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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
 Sunday School - NONE
 Worship Service 9:30 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 9:30 AM


JULY WORK MONTH FAMILIES	
Chairperson:	
Mary Jo Stewart	952-1973 / 269-1774
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Reed, Steve & Mary	269-0816 - Mary
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	252-5659
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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor  I enjoy learning about the history of our country and the history of Jamestown, which naturally includes the history of the United Presbyterian Church. I have already begun gathering material in preparation for our church's 150th anniversary in 2029. Last summer, I gave two presentations that were my first attempt at sharing the story of Presbyterian ministry in Jamestown. I have also enjoyed attending programs at the Stutsman County Museum and the 1883 Courthouse, where local history is brought to life in meaningful and engaging ways.

The year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and communities across America are preparing to celebrate this important milestone. Here in Jamestown, several events are planned for the Fourth of July season. One program I would especially like to highlight will take place on July 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the 1883 Courthouse.

Recently, I met Stephan Zacharius, the cultural interpreter at the 1883 Courthouse, and I have attended two of the programs he has presented. The first, held on May 30, commemorated Decoration Day and included participation by Theresa Haag and the Drum and Bugle Corps. The second, on June 19, honored Juneteenth. The next program, scheduled for July 2, is entitled "**A Most Memorable Epocha.**" It will celebrate the life of Denis M. Kelleher (1845–1892), the "War Horse of Democracy," and as one of the early leaders of Jamestown, Stutsman County, and North Dakota. Kelleher immigrated from County Cork, Ireland, and played an important role in the early history of our community. The program will also feature **Maggie in the Meantime**, presenting Celtic music and storytelling.

As a pastor, I believe the America 250 commemoration gives us a timely opportunity to reflect on what a healthy and faithful love of country can look like.

Healthy patriotism does not ask us to choose between loving God and caring for our country. Rather, it invites us to place those loves in the proper order. When Peter wrote, "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17), he offered a helpful picture of balanced and faithful citizenship. As C. S. Lewis observed, it is natural to have affection for our homeland, but that affection must always remain under our greater love and loyalty to God.

Whenever loyalty to country conflicts with obedience to God, scripture reminds us that "we must obey God rather than people" (Acts 5:29). History offers many examples of believers who remained faithful under governments that restricted freedom and human dignity. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, for example, who understood his resistance to the Nazi regime as part of his Christian responsibility.

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From the Pastor

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At the same time, speaking out against injustice can itself be an act of loving aggression toward one's nation. Caring about harmful policies or the misuse of power does not mean rejecting our country. Rather, it can reflect a sincere desire to see our communities become more just, compassionate, and faithful to their highest ideals. As G. K. Chesterton suggested, genuine patriotism is not blind approval; it includes the courage to hope and work for what is right.

Author Daniel Darling reminds us that America, like every nation, is imperfect. Yet if we love the place where God has called us to live, we will be willing to serve and help make it better. We can contribute faithfully through our churches, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and community organizations. We can support efforts that promote the common good, participate respectfully in civic life, and listen carefully to those whose experiences may differ from our own. Most importantly, we can pray for God's spirit to renew hearts, guide our leaders, heal divisions, and draw people toward truth, mercy, and grace.

Loving our country includes praying for its spiritual and moral well-being. Scripture calls us to love God, our families, and our neighbors. Love of country can also have a proper place when it is shaped by humility, gratitude, justice, and compassion. The nation in which we live—with its achievements, struggles, heroes, and imperfections—is part of the life God has entrusted to us. May we receive that gift gratefully, speak truthfully about it, and serve faithfully wherever God has placed us.

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!
AS OF 6-24-2026 WE HAVE EARNED \$131 THANK YOU EVERYONE!

