

March 2023

Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, March 5th – Lance Griese
Sunday, March 12th – Lance Griese
Sunday, March 19th – Lance Griese
Sunday, March 26th – Rosemary H

well hello, march

Well, all the clipart for March shows flowers coming up and people flying kites. Guess that won't be happening here for a while.

I apologize to those who are receiving this late. I took a wonderful vacation to join with family and rekindle an old friendship, so it put me a little behind.

In spite of the snow, be thankful that we live here in the Dakota's. I was not impressed with Las Vegas.

Blessings to you all -

Jane



Session Notes:

The Session met on Thursday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Camp Rimrock is looking for summer staff, and is encouraging youth to go to the Youth Rally at Camp Rimrock March 24-25, 2023.
2. Approved receiving into the membership of the church: Marsha Maxwell, Karen Treeby and Elizabeth Jones, February 26th.
3. Approved Easter breakfast before worship service with the youth to help in setting up.
4. Approved communion for February 26th.
5. The next session meeting is March 21st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain, and most do. —Dale Carnegie

The last verse of today's reading says, "They tempted the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'" "They" refers to the Israelites, and "tempted" means "tested,"

"irritated" or "annoyed" — the way children might push a parent to his or her limit. This sentence made me think about the complainers of the world. And then I realized that since about 2019, social media has given a name to those complainers who are obnoxious, feel entitled and try to use their position and privilege to get their own way. These people are called "Karens" by internet hounds, and videos abound of these complainers trying to throw their weight around. Complaining, negative people are not fun to be around, are they? God certainly was not happy with the constant carping of the Hebrews after they left Egypt, a land where they had been slaves for more than 400 years. You'd think they would be happy to be free in the desert, rather than slaves in the city; that "a crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety." Instead, they started to complain to Moses and Aaron, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt!" (16:3). The most damning complaint was their doubt that the Lord was even with them! This is a common complaint and one that is easy to make when we take our eyes away from the Lord and look instead at all the difficulties that lie around us. When we doubt God's presence, it is not long before we begin to criticize our human friends and leaders, just as the Hebrews ganged up on Moses. Let's be grateful instead of grumbling. Let's remember the advice of Corrie ten Boom, who survived the Nazis during World War 2: We mutter, we sputter; we fume and we spurt, We mumble and grumble;

our feelings get hurt. We can't understand things — our vision gets dim, When all that we need is a moment with Him.

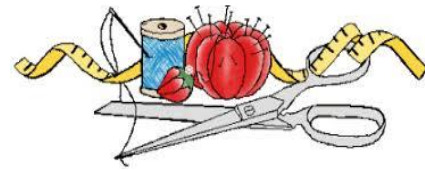
—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to remember that you are always with me. Amen.



**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.



The Sewing Ladies' Schedule for March:

Thursday, March 2nd – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 9th – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 16th – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 23rd – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 30th – 9:00 a.m.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

**Women's PWC will NOT meet
Sunday, March 5th, following the
worship service.**



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School meets 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 pray for Sharon Johnson; Pray for Leah Luitjens, Vicki Beck, 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 and victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey.



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