

Here & Now!

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



CHILD CARE CENTER...

The Child Care Center has several items and announcements we would like to share with the congregation.

1. We would like to take this time to thank Damita Engel and Linda Jordre for the dedication, compassion and time they gave to the Child Care Center. We will miss your service and in-put on the Child Care Center Board.
2. We are still looking for volunteers from parents of the children in the child care center to serve as a representative on the Child Care Center Board. Your input is very important for the center to continue the quality services we provide.
3. Breakfast with Santa was a wonderful success! Thank you to the Boy Scout troop for providing the breakfast and all the hard work preparing and cleaning up the kitchen area after the event. We also want to thank the volunteers who donated time to make this such a wonderful first time event such a success. Last, but not least, thank you to the board members, directors of the Child Care Center, Pastor Leanne (puppet show, tree), Charee Linton (making sure every thing went as planned), Dennis Rosenkranz (Santa), Tedd Gutzke (puppet stand), Vanessa Hein (fire place) and for all those who attended the event to make this a wonderful morning for the children. Also, thanks to the employees of the Child Care Center and the Christian Education Committee and Nathan Peterson (Maintenance Manager) for all the extra work and time.



PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...

When I was a kid, science fiction movies always took place after the year 2000. That sounded so far away to me! I imagined that, by 2020, the world would be drastically different than my boomer imagination could stretch—based on popular images of the day, I anticipated: robots that looked like the tin-man would spout knowledge, act as alarm clocks, and anticipate danger (Danger, Will Robinson!). I thought I would see computers the size of entire rooms calculate algorithms for success and failure—dogs that could be walked on tread-mills outside one's space bubble home (ala George Jetson!), cars would fly, kids would go to school via jet-pack and best of all—a roller-skating robot named Rosie would clean my home and have a switch on her back so I could shut her off if I please.

It hasn't quite evolved like that—but still, things I couldn't have imagined then have greatly altered the world of my youth—the internet, social media, cell phones, to name a few...(that room sized computer now fits in my hand!) there are cars that can drive themselves, and drones that deliver packages—it's hard to find a car that starts with a plain old-key, and I am just stubborn enough to want one! All said, I think George Jetson would like it, but I am disappointed that Roomba is the closest I can get to a robot-maid.

For generations before us, change came slow. Now it comes so fast we scarcely have time to adapt. By the time I know the secrets of properly using my I-phone, it is obsolete. If I mention George Jetson to confirmands, it's like I have two heads. The speeding up of time, and the minimalization of space has impacted the human psyche in ways that have yet to be clear.

And we are heading into 2020, where things are only speeding up. Time is like a river that only moves faster, and the church is an ark sharing her flow. And inside the ark, it can be dizzying. But the news is all good—in the ark is safety—because in the ark, is Christ. In quickly changing times, we need an unchanging Christ, who is as faithful today as he was in the beginning.

But a funny thing happens when we attach ourselves firmly to Christ. His unchangeability gives us strength, security and flexibility that is needed for obedience and balance. This ark may rock, and the people of God may need to shift balance in order to adapt. But, backed by Christ's strength, we become more changeable, more adaptable, more able to move and respond as the changes in this world require for health, without losing the important center of all things: Christ. Waters may toss the ark, but they can never overturn it.

I don't know what changes this year will require of us, but I do know this...we are up to it. Things may speed on ahead, but so will we—for we are Christ's and he is steady as they come.

Leanne





NURSE'S NOTES...

Welcome to 2020! I hope each one of you had a great 2019.

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the parking lot and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?" asked the police officer. "I'm on my way to a lecture," he answered. "And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?" enquired the Constable sarcastically. "My wife," slurred Daniel grimly.

What Is Advance Care Planning?

CDC's public health activities to prevent and control disease include a substantial focus on chronic disease management. Advance care planning can be a gift you give yourself and your family. It is about doing what you can to ensure that your wishes and preferences are consistent with the health care treatment you might receive if you were unable to speak for yourself or make your own decisions. At any age a medical crisis could leave you too ill to make any healthcare decisions.

