JUNE 2017

NEWSLETTER

Glorifying God. Believing in His Son. Loving One Another.

First Presbyterian Church
Huron SD
We’ve Got Mail

Brothers & Sisters
Wow! What a great Time! So in need of R & R, & got it & more. Good classes, wonderful theme & great times of worship & speaker. Going away refreshed physically, mentally, & spiritually with new ideas to share with the congregation & Maybe implement. Thanks so much for sharing God’s blessings with Wee Kirk. Pastor Karen. Valentine PC

Brothers & sisters
We have been so blessed to have this time at camp to reflect & restore. Many new helpful ideas were presented to help us in our church. Thank you for helping make this week possible. Gods Blessings. Deb Wakefield

Friends,
Thank you so much for your support of the Great Plains Wee Kirk Conference. It has been a wonderful 3 days of inspiration, singing & relaxation—just what I needed this spring. Blessings, Claudie Krogman

Dear Scholarship Committee,
I am sincerely grateful to have been selected recipient of the Dorothy Linette/Presbyterian Church/Darel Peterson Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will allow me to help pay for school. As I continue my education at Northern State University, I am appreciative for this scholarship. Thank You Again! Lexi Eckmann

Deacons, Thank you very much for the Easter basket. I enjoyed it very much. Hope you all had a nice Easter Day. Eva Vilhauer

Thank you so much for the Scholarship. I am very excited ut ues it towards my studies at the University of South Dakota in the Fall. I plan to major in business/accounting. Emily Arteman

The family of Leon Eddy would like to thank you for the honoring him with the very beautiful Easter lily on Easter Sunday. Inez & family.

Thank you for the Easter Lily! My Mother was a woman of great faith who loved her church. Mike Turnwall

Dear Church Family, thank you for the beautiful plant. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. A big thank you to all who touched Mom’s life and helped all of us through this difficult time.. Family of Betty Decker

Pastor’s Pen: Encounter the Living God

A first century Jewish shepherd named Akiva often sat by a stream with his flock. He noticed a steady trickle of water hitting a rock. It was just a dribble – drop after drop. But he noticed something incredible: a deep hole had been cut by the droplets of water. Akiva realized that if something as soft as water could shape solid stone, how much more could something as strong as scripture sculpt his own heart day by day!

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC) likewise says that God works in our lives in three very ordinary ways, day after day, making us more like Jesus (1. Bible, 2. Sacraments, 3. Prayer). The great news here is that a transformative relationship with God isn’t a mysterious process reserved for saints or philosophers. God’s work in our lives isn’t usually dramatic, flashy, or attention-grabbing, but slow, steady, and “ordinary.”

The WSC says the first way Christ brings his salvation to bear in our present lives is through “the word” – or Bible. People often talk about “the inspiration of scripture.” That is true and good; we believe that the Holy Spirit worked through the many biblical authors to produce the various biblical texts. But the catechism reminds us that is only half the equation! It alludes to an inspired people, as the same Spirit who worked in the writing of the scriptures now works in us as we read the Bible and hear it preached. The Bible does us no real good unless the Spirit of God uses it to convince us, convert us, and comfort us day by day.

To that end, the WSC gives us a short list of “Bible-Reading Best Practices:” approach God’s Word with diligence (read it regularly), preparation (study the Word – make use of Bible commentaries and dictionaries from our church library), prayer (pray that God would open the Word to you and speak to your heart), and openness. Then – after you’ve read the Word – lay it in your heart (put it to memory) and practice it in your life.
Jesus lives! And if he lives for us, he surely speaks to us. Jesus says, “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (Jn 10:27). Would you like to hear his voice? Do you hunger and thirst to experience his presence? Every drop of his Word makes an impact. Encounter the living God.

Questions for Reflection:
When has God spoken to you through the Bible in the past? What happened? How were you changed?
Would you like to hear Christ’s voice more in your daily life?
What steps will you take to make the scripture a daily part of your life?

Scripture for Reflection:
2 Timothy 3:14-17

Next Month:
WSC Questions & Answers 91-95

Westminster Shorter Catechism Ques. & Ans. 88-90

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?
A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Q. 89. How is the word made effectual to salvation?
A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

Q. 90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?
A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

Did you know…
That 21 members of the congregation attended a one-day, “Refresh Our Work in the Name of God”, retreat? The goal of the retreat was to align our work with the vision and mission of our church. Are we doing the best things to serve God and one another? What are our highest priorities? Are the different committees, Session and Deacons reflecting those priorities? The day was led by Charlotte Henley, a member of this congregation. Charlotte is an inspirational speaker, consultant and author! She also teaches CPR classes for the American Red Cross. The attendees interviewed each other, broke into small groups and did all sorts of strategic planning. It was a very worthwhile day! One of the things that came out of that day was that we want the members of the church to know what’s happening at the church. A column will be dedicated in the newsletter letting you all know the goings-on at First Presbyterian Church, Huron, SD. The column will be entitled “Did you know”.

