

# Hello October

Here and Now!  
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**PASTOR LEANNE'S MESSAGE:**

**Papa's Pumpkin Patch**

The day was just beautiful, with clear crisp air, a perfect temperature, and just enough breeze to keep the bees from hovering in an annoying way. The colors were orange, yellow, green and brown, and the sky a mild blue – and across the parking lot, I spotted Diann Johnson's smiling face waiting for me by the entrance to Papa's Pumpkin Patch. Inside, the sounds of children playing joyfully on bales of hay and easily chatting parents filled my ears. There were dogs, especially Labradors, which made me happy. I spotted Ruth Jensen's dark hair flowing in the breeze at a distance – Brianna flashed past me with excitement – Iris was not far behind. I found the shelter we had reserved, where Mark Jenson, Clyde Johnson, and Matt Engel were fighting the breeze in efforts to place plastic table cloths on the tables. Kathy Wachter joined us.

Once things were set up, we prayed and helped ourselves to potluck entries supplied by our own hands. Carol and Dot caught my ear, I got caught up with Mary Emily Thomas and marveled at how baby Katherine had grown. I met the Ronnigen's visiting family, admired their tribe of grandkids at play, and chatted with Lori and Shari Orser. I sat by Kathy and my daughter, Audrey, and visited with Sue and Lyle. The Fru's were across the space from me, the Ehrensens and Becky Mahlum were nearby. The Stokkas, keeping up with McKinley and Canyon, moved too fast for me to catch - Laura and Bill and I exchanged dog stories. And the place was alive with gladness over the birth of little Finn Farver.

And I thought, "Wow. I really like these people." And, the food was good!

Worship is wonderful; serving Christ together on projects is satisfying; but there is something special about "hanging with" church family, just because one likes them. I came home from Papa's Pumpkin Patch feeling full of contentment, because I had been with the people of God. It feels so nice to be included and feel accepted – it feels great to be part of a church in which people actually like one another. I thought of the Psalmist, in Psalm 133,



**PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED:**

saying, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

I know the cold season is setting in, and soon the snow will make travel a hassle but, I want to encourage you to join in the fellowship activities that are scheduled for the upcoming seasons. It's good for you, body and soul. It's good for us. There's something about gathering together that fills a person up, and "there the Lord bestows sweet blessings." Let's be family.

*Leanne*



**SCOUT TROOP 6 IS SELLING WREATHS AGAIN THIS YEAR!  
SUNDAY MORNING OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

WREATHS, SWAGS, AND GARLAND IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT SIZES, & RIBBON OPTIONS!!



**CALL OR TEXT ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER MARK Z. WITH QUESTIONS OR ADVANCE ORDERS  
701-220-4513**

**(DELIVERY WILL BE AT THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>!)**

**THANK YOU FROM TROOP 6 FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT!**



**Resource Management Committee -**



**PER CAPITA** This is a reminder that if you have not yet made your per capita payment, your per capita fee of \$48/member can be paid at any time during the year. The Per Capita fee is the assessment the church pays for each member which goes to the larger Presbyterian Church of PCUSA to provide funds for the operation of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly offices, as well as some of the mission programs of the denomination (PCUSA).

Our church is assessed \$48 per member and pays this fee out of the budgeted funds of the General Fund. It is requested that each member consider making a \$48.00 payment to the church as a special offering to cover this amount. If paying by check make the check out to the church and note on the memo line "Per Capita".



**FROM OUR PARISH NURSE - WANONA**

Happy October everyone. Some nursing students have been shadowing me for their Parish Nurse experience. It has been a delight having them follow me on some home visits. Thank you for allowing them in to your homes and learn what parish nursing is all about.



Thank you for coming to our first Health Fair on September 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success and I hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who helped : Jan Gilchrist, Cindy Cross, Alice & Dave Nix, Barb Satran, Tony Bartole, Carol Thompson, Lynne Bigwood, Ann Lynch, Rosie Sand, Becky & Dennis Rosenkranz, Ella Gutzke and Priscilla Wilson! “I could NOT have pulled it off without all your help!”



