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# First Presbyterian Church



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## ***BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY***

September is a great time to come back to church! **Sunday, September 10th** is when our Sunday morning youth education classes and activities will kick off. After worship, the Membership Committee invites you to come downstairs to Ramstad Hall for a light breakfast. Please feel free to reach out to friends and neighbors, including people you have not seen in church for awhile and invite them too. Also, do not forget there will be a **BOUNCY HOUSE!**

Diann Johnson  
Membership Committee Chair





## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLATES**

Support our Christian Education Team and the Fine Arts Festival by sharing a donation and picking up some of our 1973 First Presbyterian Church Centennial plates, available after worship starting September 10th. These high-quality commemorative plates showcase our three houses of worship—which have occupied the same block since its founding, and highlight the building of our Sanctuary 50 years ago!

The plates will be available following worship on “Back to Church” Sunday, September 10th, as well as September 17th and 24th, along with during the Fine Arts Festival. Donations will support the children, youth and families of First Presbyterian Church, along with the Fine Arts Festival, held October 27th-28th



## **ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Administrative and Personnel Committee has had a busy August. We had a delightful Parish Nurse interview with Wanona Goetz. Wanona was approved by Session on August 22nd. She begins her Parish Nurse duties on August 28th. Wanona will be a part-time employee with a 20 hour week flexible schedule. Wanona will be located in the main church office. Please welcome her when you see her.



## **BE OUR GUEST**



First Presbyterian Church now has Wi-Fi throughout the church! You may log-in under the **FPC-Guest** connection with the password being **fpcchurch2017**. Thank you to all the committees and staff who have helped get us up-to-date!





## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

*"Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal...  
(Luke 9:2)*

Let us all welcome **Wanona Goetz**—the church's new Parish Nurse!

Wanona is now on-the-job—and is looking forward to meeting and serving you—and as she comes to know us all, truly becoming the *nurse of the parish*. As such she will be used by God in the healing ministry of this church.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is Wanona's own welcome and introduction of herself to you. You will discover her to be a registered nurse who is warm and friendly, approachable, knowledgeable, and with a depth and breadth of experience from various nursing settings.

She has moved into her office at the church, and will be working on average 20 hours per week. There will be opportunity to meet and know her on some Sundays, as well as making contact with her through the church office.

As her actual work days, and hours per day develop, her role will include such responsibilities as:

- collaborating with the pastor in congregational visitation (hospital and beyond),
- being available to consult with members regarding their health care issues,
- offering referral information on medical resources and community services,
- being available to visit congregation members in home for routine health maintenance procedures,
- serving as an educational resource on health topics,
- conveying the healing presence of Christ through words, deeds, and prayers,
- being available to assist with health care needs in the Child Care Center, as needs arise.

Even though the church has been served by the parish nurse position in its past—as Wanona re-establishes this special ministry the expectation is not that it will be done exactly as it was in its past. She will be working with us to develop a parish nurse ministry that best fits the needs and desires of the congregation of the present time, and going forward.

I encourage you to welcome Wanona to this church family with your warmth, and also with your prayers for her and for the special gifts and calling that she will bring as we all serve Christ faithfully as his church.

Celebrating with you this church's mission,

*David*





## **CHANCEL CHOIR INVITATION**

***“If I cannot fly, let me sing”***

Stephen Sondheim

This special invitation is to all young adults to help serve our congregation in a meaningful, exhilarating, and spiritual way...by singing with the Chancel Choir. If you've sung in a choir or have been involved with music ministry, you know what a joy it is to sing to the Lord in worship, and lead others to that place of diving appreciation and wonder.

**Wednesday, September 13th** marks our first rehearsal and we lead the congregation **September 17th**. No need to audition or read music...just join us in harmony.

Here at First Presbyterian Church we're blessed with marvelous musicians and would love to welcome you. Choir rehearses Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and prepares at least 4 weeks ahead, so don't worry when busy schedules prevent you from attending every rehearsal. We're eager for new and returning members. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Debi Rogers, Chancel Choir Director  
701-226-6890 or debirogers3@gmail.com



## **PAPA'S PUMPKIN PATCH POTLUCK**

On **Saturday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m.**, please join our church's family fall outing at Papa's Pumpkin Patch! Kids of all ages, young and old, parents and grandparents are all invited for fun, fellowship, and food.

