

HERE AND NOW!



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Hella March!

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THANK YOU...

The Mission and Outreach Committee offers thanks to the fantastic crew who purchased, prepared, served and cleaned up at "The Banquet" on February 15th at Trinity Lutheran Church. Over 200 meals were served.

Your gifts of making a financial donation and baking desserts are so appreciated.

Save the date of October 1st when we will again reach out to those I in our community who are hungry and need companionship.



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A Community Meal

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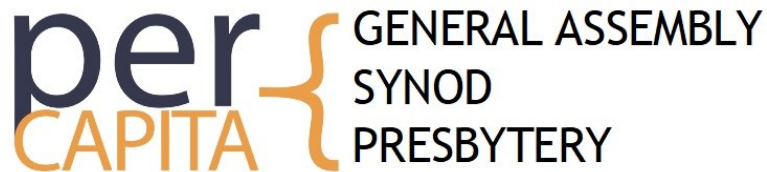
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ~ PER-CAPITA...



Each year the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly assess our church a Per Capita fee for every member of the congregation. The Per Capita fees are essentially dues for the services received from these governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church.

For 2020, First Presbyterian's assessment is **\$47.00** per member, which the church pays regardless of how much is collected. Please take **\$47.00** times the number of church members in your family and send that amount in a separate check made out to First Presbyterian Church, with "Per Capita" in the memo line.

The difference between what First Presbyterian owes and what is collected from the congregation will come out of the church budget. Thank you for taking care of this so that the church can take care of its many other budget needs.



JAMESTOWN CHOIR CONCERT...

Monday, March 16th at 7:30 p.m.

We are so pleased to be hosting the internationally acclaimed University of Jamestown Concert Choir. Under the direction of J. Aaron McDermid, Jamestown Choir makes annual concert tours throughout the United States and travels abroad every 4 years. For more than 80 years the choir has toured domestically and internationally, visiting 38 U.S. state, the District of Columbia, 18 European countries, China, and three Canadian provinces. Choir members are chosen by audition and represent most academic majors on campus.

Please mark this special date on your calendar and come out and support this talented choir. Admission to the event is free. However, to off-set the costs of touring, a free-will donation will be offered during intermission.





PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...



Judgement, Cheap Grace and Surprise at the End

"Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. [...] Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Ash Wednesday, the Lenten Season, Holy Week...these are the darkest days of the Christian calendar. I always look forward to the worship events of all-important season, as for me, they function as a bit of a "reset button" - a reminder that the stakes of faith are very high, and the outcome of our faith was secured at a horrible price. In the weeks of our journey to the cross with Christ, we are encouraged to renew practices of personal piety, recommit ourselves to acts of mercy and compassion and revitalize our commitment to social justice—all responses dedicated to halt any process that might cheapen the grace we have received.

This is why the season begins with the most austere and slightly morbid practice of imposing ashes and reminding ourselves that our deaths are inevitable. This is why the traditional music of lent was always so dirge-like...it was intentional, to set the serious tone for the darker realities of faith. (I will never forget the first time I imposed ashes on my 2-year old baby daughter and told her she would return to dust...my whole body revolted at the thought!) Ashes are a sign of repentance which makes us ready for Lenten truths, and Lent is a season of making ready...ready for death, and the judgment which follows.

As I get older, the concept of judgment has become more and more important to me. For one thing, I think that the untruthful nature of our world requires an ultimate confrontation with diving holiness, and that is absolutely something I want to be on the right side of! But that isn't the only reason—when I was a kid in church, I couldn't think of judgment in any bigger terms than getting sent to my room. At some point, I was made afraid of the idea—convinced that, *"The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider or some loathsome insect over the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully provoked."* (That quote is from my ancestor, Jonathan Edwards, the original great awakening hellfire and brimstone preacher, who scared me to death as a teen.) But the whole Lenten season has a surprise at the end...a savior who bore our judgment, and a resurrection that nobody saw coming. A break-out moment that changed everything for those who would have died without hope, faced judgment without a goal, and left us all drifting in meaningless religious words and acts.

