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Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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*I do hope you have a happy 4th
and good days to come. With the
heat we've had in June, let's pray
for cooler days.
Enjoy the fourth and every day
that the Lord has given us.*

--Jane

*Can you believe it? Summer is
almost half over! The only clipart
I could find for the month of July
had to do with only the 4th of July
and did not include any other
events. Not that there are any,
but surely many of you will be
traveling and going on family
vacations. It is so great to finally
get to gather again, now that
many of us have our
vaccinations.*



Today, Americans all over the world are waving the flag of the United States of America. Our country is 245 years old! The flag is a symbol of our freedom. But it is not the same flag that the signers of the Declaration of Independence flew on July 4, 1776.

When the flag was officially adopted on June 14, 1777 (June 14 is now known as Flag Day), Congress accepted the colors of red, white and blue, not because they had any special meaning, but because they were familiar colors. The flag of Great Britain from whence most of the colonists had emigrated was also of red, white and blue.

It was not until the Great Seal of the United States was established five years later (in 1782) that Congress assigned clear meaning to the colors of red, white and blue. Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, explained the symbolism of the colors:

“White signifies purity and innocence,
Red, hardiness and valor, and
Blue, vigilance, perseverance and
justice.”

This is an impressive set of virtues toward which all patriotic Americans should aspire.

But they are not just secular virtues; they are sacred ones as well, because they dovetail with our aspirations as Christians, especially the last three: vigilance, perseverance and justice. Here is a Bible verse about each of these virtues:

Vigilance: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8, KJV).

Perseverance: “We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

perseverance, character; and character, hope” (Romans 5:3-4, NIV).

Justice: “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

As we wave our flag today to celebrate liberty and freedom, let’s remember the meaning of the colors assigned by our country’s founders. Even better, rather than just remembering, let’s express these virtues every day of our lives.

—Timothy Merrill, Home Touch

Prayer: O God, we thank you for our freedom. Thank you for those who gave their lives that we might enjoy liberty. Help me today to live out the virtues symbolized in the colors of our flag. Amen.

**--“HomeTouch”,
a weekly letter subscribed to and sent out
to those unable to attend our worship
services.**

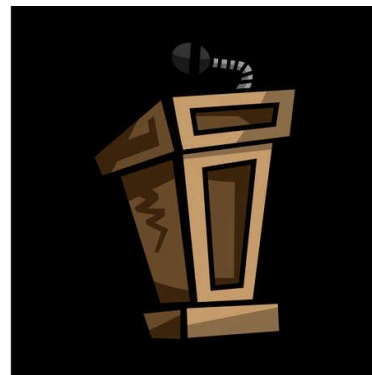
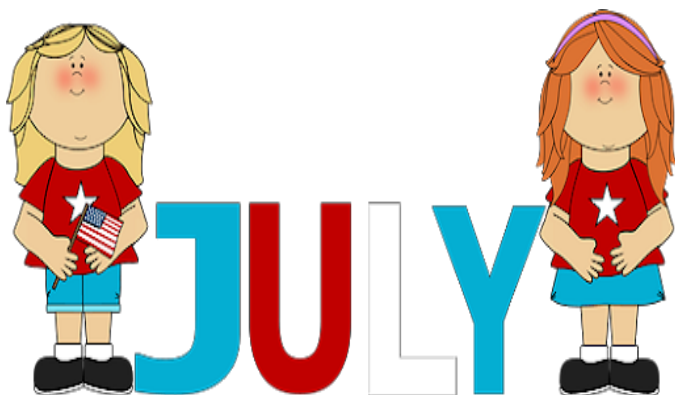


Teens help with “Time with Children” during May 30th Worship Service.



Pictured above from left to right: Sadee Webster (granddaughter of Paul & Faye Symens), Diane Hoines, Owen Symens, Collin Beaner, McKenna Carlson, Erika Symens and Emmett Symens

With the shortage of young children on the Memorial Day weekend, many of our teens voluntarily came down for the “Time with Children” that Diane Hoines had prepared. This was the last we will have this time with the kids, with the low attendance during summer months. It is a blessing to have such willing teens in our congregation!



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JULY:

Sunday, July 4th—Janet Johnson
 Sunday, July 11th—Gretchen Christianson
 Sunday, July 18th—Lance Griesse
 Sunday, July 25th—Lance Griesse

Ron Jarrett Funeral

Ron passed away quietly on Sunday, May 30th, following a very brief battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family. His visitation and prayer service were held on Wednesday, June 2nd, with funeral services, Thursday, June 3rd at 10:30. Ron was a life-long member of our church and spent years in service to his community. He will be sorely missed. His Wife, Norma will be leaving us and moving back to her home in Platte, and she, too, will be greatly missed.

