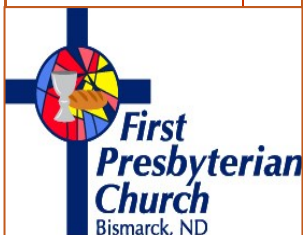


Here and Now



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FROM PASTOR LEANNE: WHERE JOY IS FOUND

One of my absolutely favorite sights to see is the gathering of people after church around our produce cart. (I say our cart, but it really belongs to Bill Jensen, who restored an antique cart to its original beauty and loans it to us! – Thanks, Bill) I find so much joy there, the happiness of harvest, knowing that we are sharing the produce of a lot of our gardens for the well-being of all. My thanks to everyone who gives and receives – you make me happy.

And I know, the point is not to make *me* happy – it is to follow the commands of scripture and the teachings of Jesus. Jesus repeatedly taught his disciples to share their food, and the writer Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles (ch. 4) that, “All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.”

And somehow, when we do something so directly related to the words of Jesus, I get really happy. Churches pay bills, as they should, they organize fellowship events, as they should, they pray and celebrate births and do a hundred other things that nourish and care for the community, as they should... but when they are giving, when they literally do what Jesus taught: caring for the poor, sharing food, feeding the homeless, helping the vulnerable, looking out for the stranger – I get all excited.

The produce from our garden has not only been shared “in-house.” It has been donated to various food banks and soup kitchens in our area, and with the families of our day care. A really industrious team of gardeners has planned, planted and harvested that bounty for the sake of obeying Jesus.

This church is really giving – generous to the heart. Peanut Butter and Jelly for the backpack project is gathered in our halls; our volunteers serve at the Banquet; food drives are planned for near Thanksgiving and the season of pledging is upon us. And I am smiling. Smiling, smiling, smiling – because when I look at who we are, I see us doing what Jesus taught.

Who could ask for more.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021



CLERK'S REPORT

Membership remains at 355. Presbyterian Clerks from 4 area churches met to review Session records, rolls & registers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$341,742	Budget	\$331,310
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$294,399	Budget	\$380,399
NET Income	\$ 47,343	Budget	-\$ 49,088

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Pastor Leanne shared upcoming dates for congregational meetings, elder training, installation/ordination of new elders and deacons. A congregational meeting will be called for October 24 and January 23 will be the Annual Congregational Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative and Personnel—changes to the Congregational Bylaws were approved by Session. Elders and deacons are elected for two-year terms, therefore two classes instead of three and may serve three consecutive two-year terms. The congregation will vote on these changes on October 24.

Hospitality—**SAVE THE DATE OF OCTOBER 16, 12:30-2:30 FOR A POTLUCK AND GATHERING AT PAPA'S PUMPKIN PATCH.**

Proclamation—**Christian Education and Worship and Music Committees** will meet together on October 4.

Property and Equipment—Some money will be budgeted for an engineer to look at front brick work and for plumbing that is fifty years old. The door keypad is installed but the tablet necessary for recognition of codes is backordered. HVAC Phase I is complete; final documents should be available at the next Session meeting.

Resource Management—Consecration Sunday is October 10 with a catered meal following worship service. The 2022 budget will be presented at the October Session meeting. It will include 50% funding for the Parish Nurse from the General Fund; the other 50% comes from Endowments/Memorials.

Board of Deacons—A new duplicating machine for recording worship service was purchased. More members of the congregation are needed to serve as ushers.

Child Care Center Board—Session approved the original holding fee of full fee for the first week and half fee for the second if a family wishes to hold a spot (if a family was scheduled and cancelled). The proposed 2022 budget will reflect an hourly pay increase to \$11.00 and a \$4.00 increase in fees. The CCC received a grant of \$2500 from Capital Electric.

Nominating—Session approved the following Elders, Deacons and CCC Board members, Class of 2023:

Elders: Matt Engel, Chris Henriksen, Dale Hoerauf, Bill Jensen, Diann Johnson and Becky Rosenkranz.

Deacons: Lori Lee, Angie Hoerauf, Dennis Rosenkranz, Joe Satrom, Nanc Skaret, Wendy Skager, and Karmen Svihovec

Child Care Center Board: Gail Christianson, Damita Engel and Ella Gutzke

The congregation will vote to elect these officers on October 24.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE IS OFF AND RUNNING

The Annual Stewardship Drive was kicked off on Sunday, September 19 with a clever and heartwarming rendition of “It’s A Wonderful Church” played and sung to the tune of the “late-great” Louie Armstrong’s “What a Wonderful World” sung by Debi Rogers with piano accompaniment by Gail Snustad and special lyrics written by Pastor Leanne. It was a wonderful way to get the ball rolling. Thanks also to Dan Halvorson for the nice things he had to say about Wanona Goetz and our Parish Nurse Program which we expect to start funding, in part, with pledges to the General Fund. It was also great to have the opportunity to say thank you to our church and child care center staff for all of the work they do throughout the year and to Lael Hoerauf who has been filling the vacant Administrative Assistant position as a volunteer over the past year.

