

First Presbyterian Church

HERE AND NOW!



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GOD BLESS SUMMERTIME!

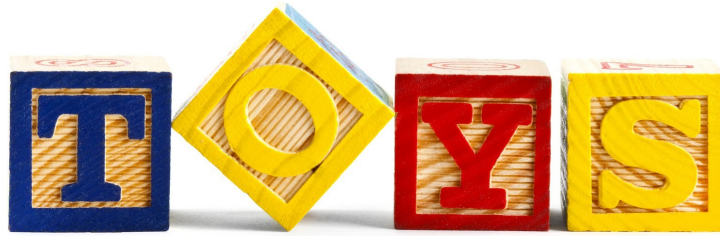
We are so thankful for our church family of First Presbyterian Church! Our Fun Day at Harmon Lake was a great success, and we are so thankful for all who were able to participate (especially those who brought toys to share)! The sun was warm enough to encourage time in the water, and several groups enjoyed canoe rides around the lake. Kids played in the water all day, and it was a great time for all—we are definitely looking forward to another great Saturday together in the Summer of 2018!

Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for renting canoes, and organizing our day at Harmon Lake. We look forward to more opportunities for our church family to come together this fall!

As our halls are prepared for Vacation Bible School, we can't wait to have kids, ages 4 and up, take over our church July 30-August 2 to learn the love of God through songs, games, and crazy activities! Stop by if you'd like to take a peek at the fun we have, and join in any night you are available! We're very thankful for the volunteers that are able to help, especially our PresbyTeens who do a great job of decorating and leading the kids throughout the week. We couldn't enjoy VBS without them!

We look forward to another great school year together, as our youth prepare to get back to school later this August. Please keep our families in your prayers as we prepare for a busy, and very fun year, together!

CHILD CARE CENTER NEEDS



Daycare Needs

Month	Item
January	Wipes & Hand Soap
February	Kleenex
March	Paper Towels
April	Dishwashing Powder (Powder ONLY)& Bleach
May	Books – Infant to 5 years
June	Diapers – Sizes 4 and 5
July	Wipes & Hand Soap
August	Paper Towels
September	Kleenex
October	Dishwashing Powder (Powder ONLY)& Bleach
November	Toys – Infant to 5 years
December	Tree of Love



PASTOR'S MESSAGE...

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."
(2 Corinthians 3:17-18)



So... "What's Next?" is a question that the Session has been discussing for a number of months, and in a variety of ways. It began in 2015 when I arrived as your designated pastor, because: a) it's a most natural question to wonder for anyone who cares about First Presbyterian Church and its future; and also b) such a discussion was a specific expectation of the presbytery for a designated pastor and congregation relationship.

Of course, "what's next?" is always what we all wonder—it doesn't have to be an assignment or anyone's expectation of us. You as a congregation were wondering that months before I ever showed up on the scene—and I know you are more-than-curious about "what's next?" as the Session (acting as the search committee) is actively involved at present in discerning who among this search's candidates will give you pastoral leadership next.

Continue to pray for the Session in their efforts. Engage yourself in the updated information they provide to the congregation as they know more. And prepare yourself to be a receptive, supportive, and adaptive member of the church family when that transition takes place however many months out in the church's future that will be.

That—is a glimpse of the "what's next?" discussion for the church as a whole. But what about *for you*—personally and spiritually? What do you look forward to? What do you wonder about? What are you uncertain or anxious—or even worried about? What are you hopeful and encouraged about? "What's next?" for you?

In my remaining time with you as pastor—the rest of the 2017 year—let me offer to you two things—an *open invitation* and a strong *word of encouragement*...as you prepare personally for "What's next?"

First, is an open invitation for you to feel free to call upon me to talk together about anything that is on your mind: any topic, question, concern, venting—anything for which you would like a listening ear, or any answers, encouragement, or direction I can give. I would like to be as available and helpful to you personally as you would like...over this next half-year or so, before we complete our pastor-congregation relationship at my retirement.

I believe most of us have developed a relationship with one another that is familiar, trusting, and comfortable. Are there any questions or topics that you would like to visit about, regarding, as examples: personal faith; church life or issues; ways God may be calling you to serve or volunteer; spiritual or theological topics; salvation and eternity; faith issues and contemporary issues, or just about anything else. The resident pastor (me) is here and available, and willing to try to be helpful and useful with your topics.

A phone call, an email, catching me after worship—whatever works best for you to then arrange an opportunity for us over topics—is the invitation I would like to offer.

