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SUMMER
WORSHIP HOURS *Sept 6 only*
Sunday School - NONE
Worship Service - 9:30 AM

REGULAR
WORSHIP HOURS *Sept 13th on*
Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Worship Service - 10:30 AM

PASTOR HOURS **SECRETARIAL HOURS**
10:00 AM-2:00 PM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday-Thursday Wednesday & Thursday

You may also join us for Sunday worship on YouTube Live at times above.

SEPTEMBER WORK MONTH FAMILIES

Chairperson:
Enger, Jeff & Vicki

Fletcher, Nancy
Gengler, Penny
Keese, Charley & Tammie
Miller, Janet
Parries, Bill & Sue
Sprott, Thomas

The Communicator

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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor

Sunday School and Worship

As September begins, we have a wonderful opportunity at United Presbyterian Church to return to two familiar rhythms that help shape our life together: Sunday School for all ages and weekly worship as one family of faith.

On **Sunday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m.**, Sunday School resumes for preschoolers, children, teens, and adults. Sunday School is about more than lessons. It gives us a place to learn Scripture, build friendships, and practice faith in ways that help every generation know Jesus more deeply and follow Him in everyday life.

For children and youth, Sunday School helps build a strong spiritual foundation as they learn Scripture, grow in Christian values, experience God's love in a setting that is fun, welcoming, and relational. For adults, it offers an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Bible, strengthen friendships, and explore the Christian faith together.

Sunday School also depends on caring adults who are willing to help children, youth, and other learners see how God's Word connects with everyday life.

For teachers, both the challenge and the joy are in making each lesson real and relatable. Whether we are exploring Old Testament stories of God's covenant with His people or the parables of Jesus, every lesson is an opportunity to connect biblical truth with daily living and help draw children and adults closer to Christ. RightNow Media will also be available to support our teaching and learning.

If you feel called to be part of this ministry, please prayerfully consider serving as a rotational teacher. If you are interested, contact Tiffany Dauer. Your willingness to help can make a real difference.

I will lead the adult discussion in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m., with Dr. Steve Reed joining when he is able. I would also love to hear your suggestions for topics you would like us to explore together. And thanks to Christian Endo, there will be coffee - always a welcome addition to good conversation and fellowship.

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From the Pastor

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Our **Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, including September 13th**, and will continue to be livestreamed on YouTube for those unable to attend in person. Beginning September 13th Sunday School and worship will come together as one meaningful morning of learning, prayer, praise, and service.

Why make worship part of your Sunday? Here are four simple reasons.

1. **Spiritual Growth** – Worship renews our faith and helps us continue growing in Christ.
2. **Encouragement and Support** – Gathering together reminds us that we do not face the week alone.
3. **Community and Fellowship** – Worship brings us together and reminds us that we belong to one family of faith.
4. **Living God’s Purpose** – Worship sends us back into the world ready to share Christ’s love through service.

This September, I hope you will make room in your Sundays to show up for one another, grow in God’s Word, and enjoy being together in Sunday School and worship. As we learn, pray, praise, and serve, and share life together, may we carry the love of Christ with us wherever we go.

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. September 24th at 1 pm will be the first meeting - keep watch for more information!!

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 8-24-2026 WE HAVE EARNED \$ 227.00 ! THANK YOU EVERYONE!

September 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Deacons - 6:15 PM	2 Youth Bible Study-3p Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM	3	4	5
6 NO COMMUNION Worship 9:30 AM LAST SUNDAY of SUMMER HOURS	7 Labor Day	8 Property & Finance-5:00 PM Christian Nurture G & O-6:30 pm	9 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Chancel Choir - 7 PM STARTS	10 Session - 5:30 PM AA 7:00 PM	11 Patriot Day	12
13 ** TIME CHANGE!!! **COMMUNION** Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM 'Grandparents Day'	14	15	16 Youth Bible Study-3p Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Chancel Choir - 7 PM	17 National Constitution Day AA 7:00 PM	18	19
20 Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10:30 AM	21	22	23 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Chancel Choir - 7 PM	24 UPW - 1:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	25	26
27 Sunday School 9AM Worship 10:30 AM Birthday Party-2 PM	28	29	30 Zoom Bible Study 6:00 PM Chancel Choir - 7 PM			

**More Dates to Remember...*

September 2 - Youth Bible Study Resumes - every other Wednesday at 3 -4 pm - (not Sept 30)

September 9 - Chancel Choir regular Wednesday practices start - 7 pm - All are Welcome!