While many of us do not like to think that we will need such a plan, too often the lack of advance care planning can result in questioning, confusion, or disagreement among family members trying to envision what you would want if you were unable to speak for yourself. A plan relieves family members from wondering if they "did the right thing" on your behalf. A plan also provides your health care team with information on your health care preferences and if you would want life-sustaining measures if there appeared to be little likelihood of your recovery.

An important part of advance care planning involves having conversations with family members and other loved ones about what you would want in the event of a life-threatening illness or injury, and then, most importantly, documenting your preferences in writing through an instrument such as an advance directive.

An advance directive can include the name of the individual whom you have chosen to speak and make decisions on your behalf. This person, your "health care proxy" or "durable power of attorney for health care" should be someone you trust and someone who understands and will strive to honor and carry out your wishes.

Once you've completed your advance directive, ensure that copies are provided to your health care proxy, your health care providers, your hospital, and others whom you think should have the information. You may want to review your advance directive from time to time, but for the most part, once you have taken the important step to complete one, you can be comfortable knowing that your wishes and preferences are known, and thus much more likely to be followed.

On January 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor, Rev. Sara Schwarz, MA at Sanford Medical Center, will be here to speak on advance care planning. She also can help you prepare this legal document and submit it into your chart at the Sanford Medical Center or provide the legal document to you so that you can submit it to your own Healthcare Facility. This is a free service for you. You just have to call for an appointment and she will work with you in completing this document. You may contact her at Sanford Health at 701-323-2942 or email her at sara.schwarz@sanfordhealth.org.

NURSE'S NOTES...

Announcement:

- ♦ BP Clinic ***Sunday, January 12th, 2020*** from 9 am to 10 am & 11 am to noon in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome.
- ♦ Senior Exercise Class every ***Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.*** downstairs in Ramstad Hall.
- ♦ Nurse's Office Day is every ***Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*** in Wanona's office at FPC. Come with your questions and concerns or to have your blood pressure checked.
- ♦ Advance Care Planning Class ***Tuesday, January 21st at 5:30 p.m.*** in the Parlor

Advance Care Planning: It's About the Conversation!

- * What if a sudden illness or injury left you unable to speak for yourself?
- * Who would you want to speak for you?
- * What would you want them to know about your goals, values, and preferences?

Wanona

Wanona Goetz
Parish Nurse





TREE OF LOVE...

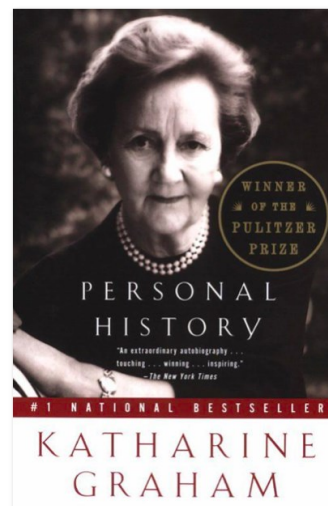
The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for its generosity this year for our Tree of Love families. The picture of the Tree of Love gifts certainly demonstrates this church's commitment to serving our Child Care Center families. In this season of hope and joy, we know our single

Thank
you



BOOK CLUB...

Please join us *Thursday, Jan. 16th at 1:30 p.m.* to discuss a fascinating book. We are reading "Personal History," the Pulitzer Prize winning memoir by Katharine Graham. Donald Brooks called it one of the best memoirs he has ever read. You are welcome to join the discussion whether or not you have read or completed the book.



DOWNTOWN HIGHER POWER LUNCH...

The vision of the Downtown Higher Power Lunch is to have a non-denominational, faith-based gathering to have lunch, to *Network*, receive *Inspiration*, feel *Connected* and to experience *Encouragement*.

As part of the Higher Power Lunch, a scripture-based message/devotional that is relevant to the Daily challenges and struggles faced in daily life has been shared. We feel honored to have been a part of this wonderful 2019 outreach to our neighbors which we believe has enriched us as well as our guests. Please know how much the Team has appreciated our Church family's support. Every month 10-12 church volunteers make these lunches possible. We are ever so grateful for Pastor Leanne's spiritual guidance and presence at the lunches.



