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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING....

Sunday, February 11th, 2018
Immediately following Worship

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has extended the Call to Rev. Dr. Leanne Simmons to serve as our next Installed Pastor and an agreement has been reached on the Terms of Call. Arrangements are being made to introduce Rev. Simmons to the congregation at the worship service on February 11th, 2018. Rev. Simmons will lead worship that day and a Special Congregational Meeting has been scheduled following worship for the purpose of a congregational vote on the acceptance of Rev. Simmons and the Terms of Call. A reception is planned in the Parlor following the congregational meeting when members will have the opportunity to meet and greet Rev. Simmons.

Leanne Simmons is currently serving as Pastor of All Saints Presbyterian Church in Columbus, GA. She has held this position since 2009. Rev. Simmons is originally from Sioux City, IA. She still has family living in Sioux City and indicates she has hoped she may have the opportunity to move back to the upper Midwest to be closer to her family in Sioux City.

Rev. Simmons attended and earned degrees from Central Bible College and the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri. She then served as Campus Minister at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. After several years at Morningside, Rev. Simmons attended Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ where she earned her Master's Degrees in Divinity and Theology as well as a Doctorate Degree in Philosophy. While in Princeton, NJ she served as Chaplain at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital in Trenton, NJ and Associate Pastor at Princeton Baptist Church at Penns Neck in Princeton, NJ. She then served as adjunct professor at several universities extending from Princeton Theological Seminary to Columbus Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, LaGrange College in LaGrange, GA and Auburn University in Auburn, AL until beginning her ministry at All Saints Presbyterian Church in Columbus, GA in 2009. Rev. Simmons is currently a member of the Flint River Presbytery that covers the Columbus, GA area. She has been a very active member of that presbytery. She was ordained as a PCUSA





CONGREGATIONAL MEETING...(continued)

Presbyterian Minister in 2011.

Rev. Simmons has been married and divorced and currently is a single mother of a 13 year old daughter, Audrey, who was adopted from China when she was 2 years old. Leanne and Audrey visited Bismarck for the first time December 8th—11th when they were hosted by the PNC and when Leanne preached at First Presbyterian Church of Mandan. During that visit the PNC and Rev. Simmons and Audrey had the opportunity to get to know each other better and Leanne had the opportunity to visit our church and to meet and visit briefly with office and child care center staff and to meet and visit with Pastor Reiter.

The PNC is very pleased that Rev. Simmons has accepted the Call to serve as our next Installed Pastor. It is believed that she will be a great “fit” for our church. Rev. Simmons will be moving to Bismarck in May after school is out in Columbus, GA and she will begin her ministry in Bismarck on June 1st, 2018. Until that date we will be served on Sundays with Pulpit Supply as we were prior to the arrival of Pastor Reiter.

Please join the PNC in welcoming Rev. Simmons on February 11th!!

PER CAPITA PAYMENTS DUE

Each year the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly assess our church a Per Capita fee for every member of the congregation. The Per Capita fees are essentially dues for the services received from these governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church.

For 2018, First Presbyterian's assessment is **\$44.00** per member, which the church pays regardless of how much is collected. Please take **\$44.00** times the number of church members in your family and send that amount in a separate check made out to First Presbyterian, with “Per Capita” in the memo line.

The difference between what First Presbyterian owes and what is collected from the congregation will come out of the church budget. Thank you for taking care of this so that the church can take care of its many other budget needs.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE...

As of February 1—I am no longer “Pastor David” or “Pastor Reiter.” To some I may always be “Reverend Reiter.” Or just David or Dave. Before long I probably will become “that last guy.” Or, maybe even “What’s his name.” But for sure, I no longer will be the Pastor of the church.

Because of the very meaningful, personal, and spiritual nature of the congregation and pastor relationship, it is important, and especially is healthy, that there will always be a clear understanding of the real difference that takes place when that relationship “dissolves” (common Presbyterian terminology).

Instead of the term, I prefer to think of it as *a completion* of a shared ministry relationship. The calling from God for you and for me to serve together will have come to its particular completion when I retire on February 1. Of course, meaningful relationships and friendships do not end so abruptly, and should not be so easily compartmentalized and switched off.

