



Give Thanks November

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**REGULAR
WORSHIP HOURS**

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Worship Service - 10:30 AM

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

PASTOR HOURS

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Monday-Thursday

SECRETARIAL HOURS

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Wednesday & Thursday

*For corrections or additions to the newsletter
please call the church office—252-1748*

**NOVEMBER WORK MONTH
FAMILIES**

Chairpersons:

Mark & Elizabeth Sherfy

Margie Farley

Dianna Johnson

Mark & Dixie Lee

Gary & Lou Mayer

Lani McBee

Kim Thoele

Wanda Wright

Jerome & Laura Zamgba

The Communicator

United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, ND

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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

Dear Friends in Christ,

From the Pastor



Where do we see God's goodness in our lives? Perhaps it is in the love of family, the steady friendship of someone who cares, or the warmth of our church family. Sometimes it comes in quieter moments – a timely word of encouragement, unexpected strength on a difficult day, or the simple assurance that we do not walk alone. As Thanksgiving draws near, we have a wonderful opportunity to notice these everyday signs of God's grace.

Gratitude, of course, is more than a holiday tradition. It is a way of life rooted in our trust in God. The Apostle reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to "give thanks in all circumstances." That does not mean pretending every experience is good or overlooking the struggles people face. It means remembering that whatever the season brings, God's love and faithfulness remain with us.

On a personal note, Ellen and I want to thank you for the generous Pastor Appreciation gift. Your thoughtfulness, encouragement, and support deeply touched us. Serving with a congregation that so generously shares Christ's love is a blessing, and we are truly grateful for the privilege of being in ministry with you.

This month also invites us to remember loved ones whose faith and kindness continue to shape our lives. On Sunday, November 1, at 10:30 a.m., we will gather for our All Saints' Sunday Communion service. Together, we will honor those who have gone before us in faith during the past year, giving thanks for their lives, their witness, and the memories we treasure. Grief is a reminder of how deeply we have loved, while our faith offers hope in God's eternal care. If you would like someone remembered during the service, please contact the church office.

Even the changing rhythms of the season can remind us to be grateful. When Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, our clocks will change, and our daily routines may shift. Yet the God who has accompanied us through every season remains constant. Each new day is another gift, another opportunity to love our neighbors, encourage one another, and serve Christ in the world.

November is also our Stewardship season at United Presbyterian Church. It is a time to consider, with thankful hearts, how we use the resources and opportunities God has entrusted to us. Stewardship goes well beyond church finances. It is one of the everyday ways we live out our faith and put our gratitude into action.

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From the Pastor

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You will soon receive our annual Stewardship letter and Estimate of Giving Card. I encourage you to consider prayerfully how you might support the church’s ministry in the coming year. Each of us can take part in meaningful ways:

- * Financial giving helps sustain the church’s ministries, programs, and staff.
- *Prayer strengthens our congregation and lifts up our leaders, neighbors, and those in need of Christ’s comfort and hope.
- *Time and talents make a difference, whether we help with Sunday School or Wednesday youth activities, listen to a child, or simply offer companionship to someone who needs it.
- *Every gift matters. We may not all have the same resources or opportunities, but each of us has something to offer. When generosity comes from gratitude rather than obligation, it becomes an expression of worship. In that spirit, we continue our shared calling to “Share Christ’s Love Through Service.”

I am thankful for every member, friend, and supporter of United Presbyterian Church here in Jamestown. Your care for one another, your prayers, and your willingness to serve make a real difference. Much of what you do happens quietly, away from the spotlight. Yet a thoughtful visit, a helping hand, or an encouraging word can mean the world to someone. These are the everyday acts that make our church a caring community and carry Christ’s love beyond our doors.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I invite you to practice gratitude in simple, intentional ways. Name a blessing you might otherwise overlook. Pray for someone going through a difficult time. Reach out to a neighbor who may feel alone. Share a little of what God has placed in your hands. And when your own road becomes difficult, remember that you, too, are surrounded by God’s grace and a church family called to walk with you. My prayer is that this Thanksgiving season will draw us closer to God and to one another. May our homes know peace, our hearts find renewed hope, and our lives reflect compassion. Above all, may we remember that thanksgiving is not only something we express in words. It becomes most meaningful when gratitude takes the form of love, service, and kindness toward others.