September 13 - RETURN TO REGULAR SEPT-MAY HOURS!

September 24 - United Presbyterian Women start meeting - 4th Thursdays at 1 pm-come join!

September 27 - Please have backpack donations in
- Birthday Party for Judy Lonnberg at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2026



Thomas Allmer	1
Aaron Cloyd	2
Kim Thoele	9
Lisa Cloyd	11
Brenna Foerderer	13
Ruth Hoherz	16
Joey Dauer	17
Laura Zamgba	20
Karla Sherfy	21
Scott Bennett	22
Penny Gengler	23
Jenny Korynta	23
Thomas Sprott	23
Mary Margaret Reimers	25
Judy Lonnberg	28



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



None!!



Financial Update

YTD Income thru August 25, 2026	\$ 157,499.59
YTD Expenses thru August 25, 2026	\$ 149,620.63
YTD Income/Loss thru August 25, 2026	\$ 7,878.96

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!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST 13, 2026

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, "to approve an 80th birthday party for Judy Lonnberg, hosted by her family, on Sunday, September 27th at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall of UPC."

MOTION CARRIED

Duane Dunn moved/2nd, "to approve the change of Nominating committee members needed for United Presbyterian Church from 7 to 5, consisting of 1 Elder on Session as chair, 1 Deacon and 3 at-large members from congregation."

MOTION CARRIED

Fall Presbytery meeting October 10th at 1st Presbyterian Church of Moorhead. Starts at 9:00am. Commissioner needed. Meeting will also be held on-line.

Moderator's Report:

Duane Dunn moved/2nd, "to approve vacation time for Rev. Robert Boyar from November 19, 2026 to December 7, 2026."

MOTION CARRIED

Christian Nurture:

Danielle Giesler moved/2nd, "to approve as of September 1st, 2026, the youth group assistant be paid at \$12.50 an hour."

MOTION CARRIED

Presbytery Youth Retreat October 2-4 at UPC. Help is needed serving meals.

Property and Finance:

Duane Dunn is working on UPC's 2025 financial review.
UPC's 2027 budget planning will start at their October 5th meeting.
UPC's per capita will be paid in August.

Deacons:

The Deacons recommend "having a chili cookoff on October 18th, 2026, after worship."

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Deacons will supply meat for a potluck in November. Then in December a Christmas potluck.
Dates to be decided.

Mission:

Donated \$500 to Clearwater Forest Fundraising campaign.
Donated \$500 to Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Jamestown Public Schools
Donated \$1,250 to Life Bridge Church in Liberia, Africa.
Donated \$500 Bdecan Ministries (supported by our Presbytery).
Donated \$500 to the Presbyteries Disaster Relief Fund.

Electronic Motions After Meeting:

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, "to approve Bill Weispfenning leading worship service on November 22 and 29, 2026 while Pastor Robert Boyar is on vacation."

MOTION CARRIED 8/23/26

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Christian Education Program Coordinator Report

By: Tiffany Dauer

Greetings United Presbyterian Church!

Vacation Bible School was held on July 31st and August 1st. The Mountain Motto was Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. We had 20 children attend VBS at United Presbyterian Church. We reached an additional 54 children and young adults through our partnership with Anne Carlsen Center. The Christian Nurture Team is considering having a neurodivergent friend VBS next summer which would be a condensed version of the regular VBS curriculum. That would be along with our regular VBS set up. The weekend session worked well, but Saturday got a little long. We are looking at ways on how to make VBS even more of a success next summer.