That is why Presbyterians have Separation Ethics policies—which is true of our Presbytery of the Northern Plains. The text can be found on the presbytery’s website under “About” and “Policies.” Also a printed copy is available in the church office. There is a section that provides important reminders for both congregation and former pastors. Five essential points are:

- a. All pastoral and professional relationships and responsibilities of the pastor with the congregations will end as of the effective date of dissolution.
- b. The pastor will not be involved in any way in the selection process of the next pastor.
- c. The pastor, after leaving, will not become engaged in conversations with church members or staff, which in any way, offer opinions of criticism about the life of the congregation or the performance of any subsequent pastors.
- d. Any desire on the part of members of the congregation for the departing pastor to participate in congregational life or services should be discussed not with the departing pastor, but with the subsequent pastor.
- e. The departing pastor may participate in an event of the congregation, after the date of dissolution only upon the invitation of the subsequent pastor.

Separation ethics are meant for the good of the church, and its future pastor and congregation relationship—which I appreciate and totally respect.

But also...the policy continues with great understanding:

“This does not mean that friendships must come to an end. Friendships are priceless and are to be preserved, but there is a special responsibility on the part of the departing pastor to prevent friendships from becoming confused with the pastoral relationship.”

So...Do you know what I plan to call you after I retire? My Good Friends!

THANK YOU—for the years we have shared together of serving our Lord! Your love, and passion, and commitment to FPC is so clear to see. You are a multi-talented congregation—you are well-resourced in every way—you have a superstar church staff—your Session, Deacons, and various church leaders have a sense of dedication second to none—and your sanctuary is an exquisite and inviting setting in which to experience our living God in worship.

You are positioned well to go forth Loving and Serving your Lord! I am grateful for the place you have in my heart, faith journey, friendship, and life.

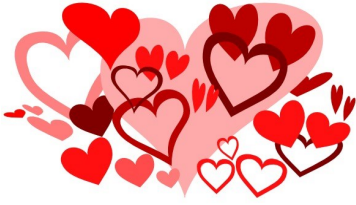
“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

I Corinthians 16:13-14

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

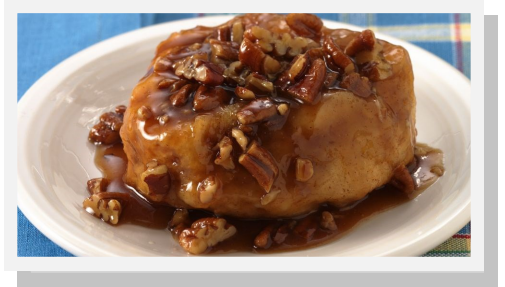
David





MUSICAL TREATS

The *Bellringer's Bakery* will be offering caramel rolls for sale on **Sunday, February 25th**. The fresh-baked rolls will be offered in the Parlor after the service, but if you don't have time to stay and visit, take-home plates will be available. Proceeds will go to the handbell travel fund.

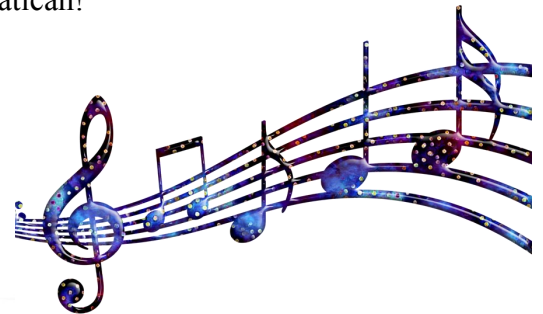


UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN CONCERT CHOIR

We are pleased to be hosting the University of Jamestown Concert Choir. The Worship and Music Committee is coordinating the choir's visit. We hope you put this performance on your calendar and plan to support these wonderful young people as they share their musical gifts with us.

A freewill offering will be received at the performance.

The Choir has a longstanding reputation for excellence in choral performance and has toured throughout the United States, Europe, and Pacific Northwest. This summer, the University of Jamestown Concert Choir has the amazing opportunity to share their music overseas in Italy. They will be traveling to places like Florence, Rome, and Venice, and even have the opportunity to sing for a mass at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican!

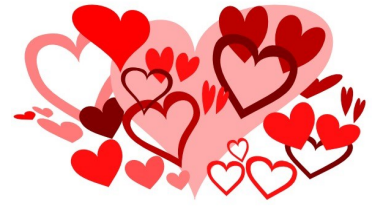


OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

During February, the Outreach Committee will be collecting donations of soap—any kind, any size—for Ministry on the Margins. Donations will be gladly accepted at the Church anytime during February.

Ministry on the Margins (MOTM) was founded to help support men and women who fall through the cracks during transitional times—especially during re-entry into the community from prison. First Presbyterian has supported MOTM in the past through Thanksgiving Dinners, Tree of Love donations of sleeping bags, and previous soap collections.

Any type of cleaning product, from personal hygiene products to laundry products are welcome. Keeping in mind that some of the people served by MOTM may be homeless, the smaller, individual-sized products would be most useful.



