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Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD
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PULPIT SUPPLY:

Sunday, January 1st – Lance Griese
Sunday, January 8th – Lance Griese
Sunday, January 15th – Lance Griese
Sunday, January 22nd – Lance Griese
Sunday, January 29th – Rosemary H.



Here we are at the end of another year. The year was filled with many activities keeping us all too busy, but now, it is time to refresh and look forward to a new year. A new start. A time for reflecting on the past and making the necessary changes, and resolutions to change, to become happier and healthier in the new year.

As we enter 2023, may you all get a 'fresh start' in life. Blessed, once again by our Lord.

--Jane



SESSION NOTES:

**Session met on Tuesday,
December 20th, at 7:00 P.M.,
with the following summary:**

1. Discussed having others help with video, screen, and sound system as substitutes.
2. Approved baptism for Nash Jones, son of Codie and Elizabeth Jones, on January 15, 2023.
3. Encourage congregation to submit comments on the future of the church.
4. Elected Susan Wismer as presbytery commissioner, Becky Weber as church treasurer, and Lynn Eberhart as clerk for 2023.
5. Approved communion dates for 2023. February 19, April 6, October 1, and December 24.
6. Approved \$9000 for 2023 Local Mission Giving and \$6000 for 2023 Share Mission Pledge.
7. The next communion is December 24, 2022.
8. Session will meet again Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Session Meeting will be
Wednesday, January 25th, 2023.

--Lynn

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul. —Gilbert K. Chesterton

When you were a child, your parents probably made you take their hands before crossing a street, and they reminded you to “look both ways.” New Year’s Day is a good time to look both ways — backwards and forwards. What do you see when you look back on the past 365 days? Perhaps the year 2022 seemed to go by rather quickly. As oldsters, this is a common impression. It doesn’t seem to matter how we spend the time. We can waste it or put it to good use. One day, we wake up and it’s a new year, and just like that — we’re speeding forward into a new year! Tempus fugit. Yes, time flies, but, as someone said, fortunately, you’re the pilot. Maybe. Often, I feel as though I don’t have much control as to the course I am flying and that, when flying into the future, I find that the destination is always changing. Truth is, usually I am not certain about where the flight is going to end up, and I am a bit nervous about it.. This is what it is like when we try to look forward into the coming year. The writer of Ecclesiastes tells us that we can expect almost anything to happen. As we gaze into 2023, let’s remember to put the controls in the hands of the only Pilot who knows the way, who in fact once said, “I am the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6). Edward Hopper, the 19th-century hymnwriter and pastor of the Church of Sea and Land, a church for sailors, wrote a hymn that might

be in your hymnal: Jesus, Savior, pilot me, /
Over life's tempestuous sea: Unknown
waves before me roll, / Hiding rocks and
treach'rous shoal; Chart and compass come
from Thee – / Jesus, Savior, pilot me! When
at last I near the shore, / And the fearful
breakers roar 'Twixt me and the peaceful
rest – Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me, / "Fear not– I
will pilot thee!" May 2023 be a year of
God's richest blessings for you and those
you love!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for being
at the controls, for knowing the way,
for charting my course and for being
my Pilot "over life's tempestuous
seas." Amen.*



**Team 4 will serve fellowship
in January**



Youth Group for 7th-12th graders

**meets only the first three Wednesdays of
the month at 6:30 p.m. The third week of
the month is a night of activity
throughout the community.**





**Sunday School is in session every Sunday.
Sunday School times have changed this
year. Children can leave the sanctuary at
approximately 10:30 and be out by 11:15.**

**The Christmas Sunday School Program
was Sunday, December 18th, during
worship service.**



Children with their teachers: Kate Wismer,
and Judy Pfitzer. Left to right front -
Kandrick Jones, Crue Jones, Merit Jones,
Maddie Huseh Gullickson, Emsley Eimers,
Easton Eimers. Back - Kate, Emersyn
Eimers, Lenyx Jones, Judy



**It was also 'Ugly Sweater Day,' but these
look pretty good to me – Kevin C and
Susie Jones (holding Nash Jones), Kate
Wismer, Lance Griesse, KC Jones and
Merit, with Kathy Buisker and Stephanie
Symens in the back. So much fun!**



A New Selection of Greeting Cards
is available in the office. All cards
are now \$6.00/box.



Please pray for: Please pray for Vicki Beck; Pray for Lisa Hart, Leah Luitjens, Sharon Johnson, George Kann, Cindy Underberg, Jeannine Jarrett, Deb Mack, Alan Grupe, and others in our church and community who continue dealing with cancer. Pray for those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; and the family of Pauline Nelson and others who have lost loved ones. Please pray for the people of war-torn Ukraine.

It is with much sadness that we report the death of life-long member of our church, Pauline Nelson, on December 26th. She was living in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her funeral will be in our church, on Thursday, January 5th.



**PWC will meet Sunday, January 1st
on the stage in the basement,
following worship service.**

**Don't forget the Church's
Congregational Meeting on Sunday,
January 22nd following worship.**



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