

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HERE AND NOW!



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SUMMER WITH FPC YOUTH AND FAMILY!

Minneapolis Middle School Mission Trip

A great number of youth from our Presbytery, and surrounding churches, have signed up for this long weekend of service in Minneapolis June 22-25. The trip is open to those entering 6th-9th grades this fall, and costs \$175. The weekend will be full of fun as we travel to Minneapolis/St. Paul to share service with those in need, as well as enjoy Minnehaha Falls, Valleyfair and the Mall of America.

The biggest highlight of this trip will be bringing together our youth from all over North Dakota and Minnesota. Many of these youth will have attended our past retreats, getting to know each other one weekend at a time. It's amazing to see the friendships forming with these youth who see each other once a year! Each time is a new possibility for closer friendships, and discussions of faith.

This is the first Middle School trip being planned by the Youth Connection Team of the Presbytery, and the response has been overwhelming! Not only are a good amount of Bismarck youth attending, but youth from all over the state and churches we've never met with before! Keep our many youth-and adult chaperones-in your prayers as they experience God through so many exciting opportunities on this trip together!

FREE Vacation Bible School For ages 4 and Up!



Sunday, July 30th—Wednesday, August 2nd

5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Dinner Included!



**Visit the FPC
website TODAY
to get your
family
registered!**

WWW.FPCBISMARCK.COM/VBS.HTML

6th Grade-Adult Volunteers are Needed.

Parents are asked to Volunteer at least 1 night with Kids.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE...



Jesus said to Nicodemus, *"The wind (the pneuma, the spirit) blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."* (John 3:8)

I have three topics for you this month:

1) The first Sunday of the month of June this year is the Day of Pentecost, June 4th. On the original day of Pentecost God sent the Holy Spirit to come upon the early disciples, and for the first time to take up residence within their spirits. They experienced this as a rush of mighty wind coming upon them, as the appearance of flames that looked like fire resting on them, and as they began to speak in languages other than their own.

Pretty spectacular activity—beyond anything any of them ever had experienced! Ever since then Christians have looked upon that Day as the birth of the church—the actual Spirit of God alive within us, taking up residence within us, and causing us to gel together as Christ's Church—the body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit can be both mysterious and familiar, and always is beyond our control. And always the Spirit, like the wind, is on the move—and in particular *moving us*. The Spirit is never *not* moving Christians.

Such urging reminds me of our children when they were young, and now like our granddaughters. "C'mon let's do this Daddy/Grandpa...then let's do this...let's go there...and let's do that, and that, and that. C'mon—don't just sit there (nap there)!"

The Spirit of God is always urging us to "C'mon!" I don't mean expecting us to be overly busy, never resting, lives filled with frenetic activity. After all, God does have many different "seasons" for us, and "a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3).

But "spiritual inertia" is never the plan or purpose of God's Spirit. C'mon—let's help, let's pray, let's befriend someone, let's have fun, let's sit quietly, let's study, let's give and share, let's speak, let's worship, let's listen...let's listen for the voice of the Spirit.

Have a glorious Season of Pentecost!

2) Summer—it's about to begin! Could you ever have imagined...last December, or January, or February? What snow piles in the church parking lot? What heaving of the sidewalk blocks that wouldn't let us open the church doors? What cancelation of Christmas Sunday worship?

No only are the temperatures "friendly" now—and getting nicer. Not only does this month have the longest daylight hours of the year—at the early dawn of the day and at the late and colorful and colorful sunsets. But also are reminded how profoundly good God's creation is—the genius of God's inspiration—and the profound trust God has placed in us human beings to be creation's caretakers. Amazing! Have a glorious summer wherever you enjoy it, and however you spend it.

3) The Session, as a search committee, is in the midst of seeking and discerning God's call for the next pastor of the church. Pray for them. Encourage them. Prepare yourselves to welcome the one who will be called...and ready yourself to join...in the partnership of ministry. The give-and-take, the adjustments, and all that will be new and alive awaiting you all. Pray for the Session and for the candidates!

Actually—all three of these topics are expressions of the Spirit Life of Pentecost.

Summer Blessings!

David

SEARCH COMMITTEE

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

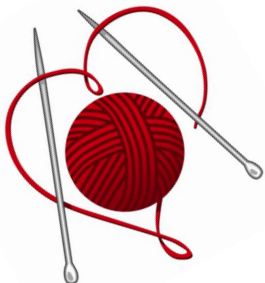
~ Matthew 9:35-38

During the month of May the Search Committee completed preparation of the Ministry Information Form (MIF) and obtained the approval of the Committee On Ministry of the Presbytery. The approved MIF was uploaded to the denomination's electronic network thru Church Leadership Connection (CLC). This enables the distribution of the MIF throughout the denomination and the computer matching with Personal Information Forms (PIF) of prospective candidates currently in the denomination's electronic network. The approved MIF has also been distributed by the Stated Clerk of the presbytery to other presbyteries within our synod. The presbytery has also published the MIF in the presbytery's newsletter and the MIF is accessible on our church's website.

