



The Communicator

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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor

As we begin a new year, it is natural for us to pause, reflect on what has been, and look ahead with hope and intention. For many, the start of the year brings resolutions and goals. As Christians, however, we are reminded that our aspirations are not simply about personal success or happiness, but about honoring God and shaping our lives according to His will.

One meaningful way to set godly goals is to begin with prayerful discernment. Taking time to listen for God's voice and to seek His guidance helps center our plans on what truly matters. Scripture reminds us in Psalm 37:4, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." When we place God first, our desires become more closely aligned with His purpose for our lives.

I am especially encouraged by Tiffany Dauer's willingness to serve as our Christian Nurture Administrator of Programming. I see her playing a crucial role in strengthening our communication with both our congregation and the wider community—especially about Sunday School, the Youth Program led by Jerome, Vacation Bible School, and other ministries that share the good news of Jesus and help us make disciples. Please take a moment to greet Tiffany and offer her a word of encouragement.

Another important aspect of setting godly goals is reflecting on how our plans affect others. As followers of Jesus, we are called not only to grow in faith but also to love and serve. Our goals, therefore, should extend beyond ourselves and focus on how we can bless those around us and respond to the needs of our community.

It is my hope that more members of our congregation will take advantage of the connection we have nurtured with Church Growth consultant John Fong, who works under contract with the Presbytery of the Northern Plains. This partnership offers opportunities to learn how to bless people in our community, organize meaningful events, and extend invitations that foster connection and faith. Please let me know if you are interested in participating

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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

JANUARY WORKMONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:
Allmer, Angie 252-2464 / 269-3177

Cloyd, Aaron & Lisa	952-4661
Dunn, Duane & Kathie	269-0982 Duane 269-2044 Kathie
Keesee, Charley & Tammie	903-399-5690 (Tammie's cell)
Koehn, Steve	320-0241
Lindbo, Jonelle	269-4677
McIntyre, Mike & Cheryl	368-9818 Cheryl
Nelson, Colleen	269-8960

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As we pursue these goals, it is important to remember that the journey will not always be easy. Challenges and setbacks are part of life and faith. Yet we trust that God walks with us through every season, providing strength and guidance. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.”

In conclusion, setting godly goals for the new year calls us to seek God’s guidance, consider how our actions serve others, and rely on His strength every step of the way. As we move into this new year, I invite you first to pause and prayerfully listen for where God may be gently calling you to grow. In that quiet reflection, ask not only what God is shaping within your heart, but also how that inner renewal might lead to faithful action. Then choose one intentional step—small or significant—that allows God’s love to move beyond words and into our daily lives. Whether it is offering encouragement, serving in a ministry, reaching out to a neighbor, or simply showing up with greater attentiveness, these acts of faith become powerful when rooted in prayer. As each of us commits both heart and hands to God’s leading, He weaves our individual obedience into a shared witness of grace, hope, and love.

May God bless your journey and United Presbyterian Church towards living a life that honors God. I trust you have a Happy New Year!

God Bless,
Pastor Bob Boyar

TO ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:

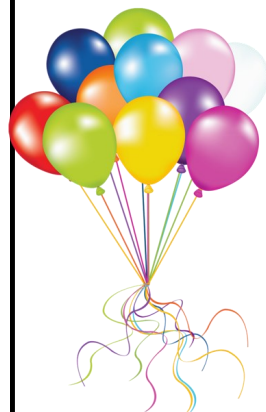
Jackie Tarpinian is asking each of you to please take a few minutes and text her via messages, messenger or email (manoog@csicable.net) a thought about JOY in your life. What makes a ‘joy moment’ in your life? Why? The next 3 lessons for UPW are about JOY in our lives. Is it about being happy? We are going to explore this theme in December, January and February but we need more input than the 8 or 9 of us in UPW. We need the thoughts of every age. Ask your children what joy means to them. Please share with UPW. Can you have joy and not be happy all the time? We will, of course, explore the Biblical thoughts about joy as well. I realized a couple decades ago that, while I have not always been happy, I have always had joy in me. Do you agree with that?

In January, UPW will meet on the 22nd at 1:00 in the parlor for business meeting and lesson. Coffee in the a fellowship Hall following the lesson. Lessons 4, 5 and 6 are about FINDING OUR JOY. Due to the December meeting being cancelled due to weather, Jackie Tarpinian will present both Lessons 4 & 5. Lesson 4, *The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child and the Devoted Parent*, and. lesson 5, *The Gift of the Woman who was Poor*.

JANUARY 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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4 Sunday School-9am Worship 10:30 AM	5 Property & Finance-5:00 pm Christian Nurture 6:15 PM	6 Deacons 6:15 PM	7 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	8 Session-5:30 pm AA 7:00 PM	9	10
11 Sunday School-9am Worship 10:30 AM Meal after worship	12	13	14 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	15 AA 7:00 PM	16	17
18 Sunday School-9am Worship 10:30 AM	19	20	21 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	22 UPW 1:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	23	24
25 Sunday School-9am Worship 10:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING	26	27	28 Youth Bible Study 4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	29 AA 7:00 PM	30	31

**More Dates to Remember...*
Jan 11 - Deacons are having a donation meal for the Senior Citizen’s Center

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS 2026



Willa Hines	2
Zachary Bossingham	4
Cindy Wermager	6
Jim Bond	10
Delbert Bossingham	10
Gunnar Reimers	10
Carol Danuser	12
Bill Parries	17
Bev Hoffman	20
Terry Koehn	22
Jennifer Erickson	27
Zoe Bennett	28
Opal Schmuhl	29
Ruth Barkus	30
Phillip Koehn	30



DEACON DIALOGUE. . . Per Vicki Enger

The Deacons wish a Happy New Year to all and thank you for all your support for 2025.

