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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

MAY WORKMONTH FAMILIES		
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		269-2155
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Enger, Jeff & Vicki		320-1764
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Miller, Janet		269-0224
Morris, Jim & Rita		952-8342
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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor

As I write, it is a beautiful spring day—a season that often prompts us to take on familiar tasks associated with change. As we tend to our homes, yards, offices, and garages, perhaps it is also time to consider sprucing up our spiritual lives.

Do we approach our spiritual well-being with the same care we give to our physical and social lives? Or do questions about our relationship with God gather dust in the corners of our minds, much like the clutter in our garages? One question worth pondering “How do I live in the freedom that Jesus granted through His death on the cross and resurrection on the third day?”

A foundational belief of Christianity is that we are freed from sin, freed by grace, and freed for a purpose—God’s purpose. We are liberated from fear, empowered to pursue the path God has set for us.

Consider the story of Jim, a third-generation farmer who found inspiration in the verse from Malachi 4:2: “*But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*” Jim, vividly recalling his calves leaping in joy after being released from their stalls, embraced Jesus’ offer of eternal life with newfound understanding of true freedom.

Jim’s daughter recounted this story to Lisa Samra during a discussion about the imagery in Malachi 4, where the prophet urged the Israelites to remain faithful in a time of widespread disregard for God’s commands. Malachi called the people to live faithfully, reminding them of a coming day when God would distinguish between those who revered Him and those who did not. The imagery of a frolicking calf conveyed exuberant joy awaiting those who choose faithfulness, culminating in the radiant healing of God’s righteousness.

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Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of this promise, proclaiming that true freedom is available to all (Luke 4:16–21). In God’s renewed and restored creation, we will one day experience this freedom fully. What indescribable joy it will be to live utterly free! A similar message is conveyed in a story shared by Todd Turner about a town inhabited by ducks. *Every Sunday, the ducks waddled to church, where their minister preached from the Duck Bible: “Ducks! God has given you wings! You can fly like eagles!” The congregation quacked a hearty “Amen!”—and then waddled home, never attempting to fly.*

If you or someone you know is seeking a deeper understanding of how to live freely through faith, you are warmly invited to participate in the **Interfaith Dialogue on Freedom**, hosted by **United Presbyterian Church** on **Saturday, May 17, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon**, in the Fellowship Hall. This community event will feature discussion circles where participants from diverse faith traditions—including Christian, Hindu, Agnostic, Atheist, Searching, and Islamic backgrounds—will respectfully share perspectives on freedom. As moderator, I will guide the conversation with open-ended prompts such as, “What is your faith-based perspective on freedom?” All who are open to listening and learning in a spirit of respect are welcome. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Freedom is not merely the absence of chains but the presence of purpose. As spring brings renewal to the earth, may we also renew our commitment to live boldly in the freedom Christ offers. Will we settle for waddling through life, or will we stretch our wings and soar?



God bless,
Pastor Bob Boyar

Dear Presbyterian Church—Thank you for your donation of \$619.00 to Safe Shelter. Your contribution will help make it possible for Safe Shelter to assist victims of domestic and sexual abuse and their families in our area. —Shauna Kifer, Executive Director

Thank you to all of the many volunteers, committee members, and staff who have worked so hard to contribute to the life of this church. God bless you all.

—United Presbyterian Church



<div><div></div><div>May 2025</div><div></div></div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 AA 7:00 PM	2	3
4 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	5 Christian Nurture 6:00 PM Property & Finance 6:00 PM	6 Deacons 6:15 PM	7 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	8 Session 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	9	10
11 SS 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Deacon's Offering	12	13	14 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	15 AA 7:00 PM	16	17
18 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	19	20	21 Choir Practice 7:00	22 AA 7:00 PM	23	24
25 Worship 9:30 AM	26	27	28 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00	29 AA 7:00 PM	30	31

May 4	Christian Nurture Committee fundraising meal after church
May 17	Interfaith Dialogue on Freedom—10:30 AM-noon
May 18	Sunday School teacher recognition



MAY BIRTHDAYS 2025

Nikki Reimers	2
Ryan Korynta	6
Tiffany Dauer	12
Mary Reed	12
Charlotte Enger	13
Daniel Reimers	14
Jacob Sherfy	16
Bob Martin	20
Henry Cadwell	24
Tyler Szarkowski	29
Freja Rose Reimers	31






May Anniversaries

Del & Ruth Bossingham	11
Steve & Mary Reed	22
Terry & Deb Johnson	28

Administrative Assistant Position

United Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time (16 hours a week) administrative assistant to join our team. The pay range is \$16 - \$20 per hour. The ideal candidate will have excellent communication skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office, Publisher, Power Point, Social Media updating. In this role, you will be responsible for providing administrative support to our church and ensuring the smooth operation of our office. To inquire, please send resume to United Presbyterian Church, 302 2nd Ave SE, Jamestown, ND. Telephone 701 252-1748, or email rab316.bb@gmail.com.



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 are doing the following things:

- May Baskets to the shut-ins — May 4
- Deacons Offering received on May 11.
- Honoring Sunday School teachers during church on May 18.
- Fundraiser meal after worship on June 29.