THANK YOU! ~ BISMARCK FPC FAMILY

The whole Reiter Family thanks you for such a warm and gracious, humorous and touching retirement celebration for me on Sunday, January 14th. The turnout was amazing! The sentiments spoken, and also those written on cards all were overwhelmingly kind. The Gift Suitcase and all the contents were clever, thoughtful, and personal—look out golf courses, National Parks, and hiking trails! Dale Hoerauf's emceeing was...a gift itself! And, the organizing, decorating and food...all were extraordinarily celebrative. Thank You—for the special day, and for the special faith and friendship we have shared, and will continue always! **YOU** are so generous and kind-hearted!

David Reiter





MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers Needed for Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is a vital service for homebound folks in our community. Each year our congregation commits to providing drivers for one month for this wonderful program. We are looking for volunteers again this year for the month of March. Two volunteers are needed for each day, Monday through Friday. Please consider helping bring warm meals and a smile to homebound folks. Sign-up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex.



*Beloved, let us love
one another, for love
is from God, and
whoever loves has
been born of God
and knows God.*

~ 1 John 4:7

BELLFEST BOUND!

On March 2nd, Westminster Chimes will be loading up their bells and tables and chimes and mallets and heading to Minnesota to attend *Bellfest 2018*. This massed ringing event brings together handbell ensembles from across the upper Midwest to work with a guest conductor and perform a concert together while receiving hands-on education in new techniques and music. This year's conductor is Carolynne Mathis, director of the handbell program at Concordia University-St. Paul and an active clinician at national and area handbell events.

If you happen to be near the North Heights Lutheran Church at 1700 Hwy 96 W in Arden Hills, MN at 3:00 p.m. on March 3rd, you are invited to come and experience the sights and sounds of the *Bellfest 2018* concert.



CCC Board Announcements

It is with the Board's sincerest gratitude that Jackie Lannoye served on the CCC Board, providing insight into the financial analysis that leaves most of us stumped!

Thank you, Jackie!

While we are sad to see Jackie rotate off the Board, we look forward to welcoming our newest member, Becky Rosenkranz.

Welcome, Becky!

Additional news from the CCC Board—we have a new chairperson! Ella Gutzke will lead the way starting in March.

Congratulations, Ella!

From your CCC Board:

Ella Gutzke, Chair
Damita Engel
Dave Nix
Linda Jordre

Sarah Rixen
Carole Watrel
Shawn Stettner
Vanessa Hein



LOCAL PRESBYTERIAN NEWS...

- ♦ At the October 2017 Presbytery Meeting it was approved to form a seven-member task force to explore and consider alternate models of staff and to present their report and recommendations at a special meeting of Presbytery in February 2018. due to the scope of the task force work, there will not be a special meeting in February. Instead they will report at the April Presbytery Meeting. **Kevin Kaufmann**, Commissioned Lay Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Wilton, will be the *Care for Congregations* Pod leader.
- ♦ Please send out prayers for Rev. Deanna Reikow and her family on the passing of her grandmother, Ardys Mooris, January 14th, 2018.





“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” ~ John 3:16

NURSE'S NOTES...

Well, 2018 is here. January was very cold...how cold was it? You ask...It was so cold I had to break the smoke off my chimney and if you baked a cake, all you had to do was set it in the window. Two minutes later it was frosted! Now that is cold!

Some of us make New Year's resolutions; I promised myself I would start this year off with offering strengthening exercises to you every Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m. This is a way to start the year moving. Any movement will assist us in getting healthier. Come join me in fun, music and moving!

It's never too late to learn too. So my goal in 2018 is to provide skills and information toward healthy living. Alzheimer's research and awareness in protecting yourself. And everyone in the community is invited. You just need to let us know if you are coming so we know the size of the class. You may sign-up on the Volunteer Board in the Narthex or call the church office to sign-up. If you have a request for knowledge in another area let me know.

The monthly newsletter is a perfect source to include awareness: February is American Heart Month. Here are some Heart Disease facts from The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at CDC and the CDC Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention:

What is Heart Disease?

Heart disease is referred to several types of heart conditions. The most common type is coronary artery disease, which can lead to a heart attack. Other kinds of heart disease may involve the valves in the heart, or the heart may not pump well causing heart failure. Some people are born with heart disease.

