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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As our nation prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, Christians from many traditions are taking time to thank God for His faithful guidance throughout the history of the United States. This milestone invites us to remember the faith-filled individuals whose lives and witness helped shape our nation. It is also an opportunity for us to renew our commitment to prayer, service, and moral responsibility as we look toward the future together.

During this Independence Day season, as we reflect on the meaning of freedom, it is important for us as Christians to remember the deeper freedom we have in Christ. Through faith in Jesus and His saving work on the cross, we are freed from the power of sin and called into a life shaped by the will of God. True Christian freedom is not simply the ability to do whatever we desire, but the opportunity to live faithfully—loving God wholeheartedly and serving others with compassion.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:23–24: *“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.*

Prayer is one of the places where we learn this kind of freedom most deeply. In prayer, we come honestly before God with our fears, hopes, struggles, and desires. It is there that we begin to understand that true freedom is found not in insisting on our own way, but in surrendering ourselves to God and becoming willing servants of others for the sake of Christ.

I was reminded of this truth through a story shared by Poh Fang Chia. While riding on a train, a woman named Meiling was reading a book and writing notes in its margins. Nearby, a mother gently corrected her young child for doodling in a library book. Realizing that the child might not yet understand the difference between writing in a personal book and damaging a borrowed one, Meiling quietly put away her pen so that she would not unintentionally become a stumbling block to the child.

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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 - 1:00 PM
 Wednesday & Thursday

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

JUNE WORK MONTH FAMILIES

Chairpersons:

Cindy Wermager 252-7506

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bossingham, Delbert & Ruth | 320-9024 - Delbert
320-8663 - Ruth |
| Hornung, Deb | 952-8760/320-4089 |
| Johnson, Terry & Deb | 763-6245 |
| Martin, Bob & Gail | 320-5760 - Gail
320-7485 - Bob |
| Morris, Jim & Rita | 320-8342 - Jim
269-8342 - Rita |
| Worm, Paul & Sandy | 320-1034 - Paul
320-5368 - Sandy |
| Worm, Troy | 368-1597 |

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Her simple yet thoughtful act beautifully reflects Paul’s teaching. Although Meiling had every right to write in her own book, she chose instead to consider the well-being of someone else before her own convenience.

The believers in Corinth struggled with this same issue. Some viewed their freedom in Christ as permission to pursue their own interests without concern for others. But Paul reminded them that Christian freedom should always be guided by love, wisdom, and consideration for one another. Freedom in Christ is not self-centered independence; it is the liberty to live in ways that honor God and encourage neighbors.

If our Christian freedom does not positively influence the people around us, then it falls short of what Christ intends for us. Jesus Himself used His freedom not to serve Himself, but to give His life for others. As His followers, we are called to walk in His footsteps—choosing kindness over selfishness, encouragement over criticism, and service over self-interest.

When we seek the good of others before our own, we become more like Christ. And in becoming more like Him, we discover our true selves and our true freedom—the life God created us to live according to His loving purpose.

May the Lord bless you and your family this summer season. May He continue to guide our congregation in faith, hope, and love as we seek to serve Him together with joyful hearts.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Bob Boyar

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.

All women of the church are invited to become a part of the UPW learning group. Meets will start up again in the fall - keep watch for updates!

We now have an account at BUFF TOWN BARGAINS - in order for them to get give credit to the correct church - **PLEASE label your items with UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Jamestown** - not just Presbyterian Church as there is another account by that name!! Contact Dixie Lee for more information! THANKS!