Sunday, September 19th was the start of a crescendo of activity in the church that will lead up to Consecration Sunday to be on October 10. This is the Sunday when all members are asked to bring their completed Estimate of Giving or Pledge cards, that were included in the Stewardship letter recently mailed to all members. During a special part of the worship service all members will be asked to bring their completed pledge cards forward in the church to be blessed and dedicated during worship. Rev. Marjorie Ackermann, Executive Leader of our presbytery, will be with us to deliver a special message. A catered celebration lunch will follow in Ramstad Hall that will include Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, rolls, a dessert as well as coffee and water for beverage. There will be special musical entertainment during the luncheon. Covid protocols for the luncheon include whatever you are most comfortable with.

Please mark your calendar for October 10. Join fellow church members in bringing forth your pledge during the 10 AM worship service and then join in celebration at the luncheon to follow in Ramstad Hall.



Stewardship
a way of life

OCTOBER IS PASTOR (CLERGY) APPRECIATION MONTH

According to PRESBYTERIANS TODAY magazine, September/October 2021 issue, October is designated as Pastor Appreciation Month (begun in 1992). Many congregations set aside the second Sunday of the month for a celebration. Conveniently for our church, October 10 is Consecration Sunday and a perfect time to celebrate our wonderful pastor!



Here are a few ways to show appreciation offered by the editor of PRESBYTERIANS TODAY, Donna Frischknecht Jackson:

PRAY—not only for the pastor but her family also

STEP UP & SHOW UP—commit to becoming more active in the life of the church and finding ways to use your talents

WRITE A NOTE—a personalized note, card or letter thanking Pastor Leanne

Have you thanked Pastor Leanne today??

THANK YOU, PASTOR LEANNE!!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A group of eight women met on January 25, 2019 and Prayer Shawl Ministry was born, thanks to Gladys and the Outreach Committee. Eight or nine knitters/crocheters gathered in the Parlor on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month for two hours. Carolyn Barks, Gladys Cairns, Dot Glaser, Jan Gilchrist, Sigrid Bucklin, Eleanor Sand, Daphne Cornell and Neva Carlisle. Pastor Leanne joined the group as her schedule allowed.

Several people have generously donated yarn so that we have two cupboards full, after using lots to complete many shawls. We have completed 70 shawls/lap robes to date. Thanks to the several people who have distributed shawls. We have given a few smaller shawls when children are baptized.

We reached out with shawls to the families who lost loved ones to the washed out road in southern North Dakota in early July, 2019.



We currently have 22 shawls in reserve. We had a few shawls in a basket at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to use during the service, however, they have been pulled until we are free of COVID.

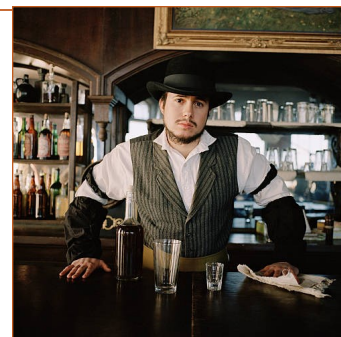
Due to COVID we have not gathered since March, 2020. We are hopeful we'll soon be back together. A couple women have been dutifully knitting during the COVID, thank you!

If anyone knows of someone who could use a shawl, please contact one of our committee or Wanona.

WANONA SAYS, "LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!"

One hot and dry day in the Wild West, this dog walks into a saloon and says, "Gimme a beer". The bartender said, "I'm sorry, but we don't serve dogs here." The dog then took out a silver dollar, dropped it on the bar, and said, "Look, I got money, and I want a beer." The bartender, getting a little irate, said, "We do not serve dogs here. Please leave." The dog growled, so the bartender pulled out a gun and shot the dog in the foot! The dog yelped, and ran out the door.

The next day, the swinging bar doors were tossed open and in walks the dog that had been in the saloon the day before. He was dressed all in black. A black cowboy hat, a black vest, three black cowboy boots and one black bandage. The dog looks around, and says, "I'm lookin' for the man who shot my paw."



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Almost all of us have a veteran (or an active service member) who has graced our lives with love and commitment. To honor them, First Presbyterian would like to make a slide show, to be viewed in the lobby of our church on November 14th. If you would like your loved one's photo included in this slide show, please send:

Their photo - preferably in uniform if possible

Their name, rank, and dates of service

Your name and relationship to them.

OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

As we come to the end of our growing season, we have so much to be grateful for. In the Hospitality committee we are incredibly grateful to all of our donors to the garden and especially to our volunteers. We would not have been able to do this without the hard work they put into this incredibly bountiful garden. Through all their sweat and elbow grease, we were able to provide delicious and nutritious produce to Heaven's Helpers, The Senior Center, and the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry, the people in our community who need this nutrition most. And by the gift of God, we were able to share with our church family Sunday mornings with all of the other gardeners of our congregation, so thank you to all of our hard working gardeners who contributed to the produce exchange this year, we all have enjoyed the deliciousness of a good tomato or zucchini in our bellies! Until next year everyone, Happy Autumn to us all!!

--The Hospitality Committee

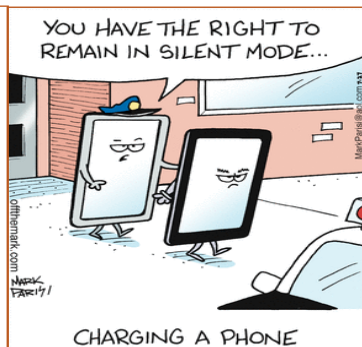


MORE

“MEDICINE”

FROM

WANONA



FROM OUR PARISH NURSE, WANONA

Happy October everyone. I do not know about all of you but September flew by quickly. One positive note; we did get some much needed moisture, thank you Dear Lord. Maybe with Halloween around the corner that virus will get boo...ed out. Sorry, just could not hold that back. Happy Halloween to all you! I hope to see you all on October 10th for the Sunday BP Clinic in the church conference room from 9 am to 10 am and following the church service from 11 am to noon.

I plan to open my strengthen exercise class on October 4th only to our First Presbyterian Church family. The class will be limited to only ten participants in the Ramstad Hall Monday and Thursday from 10 am to 11 am. We will continue to social distance and recommend using a facial mask until the covid numbers start to decline. Hopefully we can return to a new normal soon. I have tagged yet another member of our church family.

Please meet Kathy (Hanna) Wachter, who was born and raised in Watford City, ND. Her mother, Gertrude (and father, Lewis), were lifetime members of the Presbyterian Church. Kathy was the youngest of two. Her older sister is Susan. She received her education at Watford City graduating from high school there. She was a gymnast in high school and loved performing on the balance beam—today, she is afraid to even do a somersault as she occasionally has benign positional vertigo.

Some of Kathy's earliest employment experiences involved picking rocks for a local farmer, car-hopping at the local A&W, and as a candy stripper at the Watford City hospital and long-term care facility.

When asked who her hero was; she immediately said her maternal grandmother. She was a true pioneer; living alone in the badlands north of Killdeer, ND after her husband passed away. She was fearless, a typical prairie woman and a huge inspiration.



Celebrating her 5th Birthday



Posing with Dad, Mom, and Byron Dorgan at the U.S. Capitol - Oct 1983

Kathy had three goals in her life:

1. Visit all 50 states before her 40th birthday.
2. Obtain a Bachelor of Science degree before her 50th birthday.
3. Never ever be near any snakes.

Kathy attended ND State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND receiving an associate degree in secretarial science and stenography. After graduating from college, Kathy's first job was as an Administrative Secretary for Governor Link. She worked there for 4 ½ years. After he was defeated in the election, she was asked to move to Washington, DC and was the office manager for Congressman Dorgan for 10 years.

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Watford City High School graduation picture

She met the love of her life, Alan, at an adult singles group at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA. He was born in Pendleton, OR graduated from Tigard, OR high school and Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR. He worked his entire career with the US Treasury as a National Bank Examiner. They were very good friends in the singles group of 20 people and eventually started dating—



Engagement 1987

in fact, all 20 married each other! The one thing that impressed Kathy the most was Alan's willingness to get up at 4 am on a Saturday every month to volunteer for a soup kitchen. After over two years of dating they married on September 5, 1987. She lived 20 years out of state as his career transferred them from Washington, DC to Portland, OR, Chicago, IL and Boston, MA. They were married almost twelve years when Alan unexpectedly passed away on August 28, 1999 at age 44. This was the most devastating day of her life. Alan was her soul mate and will forever hold a special place in her heart.



Halloween 1992

After Alan's death, she returned to Bismarck and went back to work for then Senator Dorgan. While working she attended Dickinson State University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts. She got her diploma three days prior to her 50th birthday.

One of the proudest moments in Kathy's life was being able to work for a state governor, US congressman, US senator and presently for the state legislature when they are in session. This is truly an amazing achievement.

