

JANUARY 2019
NEWSLETTER



GLORIFYING
GOD.

BELIEVING IN
HIS SON.

LOVING
ONE ANOTHER.



*First
Presbyterian
Church
Huron SD*

Did you know...

That there are so many ways to volunteer in the church, some of which will cost you nothing but a little time.

Did you know...

That the ushers do a whole lot more than just hand you the bulletin? The ushers are responsible for collecting the offering, bringing it to the chancel and sorting it after worship? One usher and one assigned elder bring the offering to the office following the worship service. They also collect the pages from the friendship pads that are passed each Sunday. Those pages are also brought to the office with the offering. They are responsible for counting the number of people in attendance at worship. It is not a difficult job, but one that is very necessary and appreciated. Please be sure to tell Scott or Larry 'yes' if they ask you to be an usher!



Did you know...

That the Deacon of the month is responsible for getting our greeters each Sunday? Please consider saying 'yes' to that volunteer opportunity as well. The Deacon of the month also brings the bulletins and tapes of the service to our shut ins. Thank a Deacon for what they do!

Did you know...

That there is an opportunity to serve as hospitality hostess? The Church Life committee is trying to find a person or persons who will host the coffee time in the East room. For more information, please contact a member of the Committee. It might be fun and a way to serve.



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"I believe in Jesus Christ"



Have you ever tried to teach a new process or idea to someone who thought they already knew all about it? Ever spoken with a teenager?

Isn't it odd that when we assume that we understand something completely, it actually makes deeper knowledge *more* difficult? It closes off our minds to growth. How might that dynamic be at play in our understanding of *who God is?*

In other words, what are your *assumptions* about God? Just about everybody I've ever met has an idea of "who God is." Whether it's "the big guy upstairs," "the creator," "the cosmic killjoy," or "the great spirit," some idea of "God" seems to be a part of our mental furniture as humans.

So imagine everyone's surprise (and anger, quite frankly!) when Jesus of Nazareth rolled into town saying things like, "No one truly knows [God] the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."¹ That's an absolutely radical claim! If you'll allow me to paraphrase, Jesus is saying that without him, *we cannot truly know God*. Without Jesus all our ideas, thoughts, dreams, hopes, and convictions about God are dead wrong.

That's why the Apostles' Creed – after first talking about God the Father – next leads us to say, "I believe in Jesus Christ." The name "Jesus" means that our understanding of God isn't abstract, but founded in an actual, historical person: Jesus of Nazareth. The name "Jesus" is simply the Greek form of "Joshua," meaning, "The LORD saves." You'll notice that the paragraph about Jesus in the Creed is not only central, but also the longest. That's because the core Christian conviction is that

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¹ Matthew 11:27



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our faith revolves around the historical person and work of Jesus of Nazareth, a Jewish carpenter-turned-Rabbi who was executed by the Roman authorities in the first century. *Christianity isn't fundamentally a set of beliefs, a way of life, or a book of rules; it's a relationship, a following of this man Jesus.*

We follow him because, as the Creed confesses, we believe him to be, "Christ" – that is, the *Anointed One*. The God-appointed Prophet, Priest, and King of God's people. To call Jesus, "Christ," is to claim for him a conclusive place in all history and in all the earth. He is the one on whom all history – and every human life – turns.

So Jesus forces us to abandon the questions, "What do I think God is like?" "What would I *like* God to be like?" "What *should* God be like?" Rather, we are confronted with his claim that he alone shows us God. Do we believe him?

Pastor Andrew

CENTS ABILITY UPDATE...

Holy Buckets Penny Offering December \$1024.00

Included a match by Ruth Kelly in memory of Marvin Kelley
1/3 Hunger Program, 1/3 Men's Prayer Breakfast/Salvation Army
meat, 1/3 Helping Hands for food.

