

First Presbyterian Church

# Here & Now!



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*May the New Year  
bring joy, peace &  
happiness to you  
& your entire family!*

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## **SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The new year has arrived! There are new sign-up forms on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. Please check to see where you can be of service!

We have the new sign-up sheet for the 2017 Ruth Meiers Soup Kitchen. We volunteer the 1st Wednesday of every month. There are some spots that need to be filled **FAST!**

Please call the Church office at 223-6091 if you can help!



## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We just want to thank all the Nominating Committee members for doing a fantastic job. All the positions that needed to have replacements has been accomplished.

THANK YOU!

GOD BLESS!

Ella & Carole,  
Co-Chairs



## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

*Please consider a role in the Membership Committee for 2017*

The Membership Committee invites your help with our purpose of creating a welcoming environment and an

engaged and connected community.

Our focus includes both growing and nurturing our membership. Please prayerfully consider your potential role in serving as a member of

our committee or helping with our activities.

Please contact Diann Johnson at church or call 701-425-2353.

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:18-19)*

Welcome—to a new year, a new era, a new day—in life itself, and in your Christian faith, and in the life and journey of First Presbyterian Church!

In what ways? Well...of course, the year 2017 is a *new year* on the calendar, full or to be filled with activities and events, dates and places and people—some we expect and some that will surprise us.

As part of that, church activity in 2017 will provide an inspiring, exciting and even fun year of events, worship experiences, and ministries. Some will continue the tradition and heritage of FPC that has been so meaningful, to so many people, for so long. But, also new and maybe innovative possibilities will be tried as we faithfully strive to be open to the "*new thing*" that God has ready to "*spring forth*" in our midst.

Add in that the natural flow of change in our lives and world—technology, personal changes, and politics and governing, and more all makes this an *ever-new era* in which to live, and in which to try to keep up!

Also, this is a *new day*—in our Creator God's purposefulness, and hope, and will for you and me and for all people everywhere—for fullness of God's creation. How totally exciting...and uncertain...maybe scary...and yet the perfect setting for a living and loving faith in Christ to be in action!

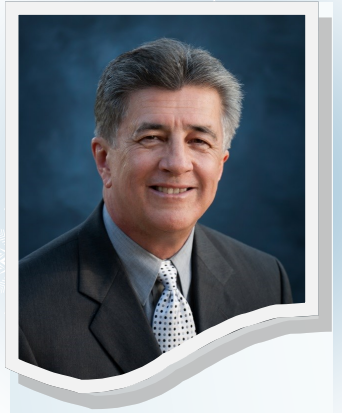
Here is some of what you can expect for 2017 at First Presbyterian Church:

1. The Session will be reporting to you the work it has done in 2016 to help the congregation move forward—beyond the turbulent times and pastoral changes since 2012, by:
  - Reporting their work directly to you during the worship service on January 8th, and following that up by mailing a printed letter version of their report to every member; and
  - During worship on January 22nd, provide an opportunity in prayer to offer to God our actions, words, memories, feelings, confessions and forgiveness—calling upon God's help for the church move forward in healing and wholeness...thus, ever more ready to chart the course in faith, mission and ministry for the years ahead.
2. The Session and Congregation together tackling issues, and developing new directions for the church's future—not just to envision in some futuristic, guess-work kind of way—but to actively try to live out—sometimes succeeding, sometimes failing, always trying again, and ceaselessly praying!
3. Pursuing a vision in your own personal faith, together with the living God—and undertaking the steps to pursue that personal faith vision, exploring:
  - Faith knowledge (e.g. beliefs, Bible, spirituality, contemporary issues and application)
  - Your spiritual gifts
  - Your calling, purpose, use of gifts at your life-stage, at this time and place in the life of the church.

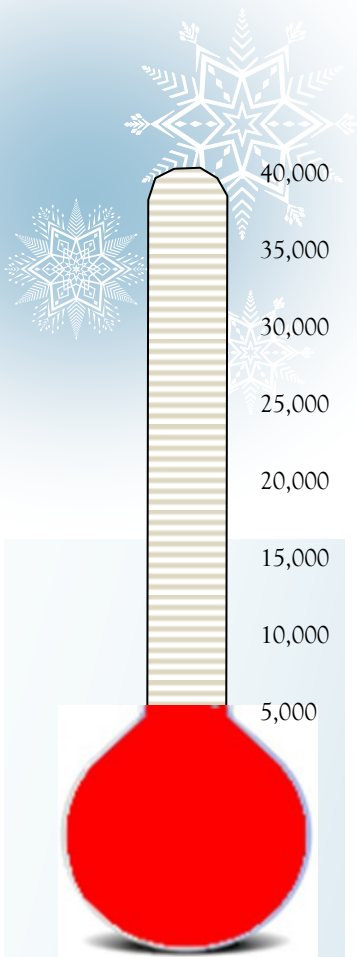
This all will add up to be the First Presbyterian Church in the new year/era/day. There is no mystery or uncertainty about it. No crystal ball gazing. FPC will be what it commits itself to by and pursue, in faithfulness to the living Christ who has come to us at Christmas!