We hope to begin receiving PIF's of interested candidates over the next several weeks. Upon receipt, they will be distributed to all search committee members for their individual review and the Search Committee will conduct it's committee review during future committee meetings. While the Search Committee will not be able to share the names and other details regarding prospective candidates to members of the congregation, we will continue to keep the congregation updated regarding the progress of the search for our next pastor. We continue to ask for your prayers and support for the Search Committee during this process.

Jim Skaret
Chair, Search Committee

KNITTING PARTY



Mark your calendars for **June 6th!** You are invited to a second "*Learn to Knit*" party in our church parlor at **7:00 p.m.** Our Outreach Committee, with Carolyn Barks leading our learning along with other helpers, are coordinating this fun event. The group of 10 had so much fun at our first class we wanted to have a second party. We would love to have more participants at the second party. If this is your first party, the items you will need are: One scan of worsted yarn, knitting needles (either #8, 9, or 10). If second class, feel free to bring your item that you worked on. We will all bring **a willingness to have fun.** With the added opportunity to get to know one another better, please sign up on the Volunteer Board Knitting Party list. Questions can be directed to Gladys Cairns at 255-6911. Treats will be provided.

The Outreach Committee is looking forward to joining you in the second round of fun on Tuesday, June 6th!

JUNE TURKEY ROAST SUSPENDED THIS YEAR!

The Membership Committee has decided to take a year off for this event as our small committee, as well as other helpers, are not available in June due to an overwhelming amount of conflicts. We instead will place our focus on inviting new members to join our committee, so we can be better prepared for conflicting schedules and any other conflicts as they arise.

Thank you for your understanding.

Diann Johnson, chair
Membership Committee



FPC CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS

The weather is warming up, spring is finally here and summer is just around the corner! This summer, the will be enjoying two new sandboxes built by Boy Scouts Troop #6. The sandboxes should be completed in June. This is an especially meaningful gift, as it helps defray the cost of purchasing a sandbox as part of the Outdoor Classroom Fundraiser. As of right now, we are roughly one-fourth of the way to our \$40,000 Outdoor Classroom fundraising goal. Donations are much appreciated!

Last year, the Boy Scouts built raised flower boxes. As a class project, the Firefly room (ages 4-5) will plant veggies in the boxes, as well as flowers in an in-ground bed if time allows.

The children are happy to go outside in the fresh air, and new features to the outdoor space are always welcome!



FPC Child Care Center is in need of AA batteries. If you are able to help out, you may drop them by the church office at your earliest convenience!

Thank You!





Our youth entering grades 9-13 are invited to a week in Denver, Colorado for a Mission Trip July 15-22. We are excited to be joining a church that host a Vacation Bible School for their community. This VBS became so popular, they needed more volunteers and created this mission opportunity for our youth!

Youth will spend the mornings helping with Vacation Bible School, and afternoons learning from various non-profits about their work in the Denver area. Our youth will enjoy the beautiful Rocky Mountains, and time spent with the families of the community.

We're excited for this opportunity for the youth

of our Presbytery to be in the midst of families in need, and not only spending time with their kids, but learning of the many ways God is providing for those in need. It will be a great trip, and we are really looking forward to it!



PROJECT SERVICE DONATIONS CONTINUE



The Outreach Committee wants to remind our church family members that **PROJECT SERVICE CONNECT** donation drive continues. Outreach is asking you to donate any size pairs of socks. Or perhaps you could donate winter apparel (hats, scarves, or mittens). These items

will be given out during Project Service Connect at the Bismarck Library in August. Agencies, churches and organizations will greet homeless and low income families in need at tables where our gifts will be given to those in attendance. Please contact Gladys Cairns,

Outreach representative, if you have comments or questions. You are such a generous church family with your response to the requests from our Outreach Committee! Deep *Gratefulness* is felt for your willingness to come to church and to be the church beyond our walls!

FPC FUN DAY AT HARMON LAKE!

FREE Event: Saturday, July 8th @ 12-5 p.m.



Come hang out with your FPC family and enjoy a beautiful day on Harmon Lake! We'll be meeting from 12-5 p.m. on Saturday, July 8th, and all are welcome! Please invite your family, friends and

neighbors, and let's get together for some water fun and time in the sun! We will have canoes, water and lawn games to enjoy. Kayaks and Paddleboards are available for rent as well! Snacks and water

will be provided by the Christian Education Committee. Feel free to bring any water toys or lawn games to enjoy this free event for friends and family Saturday, July 8th!

