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# First Presbyterian Church

## HERE AND NOW!



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## WORSHIP IN THE PARK

The Outdoor Worship/Picnic will be held July 15th at Shelter 11 in Sertoma Park. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. The picnic will start about 11:30. Participants are the Bismarck, Mandan, and Wilton churches. Please remember to bring your own plates, cups, and silverware; some lawn chairs are helpful too. Offering—if you write a check be sure to designate FPC/Bismarck in the memo section—Loose offering will be divided equally between the three churches. Bismarck worshipers attending the picnic are asked to bring side dishes (e.g. baked beans, potato dishes, vegetable dishes, fruit, etc.). Mandan will bring salads and Wilton will bring desserts. Chicken, buns and drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet for side dishes will be posted on the bulletin board. There is also a need for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up. Please indicate if you are able to help with those tasks as well.





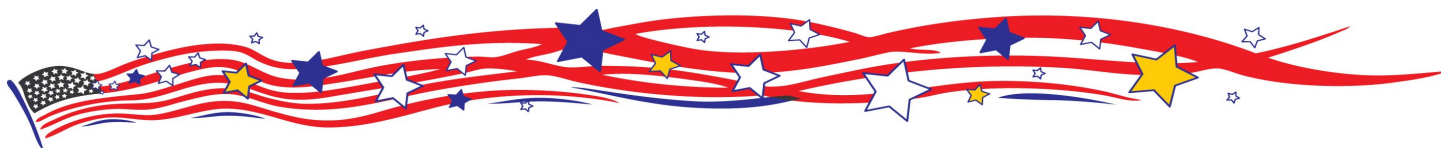
## *SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE*

The Scholarship Subcommittee of the Outreach Committee met on May 24th. The committee sent our annual donation to the University of Jamestown from the Samuel and Bertha Merritt Trust Fund.

The subcommittee awarded the following scholarships to the following four applicants:

- Olivia Bachmeier received an award from the Merritt Scholarship Fund;
- Mark Jensen received an award from the Sorlie Fund;
- Cole Svihovec received an award from the Sorlie Fund;
- Runick Fru received an award from the Sorlie and Merritt Funds.

Subcommittee members were impressed with the high quality of applicants and their involvement with the Church and this community



## *THANKS FOR THE JELLY*

The Backpack for Kids program continues to grow, with numbers changing with every week. From January 1st to May 31st, the Community Action Agency delivered backpacks to 34 schools in the Bismarck/Mandan area. Three schools in Sioux county also received backpacks. Eleven hundred plus bags have been filled and delivered every two weeks. That’s a lot of children who are not secure that food will not be available on the weekends without the Backpack program. Community Action will deliver filled bags during the summer school months to schools that offer summer programs. This agency staff and volunteers are preparing for the fall school year.

Your Outreach Committee is so grateful for your loving hearts that were visible with each jelly jar given. Thanks for the peanut butter, also! You gave 161 jars of jelly and 42 jars of peanut butter. You make a difference!





## *PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...*

Presbyterian Pastor Eugene Peterson has guided many a pastor to more faithful performance of his/her duties. As I settle in here at FPC, there are a few wise pieces of his advice that stick with me, and I wanted to share them.

One, like myself, Peterson was raised in a Pentecostal church with a devoted mother who over performed in service of the gospel. In Fact, he calls himself a Presbycostal—a hashtag that has nothing to do with speaking in tongues or any other aspect of Pentecostal belief. No, I would sum up the take-away from the faith of his youth as this: *if theology can't be lived, then it isn't theology*. I don't know if this really comes from Pentecostalism—it seems to me that Calvin had this aspect of Christian piety down long ago. No matter its actual source, I believe Peterson has it right—the gospel is meant to be transformative in a way that does not separate action from belief, systemization from service. I hope this is always an aspect of my preaching: theological nuggets one can tuck away for faith and encouragement are fine but integrating them into lifestyle is the goal.

Two, in his book, *The Pastor*, Peterson asks, “the where does the Pastor work?” In the office? In the pulpit? On her cell phone at the stop light? No, Peterson asserts that the “place” of the Pastor's work is the congregation. The church is its people, he reminds us and to work in a church is to attach to and work among the people. Yes, you have a right to expect office hours from me, this is not an anti-office rant—quite the opposite. Being in the office not only keeps me accessible, but also has the effect of helping me to focus on what matters—the work of the Pastor in their congregation.