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">July 2026</h1> 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	2 AA 7:00 PM	3	4 Happy 250th USA
5 Worship 9:30 AM	6	7	8 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	9 AA 7:00 PM	10	11
12 Worship 9:30 AM	13	14	15 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	16 AA 7:00 PM	17	18
19 Worship 9:30 AM	20 Christian Nurture Growth & Out- reach - 6:30 pm	21	22 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Chess Gathering 7:00PM	23 AA 7:00 PM	24	25
26 Worship 9:30 AM VBS VOLUNTEERS - meet after worship	27	28	29	30	31 Bible School 5:30 - 8 pm	Aug 1 Bible School 8:30 a - 3:15 p Program - 3 p

**More Dates to Remember...*

- July 26** - all VBS volunteers (food people also) please meet after worship for final organization information
- July 31 & August 1** - **Vacation Bible School** - open to all kids Pre-K thru 5th grade
- August 1** - VBS program at 3:00 pm - **ALL** are welcome to come see what we did!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS 2026



Sally Wallace	3
Bethyl Lueck	9
Colleen Nelson	10
Rhonda Schlenker	10
Izabella Dillingham	12
Steve Reed	14
Mason Gibson	16
Les Nordgaard	16
Bill Weispfenning	18
Erica Tarr	19
Rita Morris	20
Dean Wegner	20
Gary Mayer	23
Dennis Divers	24
Lou Mayer	30



DEACON DIALOGUE . . .

None for July

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - NO MEETING IN JULY



Dakota Children's Advocacy Center sent a thank you for the donation from the 'busy jar'. It is greatly appreciated.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Tiffany & John Dauer	6
Randy & Penny Gengler	29

Financial Update

YTD Income thru June 18, 2026	\$ 121,983.34
YTD Expenses thru June 18, 2026	\$ 107,350.74
YTD Income/Loss thru June 18, 2026	\$ 14,632.60

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!

Appreciation note from **Clearwater Forest**:

*Wonderful people of United Pres in Jamestown,
Thank you so much for the generous
donation to our Fan the FLAME Capital Campaign!
It has been such a joy visiting and getting
to know you all! We are so thankful for our
partnership, and I hope we can work together
more in the future. Please let us know the
best ways we can serve your church and
your community - it takes a village! Thanks
again & God bless! ~ Erin & the Clearwater Forest
staff & board*



Christian Education Program Coordinator Report

Greetings United Presbyterian Church!

June has been busy with prepping for Vacation Bible School and Sunday School that 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. **Earlybird registration continues to 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.

We will have an all VBS volunteer meeting on Sunday July 26th after church. Please plan to attend so we can ensure all VBS volunteers are on the same page! Thanks again for choosing to help make VBS successful again this year.

I am partnering with the Anne Carlsen Center to offer a shortened, one hour session VBS this July or August, and I am genuinely excited to bring the joy of Vacation Bible School to their students.

Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, September 13th**. We need volunteers for Sunday School. If you are interested, please contact **Tiffany Dauer**. We are trying to implement a new Sunday School Curriculum. It is God's Kids through Right Now Media. Right Now Media is the platform that the church has a subscription and is available to all UPC members for home use. The new curriculum is user friendly and a script of what needs to be said is included for the teacher. There is no preparation needed by the volunteer. Tiffany will be prepping the lessons and ensuring the volunteers have all the needed information. We will start in the sanctuary with music time and reviewing the Bible Story. Then the students will break into classes for snack, Bible Story discussion, and an activity. The new curriculum has a memory verse that is the theme for a 4-6 week period. Students will be working on learning the memory verses with actions that are the overarching theme for the 4-6 week Sunday School theme.

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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.

God Bless you all!

Tiffany Dauer, Christian Education Program Coordinator

Church Growth and Outreach Report

We will be having a Little Free Pantry outside of the church. A kit has been 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.**

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.

A Chess Gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd at 7 pm.

The Community Block Party is Wednesday August 26 from 5-8 pm. We need your ideas to liven up our booth and attract people to us! Please bring in your ideas to Pastor Bob or Tiffany so planning can begin!

God Bless you all!

Tiffany Dauer, Church Growth and Outreach