Entrance fees will be covered by the Membership Committee. (Other activities with a fee, will be of your own expense.)

We will gather at 5:00 pm to explore and enjoy Papa's, and will also enjoy a potluck meal. The Membership Committee will provide grilled meats, buns, and water. Please bring some food to share such as a salad, fruits, vegetables, or dessert. You may also bring your own re-usable plates and utensils if you wish to avoid disposal. To help us get a count for food purchases, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex on the Volunteer Board.

See you all there!







## **MEET OUR NEW PARISH NURSE**

Hello Bismarck First Presbyterian Church:

My name is Wanona Goetz. I was recently invited to be your new Parish Nurse. I accepted this position to serve your faith community as a team member with Pastor David Reiter and members of your congregation. I look forward to this unique opportunity working with guidance from Pastor David Reiter to combine healthcare and spiritual ministry to enhance the well being of your congregational members.

I am a true North Dakotan, born and raised in Langdon, ND. I am a triplet with two other sisters so I guess you could say I was born a team member. I have three grown children who gave me five wonderful grandchildren ranging from 4 weeks old to 5 years old. I love my role as a grandmother. God's best gift ever.

I attended University of Mary and received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I have over 30 years of various nursing experience which includes medical, surgical, oncology, intensive care, geriatrics, cardiovascular, public health, home health, jail nursing, oral health, operating nurse, home dialysis, occupational health, infection control and county health. I am excited to meet this challenge of being a parish nurse for you.

I am looking forward to meeting each one of you.



*Wanona Goetz*

FPC Parish Nurse



## **DINNERS FOR 8**

The Membership Committee would like to invite you to participate in “*Dinners for 8*”! Dinners for 8 brings together 8 (or so) people from our congregation to share meals together. This is a fun opportunity for hospitality and increased connection among our church family.



Friends, singles and couples of all kinds are encouraged to participate. Each “couple” will host a dinner, brunch or lunch, for example, casual or simple, or whatever is your style, in your home or elsewhere. Be creative and be you...most of all have fun!

Please sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex if you would like to be apart of these fun events.

Membership Committee



## **O RING TO THE LORD!**

*“For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies...”*

On August 21st many people across the United States were seen gazing upward at the phenomenon of the solar eclipse. For a short while our nation was united in wonder.

Making music is a fulfilling way of declaring our thanksgiving for this amazing world in which we live. Anyone interested in doing so through handbells is invited to join the Westminster Chimes ensemble. Our one-hour Wednesday night rehearsals will begin on September 6th at 6:30 p.m. and we participate in worship on a monthly basis. Busy people will find it encouraging knowing that their time commitment may be as short as a month at a time. Please feel free to call Lael Hoerauf at 223-0964 for more information or a personal introduction to bells.



Join us as we *“...raise this our hymn of grateful praise.”*



## **OUTREACH NEWS AND UPDATES**

The September Outreach project continues our congregation's partnership with Myhre Elementary School. Donations of small-sized sweatpants in neutrals such as grey, black or navy, and small-sized underpants for both boys and girls will be collected during September. Also needed by the school are bottles of lice shampoo. While not a pleasant topic or a glamorous donation, this is a definite need. Generic lice shampoos are acceptable.

In past years, members of our church have volunteered to read to and with students at Myhre. According to school social worker, Chris Hall, this is an ongoing need. If you are interested, please contact her at [chris\\_hall@bismarckschools.org](mailto:chris_hall@bismarckschools.org).

We would like to say thank you to all who donated to the refugee family that Lutheran Social Services was assisting. Through your generosity, all of the items were supplied as well as a few extras. Unfortunately, the family's travel was denied with no reason given. All of the donated items are currently being safely stored for future needs. We are hopeful that the family can be reunited.



