



*First Presbyterian Church*

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

On Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, we, along with Ministry on the Margins, will serve over 300 guests to a community Thanksgiving Day dinner with turkey and all the trimmings in Ramstad Hall. This will be our third year for this outreach activity. An activity which brings joy to our guests and to volunteers that choose to serve them. We have been given the opportunity to serve as greeters. The following are positions we would like to fill:

- ◆ Welcome guests at upstairs door (2 volunteers)
- ◆ Elevator operator (1 volunteer)
- ◆ Top of stairs monitor (1 volunteer)
- ◆ Middle of stairs monitor (1 volunteer)
- ◆ Bottom of stairs counter (1 volunteer)
- ◆ Donation box monitor (1 volunteer)
- ◆ Dining room entrance monitor (2 volunteers)
- ◆ Walk guests to tables (3 volunteers)

We would like to know if you can help by October 26th. A sign-up sheet will be available on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Gladys Cairns.

Outreach Committee

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# Child Care Center Appreciation Sunday!



## **Bismarck Lions Recycle for Sight**

Usable glasses can make a difference! Lions help to conserve sight by providing usable eyeglasses to children and adults throughout the world.

The poor eyesight of more than 157 million people without access to eye care could easily be corrected with used—yet usable—eyeglasses.

The lack of eyeglasses denies children and adults the opportunities for education, employment and a better quality of life.

Please stop by the Church Office to donate your used glasses (including sunglasses) to those in need.

Please join us for celebrating our awesome child care center and its employees, on Sunday, October 28th! The CCC Board will be hosting the Reception Coffee hour after service along with some tasty treats. Child care staff is invited to attend to answer your questions and get to know the congregation.



Also following services, the child care center will hold its annual open house where congregation members can tour the rooms and check out the Outdoor Classroom equipment—take a trip outside to see YOUR donated dollars in the much-appreciated and often-used equipment!



## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL

We are pleased to announce that Charee Linton has been hired as our Christian Education Youth Director. Charee has always had a passion to teach and is very involved in the life of FPC as our Administrative Assistant. The interview committee consisting of members of the Administrative and Personnel Committee, Christian Education Committee, Pastor Leanne and a youth representative were very impressed with Charee during the interview process. Her passion and willing to learn and help our youth grow was what we heard. She will continue her work as our head secretary during the day and then put on her Christian Youth Director “hat” 15 hours a week. Please welcome Charee Linton as our Christian Education Youth Director.

## HIGHER POWER LUNCH

Our fourth monthly Higher Power Lunch will be held in our Parlor on Wednesday, October 17th. Our guest speaker in October will be Sister Kathleen, creator of Ministry on the Margins. You are invited to attend by registering at [fpcbismarck.com](http://fpcbismarck.com), go to Downtown Higher Power Lunch and sign up to let us know we should count you in the number of lunches we will serve. Feel free to contact Ella Gutzke, Jan Schultz, Kathy Mayer, Joe Satrom, Allen Hoberg or Gladys Cairns if you have any questions.



## SWEET TREATS!

Question: *What is sweet and sticky and promotes travel?*

Answer: *Caramel rolls sold at the Bellringer's Bakery!*

Freshly baked caramel rolls will be sold by Westminster chimes in the Parlor on **Sunday, October 7th**. We invite you to enjoy one after the service or you may put in a to-go order for that late afternoon craving. Either way, your contribution will help the bellringers put aside funds for their next festival trip.



## **PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...**

### ***Unpacking...***

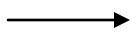
Well, a final trunk load of books has made it to my office and now awaits unpacking. At home, most things are in place—except a few smaller items in the basement, and some unhung art work rests on the floor of the hall because I am not sure where I want to hang them. None the less, home is comfortable and organized, with familiar symbols of comfort and hope everywhere. 4 months...and I am told that it is not at all unusual to still be unpacking.

But that's not all I am unpacking. For a long time now, I have had a formed philosophy about what it takes to be a pastor. But it has only been a few months since I began unpacking what it means to be a pastor *here*, at First Presbyterian, in Bismarck. That means familiarizing myself with the culture of this church, gaining insight into relationships, committees and leadership styles, learning how to prioritize, begin visioning for our future and discerning how dialog and power works in this community of faith. It means watching, listening, asking, musing. It involves a spiritual/psychological process not unlike moving into a house—some aspects of my being seem to have an immediate “fit,” others take more thought, deliberation and experimentation.

