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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  
 Wednesday & Thursday

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


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# The Communicator

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## Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

*From the Pastor*  Who first invited you to church? For many of us, it began with a simple invitation that quietly changed the course of our lives. Often, through a small, thoughtful gesture that God opens doors to something far greater than we could have imagined.

Easter isn't just another Sunday on the calendar—it's one of the most meaningful opportunities for outreach throughout the year. Many who do not regularly attend church begin to search for a place to worship during this season. I warmly encourage you to invite someone to join us for Easter, whether through the Easter egg invitations or the Easter postcards provided. This season offers a beautiful opportunity to welcome those who may still be searching for a church home into our United Presbyterian Church family.

### Why Easter matters?

On this glorious day, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ—His victory over sin and death. Though He died on the cross for the sins of humanity, He rose again in triumph over the grave. Easter Sunday stands as the culmination of Holy Week, reminding us of the living hope and eternal promise we have in Christ. As we read 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** ( also livestreamed on YouTube).

Between these services, there will be Easter activities for children and refreshments for everyone. It will be a joyful time of celebration as we proclaim the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ—Hallelujah!

### Join us for Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates Jesus' humble act of washing His disciples' feet and the sharing of the Last Supper. During this meaningful service, we will celebrate Communion together, remembering Christ's deep love and His call for us to love and serve one another.

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

On **Good Friday** we pause to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross—His suffering, sorrow, and the transforming power of His death. The Jamestown community is invited to gather with us for a Worship service led by members of the Jamestown Ministerial Association. Together, we will reflect on the Seven Last Words of Jesus, uniting in remembrance and reverence.

Then comes the day of the resurrection—the day of new life!

As part of our Easter celebration, we will also receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor and freedom for the captives, and today this offering continues that mission by supporting those in need around the world—those affected by hunger, disaster, oppression, and injustice.

Blessings. Whether you give by offering envelope, check, cash, or fish bank, every gift becomes a tangible expression of Christ’s love. I encourage you to visit the OGHS website ([www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs)) to learn more about how your generosity makes a meaningful difference. Please also keep those we serve in your prayers.

As we journey through Holy Week and celebrate the resurrection, take a moment to reflect: Who in your life needs the hope of Easter? Who longs to hear the good news of freedom in Christ? Let us not keep this message to ourselves. Instead, may we extend invitations, share our stories, and allow God to work through us in bringing new life to others. Church invitation cards are available in the narthex—simple tools that God can use in powerful ways.

Just a point of reflection: Easter reminds us that even the darkest moments are not the end of the story. In a world often weighed down by uncertainty, the resurrection declares that hope is alive, grace is greater, and new life is always possible through Christ. May we carry this truth not only in our hearts but also in our actions—becoming living witnesses of the joy, love, and renewal that Easter brings.

"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"

**TO ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:**

**The United Presbyterian Women’s purpose statement is:**

**Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves** to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God’s kingdom.

**Our next meeting will be April 23rd at 1:00 pm. Lani McBee will be presenting Chapter 8 for the lesson followed by fellowship over coffee & dessert! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

		<h1>APRIL 2026</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat		
			1 Youth Bible Study 3:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	2 AA 7:00 PM	3	4		
5 <b>EASTER!!</b> One Great Hour Early Service 8:30am Breakfast/Egg Hunt - 9:30 am Worship - 10:30 am	6 Christian Nurture, Growth & Outreach 6:30 PM	7 Deacons 6:15 PM	8 Youth Bible Study 3:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	9 Session-5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	10	11		
12 Sunday School-9AM Worship 10:30 AM	13 Property & Finance - 5:00 PM	14	15 Youth Bible Study 3:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Chess Gathering - 7:00 PM	16 AA 7:00 PM	17	18		
19 Sunday School-9AM Worship 10:30 AM	20	21	22 Youth Bible Study 3:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	23 UPW 1:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	24	25		
26 Sunday School-9AM Worship 10:30 AM	27	28	29 Youth Bible Study 3:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	30 AA 7:00 PM				

**\*More Dates to Remember...**

April 5 - there will be no youth or adult Sunday School

April 15 - Chess Gathering - 7 PM - all ages, all abilities welcome!

April 23 - United Presbyterian Women meet - 1 PM - all women are invited!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2026



David Morlock	2
Dale Reimers	3
Mary Jo Stewart	4
Mike Ostlie	5
Gavin Gibson	8
Pam Burkhardt	9
Cheryl McIntyre	9
Edie Prentice	9
Vivian Szarkowski	9
Lana Mitzel	11
Pat Lindbo	12
Keith Zoegar	14
Quincy Keesee	15
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
Theodore Ostlie	21
Troy Worm	22
Carrie Diede	24
Stacey Muhs	24



## April Anniversary

Mike Ostlie & Mary Cadwell 12



*Thank You!*

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our members and active non members who have shared their gifts with us for the glory of God.

Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure means so much, and we are truly grateful for each and every one of you.

