting transformation.

**Opportunities for Generosity**

Lent is also a season of giving. Everyone, children, youth and adults, will have the opportunity to participate in the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, supporting disaster relief, refugee assistance, and community development worldwide. This year’s theme, *Be the Light*, encourages us to shine brightly through acts of kindness and generosity. Offerings will be collected on **Easter Sunday**, and all are welcome to contribute using the envelopes provided or Fish Banks.


**Reflecting on the Meaning of Lent**

Sometimes Lent can become routine, much like making New Year’s resolutions that we struggle to keep. But at its heart, Lent is about more than just traditions—it is about deepening our faith and renewing our devotion. When we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we make a public declaration of our faith. I remember a young child at a past service proudly proclaiming, “*I’m going to keep this on forever!*” In truth, we are marked forever by God’s love, and while the ashes may fade, God’s imprint on our hearts remains eternal.

**Embracing the Journey**

Lent is a reminder of who we are and to whom we belong. We are called to a life of surrender, love, and service, free from worldly distractions so that we may fully embrace our faith. My prayer is that each of you will step into this season with anticipation, using it as a time of reflection, renewal, and growth. May this Lenten journey bring you close to the Lord and your hearts with joy and peace.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bob



Thank you to Pam Burkhardt, director of the Choralaires, for bringing the joy and praise to God through the Chorlaires on Sunday, February 16.

We thank the Deacons for organizing and implementing all of our fundraising meals that benefit this community, along with all of their other duties. Thank you Deacons!

We appreciate all of our Sunday School teachers who volunteer their time. A special thank you to Ruth Bossingham for her more than four decades of service in Christian education.

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">March 2025</h1> 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	<b>3</b> Christian Nurture 6:00 PM	<b>4</b> Deacons 6:15 PM	<b>5</b> Youth Bible Study 3:45 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM	<b>6</b> AA 7:00 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Soup Fundraiser Meal	<b>10</b> Property & Finance 6:00 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Youth Bible Study 3:45 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	<b>13</b> Session 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>23</b> SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Youth Bible Study 3:45 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	<b>27</b> PW Circle 1:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	<b>31</b>					

**More Dates to Remember...**

March 5 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM  
 March 9 Soup Fundraiser to benefit S.A.F.E Shelter  
 March 9 Daylight Savings Time begins



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS 2025



Steve Koehn	3
Jerusha Zamgba	6
Deb Hornung	8
Terry Johnson	8
Pam Burkhardt	9
Brittany Chandler	9
Munah Tarr	10
Mary Ellen Reimers	13
Emma Bennett	16
Christina Tarr	17
Mary Cadwell	18
Gail Martin	23
George Barnes	24
Kathie Dunn	24
Larry Hoffman	30



## March Anniversaries

Barry & Kathy Buchholtz	2
Gene & Kristie Cagle	17
George & Jackie Barnes	22
Jeff & Vicki Enger	26



## 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 Sunday, March 9, the Deacons are sponsoring a soup and bread meal to benefit Safe Shelter. There will be a signup sheet in the back giving you the opportunity to bring a 5-6 qt. crockpot of soup, bars, or helping to clean up. We appreciate that you provide food to help us in these free will offering meals. Please sign up if you would like to contribute to help us with our planning. The deacons will be providing the bread and some of the soup.

Don't forget there is a shopping cart in the narthex for Community Action Food Pantry. Please consider a donation of non-perishable items for Community Action.



Presbyterian Woman will meet on March 27th at 1:00 PM in the Parlor. Maurine Schoeler will lead the Bible study.

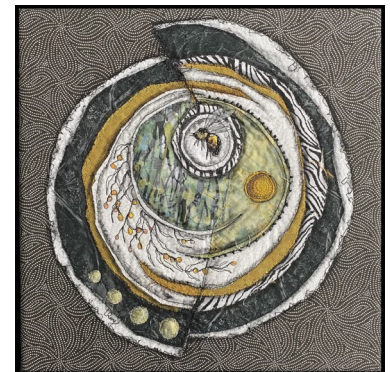
**Lesson 7** entitled *Economic Climate Justice*

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 15:7 –11; Matthew 26:11; Mark 14:7; John 12:8

**Main Idea:** We can reduce suffering and strengthen the entire social network.

Sue Parries will be our hostess.

