

Thank you
 Sharon Watson for
 29 years of service to
 United Presbyterian Church.
 Well done good and faithful servant.
 —Pastor Bob

The Communicator

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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor

Welcome to April! This month we enter Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday on April 13. Just as the crowd shouted “Hosanna!” so many years ago, we will gather at our **10:30 AM worship service**, waving palm branches and joyfully welcoming Jesus into our hearts and lives.

As part of this sacred week, we will hold a **Maundy Thursday Service on April 17 at 7:00 PM**. *Maundy Thursday*, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates Jesus’ humble act of washing His disciples’ feet and sharing the Last Supper. During this meaningful service, we will celebrate Communion together as we remember Christ’s deep love and His call for us to love and serve one another.

On Good Friday, we pause and reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross—His suffering, sorrow, and the transforming power of the crucifixion. At noon, the Jamestown community is invited to gather at Grace Episcopal Church for a Worship service led by members of the Jamestown Ministerial Association. It is a powerful time to come together in unity and remembrance. Then comes the day of the resurrection and new life! On this glorious day, we celebrate the moment when Jesus rose from the tomb, conquering sin and death. He died on the cross for humanity’s sin, but He also triumphed over the grave. Easter Sunday is the capstone of Holy Week, and it reminds us of the hope and promise we have in Christ. As Scripture tells us in Mark 16:19, Jesus now sits at the right hand of God the Father in Heaven.

We will have two Easter services:
8:30 AM
10:30 AM (which will also be livestreamed on YouTube).

Between services, there will be Easter activities for the children and refreshments for everyone. Easter is a joyful time to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ—Hallelujah!

This season provides a wonderful opportunity to invite those who do not yet have a church home to United Presbyterian Church. In the narthex, you’ll find church cards with our service information—perfect for extending an invitation. You never know how God might use your simple act of reaching out.

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APRIL WORKMONTH FAMILIES

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(Susan) 269-5154
- Giesler, Brent & Danielle 320-8324
- Nordgaard, Les & Enger, Charlotte 269-5146
- Reed, Steve & Mary (Mary) 269-0816
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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

From the Pastor (continued from front page)

This reminds me of a story shared by Julie Ackerman Link. After being kidnapped and held hostage for thirteen days, New Zealand news cameraman Olaf Wiig was released. With a broad smile on his face, he announced, “I feel more alive now than I have in my entire life.” For reasons we may not fully understand, being freed can feel more exhilarating than simply being free.

For those of us who live in freedom every day, Olaf’s joy is a powerful reminder of how easy it is to take our blessings for granted. Spiritually, this is also true. Those of us who have been Christians for a long time may forget what it was like to be held hostage by sin. We can become complacent, even ungrateful. But then God often brings a new believer into our lives—someone whose passionate testimony reignites our own joy at having been “set free from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:2) If you have any questions or concerns about the freedom Jesus offers, please don’t hesitate to contact me. I would be honored to talk with you about the life Christ freely gives.

With this freedom comes the call to continue Christ’s ministry—especially among the most vulnerable. Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor and release to the captives. Today, One Great Hour of Sharing helps us do the same for people in need around the world: those suffering from hunger, disasters, oppression, and injustice.

Whether you give by offering envelope, check, cash, or fish bank, every gift matters and meets real needs. I encourage you to visit the OGHS website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to learn more about how your generosity makes a difference. And please keep those we serve in your prayers. Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025.

As we walk through Holy Week and celebrate the resurrection, take time to reflect: Who in your life needs the hope of Easter? Who is longing to hear the good news of freedom in Christ? Don’t keep it to yourself—extend an invitation, share your story, and let God work through you to bring new life to others.

In Christ, Pastor Bob



Thank you Presbyterian Church for all you did for my family. —Barry Buchholtz

United Presbyterian Church—Thank you for your support! Please know that we could not do the work we do without you. With your donation we will be able to update our computers and software. This will enable us to better serve our clients and additional people in need. We appreciate your support beyond measure.

—The staff of Guardian Angels

All @ United Presbyterian Church—Thank you again for helping us to serve others. Your support is so much appreciated and will help many. Thanks again!

—All of us @ James River Senior Center and Public Transit

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">April 2025</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 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	7 Christian Nurture 6:15 PM Property & Finance 6:00 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 Maundy Thursday Service Communion 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Easter Sunday	21	22	23 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	24 PW Circle 1:00 PM AA 7:00 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			

More Dates to Remember...

- April 13 Palm Sunday
- April 17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm—United Presbyterian Church
- April 18 Good Friday 12:00 pm—Grace Episcopal Church



APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2025

David Morlock	2
Dale Reimers	3
Mary Jo Stewart	4
Gavin Gibson	8
Pam Burkhardt	9
Cheryl McIntyre	9
Edie Prentice	9
Vivian Szarkowski	9
Lana Mitzel	11
Pat Lindbo	12
Olivia Korynta	15
Mark Lee	15
Mary Claire Reimers	16
Jonelle Lindbo	17
Hannah Tarr	17
Nancy Burgard	19
Christian Endo	19
Logan Gibson	20
Troy Worm	22
Carrie Diede	24
Stacey Muhs	24
Adam Allmer	28



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 would like to thank our congregation for all your support for our donation meals. You have been very generous in your contributions of food, help to clean up, and your monetary donations. We may have been the organizers and contributed food, but you all are what made these meals possible!