Second, my word of encouragement to you all—as a congregation who clearly loves your church—is: Do your best to prepare and position yourself to adapt to "what's next?". And "what's next?" will not be just a new pastor (to listen to) - but a new partner in ministry with whom to merge your faith journey and calling with hers or his—for united direction together as First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck.

I know—it is way easier said than done (especially by some almost ex-pastor who will be "riding off into the sunset of retirement.") But consider the following realities:

- 1– Change will be happening.
- 2– Change is inevitable in the church, always (and in every single aspect of life).
- 3– How can I ready myself for a new beginning, taking responsibility for myself?
- 4– How can I contribute positively to the church being ready for a new beginning?



PASTOR'S MESSAGE (continued)

- 5– How can I, and we, be as accepting and welcoming, adaptable and assertive as possible for the new pastor who eventually will partner with us?
- 6– Pray: “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace” in this congregation.

My late father-in-law gave the following advice to me when I was in seminary, offered to this pastor-in-training. As a life-long Presbyterian, who served maybe a half-dozen terms on his Session, he said: “David, pastors come and go—but the church belongs to the members!” I never have forgotten it.

Sure, the transition I am referring to is still months away—and yet, it also is taking place now. In fact, “what’s next?” is always happening—it’s never *not* happening, in our lives and our faith—and in the church.

Let me know if I can be helpful to you.

Partnering with you in Christ,

David

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Pentecost offering has been gathered and a total of \$1,654.00 was received. \$992.00 will be sent to support national youth programs through Presbyterian USA. The remaining \$662.00 will be given to our own Child Care Center for the purchase of educational playground equipment.

I would like to thank those who gave generously to the Pentecost Offering. Your gifts represent the spirit of Pentecost sharing the word of Christ throughout the world.

John J. Richter

Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Committee

INSPIRATIONAL

I would like to start a new section in our newsletters regarding what inspires us. I would like you to share anything that you would like regarding maybe your personal experiences with God and write about it to inspire others in the congregation. Maybe you have a story of someone close to you that inspires you daily. What inspires you to volunteer and give back? If you would like to contribute, you may e-mail your story to Charee at the church office at firstpresbyterian@fpcbismarck.com, or drop it by the office. Thank You! ~ Charee

“DEDICATED” MUSIC

A dedication of music is a lovely way to remember someone or mark a special celebration. In recent years handbell music has been purchased in memory of former friends and family and also to celebrate a wedding and a special anniversary. If you have an interest in hearing Westminster Chimes play a dedicated piece, all you have to do is contact director Lael Hoerauf at 223-0964. She can help you choose a handbell arrangement of a favorite song or a piece appropriate for the occasion.



ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL COMM.

Administrative and Personnel Committee is going to start the process of reviewing the membership roles. Currently FPC Bismarck shows a membership of 507 active members. We know that several of the 507 on the list may no longer be active members. Individuals move away, some may join other churches, etc. It is the responsibility of the A&P committee to review the list and then contact those individuals who have shown little or no activity over last few years and ask if they want to remain as an active member of FPC Bismarck. One of the reasons it is important to have an accurate count of membership, is that our church pays the per capita for the 507 individuals reported on the list. Our goal is to complete the process and report to Session.

Dale Hoerauf

Committee Chair

BANNER COMMITTEE UPDATE

Over the years, our church has been fortunate to have all the beautiful banners created by Suzie Pearce & Darlene Kelley. Because of the need for a few new banners, a small task force was formed to “research & recommend”. The group consists of Sigrid Bucklin, Ann Lynch, Donna Richter, Sue Sorlie, Pastor Reiter and Les Hornbacher.

If you have suggestions or ideas on 2 or 3 additional banners for the Sanctuary, please contact anyone on the committee. First Presbyterian Bismarck will turn 150 in 2023—an opportunity for a special commemorative banner.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL OFFERS NEW LOOK

Special donations were made to three Bismarck arts groups by the Fine Arts Festival steering committee at a recent meeting. Liliana Norby of Theo Art School, Teri Storhaug of Central Dakota Children's Choir and Alicia McNeil representing Capital Shakespeare Traveling Troupe. Each received \$500.00 to promote their programs. This reflects the committee's mission of promoting youth artists.

Teri Fay, Artistic Director of Central Dakota Children's Choir, in a letter of gratitude stated, "Every year we have children/families who find it impossible, for whatever reason, to be able to afford tuition for CDCC. We do everything we can to hold the cost down, but even then there are still circumstances when some are not able to pay. Thanks to you, some families will be able to see that their child, who loves to sing, is able to follow that path with CDCC."