**Some Stats:** 70 attendants ~ \$408 raised for our Parish Nurse Fund

Bismarck-Burleigh Co. Public Health saw 26 individuals ~ they gave: 22 flu shots 18 covid boosters

Tuesday, October 4th - Exercise/Strengthening classes will begin (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at 11:00am in Ramstad Hall. Come join us!



Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - 10:00am and 11:00am - Noon the Blood Pressure Clinic will be in the conference room. I’m excited to see you all again.

Halloween is almost here, and in the *spirit* of the season, I’ve gathered a few my favorite groan-worthy Halloween riddles for you.

- Why did the witch refuse to wear a flat hat?** Because there wasn’t any point to it!
- What was the witch’s favorite subject in school?** Spelling!
- How do you communicate with the Loch Ness Monster?** Drop him a line.

**MORE GIGGLES:**

Paddy McCoy, an elderly Irish farmer, recently received a letter from the Department for Work & Pensions stating that they suspected he was not paying his employees the statutory minimum wage and they would send an inspector to interview them. On the appointed day, the inspector turned up. “Tell me about your staff,” he asked Paddy. “Well,” said Paddy, “there’s the farm hand, I pay him \$240 a week, and he has a free cottage. Then there’s the housekeeper. She gets \$190 a week, along with free board and lodging. There’s also the half-wit. He works 16 hours a day, does 90% of the work, earns about \$25 a week along with a bottle of whisky and, as a special treat, occasionally gets to sleep with my wife.” “That’s disgraceful,” said the inspector, “I need to interview the half-wit.” “That’ll be me then,” said Paddy.



A three year old was putting his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, “Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet.” He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, “Don’t kid me, Mom, I know they’re my feet.”



## ***“A Word with Wanona”***

I would like to introduce Carol McCullough who will be sharing her life journey for the October tag game. Carol was born on August 31, 1928 in a Fargo, ND hospital. She was raised on a farm near Chaffee, ND with an older sister. They were raised on a farm, but never learned how to milk a cow or ride a horse!

Carol graduated from Chaffee High School, and went to the Bismarck Hospital School of Nursing, a 3 year course back then. Carol’s first job (as a child) was dusting furniture, which she still hates to this day! As an adult she was a Registered Nurse in Fargo, ND (St Luke’s Hospital) and Eugene, Oregon. She said “I was working at St Luke’s in Fargo when the polio virus landed. We wore masks, white gowns, and gloves in an isolated unit! There was no air conditioning at that time, and it was Hot! We put hot wet packs on their arms and legs when needed, and we had 2 patients on iron-lungs. One of the patients on an iron-lung was pregnant, and I helped deliver her baby!”

She met her husband, Bill one night after her shift at St Luke’s. She was waiting at the front door for the rain to stop, and a young Intern came up and asked her if she wanted a ride home? She said “yes!”

Three years later they were married.

Three goals Carol wanted to accomplish:

- \*Get married
- \*Have children
- \*Learn how to “water ski”

She doesn’t have just one memorable event in her life, she says “I really don’t know, there were so many!” There was the summer that she finally was able to water ski. They had a place at Lake Metigoshe, but their boat was too powerful and she couldn’t get up on the skis. A neighbor offered to take her out, with their less powerful boat and she was able to get up and ski around the whole lake! Check that off her list, all goals achieved!

Her husband, Bill is her hero! Bill served in WWII for 2 years, was a General Physician in Bottineau, ND; then went back to school for Radiology. When asked about the funniest thing that has happened to her she shrugs and says “I really don’t remember, but my 3 children, and 6 grand children say I’m ‘funny’ all the time!”

Carol became a member of the church in 1964, all 3 of their children were baptized at First Presbyterian Church (Kristy, Marshall “Marsh”, and Cameron “Cam”) it was still the old church building. She was a deacon twice, volunteered as an usher/greeter, and helped cook for the PresbyTeens. Carol and Eran Severn gave a children’s story at an early service one Easter Sunday. They had different size eggs and real live “bunnies” they almost lost control but the kids loved it!

They brought the eggs and bunnies from the zoo.

Carol is thankful for good health, and getting to travel to many countries including: Norway, Japan, Guam, Fiji and camping their way to Alaska with good friends!

Thank you Carol for sharing your life journey.