Total for year 2018 \$5,077.00

January Funerals

CAKE PROVIDERS AND WORKERS

Brad & Kristi Letcher, Jason & Cheri Leyendecker, Brian & Gail Lichty, Brad & Lori Magness, Linda Marcus, Christ Marcus, Loretta McDonald, BJ & Erica McNeil, Donna Meiers, Rodney Meiers, Bob & Ann Meyer Bill & Dawn Meink.

Do something special for your January Birthday by donating a penny for each year of your age to the PW birthday box in the east hall.



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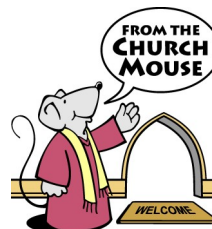


PW Safe Birth Campaign

Quarters save lives!

100 quarters saves one life.

Deposit quarters in the Blue Tube by the east door.



Committee Chair reports for 2018 are due

January 10th to enable the office to have the annual report put together in time for the Congregational meeting January 27

Presbyterian Women had a Christmas Party at the Violet Tschetter Home and gave large print Calendars to each resident. This is just one of their many mission projects.

Other local projects include, Salvation Army Christmas basket, treats for the Sunday School and postage to mail the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

January Celebrations

Birthdays: Marlene Gamber 83, Joyce Reiter 89, Jerry Galliger 80, Shirley Duxbury 80, Donna Pietz 79.

Anniversaries: Jim & Jill Reimer 37, Gary & Roxanne Gogolin 40

New Baptized member: Paislee Jay Peterson, daughter of Kylee & Dirk baptized Dec. 23, 2018.



Baylee Vonne Brewer, daughter of Lindsey and Charles was born November 2, 2018. She joins a sister Charleigh and proud grandparents are Ron & Jill Hins

Sundays

Sunday School begins @ 9:10am beginning January 6, 3yrs-K, 1st-3rd, 4th & 5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th & Adults Classes, We saved you a Seat; Ephesians-Finding True Identity

Worship at 10:30

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men meet for breakfast the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 8:00 am at the Plains for breakfast.



Wednesday Activities

PW meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 January 9, 2018
Covenant Group meets the 3rd Wednesday at 11:00 am

Covenant

Praise Team & Choir

Praise Team meets at 5:10
Choir at 6:30

Logos

1st—8th grade, Senior Highs meet for a meal at 6:00 pm.

1st - 8th Grade Schedule

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| Jan. | 9 | Family time, bible Study, Worship Arts/Rec |
| | 16 | Family time, bible Study, Worship Arts/Rec |
| | 23 | Family time, bible Study, Worship Arts/Rec |
| | 30 | Family time, bible Study, MISSION |
| Feb. | 6 | Family time, bible Study, Worship Arts/Rec |

Thursdays

Bible Study

A non-denominational bible study meets at 9:30am weekly.

Why Do Our Stained-Glass Windows Have *Flowers*?

Last month I noted that Presbyterians have typically shied away from depicting God, Jesus, angels, or saints in their stained-glass. However, the windows at First Presbyterian of Huron aren't *entirely* free of pictures. Look closely and you will find palm trees, red and yellow flowers, and green crosses. Anything else? Christian art is often symbolic, with recurring images referring to certain beliefs.¹ For instance, the cross is obviously meant to remind us of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf.



It is less clear if the *plants* in our windows have a specific meaning. The flowers appear to be tulips (though ours have four petals while those in nature have six!). Tulips are uncommon in generic Christian iconography and so *perhaps* allude to a summary of Presbyterian belief known as "T.U.L.I.P." – or the "five points of Calvinism." (This summary acknowledges that while humanity is fallen and broken, God has elected us to salvation through Christ and that nothing can derail his plan. So every time you see those flowers in our windows, remember that God loves you and has chosen you and there's nothing anybody can do about it!)

It's far more likely, however, that the four-petaled blossoms are a floral representation of St. Andrew's Cross. St. Andrew has been associated with Scotland since the Medieval era and his x-shaped cross has long been the symbol of both Scotland and the (Presbyterian) *Church of Scotland* – which is our own "mother church." (Several of the Huron church's first pastors were from Scotland.) So these x-shaped, cruciform flowers not only remind us of Christ's sacrifice for us, but also our Scottish heritage as Presbyterians.