The Barbara Franzen Funeral is to be held in our church on Saturday, July 24th. Barbara passed away some time ago, but due to Covid, the family has waited until now to have a service for her.



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, June 15th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Reviewed a copy of the Manual of Operations and Procedures for the church.
2. Reviewed a draft copy of the church bylaws.
3. Children's sermons will not be done during the summer because there are less kids.
4. Moderator Jerry Lutkemeier discussed the responsibilities of an Elder.
5. Next meeting is July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart



**SHARING
BRINGS JOY**
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

We are once again passing the offering plates during worship service.



There will be an open-house baby shower for Tomi Lynn Hagen and baby, Henry, on Sunday, July 11th, at the Event Center, at 2:00 P.M. Henry will also be baptized in our church on Sunday, July 18th.

Carmen and Jim Tisher are new grandparents of a 10lb. baby boy born on June 21st, to Kirk and Stephanie Tisher. His name is James Curtis and he joins a big sister Hannah, who will be two this month.



Do Not Forget!!!!
The church rummage sale
is coming up on
Thursday and Friday,
August 27th & 28th!!!

We will set up on Thursday night, the 26th at 5:00 P.M. and would appreciate all the help we can get. Please bring your items the week of the sale – to the basement if you are able.

The sale will run from 1-6:00 on Friday, the 27th, and 9:00 – 1:00 on Saturday, the 28th. Of course, help will be appreciated for take-down, too.

A lovely reception was held following worship on Sunday, June 6th, to celebrate the 70th wedding anniversary of Chan and Carol Joyce Benda, which was June 1st. Cake and coffee were served by her family members.

Many friends and relatives attended, and Carol and Chan would like to thank everyone who came, served, or sent cards.

MY CHURCH

“What my church means to me.”

(A statement of faith

by members of our church.)

Many of us in our church began our faith journey in other denominations, but God, the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the same wherever. The church is needed for the basics of funerals, weddings, baptisms, and

other sacraments, but most of all it is a place of a group of people who gather together to express their praise and thanksgiving to our God, hear his word read, guide and direct us all in coming to our belief in the triune God. It is an important part of our life to guide us in how we live, a place where we encourage each other as we grow in our faith, where we hear His word and teach our youth through adults what His word is and what it means and how it guides our lives.

The church is the place where we build our faith. It guides us on that journey, which was very eloquently stated in McKenna's message on Sunday, the 20th. She has gotten to where she is because of our church family and the support of people in our church who have aided her on her journey of faith. She stated the importance of her church and the growing of her faith bringing her to this point in her life. Each of us has the opportunity to minister to one another. We may not even be aware that we do. Yes, we need pastoral leadership, but we also have to take ownership of what we need to do. We must do our part, whether it means being a Session member, a Sunday School teacher, youth leader or secretary. We can share in the ministry too. We can't just give up on our church because we differ in our opinions of what is happening. We have been doing all of these things as God leads us. Jesus never gives up on us when we sin, and neither should we.

Over the years, a lot of effort has been made in bringing our church and each one of us to where we are at this point. May we build on that point that God has made possible, as we move into the coming year and support our Session and others, who are given specific responsibilities to make this all possible. Pray for the Session, committee members and each other to fulfill those duties as God leads. May we accept decisions made and share with others in a kind and loving way, even if we disagree. Be an encourager for each other. Read the book of 2nd Timothy, where Paul is doing just that for his friend, Timothy. Everyone is forgiven for mistakes made. God is ever with us.

--Sharon Tisher

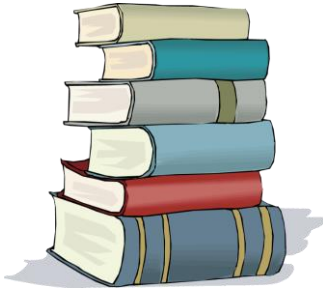
(It is hoped that we can continue to have other members of our church submit similar statements for future Newsletters.)





- **Jeani Amacher, Carol Anderson Alan Grupe and Dan Yelkin, dealing with cancer.**
- **The families of Rosella Hinmann, Judy Gulleson and Francis Guy, in their passing.**
- **Lorena Johnson, recovering from hip surgery – now at home!**
- **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.**

Check Out Our Library !



An excellent selection of Christian books is available in the two bookcases in the overflow room of the sanctuary. I am adding new books every month. **Added Beth Moore and Joyce Meyer recently.** 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!

(Norma Jarrett submitted the following:)

Dear Church Family,

I will miss worshiping with all of you – your friendly smiles and being a part of the Sunday services. To the quilters, thank you for the Log Cabin throw that was given to Ron and kept him warm.

Thank you to the ladies for baking and serving lunch. Also, thank you to those who helped in any way, from sound to making sure the church was ready for two services. I will hold in my heart the memories of all the care and concern that was shown to me.

*May your light always shine,
--Norma Jarrett*



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