Perceiving with you God at work among us in 2017!

***David Reiter***







## **CHILD CARE CENTER**

### **CCC Outdoor Classroom Fundraiser!**

We want to provide a safe outdoor play space that will provide the children with potential for cognitive, social, and emotion growth. Our final goal is \$40,000 – and we already have donations coming in!

Play is an important vehicle for developing critical cognitive and social skills. We have found equipment that is developmentally appropriate to provide these types of skills for children up to the age of 5. In order to purchase the play equipment, we need your generous donations!



Any amount you can contribute will make sure our children learn, grow and have fun while enjoying the outdoor space!

Writing a check? Make sure to note "outdoor classroom" on the memo line or let Vickie know it is for our fundraiser!

## **FPC LIBRARY UPDATE!**

*Getting rid of the old-and bringing in the NEW!*

In 2016, we emptied out our library from the basement, and moved our best books upstairs to a fabulous space south of the Parlor. The “*Gathering Room*” offers a great spot to sit back and enjoy yourself! As we donated older books, we are now looking into bringing in important and useful books for our congregation to enjoy!

While the Christian Education Library Team proposes books to fill our shelves, we look to YOU to help inspire us! Please stop by the Library to pick up a note card and make a few suggestions of books that you would like to have shared in our church library. We would love to get a list of titles and authors to choose from, and would love if you include why you think these books would be good for our congregation.

For something extra special, we would love any donations of an important book from your childhood, young adult experience, family life or recent finds that have brought you joy and inspired you and your faith! Ask the front desk for a sticker to leave a short paragraph about why this special book has meaning to you, and drop it in the “*Library Donation Blue Box*”!

We hope to fill our bookcases with important books to share with our congregation. Starting in January, we will have a Book Donation Drop where you can fill out a label describing why you loved the book or simply your name if you wish.

Stop by the Gathering Room to peruse our many great books, and include a few titles you’d like to see in our library!

*“One must always be careful of books and what is inside them, for words have the power to change us.” - Cassandra Clare*



### **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





## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**



**Ashley Greenwood,**  
*Christian Ed. Director*

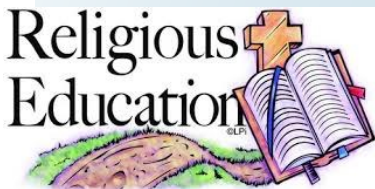
2016 has been an incredible year for the youth and families of our church. Our PAC and PresbyTeen youth are having a blast each Wednesday night, and our kids bring a ton of fun each Sunday morning. This past year brought great retreat opportunities for our youth, as well as summer trips and events to enjoy! I have personally been enjoying my studies with Luther Seminary, as I study towards receiving my Master's Degree in Children, Youth and Family Ministry through online opportunities with this University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Our youth have been blessed to enjoy the work of Emily Ehrens this past semester, as she joins us as an intern for our Sunday School and PAC programs, as well as planning PresbyTeens events for our youth. Emily is finishing her first semester with BSC and is doing a great job teaching the lessons for our younger kids on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings!

Sixteen Youth from our Presbytery traveled to Purdue University to enjoy Triennium this past July. Four of our Bismarck youth attended, including the Erik and Hallie Johnson, who we picked up near their new home in Iowa for the trip! Our youth spent the week meeting kids from across the country, enjoying high-energy worship and incredible small group discussions, and were able to celebrate being Presbyterian with 5,000 other people. It was an awesome event that definitely we'll look forward to enjoying in 2019!

Our Vacation Bible School was a huge success, as we offered it for *free* and opened it up to the entire community. Our usual attendance of Vacation Bible School (VBS) is between 10-25 kids, and we welcomed over 50 throughout this short week in August! We are very thankful that the Stewardship Committee has distinguished the Christmas Eve Offering to support our VBS of 2017, so we can continue to grow in offering this opportunity to the children and families of Bismarck, Lincoln, Mandan, and the surrounding areas! We just hope our congregation will help volunteer with the many children during this busy event in August!