Please watch the bulletins for upcoming activities.

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 April 24 at 1:00 PM in the Parlor. Charlotte Enger will lead the Bible study and Sue Parries will be our hostess.

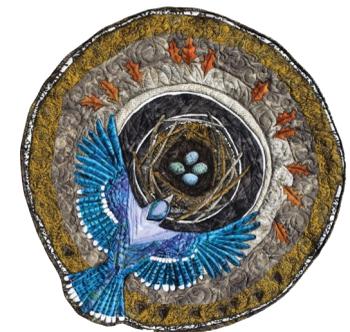
Lesson 8 entitled *Intergenerational Justice*

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:20, 23-25; 23:29-30; 24-25; 25:27-30

Main Idea: Like the authors who reflected midstream on the meaning of ancient Judah's story with God, who held onto unrealized hopes for their future, we have a story with God, a story whose meaning is changing.

Spring Gathering 2025

April 12, 2025
Presbyterian Church of Langdon
423 8th Ave., Langdon, ND
Registration 10:00 AM
Registration Fee \$15.00



Lesson 8 Artwork: *Avian Heart #2*, by Lorraine Roy

Session Highlights March 2025

Moderator's Report

- Ruth Bossingham will retire as a pre-school teacher after 46 years.
- Sharon Watson is retiring on April 15, 2025, after 29 years.

Christian Education Coordinator—Jerome Zamgba

- Jerome gave a report on his trip to Liberia and the Leadership Academy and expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the continued support.
- Exploring the ideas of gift cards and a meal at the Youth Bible study on Wednesday.
- Jerome will explore with the Mission Committee the possibility of having a sister church relationship with the church at Leader's Academy in Liberia.
- Jerome is waiting on information on a Youth trip to Bismarck, ND in May.

Christian Nurture – Danielle Giesler

- More Bibles have been ordered for the Sunday school classes.
- The split of the K-5 Sunday school class into two classes is working well.
- Sunday school children will be singing in worship.
- Will work with Deacons on a benefit potluck in April.
- Ideas to entice attendance at the Wednesday night Youth Bible study discussed.
- The Christian Nurture Committee recommends July 27th through 30th, 2025, for Vacation Bible School. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED**

Personnel – Danielle Giesler/Mary Reed

- Updated position descriptions for UPC's Administrative Assistant and Part-Time Church Bookkeeper were recommended. Discussion followed with amendments to the descriptions.
- The Personnel committee recommends the approval of the updated amended position descriptions for UPC's Administrative Assistant and Part-Time Church Bookkeeper.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Church Growth and Outreach – Jeff Enger

- Place UPC cards on tables at Thursday night AA meetings with information on worship and Sunday school.

Deacons – Janet Miller

- Benefit potluck with Christian Nurture in April TBD.
- Dixie mailed \$25 Subway gift cards to UPC college students.
- \$10 DQ gift cards will be issued to honor UPC Sunday school teachers on May 18th.
- Discussed how to better serve our congregation.
- The Deacon committee recommends to hold a "Teacher/Educator Appreciation" reception after worship on Sunday, April 27th." **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED**
- The Deacon committee recommends distributing May baskets to UPC shut-ins on May 4th.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Nominating Committee

- Mary Jo Stewart has volunteered to stay on the committee as co-chair with Danielle Giesler.
- Vicki Enger is the committee's Deacon representative.
- Steve Koehn moved/2nd, "to approve Tiffany Dauer as UPC commissioner at the spring Presbytery meeting on April 5th, 2025 at the University of Jamestown. **MOTION CARRIED**

Christian Education Coordinator

During my recent travels to Africa, I had the privilege of accompanying Debbie Reimers and her son, Isaac. We initiated a fellowship on campus with the aim of extending our church's mission to Liberia. I welcome any further discussions on how we can continue this important work. Possibly as a sister church

While in Liberia, we dedicated a reading room primarily filled with books donated by the Jamestown school community, including contributions from Pastor Boyar. This reading room is dedicated in honor of Pastor Robert Boyar. Additionally, our team successfully dedicated a new hand pump to provide safe drinking water for the community. We also had the opportunity to donate medical supplies to the public hospital in Grand Bassa County, thanks to generous contributions from friends of Debbie at the Jamestown Medical Center.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the church, especially the Mission Committee, for their generous donations to the Leaders Academy. These funds are crucial in allowing us to keep our doors open, provide meals for our students, and purchase necessary school supplies.

Ongoing Support:

While I was away, Sister Madison Lyonhart delivered the children's message, and Pastor Boyar along with Sister Mary led the youth Bible study. I am extremely grateful for their dedication and service to the church during my absence. Thank you to everyone for your support and contributions that help sustain the work of Christ in our community.

Attendance Update:

Currently, attendance at Sunday School and Bible study is low. However, we remain hopeful and are praying for an increase in participation as we continue to engage our youth and community.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our mission. Together, we can foster a nurturing environment for our youth and extend our outreach efforts.

Blessings,
Jerome Zamgba

Financial Update

Year to Date Revenue February 2025	\$21,408.61
Year to Date Expenses February 2025	<u>\$27,415.46</u>
Year to Date Excess Income/Loss February 2025	\$(6,006.85)

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.