## **SEPTEMBER USHERS/GREETERS/RECEPTION HOST**

- September 3rd :**     **Captain:** Carolyn Barks  
**Ushers:** Kathy Wachter, JoAnn Hodny, Linda Strandemo, Kim Wassim, Mark Jensen  
**Reception Host:** Judy Lentz
- September 10th:**     **Captain:** Neva Carlisle  
**Ushers:** Ann Gallup, Dennis Rosenkranz, Becky Rosenkranz, Ron Carlisle, Jenni Boeckel  
**Reception Host:** Lynne Bigwood
- September 17th:**     **Captain:** Letha Lewis  
**Ushers:** Priscilla Wilson, Don Bigwood, Jerry Wilson, Cindy Cross, Don Cross  
**Reception Host:** Carole Watrel
- September 24th:**     **Captain:** Jim Rambo  
**Ushers:** Nanc Skaret, Clyde Johnson, Diann Johnson, *2 Volunteers Needed*  
**Reception Host:** *Volunteer Needed*

### **LAY READERS**

**September 3rd**  
*Mary Hoberg*

**September 10th**  
*Barb Satran*

**September 17th**  
*Damita Engel*

**September 24th**  
*Ann Gallup*



*If you are interested in volunteering, you may sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex, or call the church office at:*

**223-6091**

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

***Sunday, September 3rd***

Dennis Rosenkranz	Nanc Skaret
Matt Engel	Bob Tonolli
Letha Lewis	David Massey
Dale Hoerauf	JoAnn Hodny
Jerry Wilson	Priscilla Wilson



*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.*

**701-223-6091**

### **PINOCHLE PLAYERS**

**Attention:** Pinochle players and those interested in learning to play Pinochle. A group will be formed this fall to meet and play Pinochle on weekend dates and times to be determined. The group will meet in member homes. Anyone who plays Pinochle or who wants to learn how to play is welcome. Couples and singles are welcome. If interested, please sign-up on the Pinochle sheet on the Church bulletin board or call or e-mail Allen Hoberg.







## **SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS...**

### **Session Calls for Special Congregational Meeting For September 10**

At its August 22, 2017 meeting, the Session approved calling a Special Congregational Meeting after worship on September 10, 2017 for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to continue the search for our next pastor.

When notified by Pastor Reiter of his intent to retire at the end of 2017, the Session initially decided to form a Search Committee, comprised of only Session members, to conduct the search for a Designated Pastor. (The same approach that resulted in the call of Pastor Reiter) A Designated Pastor is considered a temporary position that can be converted to a permanent position (Installed Pastor) if, after a period of time, both the congregation and the pastor wish to change the relationship from temporary to permanent. After 3+ months, the Search Committee has reviewed and evaluated twenty (20) prospective candidates and interviewed three (3). One (1) candidate that was interviewed and was invited to visit Bismarck and preach at a neutral pulpit site, declined the invitation. The Search Committee believes it has now exhausted the supply of available candidates in the denomination's system that have indicated their interest in a Designated Pastor position and that may be suited to serve the needs of our church.

It is believed that our church is now ready to call its next Installed Pastor. Before Pastor Reiter was called, that was not the case. Now, after achieving more stability and direction under the leadership of Pastor Reiter over the past 1 ½+ years, we are ready. Modifying our Ministry Information Form to describe the position we wish to fill as an Installed Solo Pastor will make many more prospective candidates available to be matched with the position described in our Ministry Information Form. We can expect may more referrals than have been received to date by the current Search Committee. It may also encourage others, not in the denomination's network of prospective candidates, to contact us directly regarding their interest in being considered for the position.

The Session has decided to call for a Special Congregational meeting on September 10 to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Calling an Installed Pastor requires the formation of a PNC. The Session cannot elect itself to serve as the PNC, as it could when forming a Search Committee for the purpose of searching for a Designated Pastor. An Installed Pastor is defined as a permanent pastoral position while the Designated Pastor position is defined as a temporary pastoral position.

If you are interested in serving on the PNC to select our next pastor, or know another member you would like to see on the PNC, please complete the form on a bulletin insert that will be in the bulletin on September 3 (same as appeared in August 27 bulletin). If you were not in attendance on August 27 and will not be in attendance on September 3, and are interested in serving on the PNC, or wish to offer the name of another member you would like to see on the PNC, please complete the form on the next page and return it to the church as soon as possible.