Anyone including children can develop heart disease. It occurs when a substance called plaque builds up in your arteries. When this happens your arteries can narrow over time reducing blood flow to your heart. Smoking, eating an unhealthy diet and not getting enough exercise; increase your risks for having heart disease. Having high cholesterol, high blood pressure (**hint:** Once a month on a Sunday at FPC there is a BP clinic offered at church 9-10 a.m. and 11-12 p.m.), or diabetes can increase your risk for heart disease. Ask your doctor about preventing or treating these medical conditions. The symptoms vary depending on the type of heart disease. For many people, chest pain or discomfort or a heart attack is the first sign.

Risk Factors

High blood pressure, high LDL cholesterol, and smoking are key heart disease risk factors for heart disease. About **half of Americans** (49%) have at least one of these three risk factors.

Several other medical conditions and lifestyle choices can also put people at a higher risk for heart disease, including:

- * Diabetes
- * Overweight & Obesity
- * Poor Diet
- * Physical Inactivity
- * Excessive Alcohol Use

NURSE'S NOTES...(continued)

HEART ATTACK WARNING SIGNS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- ♦ **Chest discomfort**

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

- ♦ **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body**

- ♦ **Shortness of breath**

- ♦ **Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness**

STROKE WARNING SIGNS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

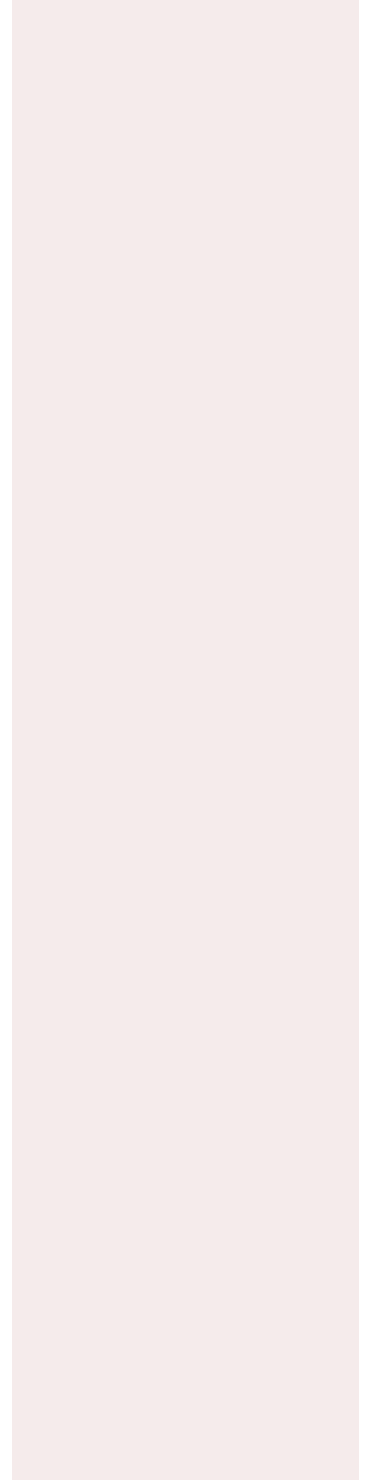
Spot a stroke F.A.S.T.:

- ♦ **Face Drooping:** Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.
- ♦ **Arm Weakness:** Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- ♦ **Speech difficulty:** Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?
- ♦ **Time to call 9-1-1:** If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

CARDIAC ARREST WARNING SIGNS





- ♦ **Sudden loss of responsiveness**
- ♦ **No response to tapping on shoulders**
- ♦ **No normal breathing**

If these signs are present call 9-1-1



Are YOU at risk of a HEART ATTACK?

Check all boxes that apply to you:

- ☐ **AGE AND SEX** I am a man over 45 years old OR a woman over 55 years old. 
- ☐ **FAMILY HISTORY** My father/brother had a heart attack before age 55; OR my mother/sister had a heart attack before age 65; OR my mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent had a stroke.
- ☐ **HEART DISEASE MEDICAL HISTORY** I have coronary heart disease, atrial fibrillation, angina or other heart condition(s) OR I have had a heart attack. 
- ☐ **BLOOD PRESSURE** My blood pressure is 140/90 mm Hg or higher OR a health professional has said my blood pressure is too high OR I don't know what my blood pressure is.
- ☐ **TOBACCO SMOKE** I smoke OR live or work with people who smoke regularly. 
- ☐ **TOTAL CHOLESTEROL** My total cholesterol is 200 mg/dL or higher OR I don't know my cholesterol level.
- ☐ **HDL CHOLESTEROL** My HDL (good) cholesterol is less than 40 mg/dL OR I don't know my HDL cholesterol level.
- ☐ **LDL CHOLESTEROL** My LDL (bad) cholesterol is too high OR I don't know my LDL cholesterol level.
- ☐ **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY** I get less than a total of 30 minutes of physical activity on most days. 
- ☐ **OVERWEIGHT** I am 20 pounds or more overweight for height and build OR I have a body mass index (BMI) score of 25 or more.
- ☐ **DIABETES** I have diabetes (a fasting blood sugar of 126 mg/dL or higher) OR I need medicine to control my blood sugar.