## DEACON DIALOGUE . . .

Per Vicki Enger

All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is His boundless mercy that has given us...the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

God bless you in a special way with the joy of our Lord's resurrection!

As always, we are so grateful to our church family for your support of the Deacons' projects. The grocery cart is full with donations for the Community Action Food Pantry and Salvation Army. Your generosity also enabled us to make a donation of \$416 to Safe Shelter and there have been contributions to our Busy Jar for the Dakota Children's Advocacy Center. We are sharing Christ's love!

We will be delivering May Baskets on April 25. At this time we have nothing else planned for April, but watch the Church Bulletin for anything new.

### *Financial Update*

YTD Income thru March 24, 2026	\$ 59,993.07
YTD Expenses thru March 24, 2026	<u>\$ 44,077.53</u>
YTD Income/Loss thru March 24, 2026	\$ 15,920.54

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.

### **APRIL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AGENDA - Starting April 12**

**Have you ever felt there's a gap between the life promised in the Bible and the one you're living?**

For many followers of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is a familiar stranger—a rumored figure we know *of*, but don't truly know. We hear stories of God's power but struggle to see it in our own lives. This study guide is an invitation to close that gap.

Join pastor and author Tyler Staton on Right Now Media with the lesson titled "The Familiar Stranger". This is a six-session journey to rediscover the most misunderstood person of the Trinity. Moving from rich theology to practical application, this study provides a framework to experience the Holy Spirit in profound, new ways.

You will learn to:

- **Hear God's Voice:** Develop the practice of discernment to recognize God's whisper amidst the noise.
- **Move in God's Power:** Explore the spiritual gifts of prophecy, healing, and more, not as ancient history, but as a present reality.
- **Redeem Your Pain:** Understand how God meets us and works through our suffering.

**A vibrant relationship with the Holy Spirit starts now!**

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH 12, 2026

### Christian Nurture Committee:

Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> between worship services.  
Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday school children singing with the choir.  
Service project on April 23. Decorating flower vases.  
Youth Retreat at the First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead on May 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> is free to the youth. Gas costs will be reimbursed for drivers.  
Last day of Sunday school is May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Plans for an evening Women's Bible study next fall is in process.

**Christian Nurture recommends, “combining the Church Growth and Outreach Committee with the Christian Nurture Committee.”**

**Christian Nurture recommends, “scheduling Vacation Bible School July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. VBS will be 5:15p (supper) – 8pm Friday and 8:15am (breakfast) - 3pm Saturday.”**

**RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED**

### Property and Finance:

A plexiglass panel in the balcony was shattered. Service Master will clean the area. Contacts for a replacement panel will be done.

**The Property and Finance committee recommends, “to pull the interest from the 3 certificates of deposit at Bank Forward that come due the end of March and deposit that interest into the UPC’s General Fund.”**

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED**

### Deacons:

**The Deacons recommend, “to distribute May Day goodies to UPC shut-ins will be April 26<sup>th</sup>, and have a pie bake off at the June 28<sup>th</sup> UPC picnic.”**

**RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

## *Christian Education Program Coordinator Report*

### **Greetings United Presbyterian Church!**

March has been a busy and exciting month for our children and youth programs!

Sunday School continues to go well. We average 7 kids per Sunday. This includes all kids Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have some youth that attend Sunday School also.

Sunday School begins each week at 9:00 a.m. with an opening time. The children have been going through a set of Resurrection Eggs to learn about the activities of Holy Week and Jesus' journey to the cross. After the opening, the children stay in the Sanctuary for music time and then move to their individual classrooms for Bible lessons and snacks. Our Sunday School teachers are Danielle Geiszler, Tammie Keese, Jerome Zamgba, and Tiffany Dauer. Kim Thoele also serves as a substitute Sunday School teacher.

We will plan to have the Sunday School children sing on **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. They will be singing an anthem with the adult choir.

We offer a variety of sensory supports that may be used throughout Sunday School, including weighted lap animals, worry stones, pop-its, and visual schedules. A quiet room is also available for children who may feel overwhelmed. This space includes a bubble column and pillows for seating.

If you are interested in volunteering during Sunday School—either in the quiet room or as a substitute teacher—please contact **Pastor Bob** or **Tiffany Dauer**.

Youth Group continues to meet every Wednesday after school, averaging 8 students in attendance, ranging from 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth are planning on attending the Spring Youth Retreat in Moorhead MN the first weekend in May.

Upcoming events include an Easter Egg Hunt that will happen at 9:30am on April 5<sup>th</sup>! There will be no traditional Sunday School on Easter.

We will be decorating flower vases on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to give flowers to home bound members on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

VBS will be on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are going to try a Friday/Saturday VBS schedule. Friday we will have VBS 6p – 8p and Saturday 9a – 3p. We will have a family celebration after VBS starting at 3pm and celebrate with cake and ice cream. If you would like to volunteer to help out with VBS please contact **Tiffany Dauer**.

God Bless you all!

Tiffany Dauer, Christian Education Program Coordinator