The Holy Spirit is with us continuously in the search for our next pastor. We firmly believe that the search for an Installed Pastor to lead our church is the direction the Holy Spirit is leading us at this time.

Please continue to pray for the efforts of the Search Committee as it completes its work and the Pastor Nominating Committee that will continue the search for the next pastor of our church.

Jim Skaret  
Search Committee Chair





## **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**



The Session has directed that a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) be formed to replace the existing Search Committee for the purpose of modifying the search for our next pastor. A PNC is required by the *Book of Order* whenever a search is to be conducted for a Called and Installed Pastor (compared to the current search for a Designated Pastor that may be later converted to a Called and Installed Pastor).

\_\_\_\_\_ **I am willing to be considered on the Pastor Nominating Committee** to be elected by the congregation at a Special Congregational Meeting on September 10th, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ **I am not willing/able to be considered to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. However, I recommend** the following named person be nominated to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

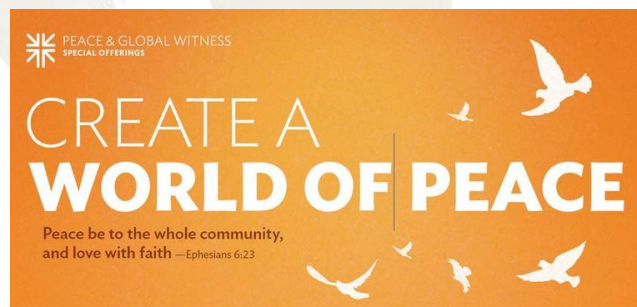


## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The October 2nd Peace and Global Witness Offering helps the Presbyterian church promote the Peace of Christ. Your donations will work toward peace in a challenging time.

First Presbyterian can retain 25% of the offering to do good works in our community. This year's local portion will go to the food program at the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House. Another 25% goes toward Presbytery ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please contribute what you can on October 2nd.





## ***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***

### **Vacation Bible School—a Great Success!**

We are so thankful for our many volunteers and families that helped make Vacation Bible School a great success this past August! Our VBS is able to welcome in families from the community, thanks to the great support of our congregation, and the four nights together were a total blast! Our PresbyTeens were extra helpful in the decorating, and leading of VBS this year, and we are so lucky to have them!

Our theme was “*Maker Fun Factory. Made by God-Built for a Purpose*”, where kids learned about how God loves them and made them for a special purpose! Our time was filled with fun games, lively worship, and lots of activities. Our awesome kitchen crew supplied our kids with a free dinner each night to start off the night, and the entire event was a lot of fun. Prepare for next summer, where volunteers and new families are always welcome!







## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **Save the Date for our Great Fall Events**

#### **Sunday, September 10th: Sunday School Returns with Bouncy House Fun!**

Teachers are needed for our fabulous kids during Sunday School. The lessons are simple and easy to prepare, and again—our kids are fabulous! Please talk to Ashley if you are interested in helping out any Sunday morning during Worship.

#### **Wednesday, September 13th: PAC & PresbyTeens Resume with a PAC Parent's Night**

1st—12th Graders have their Wednesday nights busy with lots of fun together! We meet in our Game Rooms at 5:45 p.m., and enjoy dinner together at 6:00 p.m. PAC and PresbyTeens separate from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. for their own lesson time, and fun time together!

This year, our PAC Parents are being asked to join us for 2-3 Wednesdays, serving as Table Parents and assistants to our awesome volunteers and intern leaders. More info will be shared during our Parent's Night September 13th, from 5:45 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

#### **Saturday, September 16th: Papa's Pumpkin Patch Potluck @ 5-8 p.m.**

All are Welcome for this great annual event! Please sign-up on the Bulletin Board if you're able to bring a side dish or dessert, and join us for dinner and fun at Papa's Pumpkin Patch September 16th. Invite friends and family to join us for Pumpkin Patch fun, and enjoy a potluck dinner with your FPC family!

Our Children and Youth Programs are so much fun—and all are welcome! Adults are always needed as assistants, teachers, kitchen help, and more! Please consider joining us if you have some time to spare Wednesday night and Sunday mornings!