Because of the grace, these days, judgment seems like something to aim at, a sure target I would like to hit. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:15 speaks of believers being saved, but still standing before God and having their works judged. Paul used to speak quite often about his anticipation of this judgment, hoping that at the end of his journey he would have some churches, strong and true to offer to Christ. That's the kind of thing I mean when I say that judgment is something to aim at. I just want to have something good to show for all the grace that has been invested in me—not because I must earn salvation, but because I would love to live as if grace was not wasted on me.

And that's why we hit the reset button on Ash Wednesday. To prepare for a judgment in which we actually have something to offer back to God—not out of fear, but out of love and respect for what Christ has done for us.





PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE (cont.)...

In the words of Bonhoeffer, "Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him. [...] such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: 'ye were bought at a price,' and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

Leanne

PAPER PRODUCTS DRIVE...

This March, the Mission and Outreach Committee is supporting the Child Care Center (CCC) with a paper products drive. This is an opportunity for the congregation to help defray CCC costs by donating paper towels and face tissue.

Please bring your donations to the Donations Box (wooden box) or the Donations Crib in the Narthex during March. Your gifts are much appreciated by the Child Care Center and by the little noses that benefit from the face tissues!



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee of First Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of scholarships for our church community. To be eligible for consideration to receive a scholarship, ***a student must be an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck or must have been an active participant in the life of First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck for at least three years.*** The awards are given for students at any level of study beyond high school. Four years is the maximum for receiving scholarships: these need not be consecutive years. Graduate students may apply for scholarships, providing they are within the four year maximum. Applications are available in the Narthex and for download from the front page of the church website at www.fcpbismarck.com. ***The deadline to apply is May 15th, 2020.***



WHAT IS LENT?



Friends in Christ, every year before the Christian Passover of Easter we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marks the penitence of this community. We thus begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. You are invited to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

-adapted from the Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church, USA



PRAYER CHAIN

A prayer chain provides the power and strength of collective prayer for those in need. If you would like to join the prayer chain, or have a prayer need, please contact:

Nanc Skaret at
skaret@bis.midco.net
Or 258-4703

You may also call the church office
at 223-6091
firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com



EASTER MEMORIALS (Gift of Giving)

Each Easter we offer the opportunity to give memorials in memory of loved ones. Donations from Easter Memorials are directed to the Deacon's *Gift of Giving* program, which supports the work of the Deacons and provides assistance to people in need. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office before **Wednesday, April 8th, 2020** to provide the information shown below. Your information may be provided by email to firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com, phone call to 223-6091, or a note left at the front desk.

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Donation Amount: _____



Donations should be made in cash or check to the church office. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" (or "FPC") and indicate "Gift of Giving" on the memo line. All memorials will be listed, *without donation amounts*, in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Pastor Leanne will present a Tuesday Lenten Adult Study series, beginning:

**Tuesday, March 4th
at 12:00 Noon
in the Parlor**

Soup will be served!

You may pick up the book in the church office. Any donation you wish to make covering the cost of this \$5.00 book will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sunday School, PAC and Children's Ministry Update!

Teachers Needed for our March-April Lessons!

It is an exciting time for our youth! March is here and only a few months left before school is out and the summer begins.

Our Sunday School kids have been learning about amazing Bible stories through the Presbyterian curriculum "*Growing in Grace and Gratitude*." They start each Sunday with great energizing music before they enjoy the lessons and crafts. We have a special craft coming for Palm Sunday that we will be excited to display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, so be sure to keep an eye out for their extra special creativity!

Our PAC kids have wrapped up their lessons on "*The Fruits of the Spirit*" and in March will be wrapping up their lessons on "*The Lord's Prayer*." We will finish out the remainder of the season learning about "*The Ten Commandments*." These lessons have been rich and meaningful and the kids have enjoyed it.