The HPL Team looks forward to 2020 lunches. In January, Lisa McEvers will be our speaker.

Personal

Born in Grafton and raised in Minto, North Dakota; married to James P. McEvers; one child and three step-children.

Education

Graduated Cum Laude from the University of North Dakota in 1993 with a BBA in Information Management. Awarded a Juris Doctorate, with distinction, from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1997.

Professional Experience

Worked for the Northeast Judicial District in court administration prior to attending law school. After law school, law clerk to the North Dakota Supreme Court, 1997-1998 term; private legal practice, 1998-2001; Cass County Assistant State's Attorney, 2001 to 2005; appointed North Dakota Commissioner of Labor in July 2005; appointed District Judge in 2010 and elected to the position in 2012; appointed to the North Dakota Supreme Court in 2014; and in 2016, elected to an unexpired two-year term. She was re-elected to a ten-year term in 2018.

Memberships and Committees

Served on the Judicial Education Commission, 1992 to 1994; the Judiciary Standards Committee, 2004 to 2009; the Rough Rider Industries Prison Advisory Board, 2005 to 2013; the State Bar Association's Commission for Continuing Legal Education, 2006 to 2010; the Domestic Violence Benchbook Subcommittee, 2009 to 2011; the Commission on the Alternatives to Incarceration, 2011 to 2017; the Pattern Jury Instruction Commission, 2012 to 2013; the Cass County Resource Committee on Elder Abuse, 2013; the North Dakota Judges Association, 2013 to 2016; the Personnel Policy Board, 2013 to 2017; and the Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee, 2014 to 2017. Currently chairs the Juvenile Policy Board, 2013 to present; and the Joint Procedure Committee, 2017 to present. Currently serves on the United Tribes Criminal Justice Advisory Board, 2014 to present; the Court Technology Committee's File and Serve User Group Subcommittee, 2015 to present; the North Dakota Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission, 2015 to present; the North Dakota Dual Status Youth Initiative Group, 2017 to present; and the Executive Committee of Judicial Conference, 2017 to present.

Visit the Downtown Higher Power Lunch Facebook page, First Presbyterian web page at www.fpcbismarck.com, or you can visit Event Brite to register .

The Outreach Committee wishes you a blessed 2020!



DEACONS VISITS

The Deacons Visitation Committee would appreciate everyone's help with information about any shut-in or homebound member who might appreciate a visit. Please call or talk to the church office, Pastor Leanne, Wanona Goetz—Parish Nurse—or any Deacon. Pastor Leanne is also willing to bring communion to anyone. The Deacons and Pastor Leanne will check with the family and the individual to ask if they would like any of the services our church offers, so visitation can take place as soon as possible.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 26th, 2020** following Worship. Lunch will be served in Ramstad Hall. Please sign-up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex so we can order enough food for everyone. See you there!



ANNUAL MEETING

CHURCH **UNDECORATING!**

Volunteers are appreciated for the "Advent Un-decorating" the Sanctuary immediately following the Congregational Meeting on January 5th.
Hope to see you there!

Thank you!

PER CAPITA 2020

Per capita payments, which represent a contribution to the work of the Presbyterian church at all levels, offer a working example of Christian sharing. A request for a per-member contribution is also made by the Synod and by the General Assembly; the sum of those three amounts constitutes the total per capita payment. Each church is asked to pay the total per capita payment to the Presbytery, which then distributes the payments among the three recipients. This way, each Presbyterian church within the Presbyterian Church (USA), has the opportunity to share equally to promote the work of the Presbytery, the Synod, and also the General Assembly.

Per capita payments recognize the fact that we Presbyterians see ourselves as a collective part of the body of Christ. We are not separated by region or by distance, instead Presbyterians are a single body, faithfully sharing our resources at all levels of the church. By sharing in these expenses, the collective financial strength of all church members can be focused on issues which concern all Presbyterians, not only in our area, but throughout the country and the world.