Three, Peterson titled one of his books, *A Long Obedience in the Right Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society*. The full quote upon which his title is based comes from an unusual source, Friedrich Nietzsche of “God is Dead” fame. But even a broken clock can be right twice a day! Nietzsche said, “The essential thing in heaven and earth is that there should be a long obedience in the same direction; there results, and has always resulted in the long run, something which has made life worth living.” For me, that says it all. Loving church, seeking God's will always requires taking the long view. Theologically every church is connected to the universal church; we do not labor alone but are part of a powerful force with varying gifts that is one through all of time and space. Put a little more simply, we are connected to a massive plan that began at an empty tomb and will end at an end-time feast in God's presence; we are just a piece of a bigger puzzle, and the whole. That makes faith something bigger—but it also means this, incremental steps through decades of change, generations which hold the faith for their “work-shift” committees and councils which make decisions for our future in God...these are all just part of a chain. We are accountable not for the whole picture—this is God's plan after all. We are accountable for our small section of God's assignment, in our time, and in our place—to build on the foundation laid by generations before us and knowing we are part of a long obedience in the right direction.

Faith, patience, prayer and work—fidelity to the scripture and the willingness to put our hope into action...these are our tools to do God's will in obedience to the great commission. So, let us move forward together in that long obedience in the right direction.



*Pastor Leanne*





**First Presbyterian Church  
Children, Youth, & Friends:  
Join us for  
Vacation  
Bible School**

**Monday-Thursday, July 30-  
August 2 @ 5:30-8 pm**



**FREE Event,  
with Dinner  
Included!**

**VBS for current  
Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Youth**

**with Volunteers Needed!**

**This is a FREE Event, with  
Donations Welcome**

**Find Registration  
Online @**

[www.fpcbismarck.com  
/vbs.html](http://www.fpcbismarck.com/vbs.html)





# DOWNTOWN HIGHER POWER LUNCH

Your Outreach Committee has put our toes in a warm summer lake with the successful completion of our first Downtown Higher Power Lunch. Fourteen neighbors were served a taco salad bar lunch, catered by Qdoba. We were strengthened in our quest “to be the Church” with the spiritual guidance of our Pastor Leanne Simmons. It feels wonderful to be able to say, “our Pastor Leanne”!

Our speaker, Judith Roberts, provided an inspiring message. Her life story warmed our hearts and demonstrated the importance of passing on love and compassion to others. We are grateful for Judith!

Several church family members also attended the lunch. Eleven church family members worked with provision and love to prepare and serve. It was so glorious to see such teamwork in the completion of first Higher Power Lunch. It’s difficult to express adequately the level of gratitude for the wonderful work of these volunteers. Thank you so much!

The Downtown Higher Power Lunch Team, David Massey, Ella Gutzke, Allen Hoberg, Kathy Mayer, Jan Schultz, Joe Satrom, Mary Magnusson (our new member) and Gladys Cairns, celebrate the accomplishment of reaching out to neighbors and offering a gathering where we can network, obtain inspiration, have a path to communication and receive encouragement, all in the name of Jesus Christ!

Charee Linton, our Administrative Assistant, has enabled Downtown Higher Power Lunch by being a partner to the team and by creating our website page, a method to receive registrations and a Facebook page. We would not be celebrating without her sharing her talents. We are so grateful.

It is our intention, now that we tested the water with our first Higher Power Lunch, we believe, with the help of our church family, we can continue our quest with our Higher Power Lunch on Wednesday, July 18th.

Consider friending us at: Downtown Higher Power Lunch on Facebook, or go to our First Presbyterian website at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com).





## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL**

FPC has received 14 applicants for the Director of Christian Education opening. The majority of the applicants are from out of state. The next step in the process will be to review all the applicant’s resumes and then form an interview committee. The interview committee will consist of representatives from Admin. & Personnel, Christian Ed., Pastor Leanne, and one or two from youth group. The Director of Christian Education (DCE) should serve as a member of the church staff, directing and managing all educational ministries of the FPC Bismarck, with a special emphasis on Children & Youth Ministries. His/her main responsibility should be to plan, develop, coordinate and lead in ministries to persons of all ages.

