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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 PM
Tuesday & 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	Dale - 320-4332 Mary Ellen - 320-3332

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Sharing Christ’s Love Through Service

From the Pastor

Our roots in Jamestown and in the Reformed tradition of Christianity

Remembering Our Roots

In recent months, I have had the opportunity to share the history of the Presbyterian Church in Jamestown. Much of my research came from booklets written for past anniversaries: the 75th in 1954, the 100th in 1979, and the 125th in 2004. These were first shared with our congregation, then at the Stutsman County Museum, and most recently with the Rotary Club. Each time, listeners showed interest in our story.

Looking ahead, United Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2029. It is not too early to plan how we might mark such a meaningful milestone. One vision is to write a complete history of the Presbyterian presence in Jamestown, capturing how God has guided this church through the years. **I am forming an editorial board of interested people.**

Rooted in Christ

This October, we give thanks for our spiritual roots. The Apostle Paul reminds us: “As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:6-7).

In 1517, tradition tells us that Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He aimed to start a discussion about faith and Scripture. While his actions sparked debate and disagreement, God used them to remind the church that forgiveness and salvation are gifts freely given through His grace, never dependent on human effort or transaction.

The Core Teachings of the Reformation

- **Grace alone:** Salvation is God’s free and undeserved gift. Though we are sinners, disobedient children, deserving of God’s wrath and anger, we receive the riches of His love and forgiveness;
- Faith alone:** We receive this gift through faith in Christ, not through our own efforts. “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (2:8-9).
- Scripture alone:** The Bible is God’s inspired Word and our guide for faith and practice. It alone is the source for what we believe and what we practice in the Christian church.
- Christ alone:** Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection are the foundation of our salvation. The Gospel writer John tells us that, “God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (3:16).

These truths continue to anchor us in the hope, reminding us that God’s promises remain steadfast.
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From the Pastor (continued from front page)
A Call to Remember and Live

This October, I encourage you to reflect on the meaning of Reformation Day and the assurance it gives us. **Join the Adult Sunday School class on Sunday mornings in October at 9:00 AM in the parlor as we discuss how our Faith Tradition is lived out today.** Be comforted that God still works through people and communities to strengthen faith and guide lives. Take courage in knowing that Christ alone holds the field forever. Take solace in the truth that God continues to curb you from sin and error and preserve your life in Christ alone through his holy Word and Sacraments. As Luther said in stanza two of his famous hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God: Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing: Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.*

A Challenge for Us All

As we look toward our church’s future, may we not only celebrate our history but also commit ourselves to living faithfully today. Let us ask: How can we share Christ’s love more deeply in our families, our community, and our world? May we be a people who embody grace, practice faith, live by Scripture, and reflect Christ in all that we do.

God Bless,
Pastor Bob Boyar

Worship committee

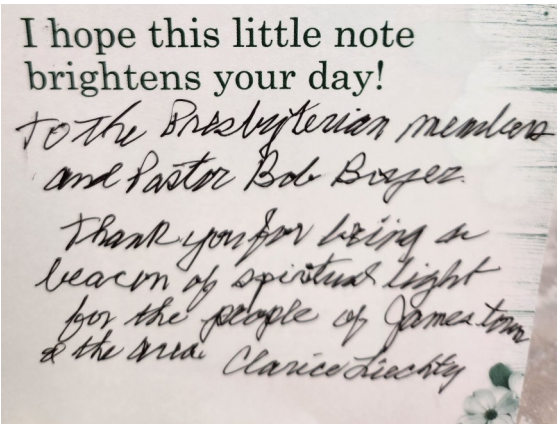
Discussions were held with the local funeral homes in town and it was discovered that several churches in Jamestown no longer provide bars for funerals. After discussion with members of the worship committee and the session, it has been decided that we will only provide beverages and kitchen assistance for funerals going forward.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Presbyterian Women (PW) will begin meeting monthly on the fourth Thursday except November, December and May where we have a Thank Offering, a potluck with the Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering and May is a Birthday Offering. We support missions, the local hunger program and other needs as we might discuss. You may contact Jackie Tarpinian about PW if you have questions or to let us know you will be attending whenever possible. Pick up your lesson book in the office and bring a friend with you to the meeting!



**Card and Note from
Clarice Liechty**



<div><div>OCTOBER 2025</div></div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	2 AA 7:00 PM	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday Sunday School-9am Worship 10:30 AM	6 Property & Finance - 5:00 pm Christian Nuture -6:00 pm	7 Deacons - 6:15pm	8 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	9 Session-5:30 pm AA 7:00 PM	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	13	14	15 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	16 AA 7:00 PM	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	20	21	22 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	23 PW Meet - 1 pm AA 7:00 PM	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM	27	28	29	30	31	
*More Dates to Remember...						
October 26 - Deacon’s Chili Cook-Off - after the service - see Deacon’s report for more information!						

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 2025



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



October Anniversaries



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

Deacon FUN Raising Chili Cook-off!!
Get your apron out and recipe ready - have some fun and fellowship after worship on October 26. Come cook - or come eat, but be ready to enjoy!!

** REMINDER **

Please send in to the office any changes or corrections to the year end directory by November 1

DEACON DIALOGUE. . . Per Pastor Bob Boyar

Thank you all that participated in the Giving Tree project that benefits the Backpack program for school aged children. The food and goodies will be transported to the Community Action Agency the week of September 29th.

The Deacon's teamed up with the Christian Nurture committee to provide a light breakfast on September 7th to start off the Sunday School year.