At the same time, I am aware that this church is unpacking too—unpacking our relationship, and taking in cues from me about who I am, how I fit, and who I want to be to you, as Pastor, church family, and hopefully friends. So, I thought I would write this little blurb to make the task easier and what I am disclosing is somewhat based on my gleanings from cottage meetings and committee functions.

I hope what follows this doesn't come off as egoistic. I hope it comes to this church as a willingness to be authentic in light of the fact that I am going to grow and yes, make mistakes in front of all of you. Inevitably, you will discover some of these things about me anyway, for better and for worse.

- 1) I have a habit of staying. I do not abandon with ease. I know that in recent years, this church has had several pastors and interims with varying degrees of relational intensity and the members of this church have carried on with incredible gifting and commitment. It may take a while to get used to the fact that I am not temporary—I was with my last call for 12 years and leaving was incredibly hard. I did not come here to escape a conflictual situation—I came because I felt called, felt the time was right, and because, well, I *want* to be here. I have no other plan or goal but to pastor this church.
- 2) I am a pastor, first. Yes, there are a multitude of tasks in my job description that are administrative in character—and I am blessed with an incredible staff make me/us look good. But a pastor's first duty is shepherd, which in the scripture is entirely relational. I would not be happy as a CEO; I *want* to connect, I *want* to visit, I *want* to care,





## **PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...**

I *want* to know people and their stories. And, I don't mind drop-ins—if I have an appointment, I will say so. But the highlight of my day is laughter from the front desk, chatter from day-care children, conversations with staff...

- 3) I am cautious about power and voice—I prefer collaboration over autocracy. The Book of Order gives me certain responsibilities which I do not have to “share”; it also outlines aspects of authority which I do share with Session. I am glad for this—it was deciding factor in my decision to be Presbyterian because I have known too many religious leaders who thought the gospel was their ticket to power and control. When it is all said and done, I think I am a more creative and better pastor when I listen to feedback and ideas, and, ask for insight and opinions. Here is the bottom line: in my life, I have experienced terrible abuses of spiritual/ ecclesial power, and my heart is dead set against being the source of dictatorial authority in the name of Christ. I like power to be shared in the community where the Holy Spirit is at work—and I like to function where everyone has a voice—everyone uses their gifts. When somebody has a gift which I do not, and they use it well—I am relieved and happy, not jealous—especially when all gifts are used for the good of the community as scripture says. That is why I don't like bullies: they silence other voices.
- 4) I “get back up” after my “falls”. I honestly think this is my greatest gift. Call it resilience, call it stubbornness, call it idealism, call it the inability to know how to do anything else—it is probably a little of all of these: but I would rather adapt than break.
- 5) I am protective of my daughter. She is not an extension of my ministry. Everyone has been so gracious here, there is no problem which has made it necessary to say this—but we all know the stereotypes of pastors' kids and the expectations they can face. But she's just Audrey: a changing, funny, shy, not-shy, bright teenager. Everyone here has been so welcoming and gracious, I probably didn't need to say this at all. But...I just did.
- 6) I am an INFJ—which means I am an introvert who gains her energy from quality time alone (it does not mean I am shy, or that I don't like people!) I have learned to “extrovert” in service to the ministry, but it is not natural and over *long* periods of time, wears me out if I don't respect a Sabbath. It also means that I absorb/process information inwardly. One can be in a serious conversation with me and have trouble reading my responses—especially in groups—but that does not mean I have vacated my premises. More often than not it means I am intensely involved, weighing what I hear, working at a solution. They say introverts have special challenges in leadership, and I am sure it is true. But it also means



## **PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE...(cont.)**

I am usually careful, thoughtful, which isn't all bad. It also means that when I take a risk, I have *really* calculated it.

- 7) I really am forgetful. There is a little absent-minded professor in me. It is a problem to me and I don't want it to be a problem to you. I lose sleep over what I may have forgotten—wake up to write myself a note and reminders lest I let anyone down. Please help me by writing things down, passing them through Charee and reminding me.
- 8) I am serious about loving Jesus. If he wasn't my Savior, I would still want him to be my best friend, guide, muse and inspiration. I have made a long faith journey that has hit lots of bumps, and one thing has never changed. I believe. I find I can't NOT believe. This faith is in me, deeper in my soul than I have the capacity or wisdom to choose.