Dale Hoerauf  
Chair



## **PER CAPITA**

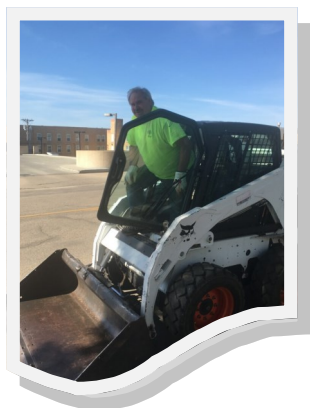
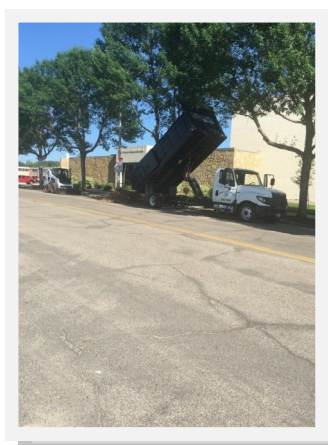
Thank you to those who have already paid their family’s Per Capita fees. If you have not, the Stewardship Committee asks you to take care of this responsibility as soon as possible. Please take \$44.00 times the number of church members in your family and send a separate check made out to First Presbyterian with “Per Capita” in the memo line. The Per Capita helps pay for the many services we receive from Presbyterian USA and our governing bodies. Your family paying its fees means the church can focus on other budget needs.

Stewardship Committee



## **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Bob Kinnischtzke took the initiative on the huge task of spreading mulch around the bases of our nine trees that line Thayer Ave. Ove the course of a week, Bob dug out several cubic feet of soil around the trees to prep each one and acquired approximately 3,000 pounds of new mulch. With the help of volunteer, Stan Churchill of Advanced Tree Service and his machinery, they placed that mulch to vastly improve the appearance of the front of First Presbyterian Church.







## **Save the Date and Join Us at Harmon Lake!**

**FPC Harmon Lake Fun Day:  
Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1-5 pm**



**All are Welcome  
for this FREE, FUN  
FPC Day together  
Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Join us for a couple hours or the whole  
afternoon! Canoeing, Lawn Games,  
Beach FUN, Hiking Trails and More!**

Canoes, Lawn Games and Water will be available from FPC.  
There is a Hiking Trail for walkers or bikers, with Paddle Board  
and Kayak Rental Available!

**Bring your favorite water toy or lawn game to join us!**

# **Join Us!**

*Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.*

Harmon Lake is located at 1806 and County Rd. 140  
(9.6 miles North on 1806), Mandan.



## ***NURSE'S NOTES...***

July is most celebrated for Independence Day on the 4th of July. I do happen to have a story to share with you about Independence Day. Here it goes:

A story was told many years ago about a young Hispanic man who was new to the United States of America.

Feeling a bit out of place, but desperately wanting to fit in and learn about the culture of America in general, and the outrageously popular sport of baseball in particular, Jose (pronounced ho-zay) decided to attend a local baseball sporting event. This particular ball game was played on the 4th of July.

He was a bit surprised before the game started to see the massive crowd stand to its feet and begin to sing.

As Jose was not a man of large stature, he became a bit dismayed, wondering if he would be able to see the ball game with large numbers of tall Americans standing all around him.

As soon as they faced the flag and raised their voices in song, however, Jose was put at ease. How welcoming they all were! Their concern for him touched his heart deeply.

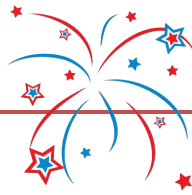
The very first thing that gigantic mass of people sang to him was: "Jose, can you see?"

Happy 4th of July everyone!

July is eye injury prevention month. According to WebMD the top causes of eye injuries are as follows:

- ◆ **Blow to your eye:**  
A strike to the eye with a hard object like a baseball, rock, or fist can damage the eye, eyelids, and muscles or bones that surround the eye. If the injury is mild, you may get a swollen eyelid or black eye. If it's more severe, you might also notice bleeding inside the eye. If you're hit enough, it could break the bones around your eye. Sometimes the eye muscles get trapped inside the broken bone, and will need to be freed with surgery.
- ◆ **Cut or Scratch:**  
A stick, finger, or other object can accidentally get into your eye and scratch the cornea, the clear dome-like cover over your eye. A scratch can cause symptoms like: blurred vision, light sensitivity, pain, redness or excess tears.  
  
Small scratches usually will heal on their own. Deeper injuries can cause long-term vision problems.
- ◆ **Object in the eye:**  
Grains of sand, wood chips, metal shavings, or slivers of glass can get into the eye. A sharp object inside your eye can scratch or cut your cornea.  
  