The per capita payments for 2020 as approved by Presbytery of the Northern Plains are \$47.00 per member.

General Assembly (GA)	\$ 8.95
Synod of Lakes & Prairies	\$ 5.50
Northern Plains Presbytery	\$ 32.55

Total 2019 Per Capita \$ 47.00

The faithful recognition of this financial contribution by each church is integral to the operation of the Presbytery, since the Presbytery makes the payment based on the number of church members in the Presbytery, to the Synod and General Assembly, even if a local church does not pay that church's per capita assessment.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."
(James 1:17)



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





Welcome

We would like to recognize our newly elected Elders and Deacons.

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

New Elders

Dave Nix—Class of 2020
Dale Hoerauf—Class of 2020
Cindy Cross—Class of 2022
Pete Emerson—Class of 2022
Hannah Luciano—Class of 2022
Katherine Satrom—Class 2021
Becky Liedtke—Class of 2021

New Deacons

Jodi Bachmeier—Class of 2022
Lynne Bigwood—Class of 2022
Kent Ellis—Class of 2022
Bob Kinnischtzke—Class of 2022
Bev Patch-Larson—Class of 2022
Kathy Wachter—Class of 2022

Tedd Gutzke—Class of 2021
Jim Rambo—Class of 2021



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:

Jim Skaret
Dennis Rosenkranz

Deacons:

Neva Carlisle
Steve Adair
Wendy Skager
Nanc Skaret
Letha Lewis

** Thank you to Gladys Cairns, Maren Stokka and Jane Boeckel for your service.*

**We will forever miss Dick Weber and his dedication to everything he was a part of!*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...

First Presbyterian Church continued a holiday tradition in December that has been going on for a very long time, putting on its annual Youth Christmas Pageant. We had roughly 20+ youth from pre-school to high school age depicting roles from the story of the birth of Christ, including parents, Mary and Joseph, shepherds and angels....

PROUD!!! I am extremely proud of the turnout for this years Christmas Pageant! These kids at First Presbyterian are absolutely phenomenal!! They went with the program, even if they didn't quite like the parts they got, or didn't like their costumes, in the end, they stepped up, did an absolute amazing job! The Pageant was exactly perfect and such a blast! I am sincerely thankful to the Interns we have at FPC! Emily Ehrens and Mark Jensen do an amazing job with our kids in PAC and Sunday School and it is a pleasure to work with them every week. The volunteers we have are extremely fantastic! Jan Gilchrist, Cindy Cross, and Alisha Wohl were such a huge part of the pageant and they contribute their services throughout the year in other Youth group activities! A special thank you to Josh Stokka who took the amazing photos of the pageant! Thank you for all your hard work and service to us here.

I am so excited for the new plans coming in 2020 and some new traditions started last year along with the old! We will have the opportunity for some great summer trips, retreat opportunities, service projects, VBS, and potentially a trip back to Montreat (plans in the making)!!

We are so thankful for the children, youth, families and congregation members of this church. We appreciate all the great support from everyone. The new volunteer sheets for signing up to help teach a Sunday School lesson, or help on Wednesday nights is on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. We would love for you to become more involved with our youth and help nurture their faith journey.

I have truly been blessed with this opportunity and am looking forward to 2020!

Happy New Year!

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Session Highlights

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
DECEMBER 17TH, 2019

CLERK'S REPORT

The death of Dick Weber, December 4th was reported. Memorial service was held on December 16th. Total membership is 363.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Total Income YTD Actual	\$ 457,883	Budget	\$ 439,542
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$ 459,330	Budget	\$ 463,699
NET Income	- \$ 1,447	Budget	- \$ 24,157
YTD Investment Fund Change	\$ 243,465		

Jim Skaret stated that there would be no transfers in 2019 from the Orr Family Fund or the Merritt Reserve Fund as there is no need to supplement the General Fund.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Pastor Leanne will lead new Elder Training on January 11th. A special Session meeting will be held to examine and accept incoming Elders and Deacons. Long-term planning and restructuring of Session Committees will be the major focus in 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative and Personnel—Dale Hoerauf showed the new church logo that was designed by a graphic arts student at the Career Academy. The logos will be given to congregation members at the Christmas Eve services.