If you checked two or more boxes, please see a health care provider for a complete assessment of your risks!

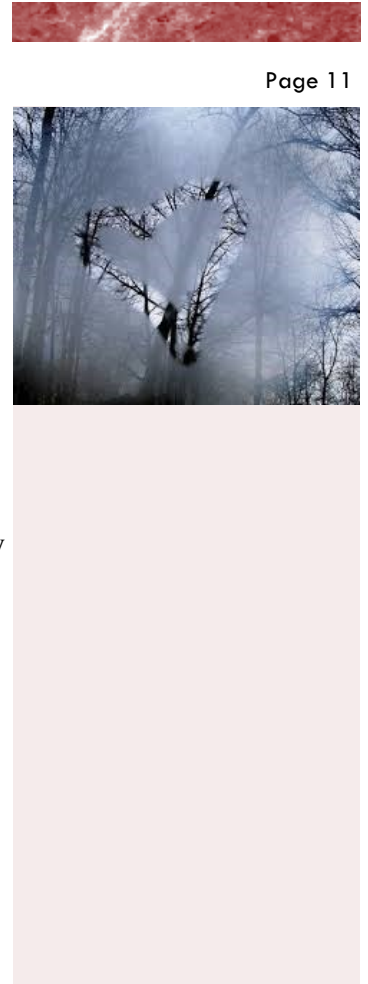
OUTREACH PROMOTES VOLUNTEERING!

As your Outreach Committee worked on our 2018 work plan, and in reviewing the plan you, you can't help but see the First Presbyterian Church family is working to follow Matthew 25: ⁴⁰... *"I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me."* Each month we will highlight volunteer opportunities in this newsletter. If you have any questions about these opportunities please just ask any Outreach member.

We have a history of supporting the Ministry on the Margins. This organization was founded in 2013 by Sister Kathleen Atkinson, OSB, and a sister of Annunciation Monastery in Bismarck. Ministry on the Margins is a volunteer-based ecumenical ministry committed to supporting those who fall through the cracks during times of transition. Every week they offer hospitality and coffee, several meals, a food pantry, prison-to-society, and ecumenical Christian worship service, and many other ministries. We partner with MoM for our Thanksgiving Dinner. We have also provided funds and goods and worked with Sister Kathleen on issues of the homeless.

This Organization has volunteer opportunity almost daily. Please check those out at the Ministry on the Margins webpage: www.ministryonthemargins.com. At the top of the page click on Volunteer and the jobs available on different days and times will show up ready for your review.

We would appreciate you letting us know if you decide to help with this mission. Thanks so much!



CHILD CARE CENTER NEEDS...

| Month | Item |
|-----------|--|
| January | Wipes & Hand Soap |
| February | Kleenex |
| March | Paper Towels |
| April | Dishwashing Powder (Powder ONLY)& Bleach |
| May | Books – Infant to 5 years |
| June | Diapers – Sizes 4 and 5 |
| July | Wipes & Hand Soap |
| August | Paper Towels |
| September | Kleenex |
| October | Dishwashing Powder (Powder ONLY)& Bleach |
| November | Toys – Infant to 5 years |
| December | Tree of Love |





OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEEDS AND WANT YOU!

Your Outreach Committee, who's current members are: Kathy Wachter, Lynn Dodge, Gail Christianson, Gail Brown and Gladys Cairns, would love to have you as a fellow member. As we work towards not only attending church but also Being the Church, reaching to follow the direction of Jesus. *"Then the people who have done what is right will answer Him, 'Lord,' they will ask, 'when did we see You hungry and fee You? When did we see You thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see You as a stranger and invite You in? When did we see You needing clothes and give them to You? When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?" - Matthew 25:37-39*

We know what Jesus answered! We are excited about our 2018 work plan and would like to hear from you, you're ideas on how we could move forward. We have many "feel good" moments and would love to have you join us in the fun! Please think about it and talk to Gladys Cairns, chair, about joining us. Thanks for your interest.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2018