Having something in your eye will feel uncomfortable and it might make your eye water. When the cornea is scratched, it will feel like something is inside your eye and you can't get it out.





## **NURSE'S NOTES...**

### ◆ Chemical Burns:

Represent 7%-10% of eye injuries. Although many burns result in minor discomfort, every chemical exposure or burn should be taken seriously. Permanent damage is possible and can be blinding or life-altering.

Most chemical burns to the eyes occur at work, but some can take place in the home with regular household cleaners.

### ◆ Radiation:

The sun's ultraviolet, or UV, rays can burn your eyes, just like they can burn your skin. Signs that you've been exposed to too much UV radiation are red eyes, light sensitivity, tearing, and a feeling like something is in your eyes.

In the long run, too much sun and other forms of radiation can make you more likely to get cataracts or macular degeneration, a breakdown of a small area of the retina.

### **When to call a doctor?:**

You can treat lots of minor eye injuries on your own. A deep cut or broken bone needs medical help. Also, see a doctor for anything sharp in your eye, like a piece of metal or glass.

Call your doctor if you have any of these signs of a more serious injury:

- ◆ A noticeable change in vision
- ◆ Swelling in the eye
- ◆ Double Vision
- ◆ Severe Pain
- ◆ Torn eyelid
- ◆ Headache

### **When to call 911?:**

Go to an emergency room or call 911 right away if:

- ◆ A piece of metal, glass, or object is stuck in your eye
- ◆ A chemical got in your eye, and the pain didn't go away after you flushed the eye with water

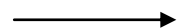
### **How to protect your eyes and prevent injuries?:**

The best way to protect your eyes is to wear safety glasses or goggles whenever you work with chemicals or are around metal, glass, or other objects that could fly into your eyes. Also put on safety glasses when you use tools like a lawnmower, trimmer, or leaf blower.

Eye guards are a must for sports like basketball and racquetball. If you play baseball or football, protect your eyes with a shield attached to your helmet.

Other ways to guard against eye injuries:

- ◆ Remove small rocks and other debris from your lawn before you mow, so your lawnmower doesn't kick them up into your eyes.
- ◆ Fix or replace any tools or equipment that might break apart while you use them.

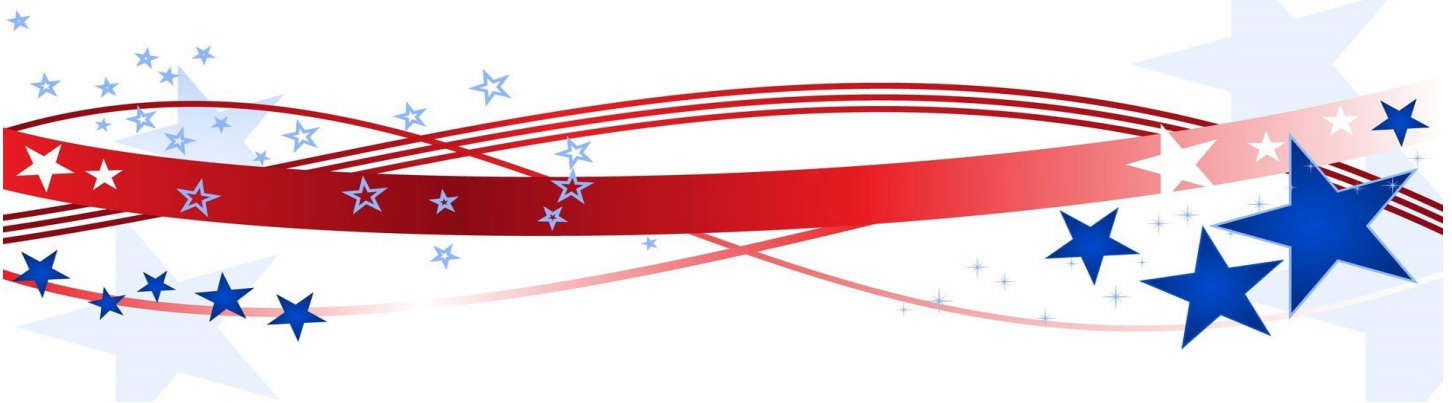




## **NURSE'S NOTES...(continued)**

- ◆ Read the instructions before using chemicals like fertilizer or cleaning products. Never mix chemicals unless the label says to do so.
- ◆ Use machine guards and work screens while working with equipment on the job.
- ◆ When you go outside, wear sunglasses that block out 99% to 100% of the sun's radiation.