Each Sunday morning and Wednesday night shares different stories through art, games, drama, videos, and more! Our kids love meeting new people from the congregation, and hope you'll consider joining us, as a teacher or an assistant. All supplies are prepared for our teachers, and tailored to our kids! Please consider joining us and making an impact on the future of our church! Contact me if you have any questions or want to sign up.

I am looking forward to March for the fun things we have in store...and extremely excited for the events we have planned for the upcoming summer. I am hoping to take some youth to Montreat in June, but am waiting for availability on our youth. If this summer doesn't work, we will try again next year. We will be venturing to the Annual Crystal Springs retreat at the end of April where we will meet up with other Presbyterian churches from around North Dakota for an amazing weekend of music, fun, devotions and worship! This year's theme is "*Reckless Love*."

June will potentially involve a trip to Montreat for our PresbyTeens, and in July we will be able to attend a Mission Trip to Minneapolis. More information in the planning will be available soon. Please keep an eye on future newsletters and announcements for more information on upcoming events and trips. This is gearing up to be an amazing time for our Youth in this church and I am thrilled to be a part of it all!

As excited as I am about summer, I am not forgetting our current activities here at FPC as the weather seems to be getting warmer (depends on the day), and summer events are being planned. Our kids are enjoying PAC and PresbyTeens every Wednesday, and we are so thankful for our volunteers who help with preparing our dinner, and spending with our kids and youth. Sunday School is a blur sometimes as the kids come racing downstairs for fun lessons and time together. We are so thankful for the families who make their faith a priority and look forward to many opportunities we have teaching our kids about God and the great love He has for us.

We couldn't be more thankful for the families and support we have from the congregation as we look into future plans and ideas to increase the fellowship within our families and church. Our kids are so blessed to be a part of this community, and we are so thankful for their part sharing God's love with us in each and every encounter we have together.



Christian Ed. (continued)



Upcoming Events at FPC:

Broomball: Sunday, March 1st from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at Hillside Park. This is a multi-church gathering for 6th-12th grade youth. Dress accordingly and be ready to have some fun!

SkyZone Family Fun Day: Sunday, March 15th

PresbyTeens Lock In: Saturday, March 27th. More information to come!

Crystal Springs Youth Retreat: April 24th—26th. 6th-12th grade youth are invited to this awesome, and annual event hosted by the Presbytery. Cost is \$95.00. Registrations can be picked up at the front office or downloaded online. Please return fee and registration form to Charee by **Wednesday, April 1st!**

Minneapolis Mission Trip: Sunday, July 19th—Friday, July 24th. Grades 6-12. Cost \$375 Registration form and fee must be turned into Charee by **Friday, May 1st, 2020!**

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Palm Sunday Fun-day, April 5th!

Processional at Worship, Kids Singing in Church, Crafts during Sunday School and an Easter Egg Hunt following Worship!

Kids are asked to meet in the Chapel at 9:40 a.m. before Palm Sunday worship to receive palms and process into 10:00 a.m. Worship together. Adults are welcome to walk with their kids, or will be joined in the Sanctuary for Worship.

Kids will enjoy a craft and snack during Sunday School. Parents are welcome to join us downstairs after worship where kids of all ages will enjoy a fun Easter Egg Hunt!



Candy Donations Needed!

We are in need of small, wrapped candy that will fit in an Easter Egg! Please drop off any donations to Charee or the front office by **Tuesday, March 31st, 2020.**





NURSE'S NOTES...



Are Face Masks Really Effective at Preventing Illness?

Proper Handwashing May Be A Better Line of Defense Against Coronavirus, Flu

By Rachel Nania, AARP, January 27th, 2020

Surgical masks are a common sight outside of hospitals during cold and flu season—or in times of an outbreak, like with the coronavirus. But how much protection do they really provide?

The answer is “some,” says Amesh Adalja, M.D., an infectious disease physician and senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security.

A typical disposable mask can help prevent large-particle droplets from reaching your mouth and nose—two common areas where viruses enter the body. “But you really have to be meticulous when wearing them and not put your hand underneath them and touch your face or do anything that would contaminate your face and kind of obviate the reason for having the mask,” Adalja says.