We are currently in between phases one and two of our window restoration. The stained-glass not only lets in warm reds, vibrant greens, and stunning yellows, the subtle pictures in it remind us that we are the people redeemed by the cross of Jesus Christ. They remind us that as Presbyterians, we are heirs to an inheritance of faith that values Elder-leadership in congregations, reverent worship, and the all-encompassing power of God.

Pastor Andrew

¹ Jennifer Speake, *The Dent Dictionary of Symbols in Christian Art* (London: J M Dent, 1994), ix.

2018 Sunday School Program “A Christmas Journey”



We've Got Mail

First Presbyterian Church,

A big thank you to the Deacons for the lovely red Poinsettia and to the PW ladies for the 2019 calendar.

'The Poinsettia was a nice surprise (when I waken from a nap). Thanks to Elf Linda Pietz, also a nice visit with Helen Clark of PW.

Sincerely, Shirley Fullerton

May the blessing from above shine on you with peace and love. Thank you for the flowers, they are very nice.

Eva Vilhauer

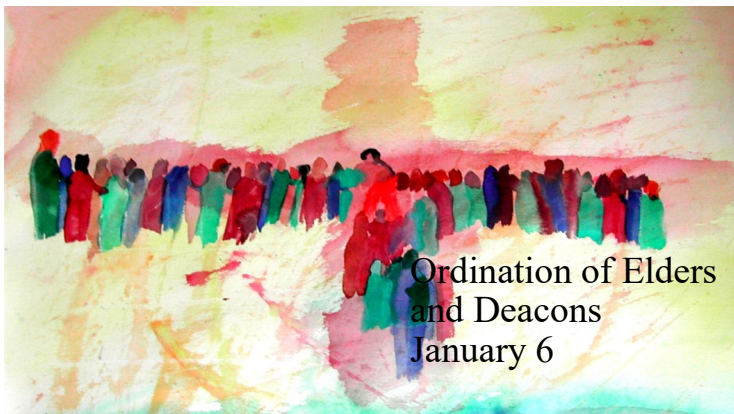
Tyler Caser + I want to thank the church so much for the thoughtful box you send our family each year.

It means so much to us to know we're thought of + in your prayers.

The art, goodies, + more are so nice ~~for~~ to celebrate the holidays!

All our love,

Alicia Tyler Caser
+ Meiers



Ordination of Elders
and Deacons
January 6

BOWLING FUN NIGHT JAN 26

Sewing Day Saturday,

January 12



9am to
3pm



Little Dresses for Africa



To the family of Gladys Hrdlicka.



Military Personnel and Families

President Trump Government Officials
Prison Inmates Military Personnel & families

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Home Bound

Sun Quest Village: Shirley Fullerton, Lorraine Jacobson,
Jo Long, Idel McDonald, Eva Vilhauer, Sara Jorgensen,
Deannie LeRoux, Maxine Paye

Stoney Brook Suites: Joyce Reiter

Prairie Crossings: Darrell Briscoe

Sun Quest Healthcare: Henry Sievers, Kathleen Amundson,
Bev Erdahl,

Violet Tschetter: Ione Buckley, Jim & Ada Pownell

Out-of-Town Nursing Homes: Jill Baker, Madelyn Nickelson, Ruth
Winter

Courtyard Apts: Marilyn Rogers

Home Bound: Mahalia Connell

Sioux Falls Assisted Living: Norma Bonnes

Heritage Place Rapid City: Donald Urquhart

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Attendance

| <u>Sunday School</u> | | <u>Worship</u> | |
|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------------|
| <u>Date</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>#</u> |
| 12/03/17 | 36 | 12/2/18—43 | |
| 12/10/15 | 38 | 12/9/18—35 | |
| 12/17/15 | 34 | 12/16/18—30 | |
| | | 12/03/2017 – 131 | 12/02/2018—121 |
| | | 12/10/2017 – 160 | 12/09/2018—275 |
| | | 12/17/2017 – 210 | 12/16/2018—138 |
| | | 12/24/2017 – 101 | 12/23/2018—118 |
| | | 12/24/ Eve – 275 | 12/24/2018 |
| | | Communion—220 | Communion— |
| | | 12/31/2017 – | 12/30/2018 |