Okay, enough. Me, me, me. I hope this isn't an excessive in self-aggrandizement. I hope it is the beginning of a conversation. I just put myself out there, the ball is in your court. I want to know you, too.

*Pastor Leanne*



## **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

The journalist Walker Knight said, "Peace is active, not passive; peace is doing, not waiting." On **Sunday, October 7th** we will collect our Peace and Global Witness offering. This offering allows us to provide resources to deal with conflict and nurture reconciliation. 50% of our gifts go to efforts around the globe to bring communities together and stop terrible things like human trafficking. 25% of our gifts support peacemaking in our region and 25% of our gifts will stay here in Bismarck to support local compassionate efforts.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we follow Jesus' example as the Prince of Peace.

Stewardship Committee



## ***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION...***

As previously mentioned, I have recently been hired as the Youth Christian Education Director. I am EXTREMELY excited to take on this roll and add to my participation in the family here at First Presbyterian Church!

DO NO PANIC.....I will still be the Administrative Assistant full-time, and will do the Youth Director position part-time. This will be a much needed change! I will be able to step away from jobs that I have outside of here and focus on my main priorities, which include being a part of the church, helping in the growth and vision of the church, and helping our youth grow spiritually through these important stages of their lives.

I want to thank everyone for all the support and confidence with this decision. I am looking forward to this amazing journey with all of you!

*Charee Linton*

Youth Christian Education Director



### ***Christian Education October Events:***

#### ♦ **October 24th: Halloween Fun Night ~ PAC/PresbyTeens**

Everyone is invited to wear their costumes for this fun night! Please invite your friends to enjoy all the fun and games!

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~ **There will be no PAC/PresbyTeens on Wednesday October 17th (Fall Break) or October 31st.**

~ **PAC will be doing a fun project and has requested empty 2 liter bottles. If anyone has any they are willing to donate, please drop them off at the church office by Wednesday 10/3. Thank You!**



## **PARISH NURSE NEWS...**

### **HAPPY OCTOBER EVERYONE!**

So we all know what event is held in October...Halloween! Here is a little story for you all:

A man was walking alone one night when he heard a “BUMP...BUMP...BUMP” behind him. Walking faster, he looked back, making out an image of an upright coffin banging its way down the middle of the street towards him...BUMP...BUMP...BUMP...” The man began to run toward his home and the coffin bounced after him...faster...faster...BUMP...BUMP...BUMP. He ran up to his door, fumbling with his keys, opened the door, rushed in, and locked it behind him. BUT the coffin crashed through his door with the lid of the coffin clapping BUMP...BUMP...BUMP...on the heels of the terrified man. The man rushed upstairs to the bathroom and locked himself in with his heart pounding in fear. With a CRASH, the coffin broke down the door coming slowly towards the man. He was screaming in terror reaching for something, anything and all he could find was a bag of cough drops which he hurled at the coffin...AND....” the coffin (coughing) stops”.

October is National Spina Bifida Awareness Month. According to WebMD, Spina Bifida is a relatively common birth defect in the U.S. The words literally mean “split spine” in Latin. If a baby has the condition, during development, the neural tube (a group of cells that form the brain and the spinal cord of a baby) doesn’t close all the way, so the backbone that protects the spine doesn’t form completely. This can cause physical and mental issues. About 1,500 to 2,000 babies of the 4 million born in the U.S. every year have spina bifida. Thanks to advances in medicine, 90% of babies who have this defect live to be adults, and most go on to lead full lives.

There are three main types of spina bifida:

- ♦ **Spina bifida occulta (SBO):** This is the most common and mildest form of the defect. Many people don’t even know they have it. (“Occulta” means “hidden” in Latin) Here, the spinal cord and nerves are usually fine, but there might be a small gap in the spine. People often find out they have SBO when they get an X-ray for some other reason. This type of spina bifida doesn’t typically cause any type of disability. The most obvious sign might be a tuft of hair or a birthmark at the site of the defect.
- ♦ **Meningocele:** The rare type of spina bifida happens when a sac of spinal fluid (but not the spinal chord) pushes through an opening in the baby’s back. Some people have few or no symptoms, while others have problems with their bladder and bowels. You can see the poking through the infant’s back. In the case of meningocele, there may be a thin layer of skin over the sac.
- ♦ **Myelomeningocele:** This is the most severe type of spina bifida. Here, the baby’s spinal canal is open in one or several places in the lower or middle back, and a sac of fluid pokes out. This sac also holds part of the spinal cord and the nerves, and those parts get damaged. You can see the sac poking through the infants back. There’s usually no skin covering, and the spinal cord tissue is out in the open. Other symptoms of myelomeningocele include: weak leg muscles (in some cases the infant can’t move them at all), unusually shaped feet, uneven hips, or a curved spine (scoliosis), seizures and bowel or bladder problems.