Kathy is a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church. She was baptized, confirmed and married at the Watford City Presbyterian Church. She joined the First Presbyterian Church in Bismarck around 2000. She is very active in the church. She has participated in all of the adult mission trips, is in choir, handbells, Hospitality Committee, volunteers for the food pantry and "The Banquet", helps with funerals, VBS, PAC and ushering. She is also a Deacon. *Thank you, Kathy, for sharing your life journey.*



CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS

Where has the time gone? We are already heading into October preparing the budget for 2022 for the Child Care Center and preparing to increase our staffing and attendance for the new year. Along with this preparation for changes, we are getting ready for October plans.



The Child Care Staff would like to remind all the Children that will be going out during Halloween to trick-or-treat, to follow some guidelines to stay safe. Listed below are a few ideas to follow when you are out trick-or-treating in your costumes:

1. Always watch for traffic when you are crossing a road.
2. Never wear your mask when running or crossing roads or traffic areas.
3. Always be in a group or with an adult (parent, babysitter, adult sibling, etc.)
4. Always have a flashlight, reflector, or glow stick with you for safety.
5. Don't eat any candy or other food or fruit before it is inspected by your parent.

Donations for the Child Care Center for the month of October is dishwashing POWDER and bleach.

PB&J: SPREADING THE LOVE

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous contribution to the Backpack for Kids program. By delivering packs to schools in the Bismarck/Mandan area on Friday afternoons, they are able to provide nourishment to children who lack food over the weekend.

The picture below was taken early in September and the amount donated has since tripled in size.



PUMPKIN PATCH OUTING

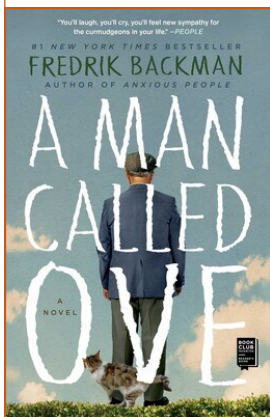
Fall is in the air . . .

. . . and it's time for Papa's Pumpkin Patch!

Join us on Saturday, October 16th at Papa's Pumpkin Patch. We will share a potluck supper in Shelter 7 (with electricity) between 12:30 and 2:30. Unlike other years, we are *not* loading up our grills and cooking on-site. Bottled water will be provided along with plates, napkins and cutlery. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex, so bring your favorite hot dish, dessert or anything yummy and join the fun!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Burleigh Country Senior Adults Program is in need of volunteers to assist with packing and delivering meals to homebound seniors in the area. Since the onset of the Covid pandemic, requests for home-delivered meals have risen significantly and so has the need for assistance in providing those meals. Volunteers can help with packing the meals, usually a 2-3 hour job, or with delivering the meals. The routes are about 1 to 1½ hours long. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Spring at the Bismarck Senior Center (255-4648) for more information about the program and scheduling work shifts.



BOOK CLUB

Book Club will be meeting next on Thursday, October 21st at 1:30 pm in the parlor. The book up for discussion, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman, was originally published in Sweden and has been adapted into a film and stage play. This novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down" (*Booklist*, starred review). Copies borrowed from the Bismarck Library are available in the church office.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Vonda Bailey	1st
Etta Schue	3rd
Ellie Adair	6th
Aaron (Bud) Johnson	7th
Bryson Fru	8th
Joe Satrom	10th
Pete Emerson	12th
Laura Jensen	13th
Cindy Cross	16th
Darin Svihovec	16th
Neva Carlisle	18th
Jane Boeckel	19th
Bella-Rae Fru	20th
Kaitlin Dixon	24th
Linda Jordre	24th
Solomon Bannerman	28th
Ron Carlisle	28th



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Arne & Donna Arneson	6th
Jeff & Susan Schafer	6th
Gary & Jan Gilchrist	12th
Bob & Cathy Kinnischtzke	14th
Tom & Pam Lannoye	14th
Mike & Jackie Lannoye	15th
Don & Cindy Cross	16th
Pat & Becky Liedtke	19th
Duane & Karen Ehrens	23rd

*Please let us know if we've made
a mistake or omission or if you
would prefer not to have your
special day published.
Thank you*



FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to John and Mary Emily Thomas on the August 26th birth of their daughter Catherine Lasley. As you can see, big sister Virginia is thrilled!

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Arvy Smith & Gail Snustad

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Debi Rogers

Handbell Ensemble Director

Lael Hoerauf

Maintenance Manager

Tony Bartole

Membership Services

Judy Lentz

Child Care Center Director

Shawn Stettner

Child Care Center Asst Director

Vanessa Hein

Nursery

Mary Jones

Christian Ed Interns

Sophie Svihovec & Mark Jensen



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 World Communion 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm ZOOM Adult Sun. School	4 10:00 am Exercise Class 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm ZOOM Proclamation	5 5:45 pm Property & Equipment	6 5:45 pm PAC/Teens 6:30 pm W. Chimes 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	7 10:00 am Exercise Class	8	9
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