The Worship and Music Committee invites members of all ages to share your talents by participating in special music during worship services throughout the summer. There are many ways to get involved; you can sing with a group, sing a solo,

or play a musical instrument. If you are interested, please place your name, and contact information on the sign-up sheet located on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.



Please plan to attend our area Outdoor Worship Service on **Sunday, July 16th at 10:30 a.m. in Sertoma Park, Shelter #11**. We look forward to gathering for worship with members from area churches including Mandan and Wilton. A sign-up sheet for volunteering with setting up and clean-up as well

as bringing food to share
will be posted in the
Narthex as the time
approaches.

This is a great tradition or enjoying summer in North Dakota and a chance for increased fellowship with our Presbyterian neighbors.

Membership Committee



Summer is basically here! Planning of destination vacations, camping and outdoor fun is already in the works. As your calendars begin to fill up, please don't forget about the church! Help us by signing up to be an Usher, Greeter,

Reception Host, Lay Reader, and/or helping out at the Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen. The summer months are posted on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. Thank you for volunteering your time for these important roles!



Session Highlights

May 23rd, 2017

CLERK'S REPORT

The death of Eunice Gahley was reported, membership is 514. Session approved the transfer of membership of Chris, Bonnie, Erik and Hallie Johnson to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Decorah, Iowa.

NEW MEMBERS

Steve and Pat Burkle were received into membership by letter of transfer. They will appear before the congregation in June.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Total Income YTD Actual	\$175,813	Budget	\$158,383
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$168,332	Budget	\$177,317
NET Income	\$ 7,481	Budget	-\$ 18,934
Unrestricted General Fund	\$185,346		

Chair Ella Gutzke reported that more pledges were received this year versus last year. Per Capita income received to date is not as great as last year. Becky Mahlum, Chair of Stewardship, will send a letter to congregation members reminding them about per capita payments.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Reiter's continuing education time at San Francisco Theological Seminary included reflection, writing, reading of "Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr. Session will discuss, at a later time, "What's Next" from the Designated Pastor Call and Covenant. Pastor Reiter will be in MN the week of May 29th.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (from committee minutes and meetings)

Stewardship—Session approved giving 25% of the Peacemaking Offering (October) to the Ruth Meiers' meal program. Pentecost Offering will be received on June 4th.

Christian Education—Session approved minor changes to the Child/Youth Protection Policy. Twelve youth from church attended the Crystal Springs retreat in April. Intergeneration event at Harmon Lake will be July 8th. Session made suggestions for selling the 1973 Centennial plates (about 110 found in boxes in the basement). The youth cleaned and reorganized the storage room next to the kitchen.

Business and Finance—Session approved the use of \$500 from Memorials for church banners. Insurance claim for water damage has not yet been received.

Administrative and Personnel—Parish Nurse interviews will be held soon. A second estimate for Wi-Fi will be obtained from Connecting Point.

Session Highlights

May 23rd, 2017 (continued)

Property and Equipment—Some new trees will be planted around the church and the Boy Scouts may help with purchase and planting. The coffee maker in Ramstad Hall kitchen no longer functions; the committee will research possible replacement.

Membership—The Outdoor Worship service will be July 16th.

Worship and Music—The committee approved the purchase of two banners to be selected from the ad hoc Banner Committee. The committee is still pursuing an organist.

Outreach—Gail Christianson will be the authorized voter for the church on the Homeless Coalition with Kathy Wachter as secondary voter. Twelve blankets were completed for Project Connect. The committee hopes to collect 900 jelly jars. There will be an ice cream social sometime in June.

REPORTS OF RELATED GROUPS (from committee minutes)

Board of Deacons—Ruth Beachey will be moving and resigned as a Deacon. Kathy Wachter will be the new chair of the communion committee. Deacons have assisted some church community members with financial needs.

Child Care Center Board—A sub-committee is reviewing the Child Care Center Operations Policy and once completed it will be presented to CCC Board, then presented to Session. \$10,165 has been raised for the Outdoor Classroom; contacts were made with outside businesses.

Fine Arts Festival—The committee is working on plans for the festival October 27th-28th.