Ellen and I wish you and those you love a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Bob Boyar

TO ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:

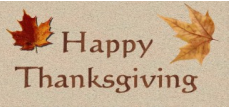
The United Presbyterian Women’s purpose statement is:

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.

- **The women’s Bible study group will meet November 13th at 4:30 pm**
- **The UPW Circle will meet on November 19th at 1 pm. Lani McBee will present Lesson 3, FREEDOM IN CHRIST, 1st Corinthians chapters 5 and 6. Marge Farley will provide the food for our Fellowship coffee time after the lesson.**

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

2 **AS OF 10-26-2026 WE HAVE EARNED \$ 442.82 !** THANK YOU !



November 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY COMMUNION Sunday School – 9a Worship – 10:30 am	2 Christian Nurture G & O – 6:30 pm Chess – 7:00pm	3 Deacons – 6:15 pm	4 Confirmation–3 pm Zoom Bible Study – 6:00 pm Chancel Choir-7pm	5 AA 7:00 pm	6	7
8 Sunday School – 9a Worship – 10:30 am	9 Property & Finance – 5:00 pm	10	11 Confirmation–3 pm Zoom Bible Study – 6:00 pm Chancel Choir-7pm	12 Session – 5:30 pm AA 7:00 pm	13 Women’s Bible Study – 4:30 pm	14
15 Hunger & Homelessness Sunday Sunday School – 9a Worship – 10:30 am	16	17	18 Confirmation–3 pm Zoom Bible Study – 6:00 pm Chancel Choir-7pm	19 UPW Circle – 1:00 pm AA 7:00 pm	20	21
22 Sunday School – 9a Worship – 10:30 am	23	24	25 Youth Bible Study– 3 pm Zoom Bible Study – 6:00 pm Chancel Choir-7pm	26 THANKSGIVING AA 7:00 pm	27	28
29 Sunday School – 9a Worship – 10:30 am	30					

*More Dates to Remember...

- November 15 & 29 – NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
- November 22 & 29 – NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
- November 22 & 29 – Welcome to Bill Weispfenning as lay pastor these Sundays

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2026



Ken Wallace	7
Bev Schaack	9
Tammie Keesee	10
Beck Giesler	11
Bob Thompson	12
David Reimers	17
Charles Schmitz	21
Yvonne Wegner	23
Jerome Zamgba, Jr	23
Griffin Reimers	25
Margie Lee Farley	27
Maurine Schoeler	28
Susan Bond	29
Orion Ostlie	29
Florence Smith	29



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



David and Nikki Reimers	14
Dale & Mary Ellen Reimers	22
Paul and Sandy Worm	28
Doug & Mary Claire Reimers	30



Financial Update

YTD Income thru October 27, 2026	\$ 192,721.59
YTD Expenses thru October 27, 2026	<u>\$ 181,486.76</u>
YTD Income/Loss thru October 27, 2026	\$ 11,234.83

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 - OCTOBER 8, 2026

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, "to approve Pastor Robert Boyar as leader for “The Good News Club” at Roosevelt school starting on Mondays in October 2026.”

MOTION APPROVED

Christian Nurture & Church Growth & Outreach:

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, “Florence Smith serve as the second adult for confirmation and youth group pending an approved background check.”

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, “an activity for the children/youth to make turkeys and thank you cards for church staff on Thursday, November 5th, 4:30pm-5:30pm.”

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, “a baking day for the children/youth on Saturday, December 12th (time to be determined).

The Christian Nurture Committee recommends, “having the Christmas program during the worship service on Sunday, December 13, 2026.”

Church Growth and Outreach Committee recommends, “that UPC celebrates “Hunger and Homelessness Awareness” on Sunday, November 15th, 2026.

ALL RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED

Property and Finance:

- UPC’s 2025 financial review is almost done.
- UPC’s 2027 budget planning has started.
- Lux Concrete will do UPC’s snow removal.

Property and Finance Committee recommends, “to transfer the interest coming due in October, 2026, on 3 UPC certificates of deposit at Bank Forward and in November, 2026, interest on 2 UPC certificates of deposit at Union Bank to the UPC’s General Fund.”