In other FAF news, the 2017 Festival has been set for Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28 at the church according to Festival co-chairs Gaylene Massey and Jan Schultz. The Prairie Plein Art Artists' group will be this year's featured artists and will present their own exhibit as well as their own contest as part of the show. Plein Art comes from the French and refers to artists working in nature to produce artwork. If weather permits the group will paint on-site at the church, which will be called urban scenes because, although they will be working outdoors, they will not be working in nature. They will also stage an on-site evening of painting outdoors August 2nd at the church. Larry Maslowski is chair of this group. Deadline for all artwork is October 6.

This year's Festival will offer a coffee house instead of the traditional high tea. The Westminster Chimes will participate the morning of October 28th with caramel rolls and coffee. The Festival Committee will continue in the afternoon with coffee and treats. The shortened Festival will open with the Preview Party Friday evening, October 27th in Ramstad Hall and will be open to the public.

For more information go to the church website at www.fpcbismarck.com or find us on Facebook.



Singles and Couples of Senior Age

munch & mingle

2nd Wednesday
Each Month

12:00 Noon
Ramkota
Hotel

Eat, drink, and be social.

Communion Servers Sunday, August 7th

Matt Engel	Lynne Bigwood
Gail Brown	Jim Rambo
Becky Mahlum	Priscilla Wilson
Olivia Bachmeier	Jay Cofell
Bill Jensen	Mark Jensen

Communion is available to be served at home, hospital, or nursing home to anyone who is unable to worship with the congregation. Please call the church office at 223-6091 to schedule a time.

Lay Readers

August 6	Bev Patch-Larson
August 13	Volunteer Needed
August 20	Volunteer Needed
August 27	Alice Nix

AUGUST USHERS/GREETERS/RECEPTION HOSTS

August 6th:	Captain: Clyde Johnson Ushers: Jim Rambo, Don Bigwood, Diann Johnson, Ron Carlisle, Neva Carlisle Reception Host: Phyllis & Jerry Lindblom
August 13th:	Captain: Sedalia Mahlum Ushers: Stan Halling, Alice Halling, Barb Satran, Winston Satran, Volunteer Needed Reception Host: Volunteer Needed
August 20th:	Captain: Priscilla Wilson Ushers: Bev Patch-Larson, Jerry Wilson, Larry Larson, Jim Rambo, Volunteer Needed Reception Host: Volunteer Needed
August 27th:	Captain: Steve Adair Ushers: Cindy Cross, Don Cross, 3 Volunteers Needed Reception Host: Volunteer Needed

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

July 25th, 2017

CLERK'S REPORT

Membership is 507. Several deaths which had been missed were recorded: Carl Fink, 12/6/2016; James Steinert, 9/2/2016; Harold Van Heuvelen, 4/26/2017; Robert Wahl, 4/17/2015. Janet Smaltz passed away on July 14th; her funeral service at the church was July 22nd.

Session approved the baptism request of Leah and Ryan Mowan for the baptism of Jameson Arley Mowan on September 3rd. Great grandparents are Arley and Ann Gallup and grandmother is Tammy Lemm.

A thank you letter from Rev. Sarah Bigwood of Valley Community Presbyterian Church was read.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Income YTD Actual	\$238,115	Budget	\$236,700
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$240,729	Budget	\$253,976
NET Income	- \$ 2,614	Budget	- \$ 17,276
Unrestricted General Fund	\$175,250.25		

It was noted that the per capita received in July showed a substantial increase and will be reflected in the August report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Reiter will offer to meet with any congregation member who may have questions or who want to share ideas. "What's Next" Parts 2 and 3 from the Designated Pastor Call and Covenant will be discussed by Session, looking at current issues which should lead to a vision as best we can view the future. Pastor David will be on vacation August 11-16 and will be in MN the week of August 28.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (from minutes and meetings)

Outreach—Gladys Cairns asked FPC to be a collaborative group for Youth Works. In order for Youth Works to apply for a federal grant, they need several groups to "sign". This is not a request for financial aid and FPC has supported Youth Works in the past. Session approved having the church be a supportive group.

David Massey has agreed to serve as Co-Chair of Outreach. He will continue to serve on Administrative and Personnel. Session also agreed that if the chair is not available to sign vouchers, the co-chair can.