		<h1>June 2026</h1>					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	4 AA 7:00 PM	5	6	
7 Worship 9:30 AM	8	9	10 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	11 AA 7:00 PM	12	13	
14 Worship 9:30 AM	15	16	17 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	18 AA 7:00 PM	19 Juneteenth	20	
21 Worship 9:30 AM HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!	22	23	24 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	25 AA 7:00 PM	26	27	
28 Worship 9:30 AM Pie Contest	29	30					

**More Dates to Remember...*

June 28 - The Deacons are sponsoring a **PIE CONTEST!!** After worship in the Fellowship Hall - See Poster in the Deacon report here, on our website or on the bulletin board at church. Join in the fun, and be sure to come enjoy the tastes!!! Proceeds will go to the Jamestown

JUNE BIRTHDAYS 2026



Sylvia Pringle	1
Jim Morris	4
Douglas Reimers	5
Agnes Zambga	8
Sally Morehouse	14
JoAnn Albrecht	15
Kevin Bossingham	16
Danyl Lund	19
Sue Parries	23
Amy Bennett	28
Joe Burgard	28



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



Charley & Tammie Keese	3	Jonathan & Madison Lyonhart	23
Gary & Lou Mayer	5	Charles & Bonnie Schmitz	24
Larry & Bev Hoffman	7	Jim & Rita Morris	25
Bill & Sue Parries	9	Les Nordgaard & Charlotte Enger	26
Avery & Brenna Foerderer	11		

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Mission

Leader's Academy received \$1000 from UPC for roof repairs on addition to school.

Research on grants for a van or bus for Leader's Academy is still being explored. Cost of a vehicle is now \$15,000 - \$20,000.

The Dorcas Society hospital on the Congo border received \$1000 for prescription medications from UPC. That need was met by another organization. The Dorcas Society would like to use UPC's \$1000 for agricultural needs instead. Committee to review information.

Nominating Committee

Committee could be reduced to 3 or 5 individuals at the next congregational annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session



Slice of Summer Pie Bake-Off!

Join us for a sweet celebration at our Church Summer Picnic!

Date: June 28th Sunday

Time: After 9:30 Service

Location: Fellowship Hall

ENTER YOUR BEST PIE!

Sweet or savory . Homemade favorites welcome

Judging Categories:

Yummiest! Yummy! Yum!



Bring a friend and bring your appetite!

"Taste and see that the Lord is good"

Psalm 34:8

Lunch provided by the Deacons for the Cancer Gas Fund
Sponsored by the Jamestown Support Group.

DEACON DIALOGUE . .

Per Vicki Enger

We are on summer's doorstep! Our summer worship schedule has begun with 9:30 services, school is out for the summer, planting season is winding down and there are flowers in bloom.

In May the deacons honored our graduates: Hannah Tarr and Mason Gibson from high school and Kristy Cagle with her master's degree. We also recognized and thanked our choir. On Mother's Day all women at church were presented with a carnation.

Blessing cups are a new mission of the deacons. They are being given to people we would like to remember and give encouragement to.

Check out the poster giving you all the details of our summer picnic to support the Jamestown Area Cancer Support Group. The Pie Bake Off contest will be held on June 28. This information will also be on the United Presbyterian Church website, upcjamestown.org.

Financial Update

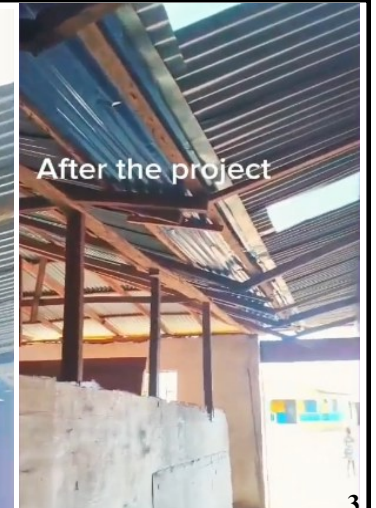
YTD Income thru May 27, 2026	\$ 114,368.93
YTD Expenses thru May 27, 2026	\$ <u>91,112.09</u>
YTD Income/Loss thru May 27, 2026	\$ 23,256.84

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. Thank you!