Children also might have trouble breathing, swallowing, or moving their upper arms. They also might be overweight. The symptoms depend a lot on where the problem is in the spine and which spinal nerves are involved.

No one knows for sure what causes spina bifida. Scientists think it may be a combination of the environment and family history, or a lack of folic acid (a type of vitamin B) in the mother’s body.



But we do know that the condition is more common among white and Hispanic babies and in girls. Also, women who have diabetes that isn't managed well or who are obese may be more likely to have a child with spina bifida.

Three tests can check for spina bifida and other birth defects while the baby is still in the womb:

- ♦ **Blood test:** A sample of the mother's blood is tested to see if it has a certain protein that baby makes called AFP. If the level of AFP is very high, it could mean the baby has spina bifida or another neural tube defect.
- ♦ **Ultrasound:** High-frequency sound waves bounce off tissues in your body to make black-and-white pictures of the baby on a computer monitor. If your baby has spina bifida, you may see an open spine or a sac poking out of the spine.
- ♦ **Amniocentesis:** If the blood test shows a high level of AFP but the ultrasound looks normal, your doctor may recommend amniocentesis. This is when your doctor uses a needle to take a small amount of fluid from the amniotic sac around the baby. If there's a high level of AFP in that fluid; that means the skin around the baby's sac is missing and AFP has leaked into the amniotic sac.

Sometimes, spina bifida is diagnosed after a baby is born—usually if the mother didn't get prenatal care or the ultrasound didn't show anything wrong. The doctor probably will want to get X-rays of the baby's body and do a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan, which uses strong magnets and radio waves to get more detailed images.

Doctors can operate on babies when they're just a few days old or even while they are still in the womb. If the baby has meningocele, about 24-48 hours after birth, the surgeon will put the membrane around the spinal cord back in place and close the opening. If the baby has myelomeningocele, the surgeon will put the tissue and spinal cord back inside the baby's body and cover it with skin. Sometimes the surgeon will also put a hollow tube into the baby's brain called a shunt to keep water from collecting on the brain (called hydrocephalus). This is also done 24-48 hours after the baby's born. Surgery sometimes can be done while the baby is still in the womb. Before the 26th week of pregnancy, the surgeon goes into the mother's womb and sews shut the opening over the baby's spinal cord. Children who have this type of surgery seem to have fewer birth defects. But it's risky to the mother and makes it more likely that the baby will be born too early. After these surgeries, others may be needed to correct problems with feet, hips, or the spine or to replace the shunt in the brain. Between 20% and 50% of children with myelomeningocele may also have something called progressive tethering, which is when their spinal cords get fastened to the spinal canal. (Normally, the bottom of the spinal cord floats freely in the spinal cord.) As the child grows, the spinal cord stretches, and that causes a loss of muscle and bowel or bladder problems. Surgery may be needed to fix that as well. Some people with spina bifida need crutches, braces, or wheelchairs to move around, and others need a catheter to help with their bladder issues.

Studies have shown that taking a multivitamin with folic acid can prevent spina bifida and lower your baby's odds of having this and other birth defects. Any woman who's pregnant or trying to get pregnant should get 400 micrograms a day. If you have spina bifida, or have a child with spina bifida, you should get 4,000 micrograms per day at least 1 month before you get pregnant through the first few months. Consult with your provider. Folic acid is also in dark green vegetables, egg yolks, and some fortified breads, pastas, rice, and breakfast cereals.

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### ***Announcements:***

- ♦ Strengthening exercises in the Parlor every Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Come join us for the fun!
- ♦ October 14th ~ Blood Pressure Clinic in Conference Room from 9-10 am and 11-12 pm. See you there!
- ♦ October 16th ~ there will be a free presentation in the Parlor by Katie Schafer, LSW Reginal Aging Services Program Administrator. She will present about her program and what services they provide in the Bismarck/Mandan area.