Administrative and Personnel—Session approved using \$6,000 from Endowments/Memorials to fund most of the Wi-Fi installation throughout the church. Administrative/Personnel committee budget will cover the remaining \$1,224.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Gaylene Massey	1st
Brant Boeckel	2nd
Kim Wassim	2nd
James Hughes	3rd
Kim Christianson	4th
Matthew Skaret	6th
Myra Larson	7th
Enid Thompson	7th
Joanne Pearson	8th
Ashlee Fox	8th
Tamra Hellman	10th
Dale Hoerauf	12th
Beckett Háo Hedland*	13th
Ruth Jensen*	14th
Lael Hoerauf	16th
Kim Dixon	16th
Amy Kinnischtzke	18th
Connor Hellman	21st
Kenley Gratz*	22nd
Winston Satran	23rd
Bryon Skager	24th
Sandra Cofell	25th
Jerry Wilson	26th
Tanner Ball (T.J.)	27th
Evelynn Bitz	27th
Lorena Terry Nelson	27th
Jessica Feist	30th
Cole Svihovec	31st

ANNIVERSARIES

David & Gaylene Massey	2nd
Winston & Barb Satran	10th
Dennis & Becky Rosenkranz	16th
Joe & Katherine Satrom	16th
Darin* & Karmen Svihovec	17th
Larry & Peggy Hoge	19th
Jerry & Phyllis Lindblom	19th
Nils & Joanne Pearson	26th
Mark* & Sandra Ohlhauser	29th

All birthdays and anniversaries were taken from information gathered on Membership 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!



Welcome AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 6:00pm Nominating Comm. (Conf. Rm)	2 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Search Comm. (Conf. Rm)	3 6:00pm Membership Comm. (Conf. Rm) 6:00pm Outreach Comm. (Parlor)	4	5 9:00am Yoga (202)
6 9:00am Faith Issues—Contemporary Issues Class (Conf. Rm) 10:00am Worship 11:00am Prop. & Equipment (201)	7 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 6 (202) 7:00pm Christian Ed. Comm. (Conf. Rm)	8 12:00pm Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Rm) 5:30pm Yoga (202) 5:30pm CCC Board (Conf. Rm)	9 12:00pm Munch & Mingle (Ramkota) 7:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor)	10	11	12 9:00am Yoga (202)
13 10:00am Worship	14 5:30pm Worship & Music (Conf. Rm) 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 6 (202)	15 12:00pm Business & Finance (Conf. Rm) 5:30pm Yoga (202)	16 7:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor)	17 7:00pm Deacons (Parlor)	18	19 9:00am Yoga (202)
20 9:00am Faith Issues—Contemporary Issues Class (Conf. Rm) 10:00am Worship	21 5:00pm Admin & Personnel (Parlor) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 6 (202)	22 10:00am FAF Comm. (Parlor) 5:30pm Yoga (202) 6:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor) 7:00pm Session (Parlor)	23 7:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor)	24 <div>Bismarck Public Schools 1st Day of School</div>	25	26 9:00am Yoga (202)
27 9:00am Faith Issues—Contemporary Issues Class (Conf. Rm) 10:00am Worship	28 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 6 (202) <div>Newsletter Deadline</div>	29 5:30pm Yoga (202)	30 7:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor)	31		

COMMUNITY EVENTS



FAMILIES OF MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

If you, your teen, or a teen you know, is wondering about how to afford back-to-school clothing, Youthworks invites you to its annual “We’ve Got You Covered” clothing giveaway.

- ◇ **WHO:** Middle School & High School youth
- ◇ **WHAT:** Free back-to-school clothing giveaway
- ◇ **WHEN:** Thursday, August 10th
- ◇ **WHERE:** Bismarck High School
- ◇ **TIME:** 6-8 pm

Save the date if this event would help your family and please help us spread the word by telling other friends and families about “We’ve Got You Covered”.



Sunday, October 8th

Mark your calendar and join in sharing God’s love in a very practical way. Through moneys collected during CROP Walks, water wells and the knowledge to make the wells work, make clean, refreshing drinking water a reality. You make it possible that children can live and thrive, a small garden is grown, a few chickens or perhaps a goat provide food and income. By being a part of CROP Walk you will make a difference.

Location:

Steps of Capital Building
600 E Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505
(click [here](#) for map & directions)

Registration: 12:30 p.m.

Walk: 1:30 p.m.

Distance:

1 mile or 4 miles

Contact:

Allison Germolus
germolus5@bis.midco.net
allisongermolus@gmail.com
701-400-0053.

AUGUST FUN FACTS

The 8th month of the year brings us the “Dog Days of Summer”, National Aviation Day, and the last full month of the Summer.