Did you know…
That we have a purse ministry? The Presbyterian Women collect purses. A couple of times each year, they fill those purses with items collected from you! When you bring the travel sized soap, lotions, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste, etc., they are saved and put in the purses. The purses also contain items such tissues, deodorant, combs, notepads, and other miscellaneous items donated by the members of the church. The purses are given to the two women’s shelters in Huron. Thank you to the Presbyterian Women Group!

Did you know…
That the Presbyterian Women also have a calendar ministry? The group makes about 75 calendars each year and gives them to the residents of the Violet-Tschetter Nursing Home and to our shut-ins. They are all in large print and all have a nice picture on them.
**PW Safe Birth Campaign**

Quarters save lives!
100 quarters saves one life.
Deposit quarters in the Blue Tube in the East Room

Do something special for your June Birthday by donating a penny for each year of your age to the PW's Birthday Box in the east room. You will help fund their mission projects. Have a special happy birthday!

**Contributions for Camp Scholarships**

may be made through the church. Scholarships provide for all summer camp programs, including VBS, Day Camp, Rimrock & Pioneer.

We have registered for 14 camps at Rimrock & Pioneer. You can still go to camp. Contact the office for details. 352-8789.

**June Celebrations**

**Birthdays:** Leon Peterson 82, Anne Wollman 81, Cobbie Magness 84, Darrel Briscoe 83

**Anniversaries:** Randy & Adele Jacobson, Mike & Lisa Kopfmann, Greg & Donna Hepper, Andrew & Alissa Crandall, Wade & Renea Katz, Dick & Pam Biel, Dennis & Kathy Meyer, Mike & Judy Stahly.

**Welcome**

Births: Kenna Nicole Cowan, daughter of Brittni (Decker) & Pat Cowan. Born May 4, 5 lbs. 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Keith & Cory Decker

**Meals on Wheels – Thank you!**

Thank you to those who delivered meals on wheels in the month of May. Your generosity at a very busy time was greatly appreciated by those receiving the 400 meals. A special thanks to the subs and those who do a little extra.

Sandy Eden, coordinator for First Church

**CENTS ABILITY UPDATE...**

_Holy Buckets Penny Offering_ May $482.00

1/3 Hunger Program, 1/3 Men's Prayer Breakfast/Salvation Army meat, 1/3 Helping Hands for food.

Total for year 2017: $1903.00

**June Funerals**

CAKE PROVIDERS AND WORKERS
Research Opportunity
Volunteers needed to Participate

The Heimstra Human Factors Laboratories Driving Research Group at the University of South Dakota is seeking participants for an upcoming driving research study. Research will be conducted to compare younger and older adult drivers (see requirements below) in an on-the-road examination of driving performance. Participants will be asked to drive in a naturalistic setting on the roads of Huron, South Dakota in an instrumented vehicle provided by the research lab. Primary data collection is scheduled for July 2017.

The goal of this project is to determine potential age related differences in driving performance behaviors in order to develop advanced driving research technology and safety screening procedures. Participants will receive a payment of $25 that they can either keep for themselves or donate to the church. Additionally, a donation in the amount of $500 will be made to the church from the lab if the participant goal is reached (see information below).

Requirements for Participation
Valid driver’s license
Current automobile insurance
Normal (or corrected to normal) vision

Participant Goals
18 participants aged 25-50
18 participants aged 70 and over

Those interested in participating may contact the church office 352-8789. Please leave Name, Age & Phone number.

2017 VBS
Friday July 28 6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday July 29 9:30am-4:00pm
Sunday July 30 1:00 pm Sunday VBS Celebration

Ages 3 years–5th grade (having finished)
At First Presbyterian, 510 Dakota S.
Our Saviors Lutheran and American Lutheran will join us. Bring a friend or a neighbors child.

Help needed!—contact Dawn Meink
(dawnm@santel.net) or call 352-8789

Deegan Hewitt had perfect attendance at Sunday School for 2016/2017. Noah Koops was the next closest with 29 of 32 Sundays. Most Consecutive Sundays was a tie between Noah Koops and Judson Gogolin.
Member Highlights
Jay and Peggy Morris

Peggy and Jay Morris were married in July of 2014. Peggy is the daughter of Calajean Kopfmann of Huron and Stan Kopfmann, of Alpena. She has a brother Mike, of Huron, and a sister, Kristi Ann, who was welcomed into heaven as an infant. Peggy is a lifelong resident of the Huron area and graduated from Alpena High School. She has two children; Krissa (Logan) Korkow and Jared Smith, both of Huron. Krissa is a First Grade teacher at Buchanan School and Jared is a Continuous Improvement Specialist for Jack Links. Since Granddaughter Finnley Faith Korkow arrived in 2016, she has been a blessing to the family and there are many hours spent playing, spoiling and loving her.

Jay is from Butte, Montana, where his parents still live and has two brothers, one in Houston, TX and the other is Los Gatos, CA, with a niece and four nephews that he is extremely proud of. Jay is a former Manager for Northwestern Energy and is now an Account Director for General Electric covering eight states.