**Lake Metigoshe Cabin**



**Carol’s favorite pup - “Spike”  
(German Vizsla)**





**“SOCK IT TO ME” SUNDAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!**

**THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** would like to thank our congregation, because of their generosity there will be 4,290 warmer toes in our community this winter. Yes! That means we donated and distributed 429 pair of socks to Project Service Connect!



**Sunday, October 16th**

**During Worship**

**3rd graders will be receiving bibles**

**And we will be celebrating**

**Staff Appreciation Day!**

**(CCC and Office Staff)**

**Please join us for refreshments following worship**



**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE OCTOBER DONATION OPPORTUNITY:**

The October donation opportunity is the Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC). The AARC has been helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault for more than 40 years. They are in need of the following items to help clients when they move into their own place:

Shampoo and conditioner (full-size bottles), toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap and non-perishable food items (easy to heat and open). We appreciate your donations to this very worthy cause in our community. Please bring your items and place in the donation box at the church.



**CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST WITH THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE!**

Meet us on Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 3-5:00 pm at Laughing Sun Brewing, 1023 E. Front Ave., Bismarck. Sample different beers and enjoy great BBQ! If you don't like beer, just come for the fellowship! Must be 21+ to attend this event. Beverage and food are self-pay. Laughing Sun was recently voted the Bismarck Tribune's 2022 Best of the Best for Best Local Brewing Company, BBQ, and ribs! Put on your lederhosen and come join us! Trivia with prizes and maybe even axe throwing!

Look for the signup sheet on the church bulletin board.



## CHILDCARE CENTER NEWS-



Thank you to all who generously donated the rolls of paper towels for the month of August, the boxes of kleenex tissues for September, and the monetary donations for the Childcare Center.

### **REQUEST FOR OCTOBER IS DISHWASHER SOAP (POWDER ONLY) & BLEACH.**

October is another busy month with children and families into the full swing of school schedules and activities! Many children automatically associate October with Halloween celebrations or trick or treating. Here are a few suggestions for a safe, happy & healthy Halloween:

- \* When preparing for the Ghosts and Goblins coming to your home: Remove any tripping hazards on porches, front yards such as garden hoses, toys, bikes, lawn & porch decorations.
- \* Check outdoor lights and replace burned out bulbs.
- \* Sweep & remove wet leaves from sidewalks and steps to prevent slipping on them.
- \* Restrain pets when answering the door bell and handing out treats.
- \* Hand out only individually wrapped treats.
- \* Consider offering non edible treats such as glow sticks, spider rings, pencils, bubbles, bouncy balls, finger puppets, bookmarks, stickers, stencils and keeping in mind age appropriate items and candy to prevent choking hazards with babies and toddlers.
- \* Adults or parents should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds and pay close attention to examine all treats for any unwrapped or suspicious items.
- \* If dark where you live, its always a good idea to carry a battery flashlight and use reflective tape for costumes and trick or treat bags. Consider going to earlier in the day Halloween activities if offered in your town.
- \* Only go to homes with a porch light on.
- \* Remain on well lit streets and always use the sidewalks. Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- \* Only cross the street as a group and, if possible, in established crosswalks and not between parked cars, as motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters.
- \* Its always a good idea to have your child eat a good meal prior to going to parties or trick-or-treating which will help discourage over eating or filling up on Halloween treats.

Recognition of both CCC and church staff employees for their dedication and length of time working, will be on Sunday, October 16th during worship.



If you enjoy working with infants and children, (or know of someone who does), consider joining the team either full or part-time at the Church's Childcare Center. Contact Shawn or Vanessa at 258-7490 or inquire in the church office for an application. (must be able to pass a fingerprint background check)



## THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

A big thank you to our church members who are always willing to help out with “The Banquet” at the new Dream Center. We prepared and served 200 meals.

Come join the fun on October 20th !



### HELP NEEDED:

Our church is hosting “The Banquet” at the Dream Center (1805 Park Avenue) on Thursday, October 20. Please consider volunteering for this important event by helping to set up, prepare and serve more than 200 meals and clean up afterwards. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex. First Presbyterian has been involved in this ministry for years and it cannot be done without the help of many volunteers.

If you would like to donate money to help with the purchase of food and other supplies needed, you may drop off your donation at the church office and note “The Banquet” in the memo line if writing a check.



## CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE

**Thursday, October 20 - Saturday, October 22**

**PNP Fall Mission Youth Retreat here at FPC!**

**They will be doing a wide variety of activities such as:**

- \* **Games**
- \* **Devotionals**
- \* **Worship**
- \* **Volunteering at Papa's Pumpkin Patch**
- \* **And much more!**

**FPC will be providing and serving breakfast/brunch on Saturday morning**

**-WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP:**

**The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.**



### **REMINDER:**

**PNP Youth Trip to Kenya**

**First Deposit due**

**October 15, 2022**

**PNP YOUTH TRIP**  
*to Kenya*

**JULY 27-AUG 11, 2023**

PNP Youth in 6th-12th grade are invited! If you are under 16, you will need a parent/guardian to travel with you.

**Activities will include:**  
meeting our partners,  
attending worship,  
service projects, and  
going on safari.

Approximately  
**\$4000**  
Per Person  
Price does not include  
cost of passport or  
visa.

**DEPOSIT SCHEDULE:**  
First Deposit due October 15, 2022:  
\$500 (secures place on trip)  
Second Deposit due January 15, 2023:  
\$1500 (deadline to register)  
Third Deposit due May 15, 2023:  
\$2000  
Due to advance purchases and contracts, refunds  
cannot be made after January 15, 2023.

If you would like to register or have any questions, please contact Kayla Bones at [kbones@firstpresfargo.org](mailto:kbones@firstpresfargo.org) or 701-293-6311.



**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Membership is 322 with the addition of new member Rusty Bender.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Total Income YTD Actual	\$299,683	Budget	\$317,183
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$353,149	Budget	\$388,075
NET Income	-\$53,467	Budget	-\$70,892
YTD Investment Results	-\$320,502		
Unrestricted General Fund	\$242,005		

**MODERATOR'S REPORT**

There will be a congregational meeting following service on October 9 to elect a new class of Elders and Deacons and one member of the CCC Board. November 5 or 12 will be Elder Training. November 20 will be installation/ordination of new Elders/Deacons. New leaders will begin their work in January 2023.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administrative and Personnel**—Staff Appreciation will be October 16. Worship and Music Committee will provide a substitute for Mary in the nurse on Sunday morning when Mary is absent.

**Hospitality**—The potluck at Papa's Pumpkin Patch was a success. 426 pairs of socks were collected for Homeless Coalition of the Project Service Connect.

**Proclamation-Christian Education**—The interns, Mark Jensen and Sophie Svihovec will have increased hours due to Marete's maternity leave. **Worship and Music**—will be having a joint meeting with CE Committee.

**Property and Equipment**—Several ideas are being pursued to correct some heating/cooling issues in the Child Care Center.

**Resource Management**—Budget for 2023 will be presented to Session in October. Consecration Sunday is October 9 followed by a catered meal from Lady J's.

**Board of Deacons**—Volunteers to usher are asked to sign up on the bulletin board. Transportation to church services is available.

**Child Care Center Board**—Staff members will receive a 3% raise and fees will increase \$5.00 per week. Stabilization grants continue to help the budget.

**Nominating Committee**—The following Elders and Deacons, Class of 2024, were approved by Session:

Elders: Signe Snortland, Rusty Bender, Becky Mahlum, Juanita Hocking and Jim Skaret

Deacons: Neva Carlisle, Anita Fru, Audre Goll, Allen Hoberg, Clyde Johnson, Bev Patch-Larson, Letha Lewis, Danette Pengilly, Jim Rambo, and Kathy Wachter.

Congregational member of the Child Care Center Board, Paul Ronningen, was approved by Session.

**Anniversary Committee**—A high tea is being planned for April. Several events are planned for June 16-17, 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Session approved Shari Orser and Jim Skaret as Commissioners to Presbytery, October 29, held at First Presbyterian Church, Fargo.

Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





# Anniversary & Birthday List

## BIRTHDAYS

## OCTOBER

Vonda Bailey	1st
Etta Schue	3rd
Ellie Adair	6th
Bryson Fru-Alah	8th
Joe Satrom	10th
Laura Jensen	13th
Cindy Cross	16th
Darin Svihovec	16th
Neva Carlisle	18th
Jane Boeckel	19th
Bella Rae Fru-Alah	20th
Linda Jordre	24th
Solomon Bannerman	28th
Ronald Carlisle	28th



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**HAS BEGUN AGAIN**

**SUNDAYS - 1:30 PM**

**VIA - ZOOM**



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

*~ Thank you ~*

## ANNIVERSARIES

## OCTOBER

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

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



### Pastor

*Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons*

### Finance Assistant

*Carol Thompson*

### Administrative Assistant

*Maureen Chrest*

### Parish Nurse

*Wanona Goetz*

### Youth Ministry Assistant

*Marete Farver*

### Organists

*Arvy Smith & Gail Snustad*

### Choir Director

*Debi Rogers*

### Handbell Ensemble Director

*Lael Hoerauf*

### Maintenance Manager

*Tony Bartole*

### Audio/Visual Specialist

*Josh Stokka*

### Membership Services

*Judy Lentz*

### Child Care Center Director

*Shawn Stettner*

### Child Care Center Asst. Director

*Vanessa Hein*

### Nursery

*Mary Jones*

### Christian Ed. Interns

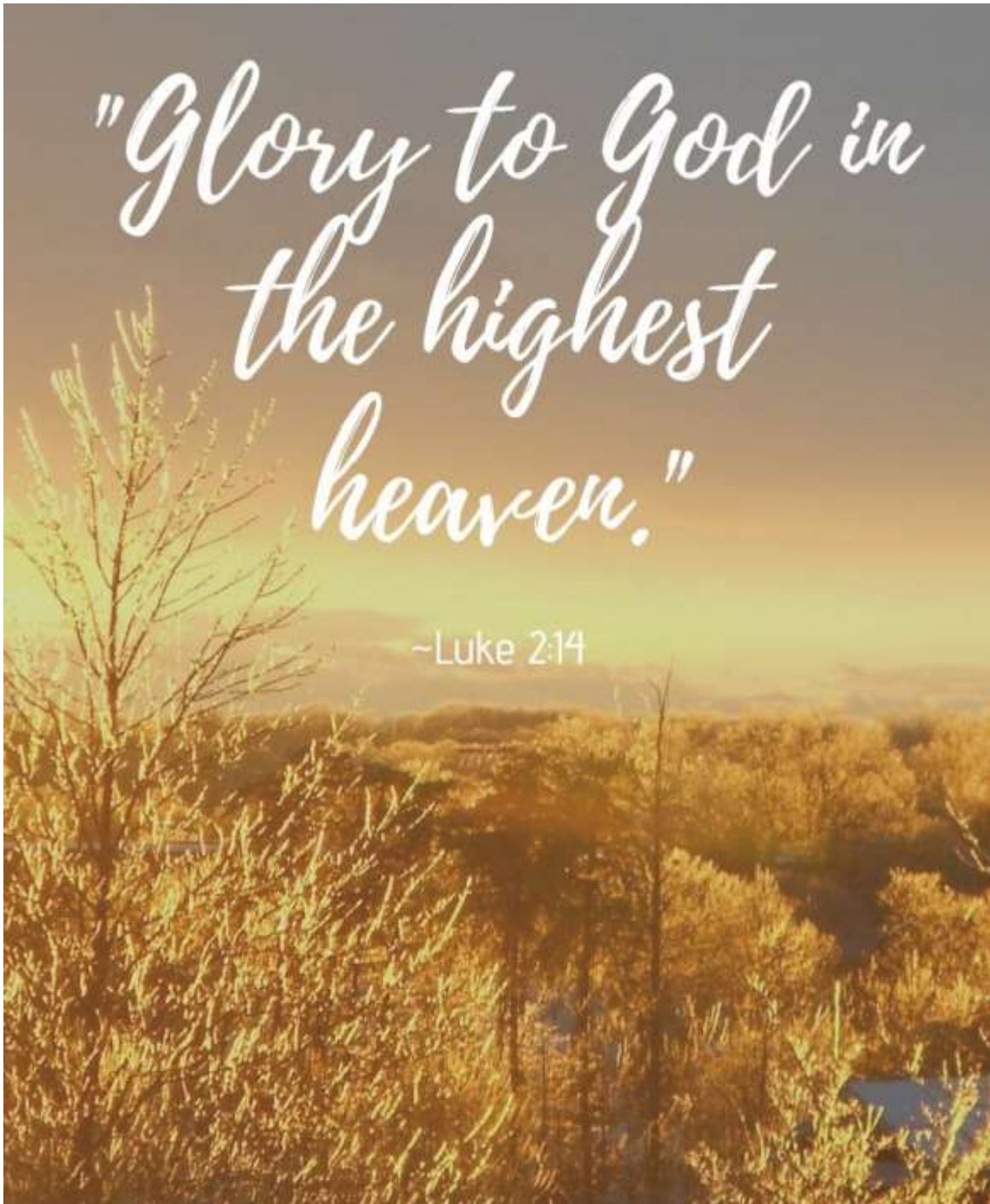
*Sophie Svihovec & Mark Jensen*

# October

2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 						1
<b>2</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>WORLD COMMUNION DAY!</b> <b>BOY SCOUTS SELLING WREATHS</b>	<b>3</b> <b>1:30PM PRAYER SHAWL</b> <b>5:30PM JOINT Christian Ed/ Worship &amp; Music ZOOM</b> <b>5:30pm Suzuki</b> <b>6:30pm Scouts</b>	<b>4</b> <b>11:00am Bal. &amp; Strength Class</b> <b>NO Prop. &amp; Equipment</b> <b>6:30pm Lay Pastors</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5:45 pm PAC/Teens</b> <b>6:30pm Bells</b> <b>7:30pm Choir</b>	<b>6</b> <b>11:00am Bal. &amp; Strength Class</b> <b>5:30pm