Session approved minor changes in the job description for the Christian Education Committee. The Committee is in the process of assigning Elders to chair/co-chair various committees. Dale Hoerauf agreed to remain as Chair of Administrative and Personnel and serve on Session for another year.

A discussion about setting up a sub-committee to propose fundraising for the Parish Nurse will be included in Elder Training.

Business and Finance—132 pledges have been received for \$330,136, an increase of \$36,406 over last year. There are a few more pledges that may be made for 2020.

Christian Education—Children's Christmas program was well-received. Volunteers are needed to teach Sunday School; curriculum is Growing in Grace and Gratitude.

Membership—The committee is planning for the lunch in connection with the Annual Meeting January 26th. Photos and bios of new members will be displayed in the near future.

Mission and Outreach—The committee has received a grant from Northern Plains Presbytery for a possible mission trip to Puerto Rico. The church will do Meals on Wheels in September rather than March. Any items not purchased for the Tree of Love will be covered by the committee.

Session Highlights

Property and Equipment—Dennis Rosenkranz explained that the snow removal contract included Pastor Leanne’s driveway and sidewalks whenever the church parking lot is plowed. This was included in the 2020 budget.

Stewardship—The Christmas Eve offerings will go to the Parish Nurse Fund. “Giving Cards” will be in the pew racks to be used by members when the offering plates are passed. This indicates the person contributes to the church in other ways instead of each Sunday.

Child Care Center Board—Pancakes with Santa was a huge success with the Boy Scouts making the pancakes. Thanks to Pastor Leanne for making the puppets and to the C.E. Committee for all their assistance. Dennis Rosenkranz was a terrific Santa.

Nominating—The following officers for 2020 were approved by Session:

Treasurer: Bob Tonolli; Assistant Treasurer: John Bjornson
Trust Officer: Keith Magnusson; Assistant Trust Officer: Jodi Bjornson

NEW BUSINESS

Alice Nix was elected Clerk of Session for 2020.

Dale Hoerauf presented the 2020 compensation package for Pastor Leanne which included a \$2,000 increase in effective salary. Total compensation is \$114,381; \$77,000 effective salary and \$37,381 benefits. Session approved the compensation as presented.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session



Announcements & Notes

- ♦ **January 5th**—Congregational Meeting/Un-decorating of the Church
- ♦ **January 11th**—Elder Training in the Parlor from 10:00 a.m. & Noon for ALL Deacons & Elders
- ♦ **January 12th**—Blood Pressure Clinic in the Conference Room with Wanona Goetz
- ♦ **January 19th**—Ordination/Installation of New Class of Elders and Deacons
- ♦ **January 26th**—We will have our 2019 Annual Meeting after Worship in Ramstad Hall.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Debbie Gross	1st
Jan Schultz	1st
Bernard Schue	2nd
Susan Johnsen	3rd
Betty Aide	4th
Wendy Skager	4th
Bill Jensen	6th
Marlys Schuler	8th
Mary Magnusson	10th
Robert McCallum	12th
Jade Fox	14th
Bev Patch-Larson	15th
Robin Volk	15th
Joe Bachmeier	16th
Pastor Leanne Simmons	16th
Ann Gallup	16th
Dustin Bitz	18th
Patti Koranda	19th
Julie Poffenberger	20th
Linda Strandemo	24th
Fredrick Wohl	26th
Riley Ball	26th
Jody Bachmeier	29th
Kathy Henriksen	30th
Sue Sprynczynatyk	30th
Jerry Lindblom	30th
Chester James	31st
Karen O'Brien	31st

Family News:

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

Dick Weber

"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

ANNIVERSARIES

Chester & Delores James 1st

Runick & Anita Fru 7th

All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from membership forms filled out by the congregation. 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!





