

February 2023

Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, February 5th – Rosemary H
Sunday, February 12th – Lance Griesse
Sunday, February 19th – Lance Griesse
Sunday, February 26th – Lance Griesse



Well, Guys,
There have been a lot of technical difficulties in getting this month's newsletter out, mostly due to a ID-10-T problem, as the techies call it. Notice how this spells "IDIOT!!!". I can't tell you how many goofs I made trying to get this together, so you will probably find many more. Hopefully not. But have a wonderful Valentine's Day this month and remind yourself that the greatest of these . . . is LOVE.
Blessings,

Jane



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, January 25th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Completed the elder committee assignments for the year.
2. Approved delaying confirmation for a year.
3. February 26, 2023 will be the Sunday to receive new members into the church.
4. Approved clerk's statistical report.
5. Presbytery meeting is February 17, 2023, at 10:00 am. via Zoom.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 23rd, at 6:00 P.M.

--Lynn Eberhart



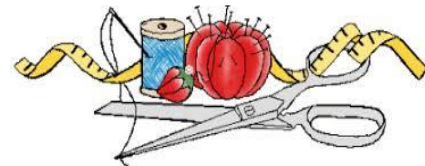
**SHARING
BRINGS JOY**
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

As we are no longer using the boxed envelopes for our members, please feel free to use the pew envelopes provided. Please let Jane know if we run short of them in the pews.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Women's PWC will meet Sunday, February 5th, following the worship service, on the stage in the basement fellowship hall.



The Sewing Ladies' Schedule for February:

Thursday, February 2nd – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 9th – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 16th – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 23rd – 9:00 a.m.



New Members' Day
Sunday, February 26th will be New Members' Day. If you are interested in becoming a member of this church, please contact Lance Griesse at: 605.481.8675; or one of the Session members.



Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Better to shun the bait, than to struggle in the snare. —John Dryden

According to online sources, there once was an overweight businessman who decided it was time to shed some excess pounds. He took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to avoid his favorite bakery.

One morning, however, he showed up at work with a gigantic coffee cake. Everyone in the office scolded him, but he simply smiled and explained: “This is a special coffee cake,” he said. “I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning, and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt it was no accident, so I prayed, ‘Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious coffee cakes, let there be a parking spot open right out in front.’ And sure enough, the eighth time I drove around the block, there it was — just waiting for me!”

Someone said that although opportunity knocks only once, temptation beats the door down every day. That may be true, but this businessman was aiding and abetting in his own temptation, wasn’t he?

When we think of temptation, we usually think of those moments when we’re enticed to do something bad, unkind or even evil. But the Bible defines temptation as a “testing” or a trial of our faith rather than a moral seduction.

Take Jesus for example. When he was tempted to turn the stones at his feet into bread, who could blame him? *He had not eaten solid food for 40 days!* Eating bread after not eating for 40 days is not a bad thing — it is a *necessary* thing. The catch here is that the devil was up to tomfoolery.

Although eating bread was not, in itself, something wrong, Jesus could not do it at the behest of the devil. Not doing something good, something no reasonable person could blame him for doing, was, in this case, a test of his faith. He would not do it.

Our faith gets tested, too. We also go through trials and testing, like the ancient patriarch Job, for example. All of the biblical heroes of the faith experienced testing and adversity. Yet they resisted the temptation to avoid it or run away from it.

Jesus didn’t run. He embraced the test and resisted the devil. And you know what happened, don’t you? The devil ran, just as the Bible predicts he will do every time: “Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord, be with me in my hour of trial. Amen.

Ordination of Elders

Ordination and Installation of Elders took place on Sunday, January 22nd, with Heidi Eimers being ordained as a new Elder, (photo left of print), and Peggy Pearson and Warren Symens were installed with her as the class of 2025 Elders.

Other Elders on the Session include:

Peggy Davidson, Russell Buisker, Kate Wismer, Lance Griesse, Kevin C Jones, and Kelsi Heer. Feel free to contact any of them if you have issues to be brought before the Session.



Heidi Eimers



Bev Seibel continues to come up with some awesome bulletin boards in the fellowship room in the basement. Thanks, Bev.



New Elders: Heidi Eimers, Peggy Pearson and Warren Symens.





Shari Menning, Shirley Symens, Kathy Buisker in the foreground, and Bev Seibel, Carol Jones and Kim Johnson in the background, sewing.



Same people, but with Mavis Jones and Peggy Pearson tying. Rhonda Buer was also tying in the kitchen.

QUILTING DAY

The sewing ladies of the PW Women had a busy day on Thursday, January 26th.

Here they are in the fellowship busily working on quilts which are given to locals in need, and sent out to many other organizations.



If you would like to be a member of the choir, please contact Peggy Davidson, 605.237.0624

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is back in session every Sunday morning. The children are excused from the worship service around 10:15-10:30 and finished by 11:15 so they can join the fellowship in the basement.



YOUTH GROUP

The youth of our church—7th-12th grades meet the first three Wednesdays of the month, at 6:30 P.M. On the third Wednesday, they have projects throughout the community to help spread the word of Love and Peace. Bring a friend and come join Lance & Aimee for a fun evening.



In our thoughts & prayers: Please keep Vicki Beck and Joyce Kann in your prayers. Please pray for Sharon Johnson; Pray for Leah Luitjens, Lisa Hart, and others in our church and community who continue dealing with cancer; for those who have lost loved ones; those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; and pray for the people of war-torn Ukraine.



Sunday, February 26th, is the first day of Lent

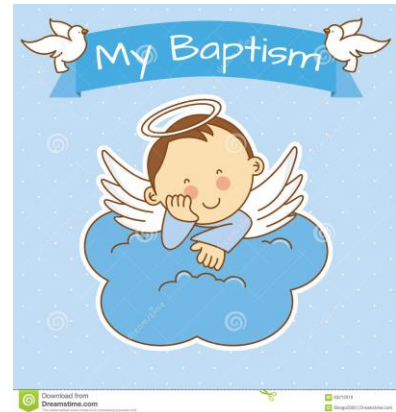




Baptism in our Church:



The baptism of Nash Jodean Jones took place in our church on Sunday, January 15th. Above from left to right, are Sam Gullickson, Codie Jones, Elizabeth Jones with Nash, and Mariah Van Leuwee.



Codie, Elizabeth and Nash Jones, with Lance Griesse officiating.



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