Deacon’s Offering will be taken on Sunday May 11. This offering helps with needs in the congregation and the community. Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy endeavor.

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 May 1 at 1:00 PM in the Parlor.


Lesson 9: *Sustaining Creation’s Health for All*

Scripture: Genesis 1:29-3-30, Psalm 104; Isaiah 2:1-5; Micah 4:1-4; Matthew 13:31-32

Main Idea: Scripture and modern science help us see nature’s wisdom more clearly and lead us to seek just ways to care for the earth and one another.

Lesson leader is Jackie Tarpinian and our hostess will be Yvonne Wegner.

This will be the last Circle meeting for the year. All Presbyterian Women are invited to join us on May 1st, and when we resume in the fall.



Into the Light by Lorraine Roy

Session Highlights April 2025

- May 2025 Elder/Deacon Home Communion: Danielle Giesler
- Ruth Bossingham will retire after VBS as a pre-school teacher after 46 years. Sharon Watson is retiring after 29 years when we hire our next Administrative Assistant.

Property and Finance – Mary Reed

Furniture for the parlor has been ordered.

Worship Committee – Gail Martin

Gail Martin moved/2nd, “to approve summer worship service hour at 9:30pm from May 25 through September 7th, 2025. “MOTION CARRIED

Deacons – Janet Miller

March 9th donation meal for Safe Shelter total, \$619.

\$25 Subway gift cards were mailed to UPC college students.

April 27th, Education teacher’s appreciation after worship.

Deacons are assisting the Christian Nurture committee with May 4th ‘Ministry for Kids’ meal.

May baskets to UPC shut-ins will be distributed May 5th.

Deacon’s offering will be collected May 11th.

UPC Sunday school recognition during worship May 18th, \$10 DQ gift cards.

Christian Nurture – Tiffany Dauer/Danielle Giesler

1)Christian Nurture recommends that the youth be able to attend the youth retreat in Bismarck ND May 2nd - 4th, 2025. The cost is \$50 per youth. Christian nurture recommends covering \$30 per youth for the retreat out of the youth fund. The family would need to cover the other \$20.

2)Christian Nurture recommends that the children and youth be able to go to Party Crashers (date to be determined). The committee recommends that instead of scheduling as a "party" we go doing open jump and pay \$10 per child out of the CN budget. Jerome will ensure that we have releases signed for every child that will be going.

3) Christian Nurture recommends a budget of \$40 per month for the youth group to provide protein-based snacks/small meals (i.e. corn dogs, PB sandwiches, Grilled cheese, hot dogs, etc.) 1x per month could consider getting a pizza for the youth group (recommend going to Papa Murphy's on Tuesday night to get the \$12 large deal).

4) Christian Nurture recommends having a fundraising meal/brunch after worship on May 4th for our children and youth to buy some sensory rich items for children in our Sunday School program.

ALL FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED

Christian Nurture recommends UPC hosting ‘Freedom Dialogue’, an interfaith discussion circle centered on freedom, May 10:30am to Noon.
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Christian Education Coordinator

Overview

The Bismarck Youth Retreat is scheduled for May 2-4, with a cost of \$50 per person. The Christian Nurture Committee has generously approved \$30 for each participating youth, while the remaining \$20 will be covered by the parents of Sunday School students. Additionally, the Committee has allocated \$40 each month to support Wednesday youth Bible study and activities. Gratitude to Kim Thoele who volunteered to provide a meal for a week of each month. We are pleased to announce that the following students have been selected to serve as acolytes during Sunday service: Gigi Roberts, Agnes Nyepen, and Leemu Sumo. Mark your calendars on May 4th, when we will host a fundraiser meal. We encourage everyone to come out and support the Christian Nurture Committee.

Recent Activities

Easter week was truly inspiring, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Nancy Burgard for her efforts in packaging all the Easter hunt eggs. We had over 25 youth and children in attendance to celebrate Easter Sunday, making it a joyous occasion.

On Friday, we had the opportunity to engage with four high school students, with the goal of leading them to Christ and fostering a Christ-like relationship with them. They have been invited to join our youth Bible study this Wednesday. For the Bismarck trip, we have received parental consent for three regular youth participants, and consent forms were distributed ahead of the trip. Our Sunday School continues to grow, thanks to the dedication of our teachers and the support of Sunday School parents.

Attendance Statistics

- 3rd - 5th Grades: 3 regular attendees
- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: 4 regular attendees
- Age 2 - Preschool: 9 regular attendees
- 6th - 12th Grade: 3 regular attendees

We are also pleased to report an increase in the number of children participating in the children's message, with more young ones coming forward each week.

Blessings,
Jerome Zamgba
Christian Education Coordinator

Financial Update

Revenue March 2025	\$16,726.62
Expenses March 2025	<u>\$17,098.09</u>
Income/Loss March 2025	\$ (371.47)
YTD Income March 2025	\$79,687.97
YTD Expenses March 2025	<u>\$60,770.00</u>
YTD Income/Loss March 2025	\$18,917.97

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.