Yoga</b> <b>6:00pm Hospitality</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>CONSECRATION SUNDAY</b> <b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b> <b>LUNCH TO FOLLOW</b> <b>9AM-NOON BP CLINIC</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:30pm Scouts</b>	<b>11</b> <b>11:00am Bal. &amp; Strength Class</b> <b>5:30pm CCC Board</b>	<b>12</b> <b>5:45 pm PAC/Teens</b> <b>6:30pm Bells</b> <b>7:30pm Choir</b>	<b>13</b> <b>11:00am Bal. &amp; Strength Class</b> <b>5:30pm Yoga</b> <b>6:00pm Hospitality</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>3RD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES!</b> <b>STAFF APPRECIATION DAY</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Noon -Resource Management</b> <b>1:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> <b>5:00pm Admin. Personnel</b> <b>5:30pm Suzuki</b> <b>6:30pm Scouts</b>	<b>18</b> <b>11:00am Bal. &amp; Strength Class</b>	<b>19</b> <b>NO PAC/Teens-Teacher Convention</b> <b>6:30pm Bells</b> <b>7:30pm Choir</b>	<b>20</b> <b>11:00am Bal. &amp; Strength Class</b> <b>5:30pm Yoga</b> <b>4:00pm- "The Banquet"</b> <b>7:00pm Deacons</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>"PNP Fall Youth Retreat" with Youth from Fargo</b>  <b>Thursday - Saturday</b>  <b>10/20 - 10/22 @ FPC</b> </div>	
<b>23</b> <b>10:00am</b> Worship <b>PUMPKIN PAINTING IN RAMSTAD HALL</b> 30 <b>10:00am</b> Worship	<b>24</b> <b>5:30pm Suzuki</b> <b>6:30pm Scouts</b> 31 <b>6:30pm Scouts</b>	<b>25</b> <b>11:00am Bal. &amp; Strength Class</b> <b>2:00pm Presby Friends At Augusta Place</b> <b>6:00pm Session</b>	<b>26</b> <b>5:45pm PAC/Teens</b> <b>6:30pm Bells</b> <b>7:30pm Choir</b>	<b>27</b> <b>11:00am Bal. &amp; Strength Class</b> <b>5:30pm Yoga</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>10:00am Presbytery Meeting At FPC Fargo</b>





"Glory to God in  
the highest  
heaven."

-Luke 2:14

**FAMILY NEWS**

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR YOUR HEALING TOUCH:**

DON BIGWOOD

GRAEL GANNON

FINN AND THE FARVER FAMILY