**We welcome Olivia Bachmeier and Mark Jensen as our FPC Interns this year, along with Emily Ehrens serving her second year!**

We are so thankful for the support of First Presbyterian Church, and the Christian Education Committee, in supporting the opportunity for our college students to continue being active with our Children, Youth and Family programs. Mark, Olivia and Emily will help lead PAC and Sunday School, while being a part of our children and youth activities throughout the year.



## **CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS...**

### ***Congratulations to the FPC Childcare Center's Fundraising Team!***

Recently, Capital Electric Cooperative awarded a generous \$500.00 grant to our Outdoor Classroom Fund. The Operation Roundup program encourages Co-op participants to round up their monthly bill to the next dollar. The extra change goes into a pool of money for grants and scholarships for a wide range of community development and enhancement programs.

Ella Gutzke successfully applied for the grant on behalf of the FPCCC. Shawn Stettner, the director of the Childcare Center, and Damita Engel, current Board chairperson, received the check August 22nd. Thank you to the Capital Electric Roundup Program for your support! If you are a member of the Co-op—remember to roundup!

FYI: The Outdoor Classroom Fundraiser Banner is hanging on the east side of the church—check it out! We are nearly at our first year goal of \$15,000. The Board's fundraising committee has many other grants and businesses they will be asking for money or other in-kind support. Soon the equipment will be in the play area and we will let you know when it arrives so you can check out the new pieces!

Donations are always welcome and your support for this endeavor is greatly appreciated!



## **KIDS AND YOUTH "FINE ARTS FESTIVAL" FRIENDLY ART COMPETITION!**



***Get your Western Themed one-page pieces to the front office by Sunday, October 1st***

Our kids will be competing in a friendly art competition, where their art will be featured on the cover of the 2017 Fine Arts Festival Booklet! We will work on drawings during PAC, but kids are encouraged to bring in whatever they would like to be considered. All entries are due to the front office by Sunday October 1st.







## *IT'S STEWARDSHIP SEASON*

Fall is Stewardship Season. A time for us to think about all of the things in our lives for which we are thankful. A time to think about all of the ways that our church ministers to us and serves our community. A time to think about our role in responding to our gifts with support for the church.

This year, we are going to take a different approach to the annual Stewardship Drive. We want to reach out to all of our members and have a conversation about the exciting things happening in the church and hear from our members about what they think the church can do more of for the community and for them personally. We also want to invite everyone to participate in joyfully sharing their time and talents with First Presbyterian Church.

Our hope is to visit with every household in the congregation. If you would like to join the team to help visit our members, please contact the church office or a member of the Stewardship Committee.

Here are important dates to remember:

October 1-15, 2017—We will be conducting visits and calls to all of the members of our church. These will be short, informal discussions to share news and hear your ideas.

October 22, 2017—Pastor David will share a sermon on Mission. The theme of the day is *Joyful Generosity* and those that are so moved will be given the opportunity to share something in their lives that they are thankful for.

October 29, 2017—Pastor David will share a sermon on Stewardship. The theme of the day is *Catch the Giving Spirit*. It will be a day to collect remaining pledges and celebrate God's generosity with a luncheon following the service.

We look forward to the time of sharing and fellowship with all of you during this Stewardship Season.

God's Blessings,

Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Committee





## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 22ND, 2017

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

Membership is 507. Session approved the request of Richard Hoberg to be removed from the membership roll.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Total Income YTD Actual	\$270,094	Budget	\$269,733
Total Expense YTD Actual	\$276,122	Budget	\$292,305
NET Income	- \$ 6,028	Budget	- \$ 22,544
Unrestricted General Fund	\$171,836.64		
Per Capita	\$ 11,195	Budget	\$ 11,500

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (from meeting and committee minutes)

**Property and Equipment**—Members of the Parlor Refurbishing/Furniture Committee, Donna Richter, Ann Lynch and Nanc Skaret, presented the plan to purchase chairs, loveseats, a coffee table and one 3-cushion sofa for the Parlor. One leather sofa is being donated. Session approved the use of Merritt Reserve Fund up to \$10,000 to purchase new furniture from Conlin's. The four green chairs will be retained but not the two gold ones. Old furniture will go to the youth rooms downstairs or be sold on Bis-Man. Bids are still being received for sidewalk repair.