OPERATIONS MANUAL

Consistent language concerning drugs/alcohol/tobacco will be used: “No smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, use of illegal drugs or drugs not prescribed for that individual”. Session approved new signage saying the church building and grounds are a tobacco free environment

PASTOR SEARCH

The Ministry Information Form (MIF) is now online and was also sent to other Presbyteries in the Synod. Applications will be arriving soon.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session



JUNE'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS**JUNE**

A. William Lucas	1st
William Davis	1st
Jim Skaret	2nd
Drew Pengilly	5th
Marjorie Kahl	5th
Ronald Gappert	5th
Hannah Shockman	6th
David Pengilly	7th
Pam Lannoye	7th
Bryce Volk	9th
Genevieve Voegelé	9th
Elaine Mahlum	13th
Sedalia Mahlum	15th

BIRTHDAYS**JUNE**

Pam Helbling	16th
LeRoy Bollinger	16th
Bonnie Riedlinger	19th
Justina Nji	20th
Dick Weber	22nd
Debi Rogers	23rd
Gary Gilchrist	24th
Calista Wohl	24th
Bill Sprynczynatyk	27th
Jill Bollinger	27th
Mary Bradford	30th
Sarah Massey	30th


ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Otto & Janet Reile</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Leo & Audre Goll</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Stan & Alice Halling</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Ryan & Heather Davis</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Joe & Jody Bachmeier</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>David & Danette Pengilly</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Allen & Mary Hoberg</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Bob & Linda Tonolli</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Tedd & Ella Gutzke</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Don & Lynne Bigwood</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Jonathan & Jane Thomson</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>James & Beth Hughes</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Chris & Dawn Henriksen</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Harvey & Eleanor Sand</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Ed & Becky Murphy</i>	<i>18th</i>	<i>Josh & Maren Stokka</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Bill & Betty Sprynczynatyk</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Ken & Debi Rogers</i>	<i>30th</i>



All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from the church's membership database. 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!

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00pm Stewardship Comm. 6:00pm Outreach Comm. 7:00pm Membership Comm.	2	3 8:30am Lay Preachers (Parlor) 9:00am Yoga (202)
4 9:00am Adult Discussion Group (201) 10:00am Worship	5 7:00pm Boy Scouts (202) *No Christian Ed Committee*	6 5:30pm Yoga (202) 5:30pm Property & Equipment 5:30pm Nominating Comm. (Conf. Rm) 7:00pm Outreach Knitting Class (Parlor)	7 6:00pm Westminster Chimes Potluck (Parlor)	8 7:00pm Scholarship Committee (Conf. Room)	Hosting HSU Leadership Program Overnight Event at the Church	
11 (?) Adult Discussion Group (201) 10:00am Worship ~ New Member Induction	12 5:00pm Admin & Personnel Comm. 5:30pm Worship & Music Comm. 7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)	13 5:30pm Yoga (202) *No CCC Board*	14 12:00pm Munch & Mingle (Rankota) Flag Day	15 * No Deacons *	16	17 10:30am Eunice Gahley Memorial Service (Chapel) *No Yoga Today*
18 (?) Adult Discussion Group (201) 10:00am Worship HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	19 7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)	20 12:00pm Bus. & Finance Comm. 5:30pm Yoga	21	22	23	24 9:00am Yoga (202)
25 (?) Adult Discussion Group (201) 10:00am Worship Mission Trip ~	26 7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)	27 5:30pm Yoga (202) 7:00pm Session (Parlor)	28	Middle School Mission Trip ~ Minneapolis		
				29 30 There are outside groups that meet at the church during the summer that ARE NOT ON THIS SCHEDULE! If you have any questions, or would like to know if a room is available, please call the church office at 701-223-6091. Thank You!		

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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

Staff

Pastor

Rev. Dr. David Reiter

Christian Education Director

Ashley Tangen

Finance Assistant

Vickie Haas

Administrative Assistant

Charee Linton

Organist

Jan Candee

Choir Director

Debi Rogers

Handbell Ensemble Director

Lael Hoerauf

Maintenance Manager

Les Hornbacher

Membership Services

Judy Lentz

Shelli Peterson

Child Care Center Director

Shawn Stettner

Child Care Assistant Director

Vanessa Hein



FAMILY NEWS

Deaths:

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family and loved ones of those who have died:

Eunice Gahley

(Memorial Service will be held on June 17th at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel)

If you have a birth, wedding, death, or other life-event announcement that you would like included in the next newsletter, please provide the necessary information to Charee in the church office at 701-223-6091 or firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com.



PRESBYTERIAN FUN FACTS

- ♦ King George called the American Revolution “the Presbyterian Revolution” because so many Presbyterian ministers were influential in starting and supplying American independence. At least eleven of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterians.
- ♦ Woodrow Wilson, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Ronald Reagan are among ten Presbyterian presidents of our country. Abraham Lincoln, though he never joined any church, regularly attended the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington during his years as president.
- ♦ Famous Presbyterians include actors John Wayne and Jimmy Stuart, late-night talk show host David Letterman, author Mark Twain, and astronaut John Glenn. Fred Rogers, better known as “Mr. Rogers” was an ordained Presbyterian Minister.
- ♦ Presbyterians value education very highly. There are over 80 Presbyterian-related colleges in the United States.