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Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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The Bucks' Blog:

Just the word... Spring... rolls off our lips with a salubriousness that belies surviving the harsh winter. Not to say that this winter was as bad as last year, but still. Spring is finally within sight, at least according to the calendar. We spring forward on Sunday the 8th to daylight savings time, and then, the first day of Spring arrives on Thursday, March 19th. Those two

days in themselves should put a spring in our steps. Some of us are actually looking forward to Spring yard work and Spring cleaning, to opening the windows and letting some cold but fresh air waft through the house. It sort of makes one feel sorry for those who live where the weather is a monotonous monotone of a single season of sunshine, palm trees, and sandy beaches.

And yet, in our excitement of the coming Spring, we are reminded of the just past Ash Wednesday that marked the beginning of Lent. That time when we remember Christ Jesus being taken into the wilderness to fast for 40 days and 40 nights while being tempted by the devil.

Most of us use the slightest pang of a late or missed meal as an excuse to yield to the temptation of a little larger bowl of ice cream, an extra glass of wine, or buying the shirt or blouse we've had our eye on for a while. After all, we deserve it. We're hungry, a little cranky, and who's going to know if we've given in to temptation anyway?

How easy it would have been for Jesus to give in to the temptations of the devil. He had just been baptized and validated by God the Father. He was God in human form. But, you see, He willingly gave up all of that, made it all secondary, to come to earth as a servant example of what it means to live a life worth living. He had a purpose and a calling to demonstrate with his life, his actions, what real love of God and humankind, especially our neighbor, is all about.

How about you, Christian guy or girl? When was the last time any of us resisted temptation by remembering who we really are. If we name the name Christian, Christ-one, we are saying that we, too, have a purpose and a calling to be a Christ-one servant example in our world among our neighbors.

This Spring, as we move toward Holy Week, let us all be better motivated to resist temptation not for our own ego, but to become more of what we instinctively know Christ Jesus wants us to be.

If we take it to heart, this could be one of the best Springtimes you've ever had.

Donald and Mindi





Group # 2 is the serving group this month. This group consists of:

Sharon Tisher, Faye Symens, Jill Beaner, Stephanie Symens and Carmen Tisher.



Ladies' Sewing Group will meet on March 12th, 19th, and 26th this month.



March 17th, 2020

Scripture to Help Shift Your Thinking

What would happen if you filter your thoughts through God's Word?

by **Jeanette Hanscome**

From **MORNINGS with JESUS** (Guideposts)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. — Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

I copied Philippians 4:8 in white paint pen on black paper. I added a few flourishes, took a picture of it, then emailed it to my Bible study friends. That morning, we'd had a long talk about our attitudes and how often they were rooted in what we chose to fill our minds with. What might happen if we challenged ourselves to filter everything through Philippians 4:8 for a week, even if that meant avoiding the news, social media, and certain conversations?

As I kept my promise to make a pretty copy of the verse for the women to set as wallpaper on their phones or computers, I considered what it might mean for me to think on things that were true, noble, right, pure . . .

But that afternoon, something happened that frustrated me.

The more I tried to apply Philippians 4:8, the more aware I became of how often I allowed

my mind to drift to unlovely places. No wonder I had [trouble sleeping](#), snapped at people I loved, and felt anxious. Peace came when I asked Jesus to [shift my thinking](#). How different would our lives be if we tuned out everything that contradicted Philippians 4:8? What would we talk about? What would we watch and listen to? What would we think about at night? As hard as it is some days, when we start to see it make a difference, the peace becomes worth the effort.

People to keep in our Prayers this month:

Lonnie Furman, Sandra Ellingson, Deanna Jahnig, Lance Jahnig, Terry Price and Trevor Zuehlke.



Session Notes:

January 29th meeting notes:

- Committee meeting schedule was set.
- Faith and Nurture reported on the upcoming Youth Rally in Pierre, to be held April 3-5.
- Website is on line.
- Session voted to accept the clerk's statistical report.

February 19th meeting notes:

- Confirmation classes will begin March 4th and meet every Wednesday of the month from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Pastor will have a bible study on N.T. Wright's newly published book, "The New Testament in It's World," beginning in May, and community will be invited to join in.
- Church bylaws need to be updated.

**Next meeting of the Session will be
Tuesday, March 17th,
at 7:00 p.m.**



**We will be having
communion on Sunday,
March 1st, 2020.**

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PWC Hope Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 4th, at 2:00 p.m. All women of the church are invited to attend.



***Kathy Buisker is VFW
Auxiliary Member
of the Year!***

Kathy Buisker was recently named Legionette of the Year by the Legion Auxiliary Post 80, Unit 5 of Britton. This judgment was based on just some of Kathy's activities including, but not limited to: Participation, Baked goods, Serving, Making and distributing poppies, Hospice, Historical Society President, Church sewing and PWC Circle activities. She continues to be a good patriot at honoring our service men. This honor will qualify her to compete at the District, State and National levels.



***Will meet on Wednesday, on
March 4th, at 6:00 P.M.
(Please remember to bring
you application for
The State-wide Youth Rally which
will be held in Pierre, SD, April 3-5.)
Youth will meet again on
March 11th at 6:00 p.m.***



A new Women's Bible Study will begin on Monday, March 16th at the usual times of 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. This will be a study of Malachi - "A Love that Never Lets Go", by Lisa Harper. All women of the community are invited to attend.



New Janitor

For those of you who do not know him, John Moerke has become our new janitor at the church. John is a very willing and capable worker and is willing to help out where he is needed. John has been employed by Becky and Dirk Weber doing maintenance and janitorial work on their apartments. He will usually be in the church on Fridays, so if you see something that needs his special attention, leave Jane a note, or talk with her and she will give him a call.

New Website



Our New Website is up and running. Check it out and let Jane or Pastor Buck know what you think. Also let us know if you have things to add.

fpcbritton.com

Church's Per Capita Amount

Our church will be paying in \$34.75 per active member this year, so if you know of anyone who has transferred to another church or should be considered inactive, please contact Jane and they will be presented to the Session for review.

Thank you.



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