**Administrative and Personnel**—Session approved the renewal of Emily Ehrens as a Christian Education intern for 2017-2018 as well as the internships for Olivia Bachmeier and Mark Jensen. Funding will come from the Richter-Chapman Memorial.

Wanona Goetz has been hired as the Parish Nurse. She will work about 20 hours weekly, \$30 per hour and begin August 28th. She will be introduced at worship service on September 3rd. She has over 30 years of nursing experience.

Three-month maternity leave for Ashley Greenwood was approved by Session. She would use accumulated sick leave, vacation time and comp time and would be paid for half-time for three weeks.

**Outreach**—Session approved a welcoming banner written in 3 languages to be displayed outside the church. The sign is being used around the country. Property and Equipment will have input about how/where the banner will be displayed.

**Stewardship**—John Richter asked the Elders to volunteer to be visitors for the Stewardship Campaign.

**Membership**—Session approved the sponsorship of a table (7 people) at the Bridging Cultures: Building Connections Cultural Competency Seminar on October 14th at the ND Heritage Center. \$100 will come from the Membership Committee Budget. It is hoped that seven FPC members would be attending.







## ***SESSION HIGHLIGHTS***

**Worship and Music**—Christmas Eve Sunday service will be at 10:00 am and a family worship service would be held at 5:00 pm. There would be no 11:00 pm service. Communion will be served at the 5:00 pm service. Ads need to be placed for an Organist/Pianist for this winter.

**Christian Education**—Back to Church Sunday is September 10th. The committee approved rental of a bouncy house. PAC parents will be asked to sign-up to help on Wednesday nights. Free-will donations received for the “sale” of the 1973 church plates will be divided between Fine Arts Festival Committee and the C.E. Committee. 32 children participated in Vacation Bible School and about 40 people came to Harmon Lake.

**Child Care Center Board**—Three new full-time employees have been hired so more children will be able to be served at the center.

**Deacons**—Deacons were asked to serve as visitors for the Stewardship Campaign.

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Session approved three motions concerning the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) of 12 members elected from the congregation; to transfer funds and information from the Search Committee to the PNC; to have Session serve as Nominating Committee for PNC with Elders Jim Skaret, David Massey and Bill Jensen to lead that committee. The PNC would search for an Installed Pastor. A special Congregational meeting will be held after worship on September 10th for the purpose of electing the PNC.

The Ministry Information Form has been modified to show the search for a solo pastor and will be approved by the Presbytery Committee on Ministry in September.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Pastor Reiter reminded Session that Charee needs to be notified of all meeting dates. The congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers and approving bylaw changes will be held on October 22nd instead of October 29th.

Times away—the week of August 28 in MN; September 13-17 Continuing Education at Princeton; September 18-20 vacation in Brooklyn, NY.

The missing Session Records book has been found.

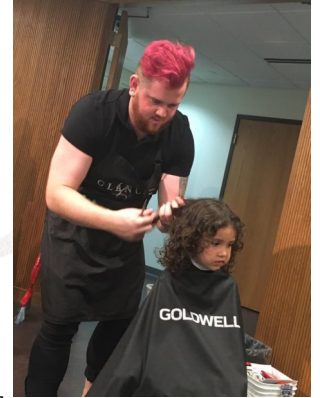
Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





## **PROJECT SERVICE CONNECT**

Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People completed their 9th Project Service Connect on August 17th at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. One hundred thirty persons attended this event. Thirty five were children. Twenty eight helping agencies and organizations set up tables and provided information on resources available in our communities. Tables also held items such as a table for shampoo, body wash, soap and other personal care items and a table for diapers and baby clothing. Three tables held the items donated by helping churches which included winter hats, scarfs and mittens and adult and children's socks. Glance Spa and Salon had 4 stylists donating their time providing haircuts. It was fun to see some small children loving their new hairdo. Pizza was donated by Bruno's and Arrowhead Dan's Super Market donated bottles of water. A table was set up with bread items which our participants picked up as they were leaving. They also each got a blanket as they were exiting the Project Service Connect.