And that can be difficult to do, especially since face masks are uncomfortable, “and people inadvertently will have an itch on their mouth or their nose and they’ll scratch at it,” he adds.

Choosing a mask with a snug fit is key to keeping germs away from your face, says Amira Roess, a public health expert and professor of global health and epidemiology at George Mason University. She recommends an N95 respirator, which is higher quality than most loose-fitting disposable masks and, when fitted properly, can provide a more effective seal.

N95s, available at most drug stores and home improvement stores, block large-particle droplets and most small particles that are transmitted by coughs and sneezes, the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) says. Even still, a properly fitted N95 does not completely eliminate one’s risk of illness, the agency warns. And they are not designed for children or for people with facial hair.

WASH YOUR HANDS TO WARD OF GERMS

The most effective way to reduce your risk for a respiratory illness or infection is with proper hand hygiene, experts say. Wash your hands before you eat, after you use the bathroom and after leaving a crowded place, Roess advises. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends scrubbing your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds and using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not an option.

Avoid sick people when you can, and get the flu shot if you haven’t already. Also, don’t discount the importance of good sleep and a healthy diet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ Senior Exercise Class every Monday and Thursday in Ramstad Hall at 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday Blood Pressure Clinic March 15th from 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- ♦ Wednesday is Nurse’s Office Day from 8:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Come visit for concerns/questions/check blood pressure
- ♦ CPR & First AID Class March 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Please register on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. \$40.00 fee must be paid in advance. Please make checks out to Ron Kunda.

NURSE'S NOTES (cont.)...



Joke of the Month:

One Sunday morning, the Pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The seven-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time. The Pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex." "Good morning, Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" The Pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked: "Which service, the 8:00 a.m. or the 10:00 a.m.?"

THANK YOU CONGREGATION...

The Mission and Outreach Committee has received the following "Thank You's" and would like to share them with you:

From a Tree of Love Family:

Thank you so much for the kindness you show my daughter and me with all the gifts. She really enjoyed opening and playing with all the toys. The items I received are all a great help & appreciated. They will go a long way to help different areas of our lives. The holidays are hard for us & this really helps out to reduce the stress.

Thank You!

From the University of Jamestown Scholarship Recipient:

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck,

Thank you so much for your donation to the University of Jamestown. I am currently a junior nursing student. I am originally from Bismarck, ND, and I plan on returning to work as an RN. I then plan on going on to become a nurse practitioner. I have loved every minute of my time at the University of Jamestown. I love that I can be immersed in a Christian environment. I also love how personable the professors are. I am extremely grateful for all of the scholarships I have received as they are helping me pursue my dream of becoming a nurse. So, thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely,

Jenalee Reynolds

*Thank
you!*

STAINED GLASS...



Many of you have no doubt enjoyed seeing the stained glass work that is hanging in one of the Parlor windows. The pieces of glass used to create this beautiful work are from the windows of the old church, which stood on the corner of Third and Thayer. Other reminders of those beautiful windows can be seen in the chapel.

The committee that worked with the artist to make the piece that hangs in the Parlor is considering having another smaller piece made if more of this stained glass can be located. Might you or someone you know have a box of these pieces residing in your basement or attic? Although we do not know how many people saved parts of the old windows as a memento of a well-loved sanctuary, it is likely that Ardeth Taylor was not the only person to have some of these pieces.

If you have any of these stained glass pieces, or know of someone who might, and would be willing to share them with the church, please call Charee at the church office (223-6091) or Nanc Skaret (400-1371).

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING...

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to *One Great Hour of Sharing* (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

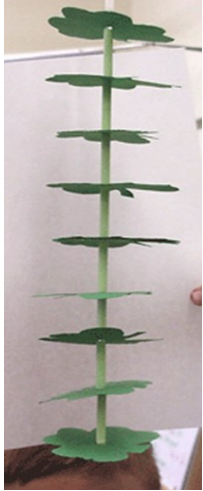
One Great Hour of Sharing, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Program.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. The Presbyterian Hunger Program takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes, and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities. Self-Development of People partners with people and communities to provide tools for development and education. This serves to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

This year, First Presbyterian Church will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during the worship service on ***Easter Sunday, April 12th, 2020***. Please join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.