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| January: | Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen | July: | Higher Power Lunch Project Service Connect Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen |
| February: | Soap Drive—MOM Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen | August: | Higher Power Lunch Project Service Connect Myhre Clothing Drive Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen |
| March: | Meals on Wheels Child Care Center Drive Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen | September: | Higher Power Lunch Banquet Dinner on 9/13 Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen |
| April: | Tie Blanket Party—MOTM Banquet Lunch on 4/7 Higher Power Lunch Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen | October: | Higher Power Lunch Mission Trip Homeless Week Activity Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen |
| May: | Rebuilding Together Scholarships Backpack Program Drive Higher Power Lunch Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen | November: | MOTM Thanksgiving Dinner Emergency Food Pantry Higher Power Lunch Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen |
| June: | Higher Power Lunch Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen | December: | Tree of Love Higher Power Lunch Ruth Meier's Soup Kitchen |



LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 14th starts the Lenten season. There will be a 6 week Lenten Book Study with Pastor Deanna Reikow, every Tuesday starting on February 20th at 12:00 Noon in Parlor here at FPC-Bismarck. If that does not fit in well with your schedule, she is also offering one every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at FPC-Mandan starting on Tuesday, February 20th. We look forward to seeing!

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| February 14th | Ash Wednesday | Worship at 7:00 p.m. |
| February 18th | 1st Sunday of Lent | Worship at 10:00 a.m. |
| February 25th | 2nd Sunday of Lent | Worship at 10:00 a.m. |
| March 4th | 3rd Sunday of Lent | Worship at 10:00 a.m. |
| March 11th | 4th Sunday of Lent | Worship at 10:00 a.m. |
| March 18th | 5th Sunday of Lent | Worship at 10:00 a.m. |
| March 25th | Palm Sunday | Worship at 10:00 a.m. |
| March 29th | Maundy Thursday | Worship at 7:00 p.m. |
| April 1st | Easter Sunday | Worship at 10:00 a.m. |



WHAT IS LENT?

Friends in Christ, every year before the Christian Passover of Easter, we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marks the penitence of this community. We thus begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. You are invited to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

~ adapted from the Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church, USA





SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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CLERK'S REPORT

Session approved the request of Marlys Sydor to transfer membership to Arvada (Colorado) United Methodist Church.

Session approved the request of Nick Klemisch to be removed from the membership roll.

Membership is now 385.

Session approved the 2017 Presbytery Statistical Report with corrections. Thanks to Vickie Haas for completing this yearly report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Income YTD Actual | \$491,765 | Budget | \$459,400 |
| Expense YTD Actual | \$485,782 | Budget | \$485,253 |
| Net Income | \$ 5,983 | Budget | -\$ 25,853 |
| Unrestricted General Fund | \$183,847.62 | | |

Jim Skaret, Chair of Business and Finance, reported that the investment portfolio for 2017 had a net increase of \$135,327.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Reiter urged Session to continue being strong, welcoming, flexible, collaborative, prayerful; to communicate with everyone and to love and serve Christ in all things.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (from minutes and meeting)

Outreach—A group of committee members will travel to Fargo on February 8th to observe and learn first-hand about their “power lunch”. Session approved having Outreach host in the church parlor, a Higher Power Lunch on the third Wednesday of each month beginning in April. Downtown business leaders will be invited to attend. Session approved a presentation at FPC by Dr. Johnson on Sunday afternoon, October 7th in advance of the Presbytery meeting in Mandan on October 8th. Dr. Johnson will speak on social justice.

Worship and Music—University of Jamestown Choir will present a concert on March 4th, 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The committee will provide a meal after the concert. There seems to be a faulty connection in the cord to the pastor's microphone which needs to be fixed.

Membership—The committee will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month and has recruited several new members.

Administrative and Personnel—The committee completed evaluations of the four full-time staff members. Follow-up letters were mailed to all those removed

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

from the membership roll.

Christian Education—The committee welcomes the return of Ashley Greenwood in February. Teens will not be participating in Presbytery Rest Fest but have a lock-in instead.

Stewardship—To date, 151 pledges of \$303,716 were received. This compares to 169 pledges for \$328,000 last year. Special offerings in 2017 totaled \$7,300. The Christmas Eve offering for the Emergency Food Pantry was \$1,027.

Child Care Center Board—The board has asked Vickie Haas to attend the next meeting to provide information on their Endowment/Memorial accounts. The center ended the year with a loss (less income due to fewer children due to inability to hire staff).

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR ACTIONS

Session approved updated committee lists and agreed to continue monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Session elected Shari Orser and Carole Watrel to the 2018 Nominating Committee. Shari will act as Chair.

Session approved Communion dates: first Sunday of each month, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m.

PNC UPDATE

Rev. Leanne Simmons will preach February 11th with a congregational meeting to follow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jim Skaret reported that Synod has services to help with visioning process. It was suggested that a special Session meeting might be needed to discuss future financial planning.