Our Outreach Committee is so grateful to the First Presbyterian Church Family for your loving actions helping to make this service event for homeless and needy families. The atmosphere at the event was filled with happiness and many of the volunteers from churches seemed to glow with love. Our church family provided at least 10 tie blankets (which we made in the spring) and the winter hats, scarfs and mittens and socks filling almost ten large plastic bags.

Many of the hats we knitted or crocheted by members and we especially appreciate the 40 hats crocheted by Vanessa Hein, the Assistant Director of the Childcare Center. Our knitting party group came through with homemade items. Special thanks to Kathy Wachter, an outreach member, who delivered our gifts to the library and spent the morning helping Coalition members set up the event. Which allowed the opening of the Project Service Connect to greet our guest starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Outreach Committee hopes you each feel the gratitude of our participants (that we witnessed) and that you are happy to see First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck on the list of Helping Churches!

Hoping we can participate in the 10th annual event next year. Thank YOU!





## **CHURCH NEWS....**

### ***Congregational Meeting on Sunday September 10th***

A Congregational meeting has been called by the Session for **Sunday, September 10, 2017**, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee, whose charge will be to search for a next called and installed pastor. (Reminder: a quorum for a congregational meeting is ten percent of the current active membership of 507 members.)

### ***Parlor Task Force***

Look forward to some comfortable, contemporary and colorful new furnishings coming soon to the church Parlor! The Furniture Task Force has completed its work with Session approval. Committee members, Ann Lynch, Donna Richter, Nanc Skaret, Betty Aide, Sue Sorlie and Rosemary Hill have finished their work and the new furnishings should arrive in about 6 weeks. Lots of care and consideration of the congregation was made in the choices and the committee hopes that all will be pleased with the new look!

### ***Concrete Work***

The concrete sidewalk between the parking lot and the west (rear) entry to the church (Child Care Center entrance) will be removed and replaced beginning the week of September 11th. This project is to improve surface drainage at this location, stabilize soils beneath the concrete and replace cracked and broken concrete. During the time when work is progressing, this entrance will be closed to all traffic. More details will be posted on the church website and within the church as needed. We appreciate your patience during this period of inconvenience.

### ***Church Nursery***

We are still looking for someone who might be interested in volunteering to help on Sunday mornings in the nursery on the following **Sundays: September 10th, September 17th and September 24th**. If you are interested please contact Charee in the church office at 223-6091. Thank you!

### ***Presbyterian Disaster Assistance***

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been in touch with the presbyteries in the path of Hurricane Harvey to offer assistance. They are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so. Visit the website at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org) to stay updated and help out in anyway you can.





## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Karen Ehrens	1st
Maren Stokka	1st
Angie Hoerauf	2nd
Vi Ruff	5th
Clayton Carlson	10th
Lynn Johnson Dodge	13th
Becky Rosenkranz	14th
Elizabeth Lucas	15th
Blanche Flynn	17th
Jeremy Skager	18th
Leah Mowan	22nd
Tom Lannoye	25th
Anita Fru	25th
Dennis Rosenkranz	25th
Kathryn Brown	25th
Kathy Mayer	27th
Tedd Gutzke	27th
Stuart Libby	28th

### ANNIVERSARIES

David & Julie Van Voorhis	16th
David and Catherine Bliss	23rd
Shelli & Nathan Peterson	28th

*All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from information collected on the updated information forms. If we made a mistake, or missed you or a loved one, we apologize and ask that you please let us know so we can update our system. If you do not want your birthday listed in a bulletin or newsletter, please let us know that as well. Thank you!*



### **BRIDGE...anyone?**

It is that time of year again! If you are interested in playing cards, please join us the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Parlor. We will begin on Tuesday, September 19th.

Call **Jerry Wilson** to get signed up!