CHILD CARE CENTER HAPPENINGS...



Spring is on the way, but first – St. Patrick’s Day! Here are a couple fun activities to help celebrate with your kids.

Leprechaun Ladders

Make “leprechaun ladders” to use as room decorations for St. Patrick’s Day. Cut white or clear plastic straws into 1-inch sections. Cut 3-inch shamrock shapes out of green construction paper and punch holes in the centers (make sure the holes in the shamrocks are smaller than the straws). Give each child 10 shamrocks, nine straw sections and a 2-foot length of green yarn with a straw section tied at one end and the other end taped to make a “needle.” Then let the children string their shamrock shapes on their pieces of yarn with a straw section between each shamrock. When they have finished, hang the leprechaun ladders from the ceiling or in a window. For a fun surprise, sprinkle a light dusting of flour on the shamrocks for the children to discover on Saint Patrick’s Day morning. Explain that the “magic dust” was left by leprechauns as they climbed and danced on their ladders!

Homemade Play Dough

You can make this play dough green or divide it up and make rainbow colors. Either way, it’s a fun activity for St. Patrick’s Day, or anytime!

- * 2 cups all-purpose flour
- * 3/4 cup salt
- * 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- * 2 cups lukewarm water
- * 2 Tablespoons of vegetable oil (coconut oil works too)
- * Food coloring, optional
- * Quart sized bags

Stir together the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large pot. Next add the water and oil. If you’re only making one color, add in the color now as well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a ball. Remove from heat and then place inside a gallon sized bag or onto wax paper. Allow to cool slightly and then knead until smooth. If you’re adding colors after, divide the dough into balls (for how many colors you want) and then add the dough into the quart sized bags. Start with about 5 drops of color and add more to brighten it. Knead the dough inside the bag so it doesn’t stain your hands. Once it’s all mixed together you’re ready to play!

Store the play dough inside the bags once done to keep soft. Keeps for up to 3 months.

Consider being a Parent Rep!

The Child Care Center Board is still looking for a second parent representative! If you have a child who attends the daycare, this is your chance to make a difference at the Child Care Center and participate in decision-making regarding board policies. If you or someone you know is interested, or if you’d like more information, please contact Shawn, Vanessa, or Sarah Rixen (current parent rep) for details. The board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Session Highlights

February 2020

Session Highlights February 25th, 2020

CLERK'S REPORT

The death of Ione Willnow, February 16th was reported. The funeral service was held on February 21st. Total Membership is 360.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$54,805	Budget	\$34,752
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$54,573	Budget	\$52,038
NET Income	\$ 232	Budget	-\$17,286
Unrestricted General Fund	\$203,872.66		

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Pastor Leanne reviewed the events scheduled during Lent. There will be noon Bible study and soup on Tuesdays. Good Friday service will be at Glencoe-Sloan. A special 8:00 a.m. Easter service will be held with a praise band on April 12th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative and Personnel—The membership roll is being reviewed. Session approved a change in the facility use policy to add a fee for funeral service of non-members. Staff evaluations will be completed in March.

Christian Education--Youth mission trip is planned for July. A survey will be sent to members under 45 to see what they envision for the church.

Membership—The committee will begin discussion of combining with Mission and Outreach Committee.

Mission and Outreach—The committee will receive donations of tissues and paper towels in March.

Property and Equipment—The committee is pleased with the work of the snow removal company. A roof leak was fixed above the family bathroom.

Stewardship—One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on April 12th. Other special offering dates have been set. Stewardship campaign will begin in September.

Worship and Music—Session approved hosting University of Jamestown Choir on March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Child Care Center Board—The parent handbook is being updated. Current enrollment is 48 children. Two full-time staff are needed.

