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The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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*The New Year Has Arrived.
Happy New Year to All!*

The years 2020 and 2021 were considered the 'bad' years, and it appears 2022 will continue to be filled with the COVID-19, Delta and Omicron strains of the virus, but can we really consider it all bad?

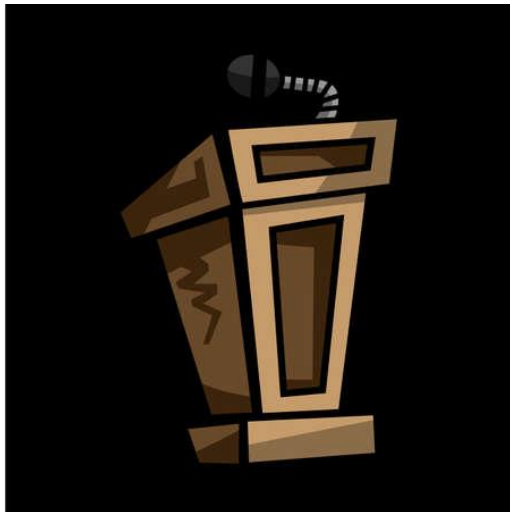
Now that the Christmas Holiday is behind us, and we begin to worship the Lord anew, maybe we should be thinking of all the many blessings we do have, and realize just how great we do have it - the majority of us here in our area are in great health; we are living in warmth and abundance; we WILL and do see our families and friends as yet; people are traveling again and much of the country is getting back to normal whether or not that is a good decision.

The fact that we are even citizens of this country, The United States of America, means we are free in so many ways, thanks to those who have given their time and their lives to keep us that way. We are free to be who we want to be and free to start anew every morning with the grace of God.

Now, let us look to the future - a time to renew our resolve to make changes - in our attempts at healthy living and self improvements, some we are willing to share and others that remain our secrets. Even if we only keep them until the third of the month, we made an attempt.

Above all, this new year, let's resolve to give more time to God, and with his help, love more and be kind to all we know and meet.

We CAN make this a better world and a better year - 2022.



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JANUARY

Sunday, January 2nd – Lance Griesse
Sunday, January 9th – Lance Griesse
Sunday, January 16th – Lance Griesse
Sunday, January 23rd – Warren Symens
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 30th Lance Griesse



Session Notes:

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

1. If there is a weather advisory with no travel advised there will be no church.
2. Annual congregational meeting is January 23, 2022 following worship to include ordination and installation of officers. There will be potluck dinner after the meeting.
3. Elected Becky Weber as church treasurer for 2022.
4. Elected Lynn Eberhart as clerk for 2022.
5. Communion dates for 2022 are February 27, April 14 (Maundy Thursday), September 18, and December 24(Christmas Eve).
6. Clerk's statistical report is due February 20, 2022.
7. Communion can now be taken to Spruce Court and Wheatcrest Hills.

**Next meeting is January 18th, 2022,
at 7:00 p.m.**

--Lynn Eberhart

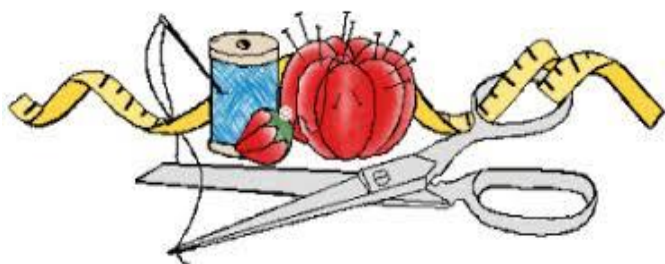


**SHARING
BRINGS JOY**
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**Women's PWC will meet
Sunday, January 2nd, following the
worship service, in the kitchen.**



The Sewing Ladies' Schedule for January:

Thursday, January 6th – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 13th – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 20th – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 27th – 9:00 a.m.

**Scripture Reading: 1
Corinthians 12:12-31a**

***Pray as though everything depended
on God.***

***Work as though everything depended
on you. —Saint Augustine***

Frances Green was an 83-year-old California lady living on Social Security. Although living at the poverty line, she had sent one dollar a year to the Republican National Committee (RNC).

Then one day Frances got an RNC fundraising letter in the mail inviting her to the White House to meet President Reagan. She didn't notice the little RSVP card that any response should be accompanied by a generous donation. *She thought she'd been invited because they appreciated her dollar-a-year support!*

She spent some of what little money she had to book train tickets for a cross-country ride in coach for her meeting with the president. But when she got to the White House gate, her name was not on the guest list. She was understandably heartbroken.

But a Ford Motor Company executive was nearby. He talked to the guard. He spoke with a White House presidential aide. And he said to Frances Green, "Come back here tomorrow at 9 a.m."

The next day was anything but calm at the White House. A lot was going on. But Frances Green showed up at nine o'clock, full of expectation and enthusiasm. She was met by the car company official, who gave her a wonderful tour of the White House. As they were going by the Oval Office, President Reagan glanced out and saw

Frances Green. He gestured her into his office.

As she entered, he rose from his desk and called out, “Frances! Those lousy computers, they messed up again! If I’d known you were coming, I would have come out there to get you myself.” He then invited her to sit down, and they talked leisurely about California, her town, her life and family.

The president of the United States gave Frances Green a lot of time that day — more time than he had. He knew this woman had nothing to give him, but she needed something he could give her.

And so the Ford executive and the president took time to be kind and compassionate.

In the same manner, God of all creation — there is no higher-ranking authority — will do the same for you. God beckons you to have a meeting, a conversation, a chat — to come into his presence with rejoicing.

Timothy Merrill, Home Touch Weekly Letter

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for inviting me into your presence and for reminding me that your door is always open. Amen.



Christmas Program By Church Youth



The young people’s Christmas Program



Rosemary Heitmann delivers a message to the youth.

The young people's Christmas Program took place on Sunday morning, December 19th, during worship.

The church choir also sang their first song of the season on the 19th.

It is great to have their voices heard again. If you would like to be a member of the choir, please contact Peggy Davidson, 605.237.0624



YOUTH GROUP

The youth of our church—7th-12th grades meet every Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. Bring a friend and come join Lance & Aimee for a fun evening.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is back in session every Sunday morning following the worship service.

Please pray for Crue Mosier. Please pray for Jeanine Jarrett, Leah Luitjens, Deb Mack, Dan Yelkin, Carol Anderson, Alan Grupe, and others in our church & community who continue to undergo cancer treatments; Rhonda Buer; Jim Luitjens; those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; the family those who have lost loved ones; and those rebuilding their lives following the devastating storms across the nation.

Happy New Year!



Notice of Death:

**Phyllis Tisher, long-time member
of this church, residing in Fargo,
ND, passed away Sunday,
December 26th.**



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