Below are some fun facts about August:

- ◇ The birthstones for August are the peridot and the sardonyx.
- ◇ The zodiac signs for August are Leo (7/23-8/22) and Virgo (8/23-9/22)
- ◇ The birth flowers for August are the gladiolus and the poppy.
- ◇ On August 1st, 1876, Colorado, also known as the Centennial State, became the 38th state of the United States.
- ◇ On August 2, 1909, the Lincoln penny was issued.
- ◇ On August 3rd, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage across the Atlantic
- ◇ On August 6th, 1926, Gertrude Ederle successfully swam the English Channel.
- ◇ On August 9th, 1974, Richard Nixon resigned from office, making him the first U.S. president to ever resign from office.
- ◇ On August 12th, 1877, the phonograph was invented by Thomas Edison.
- ◇ On August 12th, 1898, Hawaii was annexed by the United States.
- ◇ National Family Fun Month
- ◇ National Peace Month
- ◇ National Golf Month
- ◇ National Picnic Month
- ◇ Friendship Day—first Sunday of August
- ◇ August 26th—Women’s Equality Day



BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS FOR PARENTS

Information taken from www.sparkepe.org

With a well-rounded summer vacation ending, parents spend a lot of time getting their kids ready for school. New school supplies, haircuts, and special end-of summer outings all play into the back-to-school routine. There are some other things that parents can do for themselves and their kids to ensure a smooth transition into the school year, too. Take a look below at a few ways to get this year off to a great start in your house.



- ◆ **Set up a bedtime and wake-up routine in advance.** If possible, it is best to establish bedtimes and wake-up times two weeks in advance of the start of the school. By the time the first bell rings, kids will already be on the right sleep schedule and it will be one less worry for your family.
- ◆ **Get to know the teachers.** There will be open houses, orientations, and other meet & greet options at the beginning of the school year for you to attend and get to know your kids' teachers. If you are unable to attend any of these, try to find a few minutes before or after school to connect with the teachers, or at the very least, send an introductory email that includes how you can help during the school year, however big or small.
- ◆ **Plan healthy lunches and snacks.** The better you plan out the meals in your home, the healthier choices you will make for your kids. When you pack protein-rich snacks and lunches, balanced with fruits, and vegetables, and other wholesome items, you ensure that your children will have energy and brainpower to make it through their school days.
- ◆ **Organize clothing.** Of course you will need to donate or otherwise get rid of the clothing that your kids have outgrown, but you should also take the time to carefully organize what is left. From there, decide what items you may need more of before school begins.
- ◆ **Set up a staging area.** Find a central spot to store everything related to school, including backpacks, upcoming outfits, and a dry-erase calendar with family schedules. Try to keep this area free of clutter and other non-school items so that you can find what you need, when you need it—and quickly. Have the kids help you stock it with school-related items and keep it clean and functional. Find some inspiration here.
- ◆ **Update medical records.** Most schools will let you know if your shot records are out of date, but why not go beyond that? Make sure teachers and administrators have a complete list of any medical concerns regarding your kids, including allergies. You will also want to be sure that all emergency contacts are up to date.
- ◆ **Talk to your kids about bullying.** Research shows that one in three kids experience bullying at some point in their school career—and in the increasingly digital world, the consequences can be extreme. Make sure your kids understand the right way to treat their peers, and when to speak up if they see someone else being bullied. Also make sure they know when to come to you if they feel they are being bullied.
- ◆ **Ask your kids about their concerns.** The start of school is exciting, but can also bring some anxiety—especially when it comes to the unknown. Take a few minutes to ask your kids what they are most looking forward to during the school year, and what things may worry them. By giving them a forum to express their concerns, you can help them work through any worries in advance of school starting and clear up any issues that could lead to a bumpy start to the year.

SUMMER FUN AT FPC

Harmon Lake Family Day



Vacation Bible School Decorating



Medora Trip



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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

(closed from 12:00—1:00 Friday ONLY)

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

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

Janet Smaltz

Janet passed away on July 14th, 2017

*"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*

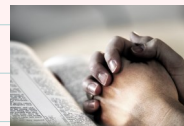
PRAYER CHAIN

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:

Nance Skaret at
skaret@bis.midco.net

or

call 258-4703,
or the church
office.



COMMUNION AT HOME

Communion is available to be served at home, hospital, or nursing home to anyone who is unable to worship with the congregation.

Please call 223-6091 to schedule a time!