NEW BUSINESS

Session approved asking Vickie Haas to attend the March Session meeting to educate Elders about the Endowment/Memorial funds and their use.

Session will ask members of the CCC Board to attend the February Session meeting to discuss finances.

Submitted by Alice Nix, Clerk of Session





BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Abby Bjornson | 1st |
| Annabelle Wohl | 1st |
| Gladys Cairns | 5th |
| Judith Libby | 6th |
| Jouvet Forbang | 8th |
| Paul Jensen | 9th |
| Isaac Jensen | 13th |
| Josh Stokka | 17th |
| Eleanor Herdebu | 18th |
| Jackie Lannoye | 20th |
| Irene Johnson | 20th |
| Samantha Ronningen | 22nd |
| Clinton Dykema | 22nd |
| Cathy Kinnischtzke | 23rd |
| Pacome Tchatchoua | 23rd |
| Tamara Gallup-Lelm | 26th |
| Priscilla Wilson | 27th |

FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

*Vern & Vi Spitzler
February 11th*

*Corey Hedland & Jennifer Boeckel
February 23rd*

*All birthdays and anniversaries are taken from information you provided to the church. 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!*



February

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <div><div>** Please be advised...there are outside groups that meet at the Church throughout the week/weekend THAT ARE NOT ON THIS SCHEDULE! If you have questions regarding room availability, please call the office at 223-6091 **</div><div></div></div> | | | | <div>1</div> <div>10:00am Senior Fitness Class (Parlor)</div> <div>12:00pm Stewardship Comm. (Conf. Rm)</div> <div>6:00pm Membership Committee (Conf. Rm)</div> <div>6:00pm Outreach Committee (Parlor)</div> | <div>2</div> | <div>3</div> <div>8:30am Circle 3 (Parlor)</div> <div>9:00am Yoga (202)</div> |
| <div>4</div> <div>10:00am Worship</div> <div>10:30am Sunday School</div> <div>Boy Scout Sunday 101st year with FPC-Bismarck</div> | <div>5</div> <div>10:00am Senior Fitness Class (Parlor)</div> <div>6:30pm PNC (201)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)</div> <div>7:00pm Christian Ed. Committee (Conf. Rm)</div> | <div>6</div> <div>5:30pm Yoga (202)</div> <div>5:30pm Property & Equipment Comm. (201)</div> | <div>7</div> <div>5:45pm PAC/PresabyTeens</div> <div>6:30pm Westminster Chimes</div> <div>7:30pm Choir</div> | <div>8</div> <div>10:00am Senior Fitness Class (Parlor)</div> | <div>9</div> | <div>10</div> <div>9:00am Yoga (202)</div> |
| <div>11</div> <div>10:00am Worship</div> <div>10:30am Sunday School</div> <div>11:00am Congregational Meeting</div> <div>11:30am Pastor Leanne Recpetion (Parlor)</div> | <div>12</div> <div>10:00am Senior Fitness Class (Parlor)</div> <div>5:00pm Admin & Personnel (Parlor)</div> <div>5:30pm Worship & Music (Conf. Room)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)</div> | <div>13</div> <div>12:00pm Alzheimer's Class (Parlor)</div> <div>5:30pm Yoga (202)</div> <div>5:30pm CCC Board (Conf. Room)</div> | <div>14</div> <div>6:00pm Choir</div> <div>7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service</div> | <div>15</div> <div>10:00am Senior Fitness Class (Parlor)</div> <div>7:00pm Deacons (Parlor)</div> | <div>16</div> <div>17</div> <div>*No Yoga</div> <div>PresbyTeens Lock-In</div> | |
| <div>18</div> <div>9:00am Blood Pressure Clinic (Conf. Rm)</div> <div>10:00am Worship</div> <div>10:30am Sunday School</div> | <div>19</div> <div>10:00am Senior Fitness Class (Parlor)</div> <div>12:00pm Business & Finance Comm. (Conf. Rm.)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)</div> | <div>20</div> <div>12:00pm Lenten Book Study (Parlor)</div> <div>5:30pm Yoga (202)</div> <div>7:00pm Bridge (Parlor)</div> <div>7:00pm Lenten Book Study at Mandan-FPC</div> | <div>21</div> <div>1:00pm HPL Committee (Parlor)</div> <div>5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens</div> <div>6:30pm Westminster Chimes</div> <div>7:30pm Choir</div> | <div>22</div> <div>10:00am Senior Fitness Class (Parlor)</div> | <div>23</div> | <div>24</div> <div>9:00am Yoga (202)</div> |
| <div>25</div> <div>*Bellringer's Bake Sale*</div> <div>10:00am Worship</div> <div>10:30am Sunday School</div> | <div>26</div> <div>10:00am Senior Fitness Class (Parlor)</div> <div>7:00pm Boy Scouts (202)</div> | <div>27</div> <div>12:00pm Lenten Book Studay (Parlor)</div> <div>5:30pm Yoga (202)</div> <div>6:00pm Session (Parlor)</div> <div>7:00pm Lenten Book Study at Mandan-FPC</div> | <div>28</div> <div>5:45pm PAC/PresbyTeens</div> <div>6:30pm Westminster Chimes</div> <div>7:30pm Choir</div> | <div></div> | | |