Thank you to all who participated in the Salvation Army bell ringing. During the three days the UPC was responsible for the Red Kettle at Cashwise - \$1844.75 was collected!

Thank you also to all who attended the Christmas Program potluck and to those who brought food.

Gifts for the State Hospital were delivered, thank you to all who donated.

Financial Update

YTD Income thru December 23, 2025	\$ 227,744.20
YTD Expenses thru December 23, 2025	<u>\$ 225,824.26</u>
YTD Income/Loss thru December 23, 2025	\$ 1,919.94

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.

January Anniversaries

None

NOTICE

Box sets or individual envelopes will be available in the office or out in the narthex and usher tables.

PLEASE NEATLY PRINT YOUR NAME AND DATE ON THE FRONT IF YOU USE THEM!

PRESBYTERY WINTER YOUTH RETREAT Jan 30 - Feb 1

For youth 11 years and older

Join us for an unforgettable weekend as we gather for the Presbytery-wide retreat in Grand Forks!

Expect - Bonding; Food, Faith and Fun; Service Project; Sleepover; Games and Movie.

Free for youth! Contact Jerome if you want more information or to get signed up!



Kudos to everyone for all the support, help, and care you have shown your church in 2025!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER 11, 2025

Order of the Day:

Mary Reed moved/2nd, “to accept the membership of Lani McBee by certificate of transfer from the First Christian Church of Disciples, Casper, WY.”

MOTION CARRIED

Moderator’s Report:

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, “to approve Pastor Robert Boyar’s vacation request of December 25 -31, 2025 with Steve Reed leading worship on December 28, 2025.”

MOTION CARRIED

Christian Nurture:

Christian Nurture recommends, “that Jerome Zamgba become a volunteer Youth Leader at his request and resigns as Christian Education Coordinator effective per session approval. Jerome will continue giving the Children’s Message during worship.”

Christian Nurture recommends, “that Tiffany Dauer be hired at \$20/hour to become the Christian Nurture administrator of programs for an average of 20 hours a month effective per session approval. With the understanding that certain times may require more (I.e.VBS, the start of Sunday School, and Christmas program).”

Christian Nurture Committee recommends, “hosting a lock in over Christmas break, December 26. The lock in would be for Middle School aged kids and older. Jerome Zamgba and Evelyn Harrison would be there to chaperone as well as Tammie Keesee stated if it is held after Christmas, she is willing to chaperone until 3am.”

ALL RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED

Danielle Giesler moved/2nd, “to approve the youth attending the Presbytery Winter Youth Retreat January 30th – February 1, 2026, in Grand Forks, ND.”

MOTION CARRIED

Property and Finance:

Mark Sherfy moved/2nd, “to approve UPC’s 2026 proposed budget as amended.”

MOTION CARRIED

The Property and Finance committee recommends, “to approve the “Terms of Call 2026 for Reverend Robert Boyar.”

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Worship Committee:

Charley Keesee moved/2nd, “to amend the 2026 communion schedule to the first Sunday of each month, with the exceptions of Maundy Thursday worship, April 2nd, 2026, and the April communion on April 12th, with the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, 2026.

AMENDED MOTION APPROVED

New Business:

Steve Koehn moved/2nd, “to approve the United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, ND annual meeting for January 25th, 2026, after the Sunday worship service, with an alternate date of February 1st, 2026, with installation of new Deacons and Elders on February 8th, 2026.”

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Christian Nurture Administrator of Programming Report

(aka: Children’s Program Administrator!)

Tiffany Dauer

Greetings United Presbyterian Church!

I am thrilled to begin this new journey with you all as the Christian Nurture Administrator of Programming. I will be working closely with our Sunday School Teachers and the Christian Nurture Committee to help create a more dynamic and active Children’s Ministry.

Over the past month, our children and youth have been busy preparing for the Christmas Program, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the children, youth, their families, and our dedicated volunteers for making this year’s program such a success. The children and youth also participated in making and decorating Christmas cookies that were shared at the potluck on December 21st.

As we wrap up Semester 1 of Sunday School, we’re already looking ahead to the next semester. **Sunday School will begin again on January 11th** and we have some exciting things planned. To encourage continued attendance, we’re holding an **attendance giveaway** for children in Preschool through 5th grade. Each time they attend Sunday School, their name will be entered into a drawing. The more Sundays they attend, the more chances they have to win!

Additionally, for every \$50 raised in our Sunday School offering, we’ll be adding **bonus tickets** into the drawing! This is a wonderful way to encourage both attendance and giving as we continue to grow our ministry together.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. We’re excited to see what the new semester brings!

**The annual church meeting will be held after worship on January 25th.
Mark your calendars!!**

Election of Elders and Deacons will take place.

**Reports from the committees, Deacons, UPW, and others -
Please get your written report to Robin by January 15 so
she can print the annual report in time. THANKS!**