We are so thankful for the children, youth, families, and congregation members of this church. Our kids feel at home in this place, and our youth feel welcomed. The love of God is ever-flowing through our activities, and we appreciate all the great support of our church home. Please take a moment to check in with our Christian Education Team, or Ashley, to find a way to become involved in any of our many ministry opportunities with the children and youth of our church -it feels selfish to keep all this fun to ourselves! All are welcome to help lead our children's lessons, and take part in our events and activities.





# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

## **Reminder of Important Dates:**

- ♦ Sunday, January 8th: Sunday School will resume during Worship
- ♦ Wednesday, January 11th: PAC and PresbyTeens will resume with 6:00 p.m. dinner, and 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. lessons together.
  - \* Cooks, teachers and desserts needed! Please sign-up to help on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.

## **Adult Education Discussions Resume January 8th at 9:00 a.m.!**

Join us in Room 201 on Sunday mornings before Worship to discuss interesting articles, shared by Pastor Reiter and members of our congregation. The articles chosen are interesting to today's news and in the life of our families and church. Every week welcomes a wonderful discussion-and no one needs to be a professional on the topic to attend!

We hope you will plan on joining us for a Sunday or two this January! Childcare can easily be arranged for the hour, please contact Ashley if interested in setting up. Articles can be picked up in the office the week before we meet, and are a nice read, with interesting information. We hope you will join us!



Our PAC, PresbyTeens Youth and their leaders celebrating the end of a great program year together last Spring!



Our many youth and wonderful volunteers ending a successful week of Vacation Bible School!



Our PresbyTeens, PAC, and Sunday School Youth celebrated a fun Christmas Pageant this past December, sharing the incredible story of Jesus' birth with the congregation

Sedalia Mahlum, Emily Ehrens, Erik Johnson, Ashley Greenwood, and Hallie Johnson enjoyed the Presbyterian Youth Event: Triennium at Purdue University this past July.





# Welcome

We would like to recognize our newly elected Elders and Deacons for class of 2019.

Please recognize these fellow church family members and wish them God's speed as they assume their duties.

## New Elders

Runick Fru  
Jim Skaret  
Dennis Rosenkranz  
Gail Brown  
Dale Hoerauf

## New Deacons

Neva Carlisle  
Jim Rambo  
Steve Adair  
Carolyn Barks  
Wendy Skager  
Nanc Skaret  
Letha Lewis



**A special appreciation goes to Session members and Deacons who have completed their terms. We are so grateful for your service to our church!**

## Elders:

Karen Ehrens  
Chris Henriksen  
Rosellen Sand  
Susan Schafer  
Richard Weber

## Deacons:

Jody Bachmeier  
Kent Ellis  
Audre Goll  
Susan Thompson  
Alice Nix  
Victor Sonneman  
Kim Wassim



## **SUNDAY MORNING TRANSPORTATION**

Our church provides transportation for members who are unable to transport themselves to and from church services. If you would like a ride to church, a schedule of Sunday drivers will be provided. You will call the designated driver on Saturday to inform him or her that you need a ride.

The church will also pay for Bis-Man Transit rides to and from church for members not able to use a regular vehicle. Transit system applications are available in the Narthex.

Contact Clyde Johnson at 425-2351 for more information.



## **DRIVERS WANTED!**

Volunteers are needed to transport church members who need rides for Sunday worship services. A new driver's schedule and passenger list will be issued in mid January. You will drive approximately six times a year. For more information please call Clyde Johnson at 425-2351.

### **LAY READERS**

Jan. 1st	Bev Patch-Larson
Jan. 8th	Alice Nix
Jan. 15th	Ann Gallup
Jan. 22nd	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Jan. 29th	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

*If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please find a replacement and then contact the office with the changes.*

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### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Ella Gutzke	Tedd Gutzke
Alice Nix	Karen Ehrens
Becky Mahlum	David Massey
Matt Engel	Jay Cofell
Susan Schafer	Neva Carlisle

#### **Sunday, January 8th**

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

**223-6091**

# Session Highlights

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS  
DECEMBER 21, 2016

## APPROVAL OF DEACONS AND ELDERS FOR ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

The following Deacons and Elders were present to provide Session with information concerning personal faith, sense of call to ministry and areas of interest in church structure: Carolyn Barks, Neva Carlisle, Jim Rambo, Wendy Skager, Nanc Skaret, Gail Brown, Runick Fru, Dale Hoerauf, Dennis Rosenkranz, and Jim Skaret. Session approved those in attendance for installation/ordination. Deacons Letha Lewis and Steve Adair will meet with Session before the ordination/installation service on January 8.

