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Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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Hey, all!

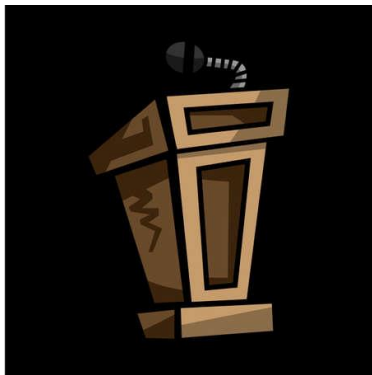
Can you smell it? Fall is in the air. It's that back-to-school time of the year when we start to have warm days and cooler nights. The mornings have been truly beautiful - a good time of the day to have a quiet talk with God and thank him for all we have.

We were fortunate to get some much-needed rain in August and now, with "Harvest Days" behind us, we begin to see a few signs of days to come. Of course, we can still look forward to the colors of fall, but as the seasons pass, we realize just how numbered are the days, and the need to enjoy each day as it comes. Joy to all of you.

--Jane



HAPPY LABOR DAY



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, September 5th – Janet Johnson

Sunday, Sept. 12th -Rosemary Heitmann

Sunday, Sept. 19th - Lance Griesse, with
COMMUNION

Sunday, Sept. 26th - Lance Griesse



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, August 17th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. The Sunday school curriculum is here, and classes will begin September 12, 2021.
2. Youth group meetings are tentatively scheduled to begin September 15, 2021 to include both senior high and junior high.
3. Communion is scheduled for September 19, 2021.
4. The next Presbytery meeting is set for October 22, 2021 at Wessington, SD.
5. The session approved Pastor Kevin Koop to officiate at the funeral for Mary Lou Brandt on Saturday, August 21, 2021.

Next meeting is September 21st, 2021
at 7:00 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart

Coming Together

During our Session Meeting, discussion arose as to what our responsibilities to each other are, living and working together in our daily lives. In the Bible it is clear that all in God's Church are called to the healing ministry of Jesus Christ: caring for one another, sharing joys and sorrows, and providing support in times of stress and need. We are called to help each other through times of danger and death, illness and loss, crisis and celebration, struggle and sin. Our Presbyterian Book of Order also says that 'all members are called to take part in the ministry of pastoral care, visiting the sick, supporting the weak and comforting those who mourn'. Most of the time, members expect the pastor to do all of this. However, Elders also have particular responsibility for pastoral care within the community of faith.

Considering this responsibility, having gone through the Co-vid year of separation, and being without a pastor, the Session will be working in a renewed effort, to "minister" to all church members, trying to become more aware of and attentive to any needs or concerns, and also, joys. This may be done through various means of communication such as cards, phone calls, texts, emails, visits, etc. We look forward to greeting you as we "come together" as a faith community.

--Peggy Pearson



Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Be the reason someone smiles today.

—Anon.



We're going to play an imagination game. Imagine that I'm holding a \$100 bill. You can see it plainly. It has Benjamin Franklin's likeness on it. So, if I offered you this \$100, would you take it? You might think I'm kidding, or that there's some sort of trick I am playing on you.

But no, I'm not playing a trick and so you take it. You are now richer by a hundred dollars than you were moments ago.

Now imagine something else. Imagine that I crumple up that nice \$100 bill and crush it into a little wad. Would you still want it? Sure, you would.

Okay, imagine that I am now throwing the wadded bill to the ground and stomping on it with my foot. Would you still take the \$100 even when it's been beaten and

bruised, crushed and crumbled, abased and abused. Would you still take it?

Yes, indeed! Of course you would!

Why? Because no matter how wrinkled and bent, that \$100 bill is still worth one hundred dollars.

Do you see where I'm going with this?

You and I are that \$100 bill. Doesn't matter how weak and wrinkled or how worn and torn we are. In the sight of God, and to those who love us, we're worth just as much as ever! In fact, we have immeasurable, infinite value. So, do not despair!

The apostle Paul once wrote about his rough times: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). He had been knocked down, but not knocked out. He was convinced that nothing could separate him from the love of Christ (see Romans 8:38-39).

Let us be grateful that our value as human beings does not rest upon our achievements or our looks or our health or our education. It rests instead upon the fact that we're made in the image of God.

You are made in God's image.

You are of infinite worth to God and those who love you.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Dear God, it is thrilling to consider that I am made in your image; that there is something of the divine likeness in me. May I live today in a way that honors that image. Amen.