Elder of the Month:

Cris Peterson

Deacon of the Month:

Pam Biel

Members

Ron & Sharon Hastings
Cam & Melba Galliger
Bev Erdahl
Kevin Parmely

Jim Pownell
Dwayne Poulisse
Steve Peters

David Hook
Jill Reimer
Ada Pownell

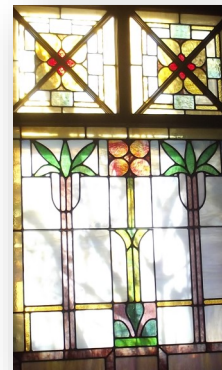
Family & Friends

Jack Alexander (Kathleen Amundson's grandson)
Michaela Biel
Joyce (Vemlicka)Gardner (Sharon Hastings' cousin)
Lori Burns Hein
Pastor Heather Jepsen (Chuck Groth's niece)
Peggy Jones (David Hook's friend)
Todd Paye (Maxine's Son)
Linda Spencer (Ruth Kelley's daughter)
Dan Schlader (friend of Deannie LeRoux)
Pat (Arth) Timp (Sharon Hastings friend)
Michael Whitman (Sharon Hastings brother)



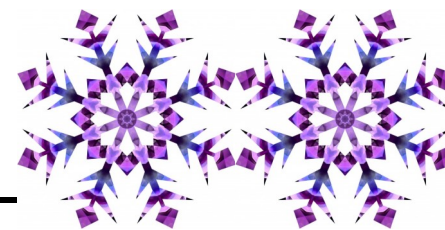
Socks collected for the Human Services Center.

Christmas Ornaments \$10 each
to support the stained glass win-
dow fund.





January 2019



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Sat

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| | | <i>1</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Happy New Year</i> | <i>2 Jim & Jill Reimer 37</i> Praise Team 5:10 LOGOS 6:00 Senior High 6:00 Adult Choir 6:30 | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> |
| <i>6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00</i> Sunday School 9:10 Worship 10:30 Holy Buckets Communion Installation of officers | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> Ch. Ed. 6:30 Fin./Steward 6:30 Miss./Evan. 6:30 Bldg./Gr. 7:00 Church Life 7:00 Worship/Music 7:00 | <i>9</i> PW 1:30 Praise Team 5:10 LOGOS 6:00 Senior High 6:00 Adult Choir 6:30 | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>12</i> <i>Sewing Day</i> <i>9am-3pm</i> |
| <i>13 Marlene Gamber 83</i> Sunday School 9:10 Worship 10:30 | <i>14</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i> <i>Covenant group 11:00</i> Praise Team 5:10 LOGOS 6:00 Senior High 6:00 Adult Choir 6:30 | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> | <i>19</i> |
| <i>20 Gary & Roxanne Gogolin 40</i> <i>Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00</i> Sunday School 9:10 Worship 10:30 | <i>21 Office Closed</i> <i>(Martin Luther</i> <i>King Jr. Birthday)</i> | <i>22 Shirley Duxbury 80</i> | <i>23</i> Praise Team 5:10 LOGOS 6:00 Senior High 6:00 Adult Choir 6:30 | <i>24 Jerry Galliger 80</i> | <i>25</i> <i>Presbytery</i> <i>A&C 11:00-3</i> | <i>26</i> <i>Family night-</i> <i>Bowling</i> |
| <i>27 Joyce Reiter 89</i> <i>Donna Pietz 79</i> Sunday School 9:10 Worship 10:30 | <i>28</i> | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> Praise Team 5:10 LOGOS 6:00 Senior High 6:00 Adult Choir 6:30 | <i>31</i> | | |