



**North Dakota Book and Arts Festival**  
September 20, 2025  
10 AM - 5 PM  
Reiland Fine Arts Auditorium  
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- Creative Writing and Publishing Workshops
- Meet Local and Regional Authors
- Enjoy Food from Local Vendors
- Writers Panel
- UJ Plainsong Launch

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**FALL-SPRING WORSHIP HOURS**  
Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM

**PASTOR HOURS**  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Monday-Thursday

**SECRETARIAL HOURS**  
9:00 AM - 2:00 AM  
Tuesday & Thursday

You may also join us for Sunday worship on YouTube at 10:30 AM

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**SEPTEMBER WORKMONTH FAMILIES**

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# The Communicator

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## Sharing Christ’s Love Through Service

*From the Pastor*  Sunday School and Worship

September brings fresh opportunities for the United Presbyterian Church—moments filled not only with good news but also with open doors to serve, learn, and share Christ’s love in meaningful ways.

On **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**, Sunday School resumes for all ages: preschoolers, children, teens, and adults. These classes offer more than lessons—they are spaces where faith comes alive through Bible stories, memory verses, and practical applications for everyday living. Sunday school also fosters friendships among people who share a common desire: to know Jesus better.

Why is Sunday School vital for children and youth? Unlike other activities, it helps them lay down spiritual foundations—learning Scripture, building values, and shaping their walk as young believers. And it does this while maintaining a fun, engaging, and relational atmosphere. Beyond the stories and lessons, Sunday School guides them toward the ultimate goal: knowing Jesus personally and experiencing God’s love in their lives.

For teachers, the challenge and joy lie in making lessons real and relatable. From Old Testament accounts of God’s covenant with His people, to the parables of Jesus, every lesson provides a chance to connect biblical truths with daily living. In doing so, children and adults alike are drawn closer to Christ.

I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining this ministry—perhaps as a substitute teacher. To prepare, we will hold a **Teacher Training Event on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** at the Church.

**Sunday School is equally enriching for adults.** It deepens biblical understanding, strengthens fellowship, and provides a platform for exploring the Christian faith together. This September, our adult class in the parlor will focus on “**Understanding Poverty from God’s Perspective.**” The opening session, led by **Dr. Steve Reed**, will explore how the book of Proverbs speaks into the realities of poverty. And yes—coffee will be waiting to keep us alert and engaged.

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

Following Sunday School, our **Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m.** also, on September 7<sup>th</sup>. For those unable to attend in person, we will livestream the service on YouTube.

Why attend worship? Four reasons stand out:

- Spiritual Growth** – Worship renews and deepens our faith.
- Encouragement and Support** – Gathering together strengthens our resolve for the week ahead.
- Community and Fellowship** – Worship unites us, reminding us that we belong to one family of faith.
- Living Out God's Purposes** – Worship opens us to God's power at work in and through us.

As we step into this new season, let us commit ourselves to Sunday School and worship. In doing so, we live out our calling: to share Christ's love through service.

Faith grows not only in grand moments but in steady rhythms—teaching, listening, serving, and worshipping together. Perhaps the greatest gift of church life is the reminder that we are not walking alone. Each Sunday is a fresh opportunity to anchor ourselves in God's Word and to let His love flow through us to others.

God bless,  
Pastor Bob Boyar

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**To the Women of our church.....YOU ARE INVITED:**

PLEASE JOIN US in a study on to help refresh our belief in Jesus Christ as we talk about our own resilience, joy and identity as Christians.

**WHEN:** September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. **WHERE:** the Parlor and Fellowship Hall at church

**Leader and Hostess:** Nancy Fletcher  
Lesson 1. "Mary Magdalene, The Tower". John 11: 17-27; John 20: 11-18

Yvonne Wegner is ordering extra study guides and they will be available at the church for \$10. Please come even if you do not have a study guide and fellowship with us! Contact Jackie Tarpinian with any questions or to let her know you will be attending.

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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2025



<b>Thomas Allmer</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Aaron Cloyd</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Isaac Bollingberg</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Kim Thoele</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Lisa Cloyd</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Brenna Foerderer</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Ruth Hoherz</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Tammie Skari</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Joey Dauer</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Laura Zamgba</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Karla Sherfy</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Scott Bennett</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Penny Gengler</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Jenny Korynta</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Mary Margaret Reimers</b>	<b>25</b>



# September Anniversaries

**NO ANNIVERSARIES in September in our records!!**

# Nominating Committee News

The nominating committee would like the congregation’s input for nominations for next year’s deacons and elders. If you, or someone you know, would be a wonderful and enthusiastic addition to one of these positions, please let someone on our committee know. We have 2 openings in each group. Committee members are: Vicki Enger, Duane Dunn, Mark Lee, Steve Reed, and Kim Thoele. Co-Chairs: Mary Jo Stewart and Danielle Giesler

# 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.

There will be a Giving Tree set up and will be supporting the Backpack Program and the Community Action Agency - please watch for this.

We are also planning a Chili cook-off sometime in October - details coming soon!!

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 2025

Personnel Committee:  
 The Personnel Committee “recommends hiring Mae Pickett for the part-time Church Bookkeeper position (replacing Tammie Shari) with terms of employment of \$22.50 per hour (average hours per month are 10-15). Hiring dependent on the outcome of her background check.”  
 Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 2 **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED 08/06/25**

Treasurer:  
 Gail Martin moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve the transfer of ‘UJ Chaplain’ amount of \$1,368.05 to the ‘Elevator Fund’ since University of Jamestown does not have a chaplain on campus.”  
**MOTION CARRIED**  
 Received a donation for audio/visual expenses.  
 Per Capita payment will be disbursed.