We held our Backpack Blessings/Back to School luncheon on August 23rd. Thank you to all who attended. Keychains were handed out to the participants of the Backpack Blessings as a reminder that God is always with them. All left over Keychains were handed out during the Community Block Party on August 26th.

Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, September 13th**. We need volunteers for Sunday School. If you are interested, please contact **Tiffany Dauer**. We are implementing a new Sunday School Curriculum. It is God’s Kids through Right Now Media. 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. We will have a Sunday School Teacher meeting on **Tuesday September 8th at 6:30pm to review the expectations as a Sunday School Teacher and review what your portion of Sunday School teaching will be. Please attend if you are able. If you are unable to attend please touch base with Tiffany Dauer prior to your first Sunday you are teaching so I can review the new curriculum with you.**

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.

We will be hosting the Presbytery’s Fall Youth Retreat **October 2 – 4th**. Youth from all around the state of North Dakota will be spending the weekend here to learn more about Jesus. The theme for the weekend is Disney. We will need volunteers to help cook and serve meals. The food that we are cooking will be provided for you. Saturday morning I need volunteers to help make omelets in a bag and sheet pan pancakes. Saturday lunch I need a couple of volunteers to oversee the food table. We will be having make your own sandwiches for lunch. Saturday evening I need volunteers to bake frozen lasagna and serve. Sunday morning I need volunteers to over see the food table. We will be having a grab and go breakfast that consists of muf-fins, fruit, and etc. The youth will be volunteering at the Orphan Grain Train. They will be also going to the TRAC for some rec time. Devotions will be themed around Disney and how it pertains to the scripture. There will be a devotion on Beauty and the Beast and how it pertains to looking beyond the differences of others. There will also be a devotion on Encanto and how it pertains to being a part of the family of God. **Please let Tiffany know if you would be willing to help serve a meal or be an extra adult during the youth retreat.**

God Bless you all!

Tiffany Dauer, Christian Education Program Coordinator

Church Growth and Outreach Report

By: Tiffany Dauer

The pantry has been utilized on a regular basis. Beef sticks seem to be a hot commodity in The Little Free Pantry. Other items that have been put in it include nuts, tuna, water, peanut butter crackers, and etc. Any shelf stable food can be put into the pantry. If you would like to donate please bring items to the church office as I am taking inventory of the number of items that are being put into the Pantry. If you don’t know what to buy and would like to donate money please touch base with Tiffany Dauer. **July 20 – August 12th three hundred and one items were put into the Little Free Pantry and all were taken.**

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. A poll will be created to pick the day/time of devotion. The plan is to meet once per month. 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, Church Growth and Outreach Chair

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As our students, teachers, and other staff head back to school please keep them in your prayers and reach out to be helpful if you see a need.

School has started and it is time for our Giving Tree and donations to the Community Action Backpack Program! You may either pick an apple or apples from the tree to make your donations, or select items from the list posted on the bulletin board. All donations should be dropped off at the church by Sunday, September 27.

We will again be sponsoring a Chili Cookoff on October 18. We look forward to once again tasting and savoring your best chili!

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Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, "to approve vacation time for Pastor Robert Boyar of Tuesday, August 25 and the morning of August 26, 2026."

MOTION CARRIED 8/23/26

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, "to approve vacation time for Pastor Robert Boyar Sunday, September 6 (Labor Day weekend) with Steve Reed leading worship.

MOTION CARRIED 8/23/26

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, "to approve communion to be served on Sunday, September 13, in- stead of September 6, due to Pastor Robert Boyar will be on vacation."

MOTION CARRIED 8/23/26

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session



The JRMC Foundation sent a thank you for the \$500 sent to the Cancer Center. Read the note on the bulletin board near the Strandness Room in the church.