Board of Deacons—Some clarifications were suggested to Usher Instructions. Gift of Giving donations in lieu of Easter Lilies will be accepted this year.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session

FPC HISTORY...



In 2007 the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains had their Spring Gathering here in Bismarck. The Presbyterian women of our congregation did a great job hosting this gathering. Including this group of men who volunteered time to come and serenade the women. This effort was sincerely appreciated.



March Fun Facts

- ♦ The birthstone for March is aquamarine
- ♦ The zodiac signs for March are Pisces (2/19-3/20) and Aries (3/21-4/19)
- ♦ The birth flower for March is daffodil
- ♦ American Red Cross Month
- ♦ Fire Prevention Month
- ♦ Women's History Month
- ♦ National Reading Day
- ♦ Saint David's Day
- ♦ World Math's Day—the first Wednesday in March
- ♦ March 1st is the date the Nebraskans celebrate the admission of their state to the union
- ♦ March 2nd is celebrated by Texas as the anniversary of its independence from Mexico
- ♦ On March 4th, 1681, William Penn was granted Pennsylvania's royal charter
- ♦ March 25th is celebrated by people in Maryland to commemorate the arrival of the first Maryland colonists in 1634.
- ♦ March 8th—International Women's Day
- ♦ March 12th—Daylight Savings Time starts
- ♦ March 14th—Pi Day
- ♦ March 17th—Happy St. Patrick's Day
- ♦ March 19th—St. Joseph's Day
- ♦ March 22nd—World Water Day

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS...

United States' Oldest Surviving Coast Guard SPARs Member Lives in Bismarck

The Nation's oldest surviving Coast Guard SPARs member not only lives in Bismarck, but is also FPC's very own, Terry Nelson. Terry enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1943, the first day that women were allowed to serve.

"I said that I have to be an officer, because my dad is currently, and I wouldn't be able to go home if I wasn't an officer and they made me an ensign." said Terry Nelson, Veteran.

Terry was trained at Coast Guard headquarters in New London, Conn. Upon completion of training, she was posted to the Coast Guard Pay and Supply division in Washington, D.C. Terry was honorably discharged in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant JG. She joined the Coast Guard because she didn't think khaki was becoming to her eyes, and she thought the Coast Guard uniforms were "smart"!

On Tuesday, February 25th, Terry was recognized for her service and accomplishments to the United States as a SPAR during World War II and for her inspiration to the women who serve the U.S. Coast Guard.

Brig. Gen. Jackie Huber, NDNG had the honor of recognizing Terry and a fellow honoree. Both women were part of the SPARs program and held supportive roles at home to free up more men to serve on ships. "That is where women became part of the U.S. military and these women that we recognize today were the foundation for us. They set the path forward and broke barriers, and did all these incredible things during the particular conflict." said Huber.





LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

- ♦ **1st Sunday of Lent ~ March 1st:** Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service 10:00 a.m. with Communion; Youth Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **2nd Sunday of Lent ~ March 8th:** Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Youth Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **3rd Sunday of Lent ~ March 15th:** Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Youth Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **4th Sunday of Lent ~ March 22nd:** Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Youth Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **5th Sunday of Lent ~ March 29th:** Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Youth Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
- ♦ **Palm Sunday ~ April 5th:** Palm Sunday Worship Service will be at 10:00 a.m. We will celebrate it with a Children's Procession carrying palms through the Sanctuary and the children singing during Worship. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after Worship. **There will be NO Adult Bible Study this morning.**
- ♦ **Maundy Thursday ~ April 9th:** Maundy Thursday Worship will be a Tenebrae Service and Communion at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday is the night we remember Jesus washing the feet of the disciples and the last meal they shared.
- ♦ **Good Friday ~ April 11th:** Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. There will be no Worship Service here at FPC Bismarck. Please use this day for prayer and reflection. Glencoe-Sloan will have a Good Friday Service starting at 3:00 p.m. lead by Pastor Leanne Simmons.
- ♦ **The Great Vigil of Easter:** Prayer service in the Chapel from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 4 people are needed for 30 mins each for prayer with Pastor Leanne. Please sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.
- ♦ **Easter Sunday ~ April 12th:**
 - ~ Join us for a "Son"rise Service at 8:00 a.m. with performance by a Praise Band and a light breakfast to follow.
 - ~ Join us for 10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the triumph over sin and death. Jesus is Alive!**NO Adult Bible Study this morning.**




2020 CALLING DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

The 2020 Calling Directory featuring members of First Presbyterian Church has been printed. Please stop by the church office to pick one up at anytime. If you would like a directory mailed to you, please contact the front office by calling 701-223-6091 or you may e-mail your request to firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com.