Peggy and her Mom owned “Touch of Country” in Huron for over thirteen years and formed many lifelong friendships, as well as having a phenomenal staff that included Judy Neuharth, Katrina Sheldon, Beth Iverson and numerous others. After Peggy and Cala closed their store Peggy visualized a new jewelry organizer concept. She created the design, did the sewing on prototypes, worked with attorneys on setting up the company and obtaining a trademark. She subsequently arranged for production of this new product and “Jewelry On The Go” was born!

Peggy has launched her web page and is proactively driving sales in the web space, as well as two local outlets—what an exciting new journey!

Peggy has participated in a variety of Church activities over the years including Sunday School Teacher, Director and Teacher of Logos, Deacon and Treasurer of Christian Ed. She was honored with our church’s “Hineni Award” for volunteer service. Peggy’s community involvement was extensive over the years and she now serves on the Board of “Our Home”.

Since Jay moved to Huron in 2002, he has been on many community Boards, including Huron Country Club, Greater Huron Development and Huron Junior Achievement. Jay is a Past Potentate of the Shriners and a long-time Mason. He taught Sunday School with Peggy for two years. The couple loves to travel, golf and spend time with family and friends!

Rummage Prep Schedule
(no experience necessary)
June 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14 & 15TH from 5-7 each night. If anyone would like to sort during the day they are welcome to do so whenever it works for their schedule. Call Stephanie Myer at 354-0473 if you need to drop off items.

First Presbyterian Church
5th & Dakota South
Huron SD

Date:
June 16 & 17
2017

Time:
Friday
3-7 pm
Saturday

Rummage & Bake Sale
Bring baked goods wrapped and priced.

The Church has 100 folding chairs, $5 each
12 Banquet tables $35-$50
Members may purchase prior to sale
Military Personnel and Families

President Trump  Government Officials  Prison Inmates
Military Personnel & families

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Home Bound

SunQuest Village: Kathleen Amundson, Shirley Fullerton, Lorraine Jacobson, Idel McDonald, Eva Vilhauer
Violet Tschetter  Ione Buckley
StoneyBrook Suites: Madelyn Nickelson
SunQuest Healthcare Center: Henry Sievers
Out-of-Town Nursing Homes: Jill Baker.
Courtyard Apts: Marilyn Rogers & Ruth Winters
Home Bound: Mahalia Connell

Attendance

Sunday School  Worship

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Elder of the Month: Barb Peterson  Deacon of the Month: Joyce Peterson

Volunteers for Prayer Chain

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To join a prayer chain, please call the church office.

Please Note: If you know of someone who needs pastoral care or is in the hospital, please call the church office. When you wish to have a name removed, please let the church office know.

Members

Randy Jacobson  Kyle Klussman  Lisa Hepper
Mahalia Connell  Charles (Al) Katz  Ron Hastings
Alan Schmidt  David Hook  Brandee Throckmorton
Madelyn Nickelson  Ron Reed

Friends & family

Craig & Bonnie Atkins (they are both in cancer treatment)
Jack Alexander
Michaela Biel (Dick & Pam Biel’s daughter-in-law)
Craig Connell (Mahalia’s son)
Kim Crump (Galliger’s daughter)
Joyce Gardner (Sharon Hastings cousin)
Jason Gehrt (Madelyn Nickelson’s grandson-in-law)
Larry Claypool (Renea Katz’s father)
Arbadella Huber (Dick Biel’s aunt)
Ervin Kutzfeldt
Gladys Hrdlicka (Donna Meiers’ mother)
Tami Israel (friend of Barb Peterson)
Cloj Jesson (Marlene Gamber’s friend)
Mary Louise & Leslie Jensen (Brenda Schmidt’s parents)
Vicki Johnson (Kristi Letcher’s sister)
Ginny LaFortune (friend of Barb Peterson)
Nakita Maddox (friend of Becki Lemke)
Janelle Martinez (Louise Van Poll’s friend in the Peace Corp)
Kim Mattke (Dawn Meink’s friend)
Idel McDonald’s brother
Phyllis Miedema (Adele Jacobson’s mother)
Glen Millage (Pastor Andrew’s uncle)
Delbert Minske (friend of Barb Peterson)
Patricia Moore (Greg Hepper’s aunt)
Susan Munion (Galliger’s friend)
Marian (Wold) Martin (friend of Lori Magness)
Roxi Miller (friend of Diane Clayton)
Kathi Mueller (wife of Mike and daughter-in-law of Karen)
Priscilla Mueller (Dick Biel’s aunt)
Ron & Doretta Nelson (sister of Berneice Muilenburg)
Derek Nelson (Wade Katz’ nephew)
Patty Ruehle (Chuck Groth’s sister)
Rich Sabalier (friend of Berneice Muilenburg)
Melvin Schlimgen (Donna Hepper’s dad)
Marilyn Schiehoff (Phyllis Lemke’s sister)
Phyllis Schmidt (Alan’s mother)
Sonnie Schimke (grandson of Merle Schimke)
Marcia Pietz Solie
Patricia (Arth) & Louie Tim (friends of Ron & Sharon Hastings)
James Teer (Mona Kotas’ brother-in-law)
Amy Weller (Dar King’s daughter)
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