

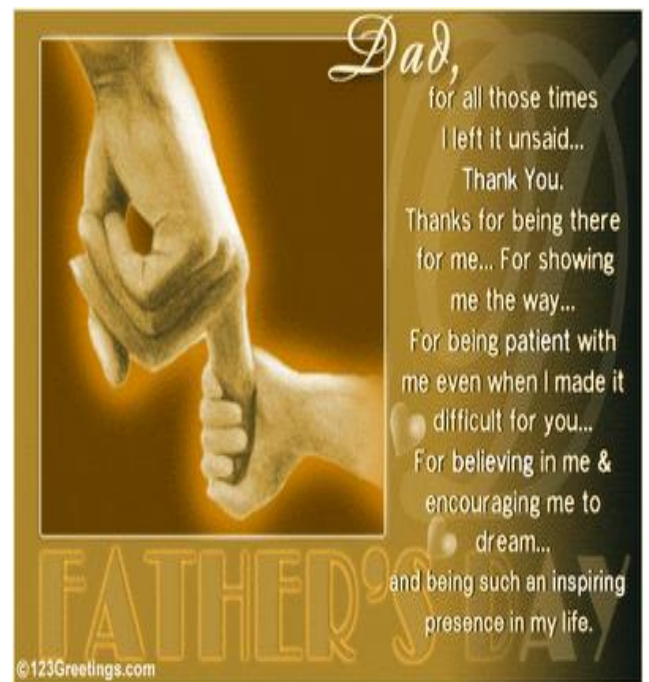
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Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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Father's Day – June 20th



With Memorial Day weekend behind us, and schools out for the summer, our lives begin to change a great deal. Some will be heading to the lake, some to the field, some back to work, and some just enjoying the beautiful days of summer. We have honored our Mothers, and now, in June, we will honor our Fathers. Keep Christ in your thoughts and have a great summer! --Jane

"It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping." – John Sinor

Old Boots



June 20th is Father's Day and across the country men are enjoying greeting cards that say something along the lines of: "Thanks Dad, for being the best dad ever." My father passed away a number of years ago. Was he a perfect father? No. But he did many good things, and gave me a lot to think about.

When I was 18, dad gave me a pair of hiking boots. They had a cushioned tongue and collar, eyelets securely sewn into the leather. I still have those boots. They've been all over the world. They have carried me over thousands of miles of trails, roads and city streets. These boots have stories to tell. That's why I can't get rid of them. When I see those aging boots, I see a metaphor for life. After all, they carried me and protected my feet.

1. They were no good unless I put them on.
2. I had to lace them up nice and snug or they just would have flopped around and given me blisters.

3. They were particularly good when traveling on scree and talus.
4. They had awesome gripping power on rock.
5. They took the fear out of going into the difficult places, like muddy, rocky or slippery surfaces.
6. Occasionally, they needed to be resoled.

You can understand why I see these boots as a metaphor for life, particularly faith. Isn't it interesting that faith is described in the Bible as a gift? This is a gift that God the Father gives us. As such, it is no good unless we allow our faith to get some exercise and carry us through life.

My faith has taken me many places in my spiritual life. It has protected me from many dangers and mistakes. It had amazing gripping power to help me negotiate the dark valleys and narrow places. With my faith, the fear is gone.

Yes, sometimes my faith needs to be re-souled. I need periodic renewal. Just as the soles of my boots needed cleaning and brushing, likewise my faith-soul needs to be kept clean, and all the dirt and pebbles dug out and discarded.

This is the lesson I remember on Father's Day.

--Timothy Merrill
Home Touch



Lance Griesse, McKenna Heer, Jeris Stark, Ty Fagerland, Collin Beaner and Paul Symens

Sunday, May 2nd, we confirmed three of our youth: McKenna Heer, Ty Fagerland and Collin Beaner. These three received lessons from Lance Griesse and Paul Symens these past months and with the approval of Session, were confirmed before the congregation. Jeris Stark, from the Methodist Church was also confirmed at that time. Coffee fellowship was held in their honor following worship.



Jeris, Collin, Ty and McKenna with their cake.



New Members & Baptism



Lance Griesse, Kevin Kraft, Trisha Kraft and daughter, Katie Beverly Kraft, with sponsors, Nicole Jones and Mike Rohwedder.

Kevin and Trisha Kraft became members of our church, on Sunday, May 9th. Trisha came by letter of transfer from the Hecla Lutheran Church, and Kevin by statement of faith. Their daughter, Katie Beverly Kraft was baptized at the same time, by Lance Griesse. Sponsors were Nicole Jones and Mike Rohwedder.

A father's responsibilities are profound. Being a godly parent in today's difficult world requires insight, discipline, patience, prayer, and a willingness to teach.