March EVENTS

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Sunday, March 1st, 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible School	Conference Room
	10:00 pm	Worship ~ Wear Blue	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Broomball ~ 6th-12th Graders	Tatley Ice Rink
Monday, March 2nd, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Group	Parlor
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Conference Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Lenten Book Study w/soup	Conference Room
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	5:45 pm	Property & Equipment Committee	Ramstad Hall
	6:30 pm	Lay Pastors	Parlor
Wednesday, March 4th, 2020	9:30 am	Suzuki ECMC	202
	12:00 pm	Higher Power Lunch Committee	Parlor
	12:30pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 5th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	12:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Conference Room
	6:00 pm	Membership Committee	Conference Room
	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee	Parlor
Friday, March 6th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, March 7th, 2020	9:00 am	Circle	At Neva Carlisle's

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Sunday, March 8th, 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Conference Room
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
		<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins = Spring Ahead</i>	
Monday, March 9th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Conference Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, March 10th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Lenten Book Study w/soup	Conference Room
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	5:30 pm	Child Care Center Board	Conference Room
	6:00 pm	CPR & First AID Class	Parlor
Wednesday, March 11th, 2020	9:30 am	Suzuki ECMC Class	202
	12:00 pm	Munch & Mingle	Ramkota Hotel
	12:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 12th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
Sunday, March 15th, 2020	9:00 am	Blood Pressure Clinic	Conference Room
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
	???	Skyzone Family Fun Day	SkyZone
Monday, March 16th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	12:00 pm	Business & Finance Committee	Conference Room
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Group	Parlor
	5:00 pm	Administrative & Personnel Comm.	Conference Room
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205, 207, 209
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
	7:30 pm	Jamestown Choir Concert	Sanctuary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, March 17th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Lenten Book Study w/soup	Conference Room
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
Wednesday, March 18th, 2020	9:30 am	Suzuki ECMC	202
	11:30 am	Higher Power Luncheon	Parlor
	12:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 19th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	7:00 pm	Deacons	Parlor
Sunday, March 22nd, 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	201
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, March 23rd, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, March 24th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Lenten Book Study w/soup	Conference Room
	2:00 pm	Presbyterian Friends	Touchmark
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	6:00 pm	Session	Parlor
Wednesday, March 25th, 2020	9:30 am	Suzuki ECMC	202
	12:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, March 26th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
Fri., March 27—Sat. March 28th	TBD	Youth Lock-In	
Saturday, March 28th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Sunday, March 29th, 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	201
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Monday, March 30th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, March 31st, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Lenten Book Study w/soup	Conference Room
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202

March 2020 Usher/Greeter/Coffee Host

March 1st:	Captain: Vic Sonneman Ushers: Alice Halling, Stan Halling, Jody Bachmeier, Clyde Johnson, Diann Johnson Reception Host: Jan Gilchrist, Sophie Svihovec
March 8th:	Captain: Kathryn Brown Ushers: Jody Bachmeier, Barb Satran, Winston Satran, Cathy Kinnischtzke, Dave Nix Reception Host: <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
March 15th:	Captain: Audre Goll Ushers: Kent Ellis, Jacquie Ellis, Pete Emerson, Cindy Cross, Don Cross Reception Host: Kent Ellis
March 22nd:	Captain: Gloria Blanco Ushers: Donna Richter, John Richter, Vic Sonneman, Ron Carlisle, Neva Carlisle Reception Host: Donna Arneson
March 29th:	Captain: Peggy Hoge Ushers: Joe Bachmeier, Jody Bachmeier, JoAnn Hodny, Taleah Schneider, Alice Nix Reception Host: Ann Lynch