Thank you to all who participated in the Deacon's offering in May. \$1,083.00 was collected for the work of the Deacon's and local missions.

Sunday, October 26th after the worship service will be a Chili cook-off. It is a fun fellowship idea, not a fundraiser. The Deacon's goal is to have 4 or 5 people that are not deacons to get out their best Chili recipes, prepare a batch, and bring them to be shared and voted on. The one who gets the most votes receives a gold ladle, second highest votes gets a silver ladle, third highest votes gets a bronze ladle. Sign up sheets will be available on Sunday, October 5th. There will be music after the meal (Get the joke.)

The Deacons will send out Subway gift cards to the current college students. They are Zoe Bennett, Nathaniel Cloyd, and Erica Tarr. Let us know if we have missed you or anyone you know.

Sue and Bill Parries have helped raise money for cancer research by volunteering to take tickets at the Rodeo at the Fairgrounds for many years. They need to hand off this ministry opportunity. The Deacon's want to know if there are any individuals or groups in the church that would like to take it on. Please contact the church office for more information.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Moderator's Report:

Gail Martin moved/2nd, "to approve Bill Weispfenning leading worship service on November 23, 2025."

MOTION CARRIED

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, "to approve Pastor Bob speaking at the Rotary Club meeting on the history of the United Presbyterian Church on September 16th, 2025."

MOTION CARRIED

Christian Education Coordinator

Youth Group received a \$100.00 check from the Stutsman Human Rights Coalition as an appreciation for their presentation at Juneteenth program.

Sunday school update – 16 participants the first Sunday of Sunday school, opening ceremony in sanctuary, music lead by Tiffany, need for substitute teachers.

Youth are organizing a winter clothing donation drive. Collected clothes will be donated to the Rotary Club.

Need for second adult for Youth Bible study on Wednesday.

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, "to approve Evelyn Harrison as the second adult for the UPC Youth Bible study on Wednesdays upon completion of a background check."

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (continued from page 3)

Property and Finance

Received bid from Spitzer Construction on NE wooden church doors.
Property and Finance Committee recommends, “repair UPC’s NE door with \$2500 from Undesignated Memorial and the balance from the Building Fund. Estimated repair cost \$6,000 - \$7,500.”

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Property and Finance Committee recommends, “to purchase a new computer for bookkeeper not to exceed \$700. Payment to come from partial balance left in Undesignated Memorials and the balance then from Office Supplies.”

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Worship Committee

Gail Martin moved/2nd, “that the United Presbyterian Church monthly work families will no longer provide dessert items after a funeral service.”

MOTION CARRIED

Deacons

Deacon offering to be taken October 5th.
\$25 Subway gift cards will be sent to UPC college students October 7th.
October 26th is Chile Cook-off. Open to anyone to make Chile. Ladles will be given for prizes.
The Deacons recommend, “having a Chile cook-off on October 26th after worship.”

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

New Business:

Committees need to get budget requests to Property and Finance Committee by October 6th.

Lux Concrete will do UPC’s snow removal.
Mary Reed moved/2nd, “to present Jamestown Chamber Bucks of \$100.00 to Tammie Shari in appreciation of her work as UPC’s bookkeeper.”

MOTION CARRIED

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, “to approve Mary Reed as UPC commissioner at the fall Presbyterian meeting on October 11th, 2025 at the Presbyterian Church of Langdon, ND.”

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Christian Education Coordinator Report

Our Sunday School for children and youth begins at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary for opening assembly. Students and teachers go to their classrooms about 9:10 AM. Tammie Keesee, Danielle Giesler, and Jerome Zamgba lead our three classes. Carrie Diede is in charge of the nursery during Sunday School and Worship. Tiffany Dauer leads the music at around 9: 30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The age-appropriate classes are age 2- preschool, kindergarten – 3rd grade, and 4th grade- 6th and up. We need classroom help, substitutes, and administrative services. Please join us for our next Christian Nurture Meeting on Monday, October 6th at 6:15 PM.

We are seeking donations from the congregation for Sunday School snacks - cereal bars, applesauce pouches, etc. or dollars to purchase items. Please give Jerome your donations.

The Youth Bible Study meets with Jerome and Evelyn (Our second adult) on Wednesday’s at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. At this time, there are 8 girls and 1 boy attending. Discussion is based on a passage of Scripture. Each week there is an activity planned like using the parachute or a game of tag. A mission activity is helping to collect winter outerwear for the Rotary Club. Coats, sweaters, hats, mittens, etc. Please put donations in the tub in the narthex or give them to Jerome **on or before Wednesday October 8th.**

Pastor Bob is in contact with Charity Ost, the regional director of Child Evangelism Fellowship, regarding Good News Club at Roosevelt school. It is like a Sunday School class after the school day designed for elementary school aged children. The hope is this Fall’s class will begin in October. The class will meet after school from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM. on a day of the week of our choosing. Last year the Good News Club met on Monday. **Pastor Bob needs a partner from our church to volunteer on a weekly basis.** We can invite the children who attend the Good News club and the families to our church.

Pastor Bob and Dr. Steve Reed lead our Adult Class that meets in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. In October we will discuss how we are living out our Reformed Faith Tradition today.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob Boyar

Financial Update

YTD Income August 2025	\$ 112,473.99
YTD Expenses August 2025	\$ 144,655.76
YTD Income/Loss August 2025	(\$ 32,181.77)

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.