## **RESPONDING TO POVERTY**

Your Outreach Committee hopes you will join Presbyterians from across North Dakota in attending a gathering at our church on ***Sunday evening October 7th***. The planning taskforce is made up of Glencoe, Wilton, Mandan, and Bismarck Presbyterian Churches along with our Presbytery of Northern Plains. **Please join us at 5:00 p.m. on October 7th for a Soup Supper.** Alonzo T. Johnson coordinator of Presbyterian Committee for the Self-Development of People will present “The Least of These” workshop following the supper.

The following is a description of the workshop:

*The Least of These: Engaging people in the Work of Preventing and Alleviating Poverty. How does poverty impact you? This workshop will examine poverty in the US context and how it affects us all. Attention will be given to issues such as living wages, homelessness, education, healthcare, mass incarceration and how each intersects with race, class and gender. Workshop will also equip participants with strategies to engage the issues in their local communities through direct action and advocacy. Examples of how people are engaged in the work of preventing and alleviating poverty. The workshop will also include activities designed to encourage participants to interact with each other and interface with the issues of poverty in North Dakota and our nation.*

As we seek to serve our Presbyterian family across North Dakota and invite persons from other churches in our area, are you able to help? **Soup makers:** our menu will include homemade soups. **Would you please consider bringing your favorite soup** to share with our guest from across the state? **Bar Makers:** we are also looking for the famous Presbyterian bars for dessert. **Would you please consider bringing bars?** Volunteers are also needed to set up Ramstad Hall, serve the soup and help clean up after the workshop. Sign-up sheets are available.

Thank You!



## **October 2018 Ushers/Greeters/Reception Host**

### **October 7th:**

**Captain:** Peggy Hoge

**Ushers:** Neva Carlisle, Ella Gutzke, Tedd Gutzke, Wendy Skager, Becky Rosenkranz

**Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*

### **October 14th:**

**Captain:** Alice Nix

**Ushers:** Nanc Skaret, Joe Bachmeier, Jody Bachmeier, Peggy Hoge, Dave Nix

**Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*

### **October 21st:**

**Captain:** Abby Bjornson

**Usher:** Tedd Gutzke, Ella Gutzke, Don Bigwood, Corby Svihovec, Karmen Svihovec

**Reception Host:** Lynne Bigwood

### **October 28th:**

**Captain:** Kathryn Brown

**Ushers:** Carole Watrel, Steve Adair, Dave Nix, Alice Nix, Corby Svihovec

**Reception Host:** CCC Open House—Ella Gutzke

### **LAY READERS**

Oct. 7th Dave Nix

Oct. 14th Gaylene Massey

Oct. 21st *Volunteer Needed*

Oct. 28th Alice Nix



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

**223-6091**

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

#### ***Sunday, October 7th***

John Richter	Jay Cofell
Kris Ronningen	Jenni Boeckel
Nanc Skaret	Peggy Hoge
Donna Richter	Alice Nix
Bob Kinnischtzke	Corby Svihovec

*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**

## ***CHILD CARE CENTER VISION SCREENING***

Twice each year, usually in the spring and again in the fall, members from the Lions Club come to the FPCCC and provide vision screenings. The parents have been very receptive to these screenings, with approximately 50% participation each visit. During the two years that we've offered the service, three referrals have been made. It has been such a wonderful experience partnering with the Lions Club to offer this important service to the children in our care.

### ***Reaching out to communities to save sight***

Eighty percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening. Around the world, Lions partner with medical professionals and community leaders to screen young children, primary school students, and adults to identify those at risk for vision loss. The venue for Lions' vision screenings varies from schools, to workplaces, to community health fairs, and the screening methods depend upon the age group. But the results are always the same. Early identification leads to timely referral, professional treatment, and improved or restored sight.





## *FINE ARTS FESTIVAL*

There will be a hiatus from the Fine Arts Festival. After thoughtful consideration the committee decided that the committee is too small in number to plan and offer a festival that can compare to festivals of the past.

We remain committed to the idea that the Fine Arts Festival could be the catalyst to bring our church family and the Bismarck/Mandan community together to celebrate the arts and in particular support the youth of our community as they explore their artistic abilities.

Although the festival has been placed on the back burner for now, it is with sincere hope that sometime in the not too distant future we can once again bring it to the forefront.



