

October 2021

Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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It's hard to believe another month has gone by. I hardly get one newsletter out and it's time for another! And now it's officially Fall, or Autumn as some call it.

Wednesday, September 22nd was the official date, and you could feel it in the air. Our temps have been cooler at night and milder in the day. What beautiful days are ahead of us. The fall colors are beginning to frost the trees. We've also had some rain to help us along.

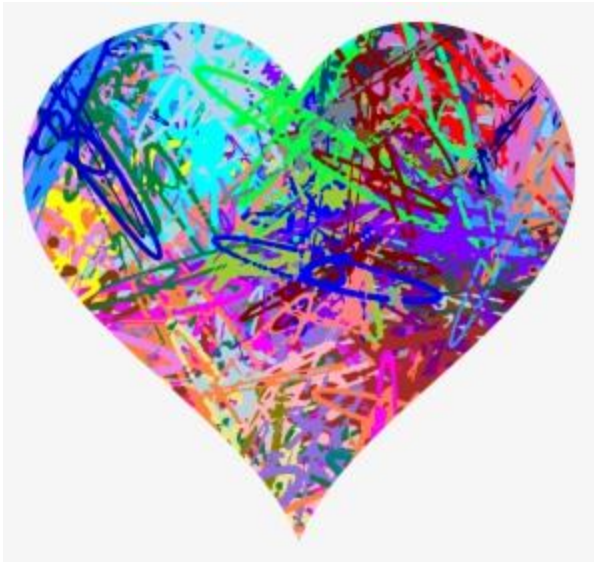
With fall cleanup to prepare for the winter to come, be sure you don't over-do. We have enough people on our prayer list!!!

Hopefully, we will eventually see an end to Covid, but it may be a long time coming. Be responsible and keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

Happy Fall to all . . .

--Jane





Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35-45

***It's nice to be important, but it is
more important to be nice.***

—John Templeton

I'm guessing that someone in your family told you, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." This is such a popular truism, that we might chuckle, because we remember our moms or grandmas saying this to us, perhaps with a finger in our faces.

We're fortunate if we grew up with "nice" values. And if we were raised that way, you no doubt raised your own children with the philosophy of "nice" in mind. This philosophy can be summed up in the words, "be nice." So you taught your children to say nice things, not naughty things. You insisted that your kids play nice and do nice things for others.

One person who has put this philosophy to work is Deirdre Freeman. She

is a painter in the San Francisco Bay Area. Every week, she'll walk a mile or so to a busy corner with a large tote bag. In the bag are a hammer, nails and a colorful painting of a heart or hearts with some other random designs. She hangs the artwork, or what she calls her "heartwork," on a telephone post. She calls it a love and kindness movement. Her goal is to get people smiling and feeling a little love. Known by many as the heart lady, she is succeeding.

Freeman brings a little sunshine to her corner of the world. She's doing something nice. She's being nice. She is putting into action the words of the Sunday school chorus:

Brighten the corner where you are!

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*Someone far from harbor "YOU" may guide
across the bar;*

Brighten the corner where you are!

This is what the apostle Paul had in mind when he told the Christians at Ephesus, "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

Today, let's take a light to our corner of the world and brighten it up a bit. Put on a smile, write a note of thanks, give someone a kind or encouraging word. Pray about it. God will give you guidance.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, teach me more about
your philosophy of nice. In your name.
Amen.*



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 3rd – Lance Griese

Sunday, October 10th – Rosemary
Heitmann

Sunday, October 17th -- Lance Griese

Sunday, October 24th -- Lance Griese

Sunday, October 31st --



Fresh Faces

Our Congregation was blessed to have Michael Severin in the pulpit on Sunday, August 29th.

Michael is a seminary student from Harrisburg and has helped us out before. Once a month he also travels to Rapid City for National Guards and has preached there. We were also blessed to have his wife, Carrie (Benda) Severin here to sing for us. Carrie was joined by her sister, Kelly Knebel in wonderful harmony. They are the granddaughters of Carol and Chan Benda.





Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Elders will be working on next year's budget and names for nominations.
2. Approved Stewardship Sunday for November 21, 2021.
3. Discussed taking communion to residents at Spruce Court and Wheat Crest Hills.
4. Elders worked on a list of families for each elder to contact trying to become more aware and attentive to any needs, concerns, or joys.

**Next meeting is October 19th, 2021,
at 7:00 p.m.**

--Lynn Eberhart



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

Fall Bulletin Board



*Hats off to Bev Seibel for her
work on the fall bulletin board in
the fellowship hall!*



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



Harvest Blessings



For the funeral of Mary Brandt last month, I stated that Mary was not a member of our church, but that was wrong. She was a member in good standing for many years.



The women's PWC group is now meeting on the first Sunday of the month following worship service, at one of the tables in the fellowship hall. The next scheduled meeting will be Sunday, October 3rd.





MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Study groups are meeting at the church every Monday evening at 7:00 PM.

Women are meeting in the overflow room, and men are meeting in the disciple's room in the basement.

Come join us!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

is back in session, meeting every Sunday following the worship service, in the upper rooms of the church.



YOUTH GROUP

The youth of our church—7th thru 12th grades are invited to join Lance & Aimee every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM. Bring your friends and make this a fun time for everyone!!!!



Please pray for Leah Luitjens, surgery found that she has stage 3 ovarian cancer. Continue prayers for: Tracy Jones, Deb Mack, Dan Yelkin, Jeani Amacher, Carol Anderson, Alan Grupe, Keith Cease and others in our church & community who continue to undergo cancer treatments; Rhonda Buer; Jim Luitjens; those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; those who have lost loved ones.

Greeting Cards on Sale in the Office

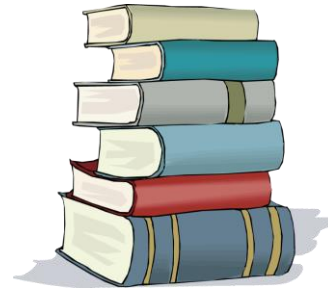


The PWC ladies have Sympathy Cards and a full line of Greeting Cards for you to choose. Cards are sold by-the-box and proceeds support the PWC ladies' missions.



For those who are not aware of it yet, the church building is only open during the week from 8:00 to 5:00 P.M. and for evening meetings. 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. 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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