Moderator’s Report:  
 Gail Martin moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve Pastor Robert Boyar’s requests to attend a Leadership program at University of Jamestown on September, 25, 2025 at a cost of \$65.92 and possibly a Pastor’s retreat sponsored by the Presbytery of the Northern Plains at Clearwater Forest from September 21-24, 2025 for \$335 all fees coming from ‘Continuing Education – Pastor’.” ALSO, “to approve Pastor Robert Boyar’s vacation request of November 20-28, 2025.”  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Mark Sherfy moved/2<sup>nd</sup>, “to approve Steve Reed, Jonathon Lyonhart and Douglas Chimanga to aid with adult Sunday school.”  
**MOTION CARRIED**

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (continued from page 3)

Christian Education Coordinator:  
Bible study sessions for youth girls and boys have continued throughout the summer on Wednesdays, 4 girls and 4 boys.  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, youth girls represented UPC at the Juneteenth celebration held at the Arts Center of Jamestown. They presented the story of Benjamin Hayes.  
The Youth group attended a Dakota concert at Hansen Park, accompanied by Pastor Boyar.  
Transportation provided for the above activities.  
Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held July 27<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>. The theme “Road Trip had 33 children attend – 16 girls 15 boys. Many volunteers, youth helpers and generous food contributions from church members.  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, the youth completed a workday activity cleaning the nursery and toys, as well as the game room on the second floor. Workday followed with evening of fun, including food, a movie and sharing their summer vacations.

**The Christian Nurture Committee recommends:**  
**Party Crashers Day tentatively scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>. UPC will cover \$10.75 per child, expecting 12 children, out of the ‘Youth Fund’.**  
**Sunday school classes start September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**  
**Sunday school teachers for the upcoming year: Madison Lyonhart, Danielle Giesler, Tammie Keesee, Kim Thoele, Jerome Zamgba and Tiffany Dauer (music)**  
**Youth Group meeting on Wednesdays after school.**  
**To put an announcement in Sunday bulletins for snack donations for Sunday school and Youth Group activities. Snack ideas would be given.**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED**

Property and Finance:  
New parlor furniture project completed.  
Broken storm window on ramp – Stutsman County Glass will fix.  
NE wooden church doors, issue with hinges – Spitzer Construction contacted.  
Leak in Sanctuary roof – insurance contacted, adjustor coming.

Worship:  
**Worship Committee recommends, “to approve worship services return to 10:30am and Sunday school classes at 9am starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.”**  
**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED**

Deacons:  
Christian Nurture Committee donation meal went well. Collected \$657.  
Giving Tree will be set-up at the next Deacon’s meeting.  
June donation meal for Jamestown Cancer Fund went well.  
Tentative dates for donations meals in process.

Mission:  
Leadership Academy has received \$2500.  
Dorcas Society has received \$2000.  
Jerome Zamgba reported the Leadership academy would like to have a Presbyterian church on campus. He is working with Presbytery on the Northern Plains on the project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Christian Education Coordinator Report

Youth Bible Study  
Our youth Bible study continues with both classes combined. We currently have about eight teens attending, evenly split between boys and girls. Thank you to everyone who helps by providing transportation. The pickup and drop-off ministry makes these gatherings possible. Please continue to hold our young people and leaders in your prayers as we disciple and encourage one another.

Back-to-School Fun Night  
Recently the youths enjoyed a fantastic Back-to-School Fun Night. The evening included cleaning and organizing toys in the nursery, a great meal, lively conversation about summer experiences, and a special message from Mrs. Wanitta Parsons (one of our youth parents). The night concluded with a family-friendly showing of the movie “The Forge.”

Vacation Bible School  
Vacation Bible School ran July 27–30 and welcomed as many as 33 children throughout the week; 16 girls and 15 boys were registered. We were blessed with many volunteers, including helpful youth leaders and generous food donations from church members. This year’s theme, “Road Trip,” guided lessons about Abraham and Sarah, the Israelites’ journey through the wilderness, the reunion of Mary and Elizabeth, and Jesus’ encounter with Zacchaeus.

Gifts & Encouragement  
We give thanks to SCHRC for blessing our youth group with a \$100 check in recognition of their participation in this year’s Juneteenth celebration. These gifts encourage our young people’s involvement in the wider community.

How You Can Help  
We need additional volunteers for Sunday School, especially in the preschool class. Thanks to our retired teacher, preschool lessons are planned for the next three years—but we need teachers and assistants to carry them out. If you can help on a regular or occasional basis, please contact the church office or speak with the Children’s Ministry coordinator after worship. Any time you can give—teaching, assisting, or providing snacks—is a welcome blessing.

Prayer Requests  
Please pray for continued spiritual growth among our children and youth, for safe and joyful fellowship, and for more volunteers to step forward to serve as second adult or substitute Sunday teachers.

Thank you to everyone who serves, donates, and prays for these ministries—your support is making a real difference in the lives of our young people.

Blessings,  
Jerome Zamgba

Financial Update

YTD Income July 2025	\$ 128,151.73
YTD Expenses July 2025	<u>\$ 129,529.53</u>
YTD Income/Loss July 2025	(\$ 1377.80)

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.