FAREWELL PASTOR DAVID



God Bless You

TODAY & ALWAYS

We recognize your forty years of priestly ministry service to the Lord, your friendship and the difference you have made in the lives of so many as Preacher, Elder, Teacher, Counselor, surely you will always be remembered.

Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life, May Lord's blessings be upon you as you follow in His way, May you find joy and peace as He inspires you everyday.

***With Great Affection and Gratitude
From Your Church Family***

Honoring Our Beloved Pastor Upon His Retirement!

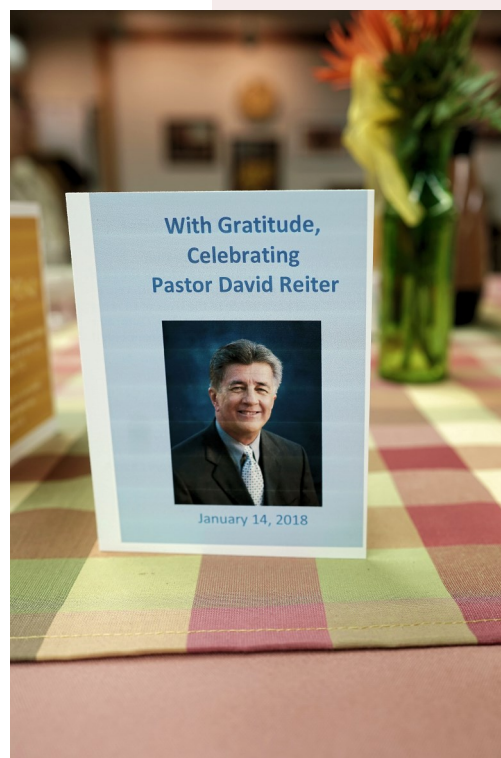


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“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; so not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9



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Sunday Worship Schedule:

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

(September—May)

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Staff

Christian Education Director

Ashley Tangen

Finance Assistant

Vickie Haas

Administrative Assistant

Charee Linton

Parish Nurse

Wanona Goetz

Organist

Arvy Smith

Choir Director

Debi Rogers

Handbell Ensemble Director

Lael Hoerauf

Maintenance Manager

Les Hornbacher

Membership Services

Judy Lentz

Shelli Peterson

Child Care Center Director

Shawn Stettner

Child Care Assistant Director

Vanessa Hein

February 2018 Usher/Greet/Coffee Host

- Feb. 4th:** Captain: Bob Kinnischtzke
Ushers: Nanc Skaret, Steve Adair, Kent Ellis, Dave Nix, Alice Nix
Reception Host: Jacquie Ellis
- Feb. 11th:** Captain: Letha Lewis
Ushers: Ella Gutzke, Tedd Gutzke, Carole Watrel, Wendy Skager, *Unknown at this time*
Reception Host: *Unknown at this time*
- Feb. 14th:** Ash Wednesday ~ Captain: Alice Nix
Ushers: Dave Nix, Don Cross, Cindy Cross, *Unknown at this time*
- Feb. 18th:** Captain: Joe Satrom
Ushers: Ella Gutzke, Tedd Gutzke, Audre Goll, *Unknown at this time*
Reception Host: *Unknown at this time*
- Feb. 25th:** Captain: Wendy Skager
Ushers: Steve Adair, Alice Nix, Dave Nix, *Unknown at this time*
Reception Host: *Unknown at this time*

LAY READERS

- Feb. 4th Carole Watrel
- Feb. 11th Ella Gutzke
- Feb. 14th ~ Ash Tammy Lelm
Wed.
- Feb. 18th Alice Nix
- Feb. 25th Ann Gallup

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

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COMMUNION SERVERS

Sunday, February 4th, 2018

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| Matt Engel | Runick Fru |
| Jay Cofell | Kathy Wachter |
| Neva Carlisle | Abby Bjornson |
| Jody Bachmeier | Jim Skaret |
| Allen Hoberg | Tedd Gutzke |

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

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