COMMUNION SERVERS

Sunday, March 1st, 2020

Vic Sonneman	Ella Gutzke
Tedd Gutke	Becky Liedtke
Dave Nix	Alice Nix
Ron Carlisle	Kris Ronningen
Kathryn Brown	Abby Bjornson

LAY READERS

March 1st
Jim Skaret

March 8th
Hannah Luciano

March 15th
Barb Satran

March 22nd
Lori Orser

March 29th
Volunteer Needed

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES...

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Eleanor Sand	2nd
Edith Weber	2nd
Olivia Bachmeier	3rd
Drew Henriksen	3rd
Becky Murphy	3rd
Ethan Lannoye	3rd
Kim Hocking	3rd
Dawn Henriksen	4th
Johan Mahlum	5th
Duane Ehrens	6th
Zach Strombeck	8th
Mary Hoberg	10th
Darlene Kelley	11th
John Bjornson	11th
Larry Larson	12th
Otto Reile	12th
Kathleen Gappert	12th
Daphne Cornell	13th
Mary Ingstad	13th
Juanita Hocking	15th
Jim Rambo	15th
Don Bigwood	16th
Judy Lentz	16th
Connor Svihovec	17th
Carol Zimmerman	17th
Alice Halling	19th
Larry Hoge	19th
Susan Schafer	21st
David Poffenberger	26th
Heather Davis	27th
Sandy Westerlind	30th

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Alex Volk	30th
Karmen Svihovec	31st

ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Keith & Mary Magnusson</i>	<i>Mar. 10th</i>
<i>Steve and Laura Adair</i>	<i>Mar. 20th</i>
<i>Dale & Lael Hoerauf</i>	<i>Mar. 22nd</i>

All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from previous information requests filled out by you. If we 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!



SAVE THE DATE!

Climb Aboard for...



Vacation Bible School

The BEST week of the summer!

New Friends * Amazing Experiences * Creative Games

Surprising Adventures * Incredible Music

Sunday, August 2nd - Wednesday, August 5th

***FREE* for Ages 4 and up! 5:30-8 pm,**

with Dinner Included!

FAMILY NEWS

Deaths:

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of those who have passed on:

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"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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ~ MARCH 17th

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by many people throughout the world, Irish or non-Irish alike, with food, drink and all things green. But do you really know why this is such an important holiday?

St. Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian Missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary Patron Saint of Ireland.

According to the *Confession* of Patrick, when he was about 16, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Great Britain and taken as a slave where he looked after animals until his escape six years later. At that time he returned to his family. This crisis would have dealt a crushing blow to most people, but St. Patrick isn't a saint for nothing. He overcame his displacement, endured his time as a slave and clung resolutely to a divine vision of helping his Irish Kinsmen. Indeed he did! After becoming a cleric, he returned to Northern and Western Ireland, and virtually single-handedly established a strong foothold of Christianity in the area. In later life, he served as an Ordained Bishop. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the Patron Saint of Ireland.

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th ~ the day of St. Patrick's death (461 A.D.). He was an incredible individual because he was a fighter, an innovator and staunch in his passion for bringing awareness to the Christian faith.



Happy St. Patrick's Day



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Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 am.

Office Hours

8:00 AM—5:00 PM Monday-Friday

Staff

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Finance Assistant

Vickie Haas

Administrative Assistant/Youth

Christian Education Director

Charee Linton

Organist

Arvy Smith

Gail Snustad

Choir Director

Debi Rogers

Bell Choir Director

Lael Hoerauf

Custodian

Nathan Peterson

Membership Services

Judy Lentz

Shelli Peterson

Christian Education Interns

Emily Ehrens

Mark Jensen

Child Care Center Director

Shawn Stettner

Child Care Assistant Director

Vanessa Hein

Nursery

Mary Jones