## CLERK'S REPORT

The death of Kathleen McDonald on November 25 was reported bringing membership to 516. Communications from Presbytery were read: per capita for 2017 will be \$44.00; Elders should be elected to serve as Commissioners to Presbytery.

## ELDER TRAINING

Chapter 8, "Understanding the Church as an Emotional System" described how to handle relationships through the family systems theory. Themes covered: anxiety as a response to change, too much togetherness, triangling, importance of nonanxious presence and healthy leaders-healthy church.

## SESSION LETTER

Members made changes to the draft and voted to have the letter read during worship on January 8. The Letter will then be mailed to all members. A special worship service will be held on January 22.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

Total Income YTD Actual	\$407,773	Budget	\$420,446
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$421,112	Budget	\$426,448
NET Income	- \$ 13,339	Budget	- \$ 6,001
Unrestricted General Fund	\$170,317.83		

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (from meetings and minutes)

**Administrative and Personnel**—Dick Weber reported the following Elder committee assignments:

Session approved the following chairpersons and Session assignments:

- \* Administrative and Personnel—Dale Hoerauf, Chair and David Massey
- \* Business and Finance—Ella Gutzke, Chair and Jim Skaret
- \* Christian Education—Bill Jensen, Chair
- \* Membership—Diann Johnson, Chair and Runick Fru
- \* Outreach—Gail Brown, Chair
- \* Property and Equipment—Matt Engel, Chair and Dennis Rosenkranz
- \* Stewardship—Becky Mahlum, Chair and John Richter
- \* Worship and Music—Fred Larson, Chair and Jay Cofell
- \* Child Care Center Board—Carole Watrel

Session approved the Terms of Call for Pastor Reiter for 2017. Total Salary and benefits are \$109,500.

# **Session Highlights**

**December 2016**



**Stewardship**—Session approved designating the Christmas Eve offerings to Vacation Bible School program. A few additional pledges have been received which is above last year's total.

**Property and Equipment**—Frozen doors and elevator issues have been solved for now.

**Worship and Music**—Fred Larson recruited communion servers for January 8: Captain Ella Gutzke, Tedd Gutzke, David Massey, Alice Nix, Karen Ehrens, Becky Mahlum, Matt Engel, Jay Cofell and Susan Schafer.

**Outreach**—Seven families (Child Care Center and refugees) received gifts from the Tree of Love. \$500 was donated to the Emergency Food Pantry and to Ministry on the Margins.

**Membership**—Pictorial Directory has been distributed to most members. The committee is seeking new committee members.

**Christian Education**—Session approved the Confirmation schedule. Pastor David and Ashley will alternate teaching. Classes begin January 22nd and will meet twice a month until Confirmation Sunday on May 7th. Students are: TJ Davis, Corby Svihovec, Kathryn Brown, Paige and Luke Pengilly. PAC/PresbyTeens resume on January 11th and Sunday School on January 8th.

**Business and Finance**—The real estate tax bill is much lower than last year due to reduced special assessments, \$521 compared to \$2,840.

**Nominating**—Barb Charbonneau will be the fifth member of the committee for 2017. Other members are: Dick Weber, Vic Sonneman, Paul Ronningen and Ron Carlisle.

Session approved the following: Bob Tonolli—Treasurer; John Bjornson—Asst. Treasurer; Keith Magnusson—Trust Officer, ex off. And Jodi Bjornson—Asst. Trust Officer, ex. off. Alice Nix was elected Clerk of Session.

## **REPORTS OF RELATED GROUPS**

**Child Care Center Board**—The parent handbook is being completed. Fundraising campaign is set to begin in 2017.

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

In 2017, the Session will discuss "What's Next?", identifying any current issues and developing ways to resolve them; and enabling the congregation to develop a vision of future mission and ministry. Adult Ed class resumes January 8. Pastor Reiter will be away Dec. 26—Jan. 2.