**The next Blood Pressure Clinic will be July 8th, 2018 from 9:00 am.—10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Looking forward to seeing you there!**



## **SANDBOX SUCCESS**

The most recent Outdoor Classroom purchase for the Child Care Center was a set of sandboxes. Heidi Halmans, a former child care center parent, provided a generous donation to cover the cost of the sandboxes and the purchase of the sand. Patrick Hart kindly built the two sandboxes. We are especially excited that the sandboxes have built-in covers so we can close them at the end of each day. The new sand toys and sand play accessories were donated by many supportive congregation members. Several child care center staff members, along with church, parent and community volunteers, joined together to stain, transport the sand and set up the sandboxes. As you can see, it took many people, using their many gifts, to complete this project. The team work paid off and the children are well cared for by this village.





## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

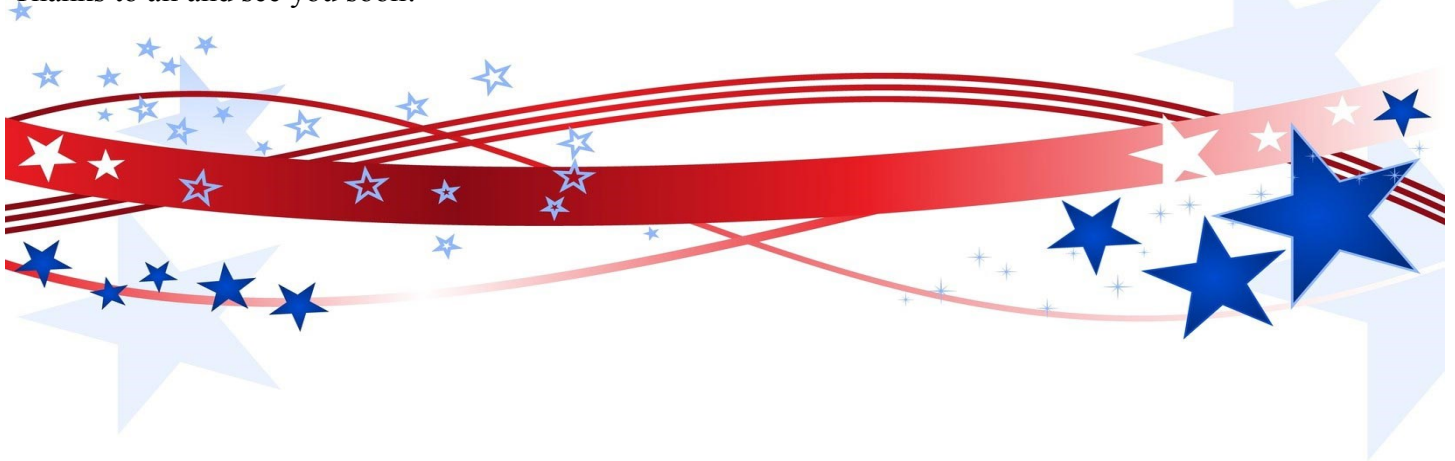
### **Summer Fun Opportunities for All!**

Please join us for one or all of our summer activities for children, youth, families and friends! Our first activity is the Harmon Lake Fun Day held on Saturday, July 14th from 1 to 5 p.m. We will meet at the shelter and enjoy water activities, lawn games, hiking and more! Bring your favorite floaty or lawn game and join the fun. Children and youth under 12 must have a responsible adult with them.

The next opportunity is camp at Clearwater Forest in Minnesota. Members of our church and youth groups will be going to Clearwater for the week of July 22nd-28th. At this point 8 youth from PAC and PresbyTeens are going, accompanied by Pastor Leanne and her daughter Audrey. Dennis Rosenkranz has volunteered to drive. Sign-up online for camp, and let the office know you are coming. The cost is \$150 for each camper; with \$150 paid by the church and hopefully the last third sponsored by a member of the congregation.

The last opportunity is Vacation Bible School, held from July 30th to August 2nd from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year will be Camp in a Bus, with counselors coming from Camp of the Cross to lead the activities for youth from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Dinner will be provided at church, and VBS is free! We still need adult and youth volunteers to help assist with the activities, cook, and to house the counselors. At this point only 2 children have registered for VBS, and we need to have a head count for Camp of the Cross for the correct number of counselors two weeks before VBS. Please register your family soon on the website: [www.fpcbismarck.com/vbs.html](http://www.fpcbismarck.com/vbs.html).