Gaylene Massey



## **CROP WALK**

***October 14th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.  
On the Capitol Steps***

Do **you** love to walk in the crisp Autumn air? Mark your calendar and join the CROP Walk for Hunger on October 14th. Walk to represent the millions of families around the globe who are forced to walk several miles on a daily basis to obtain food and drinkable water!

YES, it's CROP Hunger Walk time again!!! 10-14-18 is the date and 1:30 p.m. is the time to gather on the steps of the Capitol.

**CROP** stands for **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty and **you** can help to overcome poverty by walking or sponsoring a walker today!!

Money raised at the Bismarck/Mandan CROP Hunger Walk benefits programs and people around the globe and here in the United States.

The Bismarck/Mandan CROP Hunger Walk also benefits local agencies such as the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House, the Abused Adult Resource Center, AID, Inc., and the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry since 25% of the money raised at our CROP Walk goes directly to these agencies.

Contact Alice Nix at 751-7501 to get involved. Remember: **WE WALK BECAUSE THEY WALK.**



## **LIVING THE DREAM**

***“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.” ~ John Dewey***

This week, Pastor Leanne and I were invited to tour the Career Academy by our very own Dale Hoerauf, Director of the Career Academy. I was floored by its size, its concept and the sheer enjoyment of the staff and students. For those of you who don't know about the Career Academy, it offers a large variety of “hands on” career and technical education classes offered to high school students in the Bismarck/Mandan area at no cost to them or their families. It offers anything from Agriculture, Business/Marketing, Family & Consumer Sciences, Information Technology, Medical Related Careers, Technology & Engineering, Auto Collision and Technology, Aviation, Electronics, Graphic Communication, Carpentry and Welding.

These students are getting the opportunity to find their passions and hone their skills before going on to college. I saw the most amazing creativity in the projects done by these students.

Another observation I had, was the pure joy and pride Dale has for the Career Academy and what he does daily. *“I enjoy being around students at the Career Academy. Watching them engaged in their learning is priceless. So to be able to share and be with them everyday is my intrinsic motivation. ‘If you love what you do you will never work another day in your life.’ I love what I do and enjoy going to work everyday.”*

Thank you Dale for this amazing experience and allowing us a glimpse of how you are helping to change lives everyday!

Charee Linton





## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...**

### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

The death of Mike Mahlum September 1, 2018 was reported. Total membership is 377. A letter was read from the Fine Arts Committee stating the festival will not be held in 2019.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

TOTAL INCOME YTD ACTUAL	\$297,925	Budget	\$330,331
TOTAL EXPENSE YTD ACTUAL	\$317,858	Budget	\$378,039
NET INCOME	-\$19,933	Budget	-\$47,708
Unrestricted General Fund	\$163,914.13		

#### **MODERATOR'S REPORT**

Pastor Leanne listed four areas of Visioning: Basic calling; Mission and growth; General Stewardship; Financial Vision. Session will meet Saturday, October 27 at 10:00am to begin the visioning process.

Installation service will be November 18 at 3:00pm. There are possibly 7-10 interested in FPC membership.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative and Personnel**—Charee Linton will be the new part-time Youth Director working with PresbyTeens. Charee will continue as Administrative Assistant. Charee's additional hours will be considered overtime pay and she will begin in mid-October.

The church nursery on Sunday mornings will be staffed by one person. Having a camera in the room will be explored.

**Business and Finance**—The committee met with John Mayer of Stifel to assess the investment portfolio. No changes are recommended at this time.

**Christian Education**—December 9 will be the Children's Christmas Program. Kristi Ronningen, Boy Scout liaison reported that in September the Scouts will sell Christmas wreaths, pick up litter along Highway 1804 and participate in Theodore Roosevelt Day at McDowell Dam.

**Membership**—The red and green potluck will be held after the December 9 program. The committee will fund a gathering/meal for the new church members. There were 76 at the Pumpkin Patch event.





## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS...**

**Outreach**—FPC will again work with Ministry on the Margins to host the Thanksgiving Day meal. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board. The October 7 workshop on Poverty will begin at 5:00pm with soup supper. Volunteers are needed and may sign up on the volunteer board.

**Property and Equipment**—The committee will consider a camera in the nursery and will investigate the cost for a new heating/cooling system.