## **OTHER**

Karen Ehrens, through the social justice group, Faith Forward, was invited to attend the Interfaith Prayer Day December 4th at Standing Rock. She reported to Session that it was a very meaningful experience with thousands of people coming together.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

### ***Congregation Pledges to Build a Stronger Church***

The generosity of First Presbyterian members has demonstrated the theme for the 2016 Stewardship Drive of *"Let's Build a Stronger Church."* The drive ended above last year's in number of pledges and amount pledged. The 169 "Estimates of Giving" totaled a few pennies shy of \$326,700. That is two more pledges than last year and almost \$2,500 higher than last year's giving estimates. The Stewardship Committee thanks all who volunteered and



PLEASE JOIN HARVEY SAND  
JANUARY 14, 2017  
3:00 P.M.  
TO CELEBRATE HIS 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.



HOYLE ROOM  
AT  
TOUCHMARK  
1000 WEST CENTURY AVENUE  
  
CAKE, COFFEE, AND CONVERSATION.

## **BRAVE THE SHAVE ~ WILL YOU**

**“Brave the Shave”** is back for it’s 10th annual event! It is the region’s largest childhood cancer fundraiser on a mission to conquer kid’s cancer. Since 2008, Brave the Shave has raised more than \$2.2 million for childhood cancer and more than 1,900 people have shaved their heads in solidarity of kids with cancer.



While the campaign continues to grow and evolve, the reason for Brave the Shave will remain the same = It’s for the kids.

**Shawn Stettner, CCC Director , and Vanessa Hein, CCC Assistant Director, along with Vanessa’s son, Erik (JR), are “Braving the Shave.”** Shawn, Vanessa and Erik (JR) have joined Al Peterson’s Team, “Cooper’s Crew”, to raise funds to support all the other families and children going through cancer treatment and will shave their heads to help conquer kids’ cancer.

*“Al and Tiffany Peterson’s son, Cooper David Peterson, AKA Super Cooper, is a vibrant and energetic two and a half year old boy with a smile that can melt your heart. His battles began in February 2015 when he was diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis Type 1 and Optic Gliomas (benign tumors on the optic nerves). After a MRI showed proof of Tumors, we immediately drove to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s hospital for an appointment with one of the top NF specialists in the country for consultation and treatment. We also learned that the damage to the optic nerves caused by the Gliomas was permanent and Cooper is blind. We spent the next ten months taking Cooper for weekly chemotherapy treatments to try to shrink the tumors. We also had MRIs and appointments in Minneapolis every three months. It was at the appointment in December 2015 that they discovered he developed hydrocephalus and needed emergent surgery to drain the fluid and stop the swelling of his brain. While conducting the surgery, they had to postpone the shunting because of excess bleeding. They installed a temporary shunt and Cooper spent a couple of days in the PICU while the fluid drained enough to continue the shunts surgery. They also took a biopsy which turned out our worse fears; Cooper had developed Diffuse Fibrillary Astrocytoma, a type of cancerous tumor that spreads into brain tissue rather than growing on it. Surgery is not option. These tumors have shown up in the Thalamus and Hypothalamus in the brain and possibly in other tissue as well. Cooper did have the shunt surgery and has two shunts draining his brain fluids.*

*“Since traditional chemotherapy drugs are not effective against stopping his tumors, we were accepted and continuing to participate in a drug trail using a MEK Inhibitor to stabilize the tumor growth and try to “starve” the tumor. We travel every four weeks to Minneapolis (483 miles) for appointments and have an MRI taken every third appointment. Cooper is improving on the trail drug and is making gains in growth. We did have the third ventricle begin to have fluid buildup. The third shunt was placed in December 2016.*

*“Super Cooper continues to amaze us. With all he goes through, with the pokes and prods and long car rides and having to take medication daily, he still gives everyone he meets a big smile and a giggle.*



*“As a parent going through the trauma of childhood cancer, just the reassurance of knowing that an organization like Brave the Shave is there to support and help you out is comforting. Please consider supporting our fundraising efforts.”*

Shawn and Vanessa each hope to raise \$1,000, while Erik hopes to raise \$500 to help conquer kid’s cancer. Perhaps you would like to help them reach this admiral goal. Shawn and Vanessa can be found on Cooper’s Crew at <https://donate.bravetheshave.coop/team/100719>. The Brave the Shave Flagship Event will take place March 10th, 2017 at the YMCA. Any amount of donation would be welcome!

## Announcements & Notes

- ♦ **January 8th**—Installation of New Elders and Deacons during Sunday Worship
- ♦ **January 29th**—We will have our 2016 Annual Meeting after Worship. More information to follow.

### BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

Debbie Gross	1st
Jan Schultz	1st
Bernard Schue	2nd
Betty Aide	4th
Wendy Skager	4th
Bill Jensen	6th
Marlys Schuler	8th
Robert McCallum	12th
Jade Fox	14th
Bev Patch-Larson	15th
Robin Volk	15th
Joe Bachmeier	16th
Beth Hughes	16th
Ann Gallup	16th
Dustin Bitz	18th
Patti Koranda	19th
Harvey Sand	20th
Julie Poffenberger	20th
Linda Strandemo	24th
Fredrick Wohl	26th
Riley Ball	26th
Kathy Henriksen	28th
Jody Bachmeier	29th
Sue Sprynczynatyk	30th
Jerry Lindblom	30th
Chester James	31st
Karen O'Brien	31st

### ANNIVERSARIES

*Chester & Delores James* 1st

*Runick & Anita Fru* 7th

*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!*





# january




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>* NO Sunday School</b>	<b>2</b> Church Office Closed All Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Stewardship (Conf. Rm) <b>6:00 PM</b> Outreach (Conf. Rm)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Circle (Conf. Rm) <b>8:30 AM</b> Lay Preachers (Parlor) <b>10:30 AM</b> Step Study
<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School *Ordination/Installation of New Class*	<b>9</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Admin & Personnel (Parlor) <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship & Music (Conf. Rm.)	<b>10</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> CCC Board (Conf. Rm) <b>5:30 PM</b> Prop & Equipment (201)	<b>11</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Munch & Mingle (Ramkota) <b>5:30 PM</b> PAC/PresbyTeens <b>6:30 PM</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Membership Comm. (Conf. Rm)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Step Study
<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Christian Ed (Conf. Rm)	<b>17</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Business & Finance (Conf. Rm) <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga (202) <b>7:00 PM</b> Bridge (Parlor)	<b>18</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> PAC/PresbyTeens <b>6:30 PM</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacons (Parlor)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 AM—12:00 PM</b> Session Retreat (Parlor) <b>9:00 AM</b> Yoga (202) <b>10:30 AM</b> Step Study
<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>5:30 PM</b> Confirmation Mentor Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation Parent Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Yoga	<b>25</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> PAC/PresbyTeens <b>6:30 PM</b> Westminster Chimes <b>7:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Step Study
<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Annual Meeting (Ramstad)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
<div>  <p><i>Happy New Year!</i></p> </div> <p><b>** Please be advised...there are outside groups that meet at the Church throughout the week/weekend THAT ARE NOT ON THIS SCHEDULE! If you have questions regarding room availability, please call the office at 223-6091 **</b></p>						

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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

Christian Education Director  
*Ashley Tangen*

Finance Assistant  
*Vickie Haas*

Administrative Assistant  
*Charee Linton*

Organist  
*Jan Candee*

Choir Director  
*Debi Rogers*

Bell Choir Director  
*Lael Hoerauf*

Custodian  
*Les Hornbacher*

Membership Services  
*Judy Lentz*  
*Shelli Peterson*

Child Care Center Director  
*Shawn Stettner*

Child Care Assistant Director  
*Vanessa Hein*



## January 2017 Usher/Greet/Coffee Host

**January 1st:** Captain: Jody Bachmeier  
Ushers: David Massey, Gaylene Massey, Daniel Wassim,  
Kim Wassim, Victor Sonneman  
Reception Host: Jerry & Phyllis Lindblom

**January 8th:** Captain: Audre Goll  
Ushers: Kent Ellis, Ann Lynch, Jacquie Ellis, Ron Carlisle,  
Neva Carlisle  
Reception Host: Kent Ellis

**January 15th:** Captain: Mark Jensen  
Ushers: Jenni Boeckel, Kent Ellis, Bob Tonolli, Clyde Johnson,  
Diann Johnson  
Reception Host: Diann Johnson

**January 22nd:** Captain: Olivia Bachmeier  
Ushers: Ann Gallup, John Richter, Donna Richter, Cindy Cross,  
Don Cross  
Reception Host: Jerry & Phyllis Lindblom

**January 29th:** Captain: JoAnn Hodny  
Ushers: Bev Patch-Larson, Larry Larson, Alice Nix, Dave Nix,  
**Volunteer still needed**  
Reception Host: **Volunteer still needed**