Thanks to all and see you soon!



## **PENTECOST OFFERING**

The Stewardship and Interpretive Committee thanks the entire congregation for your participation in the Pentecost Offering. Our congregation contributed \$1,182. \$455 of this offering will be given to the Child Care Center playground fund and the remaining dollars will be used in the First Presbyterian Church (USA) youth and children at risk programs. Thank you for your joyful generosity!





## July 2018 Usher/Greeter/Coffee Host

- July 1st:**                   **Captain:** Neva Carlisle  
**Ushers:** Donna Richter, John Richter, Jim Rambo, Ron Carlisle, Audre Goll  
**Reception Host:** Linda Tonolli
- July 8th:**                   **Captain:** Wendy Skager  
**Ushers:** Kathy Wachter, Don Bigwood, Kim Wassim, Cindy Cross, Don Cross  
**Reception Host:** Lynne Bigwood
- July 15th:**                 **Outdoor Worship ~ Sertoma Park Shelter #11 at 10:30 a.m.**
- July 22nd:**               **Captain:** Ann Lynch  
**Ushers:** Jim Rambo, Peggy Hoge, Kim Wassim, Dave Nix, Alice Nix  
**Reception Host:** Tedd & Ella Gutzke
- July 29th:**               **Captain:** Donna Richter  
**Ushers:** Kathy Wachter, John Richter, Jim Rambo, Clyde Johnson, Diann Johnson  
**Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*



### LAY READERS

**July 1st**  
*Alice Nix*

**July 8th**  
*Donna Richter*

**July 15th**  
**Outdoor Worship**

**July 22nd**  
*Ann Gallup*

**July 29th**  
**Volunteer Needed**



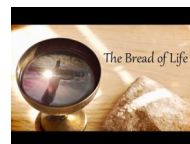
*If you are interested in volunteering, you may sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex, or call the church office at:*

**701-223-6091**

### COMMUNION SERVERS

**May 6th, 2017**

Peggy Hoge	Nanc Skaret
Carole Watrel	Dale Hoerauf
Linda Tonolli	Bob Kinnischtzke
Letha Lewis	Alice Nix
Jody Bachmeier	Donna Richter



*Communion is available to be served at home, hospital, or nursing home to anyone who is unable to worship with the congregation. Please call church office to schedule time.*

**701-223-6091**



## *JULY 4TH ~ INDEPENDENCE DAY*

**A Prayer for America**

Father in Heaven,  
 We, the people, in the  
 land of the free and  
 the home of the brave,  
 desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways  
 of seeking to be blessed  
 and instead seek to bless others.

We beg for Your guidance and wisdom  
 for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land  
 from enemies, both within and without.

And we praise you for the freedom  
 we have through the blood of Your Son.  
 May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

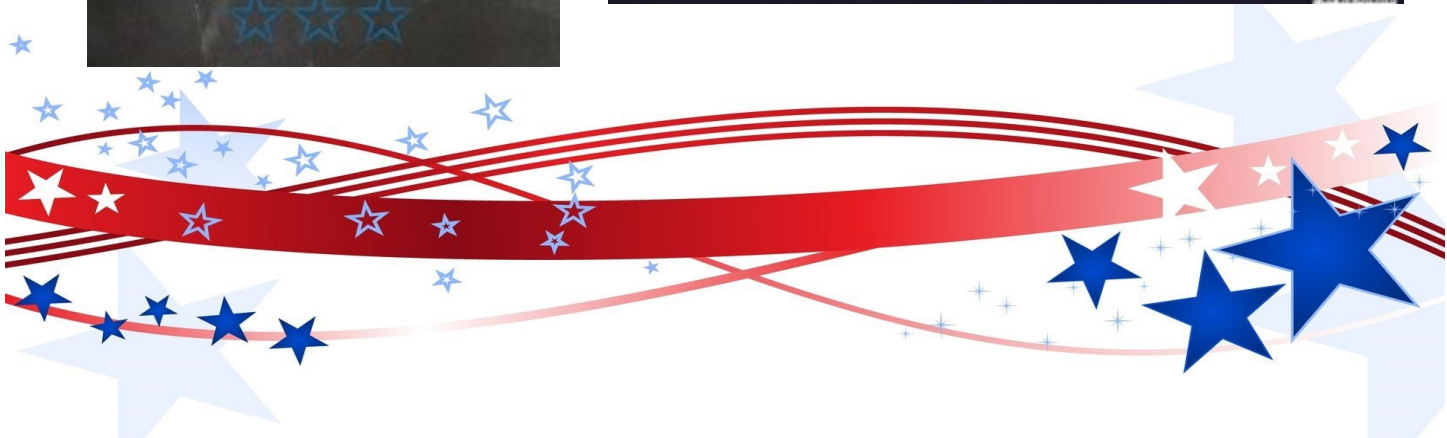
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**I THANK GOD**  
*for my life, for the*  
**STARS & STRIPES**  
 may freedom forever fly  
**LET IT RING**  
 SALUTE THE ONES WHO DIED  
*the ones who give their lives*  
 so we don't have to sacrifice  
**ALL THE THINGS WE LOVE**