**Stewardship**—A part of the Peacemaking Offering on October 7 will go to the Abused Adult Resource Center.

**Worship and Music**—The committee may use electronic means to conduct meetings during the winter in order to connect with members who are “snow birds”. The microphone above the choir does not amplify.

**Child Care Center**—An Open House is planned for October 28. Sign-on bonus will be discontinued.

**Nominating**—About half of the new class of Elders and Deacons has been secured for 2019. Give suggestions to Shari Orser.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioners to the Presbytery meeting October 8 at Mandan FPC will be Shari Orser, Gladys Cairns and Jim Skaret.

The church will apply for a special code from Amazon which will allow FPC members to use when ordering. The church would receive .5% of eligible purchases to be used for the PresbyTeen Fundraising Account.

Session meetings from October through winter months will begin at 6:00 instead of 7. December 18 will be the Session meeting for that month.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Vonda Bailey  
Etta Schue  
Phyllis Lindblom  
Ellie Adair  
Aaron (Bud) Johnson  
Bryson Fru  
Joe Satrom  
Laura Jensen  
Cindy Cross  
Darin Svihovec  
Neva Carlisle  
Jane Boeckel  
Bella-Rae Fru  
Kaitlin Dixon  
Linda Jordre  
Solomon Bannerman  
Ron Carlisle

### OCTOBER

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### Anniversaries

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

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!



## *OCTOBER FUN FACTS*

The 10th month of the year brings us Halloween, Columbus Day, and the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, October is the tenth month of the year. In early Roman calendar, it was actually the eighth month and there are 31 days in October.

In North Temperature zone, the first frost happens, leaves change colors and leaves fall. By the time, most of the birds would have left for the South hemisphere to protect themselves from cold weather. However, in the southern hemisphere, October's weather is just like the northern hemisphere's April weather.

In October, farmers bring the last of the fall crops and ship them to other parts of the U.S. and also, many apples are harvested.

### **Below are some fun facts about October:**

- ◆ The birthstones for October are the tourmaline and the opal.
- ◆ The zodiac signs for October are Libra (September 23-October 22) and Scorpio (October 23-November 21).
- ◆ The birth flower for October is the calendula.
- ◆ On October 1, 1896, free rural delivery of mail started in the United States.
- ◆ On October 4, 1957, the first artificial satellite was launched by the Soviet Union.
- ◆ On October 5, 1947, the first presidential telecast address from the White House was made by Harry S. Truman.
- ◆ On October 7, 1816, the Washington (first double-decked steamboat) arrived at New Orleans.
- ◆ On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in America.
- ◆ On October 18, 1867, the U.S. flag was formally raised over Alaska.
- ◆ On October 22, 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first President of the Republic of Texas.
- ◆ On October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state of the United States.
- ◆ Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- ◆ National Cookie Month
- ◆ National Chili Month
- ◆ National Pizza Month
- ◆ National Dessert Month
- ◆ Lupus Awareness Month
- ◆ National Seafood Month
- ◆ Columbus Day—second Monday of October
- ◆ October 31st—Halloween.





# October Happenings

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Time</i></u>	<u><i>Meeting/Event</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>
Monday, October 1st, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee	Conf. Room
Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018	9:30 a.m.	Clerk of Session Meeting	Parlor
	5:30 p.m.	New Members Class	Parlor
	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
	5:30 p.m.	Property & Equipment Comm.	201
	6:30 p.m.	Lay Ministers	Conf. Room
Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018	5:45 p.m.	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, October 4th, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	12:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Conf. Room
	5:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Parlor
	6:00 p.m.	Membership Committee	Conf. Room
Saturday, October 5th, 2018	8:30 a.m.	Circle	Parlor
	9:00 a.m.	Yoga	202
Sunday, October 7th, 2018	9:00 a.m.	Bellringer's Bakery	Parlor
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Education Class	201
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Downstairs
	5:00 p.m.	Social Justice Meeting	Ramstad
Monday, October 8th, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	5:00 p.m.	Administrative & Personnel Comm.	Parlor
	5:30 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee	Conf. Room
Tuesday, October 9th, 2018	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
	5:30 p.m.	Child Care Center Board	Conf. Room
Wednesday, October 10th, 2018	12:00 p.m.	Munch & Mingle	Ramkota Hotel
	5:45 p.m.	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary





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Thursday, October 11th, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	6:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee	Conf. Room
Friday, October 12th, 2018	12:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Meal Planning Comm.	Conf. Room
Saturday, October 13th, 2018	9:00 a.m.	Yoga	202
Sunday, October 14th, 2018	9:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic	Conf. Room
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Education Class	201
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Downstairs
Monday October 15th, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	12:00 p.m.	Business & Finance Committee	Conf. Room
Tuesday, October 16th, 2018	12:00 p.m.	Services for the Aging Presentation	Parlor
	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
Wednesday, October 17th, 2018	11:30 a.m.	Higher Power Luncheon	Parlor
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary
	<i>*No PAC/PresbyTeens—Fall Break</i>		
Thursday, October 18th, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons	Ramstad
Friday, October 19th, 2018	Taylor/Liedtke Wedding		
Saturday, October 20th, 2018	9:00 a.m.	Yoga	202
Sunday, October 21st, 2018	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education Class	201
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:15 p.m.	Sunday School	Downstairs
	11:00 a.m.	Stewardship Celebration	Ramstad Hall
Monday, October 22nd, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
	6:00 p.m.	Session	Parlor
Wednesday, October 24th, 2018	5:45 p.m.	PAC/PresbyTeens	Downstairs
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

# October Happenings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, October 25th, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
Saturday, October 27th, 2018	9:00 a.m.	Yoga	202
	10:00 a.m.	Session Vision Planning Retreat	Parlor
Sunday, October 28th, 2018	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education Class	201
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School	Downstairs
	11:00 a.m.	Child Care Center Open House	
Monday, October 29th, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Senior Exercise Class	Parlor
Tuesday, October 30th, 2018	5:30 p.m.	Yoga	202
Wednesday, October 31st, 2018	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Chimes	Bell Room
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

## October 31 Verses to Pray for Our Homes

- 1 - Lev. 19:33-34 Lord, help us to love others as ourselves
- 2 - Num. 6:24-26 Bless and keep us, Father. May we go and do the same
- 3 - 1 Sam. 25:6 Grant peace in our home
- 4 - Job 31:32 May our home be a place with open doors
- 5 - Psalm 12:5 May our home be a refuge for the weary
- 6 - Psalm 23:5 You prepare a table before us, may we do the same
- 7 - Prov. 24:3-4 Lord, by wisdom a house is built. Give us wisdom
- 8 - Prov. 31:20 May we be known as those who open our arms to the poor
- 9 - Isaiah 58:6-8 God, may we always seek to feed the hungry
- 10 - Matt. 5:3-10 Lord, may our family truly believe the beatitudes and live them out: blessed are the meek, those that mourn, etc
- 11 - Matt. 5:13 May our family be the salt of the earth
- 12 - Matt. 5:14 May our family shine before others so that they might see You
- 13 - Matt. 25:35-40 Lord, open our eyes that we might see Jesus in the least of these
- 14 - Luke 3:10-18 Lord, we have plenty. May we give to others as You've given to us
- 15 - Luke 10:38-42 As we open our homes, may we always choose what is better
- 16 - Luke 14:12-14 Lord, help us to show the the poor, the blind, the crippled who You are. And know they will do the same for us
- 17 - John 13:35 God, may others know we are Yours because of our love
- 18 - John 15:4 (MSG) God, make Your home in us as we make our home in You
- 19 - John 13:15 Teach us what it truly means to lay down our lives for others
- 20 - Acts 2:42-47 God, remind us how the first church lived and may we do accordingly
- 21 - Rom. 12:13 May we always show preference to others
- 22 - Rom. 12:18-21 God, give us strength to love & feed our enemies
- 23 - Rom. 15:1 May our home be known for building others up
- 24 - 1 Cor. 3:16 Remind us that our bodies are Your dwelling place
- 25 - Col. 3:16 May the message of Christ dwell richly in our home
- 26 - Col. 3:23-24 May our home be a place where others are served heartily, as unto You
- 27 - Heb. 13:2 May we never fail to show hospitality to those who come our way
- 28 - James 2:14-17 May we love in word and actions
- 29 - 1 Peter 4:9-10 May we never complain when God brings people our way
- 30 - 1 John 3:16-18 Lord, help us to love with actions and in truth
- 31 - 1 John 4:19 May we love because You first loved us

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## **FAMILY NEWS**

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

### ***Michael Mahlum***

*Michael passed away on September 1st, 2018*

*"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*