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# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:30am Circle (Parlor) 9:00am Yoga (202)
3 10:00am Worship *Jameson Arley Mowan Baptism*  *No Discussion Group	4 ~ Happy Labor Day ~ Office Closed	5 5:30pm Yoga (202) 5:30pm Prop. & Equip. Comm. (201) 6:30pm Lay Preachers (Parlor)	6 6:00pm Westminster Chimes 7:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor)	7 12:00pm Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Rm) 5:00pm Membership Comm. (Conf. Rm) 6:00pm Outreach Comm. (Parlor)	8	9 9:00am Parlor Reserved for Private Event 9:00am Yoga (202)
10 BACK TO CHURCH 9:00am Faith Issues-Contemp. Issues Group (Conf. Rm.) 10:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:00am Congregational Meet. 11:00am BTC Luncheon (Ramstad)	11 4:30-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 5:00pm Admin & Personnel (Parlor) 5:30pm Worship & Music Comm. (Conf. Rm) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Christian Ed. (Conf. Rm)	12 5:15-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 5:30pm Yoga (202) 5:30pm CCC Board (Conf. Rm)	13 12:00pm Munch & Mingle (Ramkota) 5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor) 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	14 5:30pm Nominating Comm. (Conf. Rm.)	15	16 *Boy Scout Fundraiser * 9:00am Yoga (202) 5:00pm Papa's Pumpkin Patch Potluck (@ Papa's Pumpkin Patch)
17 9:00am Faith Issues-Contemp. Issues Group (Conf. Rm.) 10:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	18 4:30-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)	19 12:00pm Business & Finance Comm. (Parlor) 5:15-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 5:30pm Yoga (202) 7:00pm Bridge (Parlor) 7:00pm Stewardship Visitor's Meeting (Ramstad)	20 5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor) 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	21 7:00pm Deacons (Parlor)	22	23 9:00am Yoga (202)
24 9:00am Faith Issues-Contemp. Issues Group (Conf. Rm.) 10:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	25 4:30-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)	26 5:15-7:00pm Suzuki Music (Downstairs) 5:30pm Yoga (202) 6:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor) 7:00pm Session (Parlor)	27 5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens 6:30pm Westminster Chimes 7:00pm Search Comm. (Parlor) 7:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	28	29	30 9:00am Yoga (202)

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

### ***Bismarck's 7th Annual Fly-In & Drive Pancake Breakfast***

A fun, family-friendly aviation fundraiser on September 10th. The event is FREE to attend. Delicious pancake breakfast, aircraft rides, old cars to enjoy, and so much more! All proceeds go to support Scottish Rite Speech therapy Center for Children.

### ***Papa's Pumpkin Patch***

Open September 10th—October 21st  
Noon—7:00 p.m.  
\$5.00/person, Toddlers 2 and under FREE  
5001 Fernwood Drive

### ***44th Annual Downtowner's Street Fair***

September 15-16  
Downtown Bismarck  
Friday = 10am-8pm Saturday = 9am-6pm  
180 food, arts and craft vendors in downtown Bismarck

### ***2017 Buddy Walk***

September 13th  
Registration & Entertainment at 10am  
Walk to start at 11am  
Starting at Bismarck Capital Grounds  
To promote acceptance and inclusion of all people with Down Syndrome

### ***Applefest***

September 23rd—September 24th  
Buckstop Junction  
Saturday = 11am—6pm  
Sunday = 11am—4pm  
Adults \$7.00; Seniors \$4.00; Children 4-18 \$3.00  
Applefest is a community tradition that features food, entertainment and more. All proceeds benefit the Bismarck Cancer Center Foundation.

### ***OktoberFest Mandan***

September 30th  
A celebration of North Dakota's German heritage featuring Polka music, German food vendors, craft vendors, hay maze, kids activities and more showcasing our German heritage.



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#### **Sunday Worship Schedule:**

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School until September

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday  
8:00 AM—5:00 PM

#### **Staff**

Pastor

*Rev. Dr. David Reiter*

Christian Education Director

*Ashley Tangen*

Finance Assistant

*Vickie Haas*

Administrative Assistant

*Charee Linton*

Parish Nurse

*Wanona Goetz*

Organist

*Jan Candee*

Choir Director

*Debi Rogers*

Handbell Ensemble Director

*Lael Hoerauf*

Maintenance Manager

*Les Hornbacher*

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*Judy Lentz*

*Shelli Peterson*

Child Care Center Director

*Shawn Stettner*

Child Care Assistant Director

*Vanessa Hein*