Come and join in the fellowship and the learning !!!!



Lesson 7 Artwork: "Bumblebee #2" by Lorraine Roy

## *Joint Session/ Deacons Meeting Highlights for February 2025*

### **Clerk's Report**

- Recorded the membership of Michael Ostlie (#2212) by letter of transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND, and Mary Cadwell (#2213) by profession of faith per session meeting on January 9, 2025.
  - Recorded the installation of Class of 2027 Elders Danielle Giesler, Charley Keesee and Mary Reed and Class of 2027 Deacons Janet Miller and Jerome Zamgba during the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 worship service.
  - Recorded the ordination of Troy Worm Class of 2027 Deacons during the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 worship service.
- **Tiffany Dauer moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve the Deacons collecting throughout the year various hygiene products for the Salvation Army and non-perishable items for Jamestown’s Community Action Food Pantry.” MOTION CARRIED**

### **Deacons-Dixie Lee**

- Dixie Lee gave the Deacon’s report from Doreen Wegner listing the many service activities the Deacons organize throughout the year.
- Send cards for birthday, anniversary, and get-well cards
- Sent gift cards to college students twice
- Two baptism gifts
- Gifts sent to active service members in the church, UJ Theater Arts Dept, JHS Choir and Huntington’s Disease Walk.
- Thank you card sent to the choir
- Coordinated the Giving Tree for Community Action Backpack program
- Donations to Toys for Tots, Patriot Council and Jamestown Public Elementary Schools
- Bell Ringing coordination for the Salvation Army and Noisy Change jar collection
- Collected Christmas Gifts for the State Hospital
- Ongoing food collection for Community Action’s Food Pantry
- Ongoing collection of personal hygiene items for Salvation Army
- Requested help for setup and cleanup for fund raising meals and the fall “Thank You” meal.
- Asked for suggestions: Chili Cook-off; Bible study/social group for couples
- Tiffany Dauer suggested a fund raiser for special chairs and fidgets for Anne Carlson students that could be attending UPC. Christian Nurture to work with Deacons on this.
- Deacons could partner with other committees for their various fund-raising meals.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> is soup fund raiser for Safe Shelter.
- Dixie had a “factory mistake” sofa from Zimmerman’s brought over for the parlor. Mark Lee built 3 new end tables and refurbished a dinette table for the parlor. The Lee’s also bought bar stools for table and 3 lamps. Dixie expressed an interest in updating the church parlor.
- Deacons left the meeting at 6:40pm.

### **Treasurer’s Report: Mark Sherfy**

- Mark reviewed the financial statements for January 2025. Statements will be filed for audit.
- Christian Nurture – Tiffany Dauer.
- VBS theme, “Road Trip with God”, has been selected. No date yet.

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## *Christian Education Coordinator*

On behalf of Christian Nurture, thank you for supporting our education program at the church.

Wednesday evening Bible studies are continuing and are geared more toward youth age. While Jerome is out, Pastor Bob and Mary Caldwell have been facilitating these studies.

Sunday School is happening from 9:00-10:00 AM. We have two elementary classes. Most Sundays the two classes come together for music time! Your kids are great musicians and I look forward to sharing that with the congregation once Jerome is back!

Thank you to everyone that has helped with covering Sunday School, Bible Studies, and Children’s Message while Jerome is away.

If you feel called to help with Sunday School please reach out to Jerome, Pastor Bob, or I.

Looking ahead to summer we are starting to prepare to take your kids on “A Road Trip with God” Please stay tuned for our VBS dates!

Christian Nurture is going to work on creating an “All about Me” page for your child to help us learn more about them and help our volunteers get to know them better. Please stay tuned for more information on that.

God’s Blessings,

Tiffany Dauer  
Christian Nurture Co-Chair

## *Financial Update*

Year to Date Revenue January 2025	\$41,552.74
Year to Date Expenses January 2025	\$16,256.45
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss January 2025	\$25,296.29

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.