The Leader's Academy of Liberia sent a report on the \$1000 that was sent by the Mission Committee for gutter repair. It was enough to stop the leaking and there is \$60 left over! They sent a video and here are two screen shots of before with the gaping hole, and after with it all sealed up. For more information, talk with Jerome Zamgba.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 14, 2026

Christian Nurture:

Christian Nurture recommends, "October 2-4, 2026 as dates for the Presbytery's Fall Youth Retreat at the United Presbyterian Church in Jamestown, ND."

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Property and Finance

A Plexi-glass panel has been replaced in the balcony.
NE door and north doors by the alley were fixed.
New snow removal service needed.
Re-keying some church doors to be researched.
A "Little Free Pantry" location on the west side of UPC within camera range was approved.
Deb Hornung has agreed to do UPC summer lawn care.

Property and Finance committee recommends, "transferring money from General Checking to purchase a CD at Unison Bank. The current rate is 3.65% for a 6-month CD."

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Personnel

Mary Reed moved/2nd, "to approve the new job description for the Christian Education Coordinator position."

MOTION CARRIED

Worship

Charley Keesee moved/2nd, "to approve summer worship service hour at 9:30am from May 24, resuming 10:30am worship with 9:00am Sunday school September 13th, 2026."

MOTION CARRIED

Deacons

"Busy Jar" for Dakota Advocacy Center for Children collected \$109.
"Blessing Cups" are completed.
Deacons approved donations of \$200 to Jackie Tarpinian's great grandson (lost everything in an apartment fire), \$100 to Delbert Bossingham and \$100 to Jonathan Lyonhart's father for cancer treatment expenses.

The Deacons recommend "having a picnic and pie bake off to support the Jamestown Cancer Fund after worship on June 28th, 2026."

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

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Christian Education Program Coordinator Report

Greetings United Presbyterian Church!

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

We had our last day of Sunday School celebration on May 17th. The children celebrated by decorating cookies and receiving incentive prizes for attending Sunday School. The Sunday School raised \$110.75 in offering for our church for second semester of Sunday School. Sunday School will resume in the fall on September 13th. **We are looking for people that would be interested in teaching Sunday School on a rotating basis. The more volunteers we have the less Sundays you have to teach. Please reach out to Tiffany if you are interested!**

Our children and youth decorated vases for the homebound members to receive flowers on May 3rd during homebound communion. This was very well received by all the members that received the vases and flowers! Thanks to the children and youth for bringing some sunshine to those that received the flowers.

The Sunday School kids sang in church on May 10th. They also showed the congregation that they memorized the Lord's Prayer by saying it with the actions learned.

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 in the quiet room please reach out to Tiffany Dauer.

There are worship bags available for any children that sit in the sanctuary during the worship service. There are fidgets and coloring supplies in these bags.

The last Wednesday of Youth Group was celebrated on May 13th. The youth enjoyed tacos prepared for them by Kim Thoele (thank you!) and receiving the incentive prizes from the semester. Youth Group will resume in the fall.

VBS will be on July 31st and August 1st. 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 or serve breakfast on Saturday please contact **Tiffany Dauer**. **Earlybird registration will be open now through July 15th. You can register using a paper form or register on our VBS website. Please contact Tiffany with more information on how to register your child for VBS. There will be a drawing for a prize for anyone that registers prior to July 15th.**

Just a couple of updates from Church Growth and Outreach. We will be having a Little Free Pantry outside of the church. This was just approved by session. A kit will be ordered to build the Little Free Pantry and then it will be put up. It will be put by the North Door of the church where there is a camera view of it. If you would like to donate any items to go into the Free Little Pantry please feel free to bring them to Tiffany Dauer.

Lastly, we will be starting a Women's Bible Study in the fall. This will happen outside of typical "work hours" so either in the evening or on the weekend. Please watch for more information on that Bible Study or if you would like to be a part of it please reach out to Tiffany Dauer.

God Bless you all!
Tiffany Dauer, Christian Education Program Coordinator