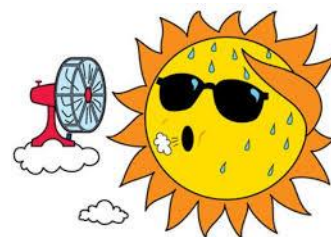
SHARING BRINGS JOY

TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

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



Just a reminder that the kids are back in school and we need to be mindful of them when driving near the school or church.





MY CHURCH

"What My Church Means to Me."

(A statement of faith

by members of our church.)

(It is hoped that we can have members of our church submit statements for future Newsletters. Contact Jane if you are willing.)



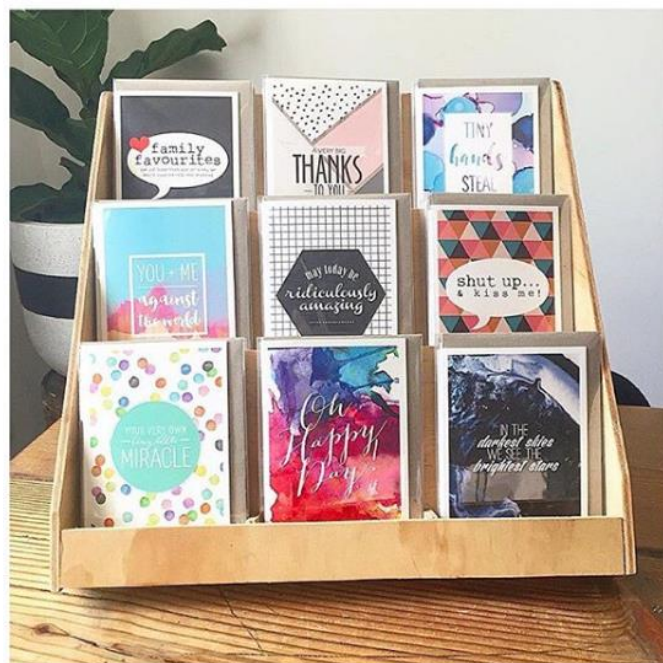
The funeral of Mary Brandt

Although Mary was not a member of this church, her husband and children were members here, and she was a faithful part of our congregation for some time. Her memorial service was held here on Saturday, August 21st, 2021, with Pastor Kevin Koop officiating. Mary Lou (Krutsinger) Brandt was born August 3, 1943 and passed away on August 13, 2021. She was buried in the Amherst Cemetery. She was the mother of Robin, Rowdena, Benjamin, Brian, Roellen and Brad (Stephanie) Brandt, and grandmother of Parker Brandt.



Deb Mack, Jeani Amacher, Keith Cease, Carol Anderson, Alan Grupe and Dan Yelkin with cancer; Aaron Miles (nephew of Jeani Amacher); Rhonda Buer, and those with other health concerns; those who have recently lost loved ones.

Greeting Cards on Sale in the Office



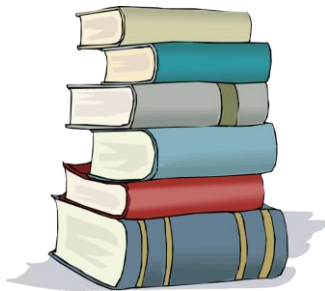
The PW ladies just got in a new shipment of Sympathy Cards and have a full line of Greeting Cards for you to choose from.

Cards are sold by-the-box and proceeds support the PWC ladies' missions.



For those who are not aware of it yet, the church building is only open during the week from 8:00 to 5:00. If you need to be in the church at other times, please contact Jane at 605.470.0578 or Becky at 448.2572.

Check Out Our Library !



An excellent selection of Christian books is available in the two bookcases in the overflow room of the sanctuary. **Five new books will be added this month.**

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!



Happy News:

Patty and Kieth Niesen are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter - Thea Rose Niesen, born to John and Krystal Niesen on July 28th, 2021.



Collin Beaner, son of John and Jill Beaner, took first place in his weight category at the recent tractor pull held at the Bremmon farm on August 14th! He also took first place in the Exhibition event! Good going, Collin!



Owen, Erika and Emmett Symens, children of Warren and Stephanie Symens, made a great showing in the local 4-H Achievement Day events held during Harvest Days. Erika is also a participant with the local sharp-shooter champions.



Dear friends in Christ,

Sunday, September 12, is National Grandparents Day. This special day came into being in 1978 when the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National

Grandparents Day and President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation. Many years later, President Obama frequently issued proclamations asking Americans, to "honor those who have helped shape the character of our Nation, and thank these role models for their immeasurable acts of love, care, and understanding."

Take time to recognize your parents and/or grandparents on this important day. Make time for a visit, and remember them in your prayers.



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