*The face of prayer has changed. The need for prayer has not.*

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD...*





# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 26TH, 2018

### CLERK’S REPORT

The deaths of Ken Sisco, 6-7-2018 and Duane Zimmerman, 6-11-2018 were reported. Total membership is 377.

Session approved the resignation of Elder Gail Brown.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$ 197,846	Budget	\$ 208,457
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$ 187,645	Budget	\$ 240,517
NET Income	-\$ 10,202	Budget	-\$ 32,061
Unrestricted General Fund	\$ 194,049.63		

### PASTOR’S REPORT

Pastor Leanne thanked the office staff for their helpfulness. She will be preaching at the Outdoor Worship Service and is engaging the congregation in “cottage” meetings. A special summer confirmation class is being scheduled. A date for Pastor Leanne’s installation service will need to be set.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (from meeting and minutes)

**Administrative and Personnel:** The committee is reviewing applications for the Christian Education Director.

**Business and Finance:** A subcommittee of Property and Equipment Committee (Nanc Skaret, Linda Tonolli, Ann Lynch, Donna Richter and Sue Sorlie) has proposed a stained glass hanging be designed by BSC art instructor, Barb Thorsen, made of pieces from the demolished Presbyterian Church (1892-1967). The stained glass pieces were saved by Ardeth Taylor whose daughter, Kathy, gave the pieces back to FPC. Session approved the use of \$1,000 from Memorial Fund to proceed with this project.

Session also approved a request from Worship & Music Committee to use about \$3,000 from the Merritt Reserve Fund to replace the amplifier for the Carillon Bells and Choir speaker and to purchase digital wireless system with beltpack and lapel.

**Christian Education:** Seven youth will be attending Clearwater Forest Camp, with Dennis Rosenkranz and Pastor Leanne providing transportation. Congregational donations to help assist campers with the cost will be appreciated.

**Membership:** Attendance pads for the pews were purchased; ushers collect them at the end of Sunday worship. Planning for the Outdoor Worship Service is going well, with Wilton, Mandan and Bismarck churches participating. Eight people enjoyed the golf outing.

**Outreach:** Session approved scholarships for Olivia Bachmeier, Mark Jensen, Cole Svihovec, and Runick Fru.







## *SESSION HIGHLIGHTS*

Annually, \$2,000 is given to the University of Jamestown from the Samuel and Bertha Merritt Trust Fund. The Higher Power Lunch was deemed a success. The Backpack program which serves about 1,200 children weekly, received 206 jars of jelly/peanut butter from FPC.

**Property and Equipment:** Thanks to Bob Kinnischtzke for adding the mulch around the trees on Thayer Ave. The committee sponsored a workday at church on June 16.

**Stewardship:** \$455 of the Pentecost Offering will go to the playground equipment for the Child Care Center. The committee will probably be using the “Pony Express” method for Stewardship this fall.

**Worship and Music:** Dakota Sound Systems will provide the updated equipment approved by Session.

**Child Care Center Board:** Chair Ella Gutzke reported to Session on the current financial status of the CCC. A strain on the budget is the unintended consequence of a 2015 policy concerning vacation time for CCC staff. A proposal to change this policy will be reviewed by Administrative and Personnel Committee, with their recommendation coming to the Session in July.