<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Wednesday, January 1st, 2020		<i>Church Closed ~ Happy New Year!</i>	
Thursday, January 2nd, 2020	12:00 pm	Higher Power Lunch Team Meeting	Parlor
	12:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Conf. Room
	6:00 pm	Membership Committee	Conf. Room
Friday, January 3rd, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, January 4th, 2020	8:30 am	Circle	Parlor
Sunday, January 5th 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	Un-Decorating the Church	
Monday, January 6th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	Parlor
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	7:00 pm	Christian Education Committee	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, January 7th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	5:30 pm	Property & Equipment Committee	Ramstad Hall
	6:30 pm	Lay Pastors Ministry	Parlor
Wednesday, January 8th, 2020	9:30 am	Suzuki Music School—ECMC	202
	12:00 pm	Munch & Mingle	Ramkota Hotel
	12:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens—Confirmation	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, January 9th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	6:30 pm	Outreach Committee	Conf. Room
Friday, January 10th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, January 11th, 2020	10:00 am	Elder Training	Parlor
	12:00 pm	<u>ALL</u> Deacons & Elders Meeting	Parlor
Sunday, January 12th 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
	9:00 am	Blood Pressure Clinic	Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, January 13th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, January 14th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	5:30 pm	Child Care Center Board Meeting	Conf. Room
Wednesday, January 15th, 2020	9:30 am	Suzuki Music School—ECMC	202
	11:30 am	Higher Power Lunch	Parlor
	12:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, January 16th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	1:30 pm	Book Club	Parlor
	7:00 pm	Deacons	Parlor
Friday, January 17th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, January 18th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	



<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Sunday, January 19th 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Worship ~ Installation & Ordination	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday, January 20th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	12:00 pm	Business & Finance Committee	Conf. Room
	1:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group	Parlor
	5:00 pm	Administrative & Personnel Comm.	Conf. Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs
Tuesday, January 21st, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	5:30 pm	Advance Directive Class—FREE	Parlor
Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020	9:30 am	Suzuki Music School—ECMC	202
	12:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, January 23rd, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
Friday, January 24th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Saturday, January 25th, 2020		<i>No Events Scheduled</i>	
Sunday, January 26th, 2020	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School	Downstairs
	11:00 am	Annual Meeting	Ramstad Hall
	11:15 am	Youth Movie Day	207
Monday, January 27th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
	5:15 pm	Suzuki Music School	205; 207
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Downstairs



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, January 28th, 2020	12:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	Conf. Room
	2:00 pm	Presbyterian Friends at Touchmark	Touchmark
	5:30 pm	Yoga	202
	6:00 pm	Session	Parlor
Wednesday, January 29th, 2020	9:30 am	Suzuki Music School—ECMC	202
	12:30 pm	Innovation School Classes	202
	5:45 pm	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 pm	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, January 30th, 2020	10:00 am	Senior Strength Class	Ramstad Hall
Friday, January 31st, 2020		No Events Scheduled	

LAY READERS

Jan. 5th Damita Engel

Jan. 12th Dave Nix

Jan. 19th Lori Orser

Jan. 26th Carole Watrel



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

Sunday, January 5th

Nanc Skaret	Bob Tonolli
Abby Bjornson	Kathryn Brown
Gloria Blanco	Jim Skaret
Alice Nix	Pam Anderson
JoAnn Hodny	Dave Nix

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.

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JANUARY USHERS/GREETERS/RECEPTION HOST

January 5th:	Captain: Abby Bjornson Ushers: Larry Larson, Bev Patch-Larson, Dennis Rosenkranz, Mary Hoberg, Audre Goll Reception Host: Becky Rosenkranz
January 12th:	Captain: Vic Sonneman Ushers: Jerry Lindblom, Letha Lewis, Jerry Wilson, Lori Orser, Shari Orser Reception Host: Priscilla Wilson
January 19th:	Captain: Gloria Blanco Ushers: Jerry Lindblom, Jody Bachmeier, Joe Bachmeier, David Massey, Gaylene Massey Reception Host: Audre Goll
January 26th:	Captain: Alice Nix Ushers: Nanc Skaret, Kent Ellis, Don Cross, Jacquie Ellis, Dave Nix Reception Host: Carole Watrel

New Year Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen

Happy New Year

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Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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