Do you sincerely seek to leave a lasting legacy for generations to come? If so, you must start by teaching your children the ways and the Word of God. And remember always that your most enduring lessons are not only the ones you teach with words; they are also the ones you teach by example. When you obey God's commandments and trust His promises, your life will be a shining lesson for your children . . . and for theirs.



Senior Honored



McKenna Graduates

McKenna Carlson was honored in our church on Sunday, May 16th, when she was presented a blanket by the PW sewing ladies of the church. Cake and coffee were served in her honor following worship service. She shared some information about her high school years:

McKenna is the daughter of Calvin and Kathy Carlson, of Britton.

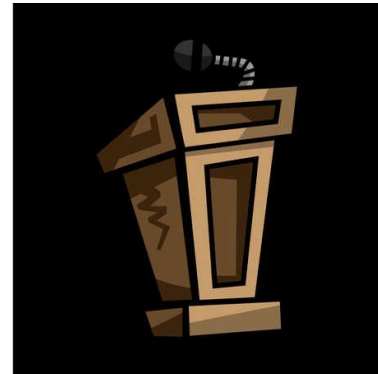
Church Activities: She volunteered for a mission trip to Rimrock church camp site to paint cabins and furnishings. She has been a member of the Youth Group and volunteered at the Food Pantry; washed cars on Main Street; baked casseroles for shut-ins and people in need and raked yards for elderly and others. She was a South Dakota Presbyterian Youth Council Board member.

School & Community: She is President of the senior class; has been on the BHHHS Student Council; Captain of the BHHHS volleyball team; Participated in One Act and All School plays and BHHHS chorus; is editor of the school yearbook; participated in the high school trap league (Won first place at the state tournament in Women's Novice division in 2019); She is the reigning 2021 Britton Area Snow Queen.

Hobbies: Reading, singing, watching Grey's Anatomy & Criminal Minds on TV; spending time with friends and family.

Summer Plans: Work as much as possible while taking a couple of general courses on-line.

Future Plans: Attend South Dakota State University in Brookings, majoring in nursing to become an RN.



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JUNE:

Sunday, June 6th – Lance Griese
Sunday, June 13th – Diane Hoines
Sunday, June 20th – Lance Griese
Sunday, June 27th – Rosemary Heitmann



Hope Loeb's, daughter of Blair & Julie Loeb's, will be married on June 6th, at Jekyll Island, GA, to Nicolas Johnson. A card shower is being held for the couple and may be sent to Hope Loeb's, at 417 3rd St. Bristol, SD 57219.



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, May 18th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Session approved Lance to officiate at the memorial service for Barbara Franzen, Saturday, July 24, 2021, in our church.
2. Work is continuing on updating the church bylaws and the policies and procedures for the church.
3. Ushers will begin collecting offering again on June 6, 2021.
4. The next meeting is June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart



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TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

Please remember that the church is counting on your gifts, pledges and assistance during these trying times.

So, as you are able, please forward your gifts to:

PO Box 127, Britton, SD 57430.

You may also give your gifts by going to our web site (fpcbritton.com) and hitting the 'giving' button which will take you to the site for setting up your profile to make a secure one-time gift or a repeating gift through the Presbyterian Foundation to First Presbyterian Church, Britton.

WE WILL RESUME PASSING THE OFFERING PLATE BEGINNING JUNE 6TH, 2021.



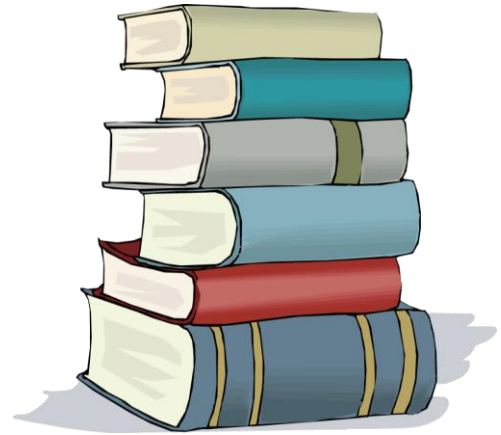
- Jeani Amacher, Carol Anderson and Ron Jarrett, dealing with cancer.
- Lorena Johnson, recovering from hip surgery at Wheatcrest.
- Judy Guleson, diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Rickie Benton and Doug Bremmon, mending from accidents.
- Others who may be suffering with Covid-19.
- And continue to pray for those with lingering health concerns.



If you have items of input, or ideas for improvement in this newsletter, please contact Jane at the office, 448.2460 or on her cell at 470.0578.

Additions are always appreciated!

Check Out Our Library !



An excellent selection of Christian books is available in the two bookcases in the overflow room of the sanctuary. A few new books were added again this week!!!

Also, the area of couches in the overflow room makes a nice, quiet place for reading and coffee... during the week.
This is your church – enjoy it!



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