**Fine Arts Festival:** Pastor Leanne will meet with the committee on June 27th.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Pastor Leanne will lead the long-range planning/visioning after the “cottage” meetings are held. She may ask Session to focus on the driving forces for church vibrancy, the church’s visibility in the community and cyber presence.

Alice Nix  
Clerk of Session



## JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Wassim	2nd
Nanc Skaret	6th
Will Beachey	7th
Allen Hoberg	7th
Leo Goll	9th
Katherine Satrom	9th
Randy Jensen	10th
Stacy Poffenberger	12th
T.J. Davis	14th
Shelli Peterson	14th
Paul Ronningen	14th
John R. Sakariassen	14th
David Ingstad	15th
Letha Lewis	16th
Donna Arneson	18th
Barbara Larson	19th
Michael Mahlum	20th
Leila Bender	22nd
Mary Sherman	22nd
Andrew Davis	23rd
Kari Skager	25th
Donald Cross	27th
Lori Orser	28th
Corey Hedland	29th
Lee Doolittle	30th

### ANNIVERSARIES

Tait & Samantha Ronningen	9th
John & Donna Richter	10th
David & Mary Ingstad	15th
Brant & Jane Boeckel	20th
Ronald & Kathleen Gappert	20th
Kim & Juanita Hocking	24th
Arley & Ann Gallup	23rd
Jay & Sandra Cofell	31st

*All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from information collected on the updated information forms. If we made a mistake, or missed you or a loved one, we apologize and ask that you please let us know so we can update our system. If you do not want your birthday listed in a bulletin or newsletter, please let us know that as well. Thank you!*





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship	<b>2</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts (Downstairs)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Happy 4th of July!</b> <b>Church Closed</b>	<b>5</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Room) <b>6:00pm</b> Membership Comm. (Conf. Room)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:00am</b> Blood Pressure Clinic (Conf. Room) <b>10:00am</b> Worship	<b>9</b> <b>5:00pm</b> Admin & Personnel (Parlor) <b>5:30pm</b> Worship & Music (Conf. Room) <b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts (Downstairs) <b>7:00pm</b> Christian Ed Comm. (Conf. Room)	<b>10</b> <b>5:30pm</b> CCC Board (Conf. Room) <b>7:00pm</b> Coffee with Pastor Leanne at Lorraine Dopson's (sign-up required)	<b>11</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Munch & Mingle ~ Ramkota Hotel	<b>12</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Outreach Comm. (Parlor)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>1:00pm—5:00pm</b> Family Fun Day at Harmon Lake
<b>15</b> <b>10:30am</b> Outdoor Worship & Potluck at Sertoma Park, Shelter #11  <i>*Church Closed*</i>	<b>16</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Business & Finance (Conf. Room) <b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts (Downstairs)	<b>17</b> <b>6:00pm</b> HPL Set-Up	<b>18</b> <b>11:30am</b> Downtown Higher Power Luncheon (Parlor) <i>*RSVP required*</i>	<b>19</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Deacons (Parlor)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship	<b>23</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Boy Scouts (Downstairs)	<b>24</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Session (Parlor)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Clearwater Youth Bible Camp						
<b>29</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	8/1/18	8/2/18	8/3/18	8/4/18
Vacation Bible School ~ 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.						



## **FAMILY NEWS...**

### **Deaths...**

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the members who have passed away:

***Ken Sisco***

***Duane Zimmerman***

*“And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.” ~ John 16:22*

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## **FINE ARTS FESTIVAL**

Rumor has it there will be no Fine Arts Festival in 2018. It is true. However, don't consider it canceled just yet but simply postponed for the time being. The committee will meet to determine the possibility of continuing at a later date.

The committee would be delighted if anyone would like to join us for this discussion. We continue to believe that the Fine Arts Festival can be one catalyst to the vitality of First Presbyterian. The Festival invites the Bismarck/Mandan and surrounding communities to the church potentially encouraging new memberships and of course offering a venue for local artists to show their works. In addition to these benefits our major emphasis is to enhance our communities youth art activities.

Please consider how you can become a part of this effort. Contact Gaylene Massey, 701-471-6127 or [gmassey@bis.midco.net](mailto:gmassey@bis.midco.net) for more information or to confirm your desire to participate.



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**Sunday Worship Schedule:**

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School until September

**Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

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**Christian Education Director**

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**Administrative Assistant**

***Charee Linton***

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***Arvy Smith***

**Choir Director**

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**Handbell Ensemble Director**

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