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Deacons:

Appreciation cards for UPC’s members serving in the military will be purchased.

Tiffany Dauer moved/2nd, “to approve

- the delivery of ‘goodies’ to UPC shut-ins on Nov. 8th,
- a donation meal for Jamestown Public Elementary school snacks on Nov 15th, 2026,
- a collection of Christmas gifts for ND State Hospital patients,
- and a pot-luck after the December 13th, Sunday School Christmas program.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Burgard, Clerk of Session

Christian Education Program Coordinator Report

By: Tiffany Dauer

Sunday School continues to be in session. We average 7 children and youth each Sunday. We continue to use the curriculum called God’s Kids. We finish up our first section on God’s Story on November 1st. The memory verse for this section is from Genesis 1:31 “Then God, looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!” There is a parent app that goes with this new curriculum. I have added any parents that I have emails for to the app. The parent app is used to help reiterate what the children learn during Sunday School. They can also work on the Bible verse from home. We are giving away prizes for any Memory verses the child learns. So far we have had 1 child learn the memory verse. The offering collected this year during Children’s Sunday School will be going towards the Little Free Pantry. We have collected \$39.59 for the Little Free Pantry. As always, we could use extra hands during Sunday School. Please contact Tiffany Dauer if you are interested. Our Sunday School Teachers this year are Jerome Zamgba, Allie Carpenter, Nancy Burgard, Tiffany Dauer, Danielle Geisler, Tammie Keese, and Kim Thoele.

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 youth retreat is on hold currently. The plan is to host the retreat in January. We continue to work with Youth Connection through the Presbytery for scheduling the youth retreat.

We will be having an activity for youth and children on November 5th at 4:00pm to 5:00pm. We will be making thank you cards and turkeys for staff at the Church.

We will be having our annual baking day on December 12th. Time will be determined later. The annual Sunday School program will be on December 13th during church service. There will be a potluck following the Christmas Program. The baked goods the children and youth make will be served at the potluck.

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



In this season of thanksgiving and gratitude, please allow us
the privilege and joy to say
Thank You
for your gifts of support, love and encouragement.
Because of you, it has been a remarkable year for HIA Hospice
and the many patients and families we serve.
With much gratitude,



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. September – October 243 items were put into the Little Free Pantry and all were taken.

The Women’s Bible Study had their first session on Friday October 16th at 4:30pm. We had 4 in attendance. We are using “Find Your People” on Right now Media for the study. We had some scripture time, discussion time, and caffeine. Please contact Tiffany Dauer if you would like any more information. Our next session is scheduled for November 13th at 4:30pm.

We continue to have regular Chess Gatherings. There are 1-2 gatherings per month. The next one is on Monday, November 2nd. The attendees of the Chess Gathering were told about the Little Free Pantry and shown where it is. Pastor Bob let them know if they would like to donate, they can put items in the Little Free Pantry. We did have a member from the Chess Gathering fill the Little Free Pantry full on October 7th.

We will be celebrating Hunger and Homelessness on Sunday November 15th. We are asking that the members of the congregation bring in a non-perishable food item or monetary donation for the Little Free Pantry on November 15th. If you are unable to attend that Sunday and would like to donate, please contact Tiffany Dauer.

God Bless you all!
Tiffany Dauer, Church Growth and Outreach Chair

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Welcome to the month of Harvest Celebration and Giving Thanks.

We thank all who supported us in our Deacon Offering and those who participated in the Chili Cook Off. The winners were 1st place to Doreen Wegner, 2nd place to Lani McBee, and 3rd place to Mark Sherfy.

Donations were given to Toys for Tots and the annual Veteran's meal. Cards will be sent to those presently serving in our military.

Upcoming activities are: November 8 we will be delivering treats for our shut-ins, November 15 will be a donation meal to provide money for snacks for Jamestown Elementary School students. There will be lists of suggested gifts for State Hospital Patients.

Looking ahead to December, the Christmas Program is December 13, followed by a potluck meal. We will also have in place the Busy Jar for offerings for the Salvation Army.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!