

May 2023

Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, May 7th – Lance Griesse
Sunday, May 14th – Lance Griesse
Sunday, May 21st – Lance Griesse
Sunday, May 28th – Rosemary H



Well, we can almost say that spring is finally here – at least most of the snow is gone. I haven't actually seen any flowers yet, but I have seen lots of robins, so that must be a good sign. We have been blessed with many mild days so far and looking forward to a warming soon.

I pray that the farmers will have good luck this spring getting into the fields.

Blessings to all,

--Jane



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, April 18th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Approve Senior recognition on May 14th, 2023.
2. Approved the church scholarship application of \$500 for Erika Symens.
3. The youth group will have their final meeting April 26, 2023.
4. The next session meeting is Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

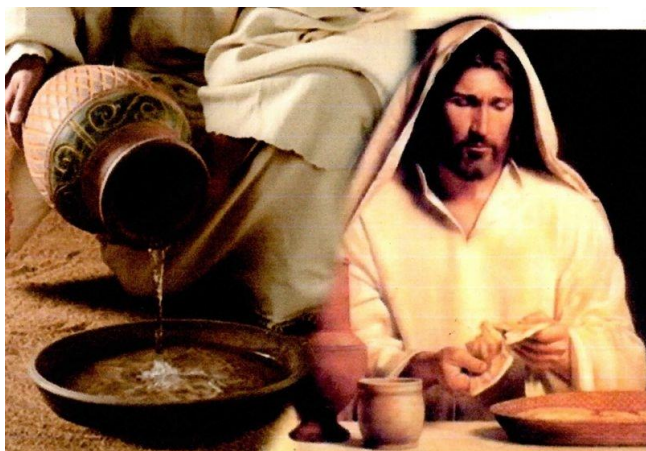
--Lynn Eberhart



Kevin Kraft & little Katie waving her palm branch.



Merit, Lenyx and Kandrick Jones with their palm branches.



Maundy Thursday *April 6th, 2023*



This year, on Maundy Thursday, we had a reenactment of the Lord's washing of the feet of the disciples with the above persons taking part.

Above, you see Kevin M. Jones washing the feet of Max Davidson, and in the following picture, you see the embrace.

Prayer Chain

We are in the process of updating our prayer chain. If you are interested in being on the prayer chain, or would prefer to be taken off, please contact Jane at 605.470.0578.

Senior Tea



On Sunday, April 16th, the Senior Tea was hosted in our church with 5 girls and 3 mothers attending.



*Happy
Mother's
Day*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 66:8-20

***Mother is one to whom you hurry
when you are troubled. —Emily
Dickinson***

How would we like God to mother us? What sort of maternal oversight do we prefer the Almighty to exercise over us?

Some of us are inclined to visualize God as the consummate helicopter parent: always hovering overhead, training a spotlight on us to highlight our misdeeds. This is a stern, judgmental ruler, the ultimate micromanager — surveying our lives with disapproval, swift to mete out punishment.

Yet, what if God relates to us in a very different way? What if God is more like Rabbi David Wolpe's concept of a *helium mom*, holding gently to the end of a string as we dance on the wind-currents?

Thankfully, God doesn't seem all that interested in micromanaging our lives. To the contrary, the Lord seems content to leave us alone for long periods, with only the lightest of tugs on the balloon string. Sometimes that touch is imperceptible, barely there. At other times — episodes of trouble or temptation, in particular — we

may suddenly feel a strong pull on the line, calling us back into closer relationship.

Truth is, the Bible tells us how we want God to mother us. It tells us how we want God to take care of us.

With love, of course! But what kind of love?

A love that is specific to us. “You did not choose me but I chose you” (John 15:16).

A love that gives us a job. We loved it when mom gave us a job, didn’t we? Our kids loved it when we gave them responsibilities, too. God has given us a job, or we might say, a mission.

A love in which we remain. “Now remain in my love” (v. 9). Jesus says we remain in his love when we obey his commands (v. 10).

A love that asks us to play nice and share. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (v. 12).

A love that is sacrificial. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life” (v. 13).

When we think about all that our mothers did for us, well ... it’s amazing!

Is God’s love any less? Did not God in Jesus Christ lay down his life for us?

—Adapted from HomileticsOnline.com by Timothy Merrill.

Prayer: Lord God, thank you for sharing your deep and incomprehensible love with me and for guiding me and instructing me in the way I should go. In your name. Amen.



RELAY WALKERS NEEDED

As part of the Session's out-reach efforts, we are hoping to form a team to participate in the Relay for Life. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Peggy Pearson at 605-380-3443 or peggylpearson@gmail.com.

New Bag Rack



Judy Pfitzer has donated a new bag rack in the corner of the overflow room for the purpose of holding the children’s activity bags, available for all children of the congregation. The rack was built by Randy Roehr and is in memory of Judy’s parents, Orville and Carol Pfitzer.



Erika Symens

We will be honoring two seniors this year on May 14th, during worship.

Erika Symens is the daughter of Warren and Stephanie Symens. She is currently enrolled at Britton-Hecla High School. Just some of the activities Erika participated in are: Student Council, All-School Play, Yearbook, All-State Chorus, Track, Teacher's Aide, and represented her school at the Hugh Obrien leadership conference.

Her hobbies are: music, journaling, exercising, and using her creativity.

Her future plans are: to attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to receive a bachelor's degree in chemistry.



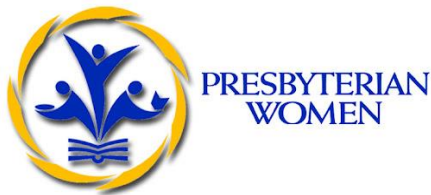
Landon Carlson

Landon Carlson is the son of Calvin and Kathy Carlson. He is currently enrolled at Britton-Hecla High School.

Landon participated in Cross Country, Track, Choir, Youth Group and Basketball.

His hobbies are: Hanging out with friends and family, being outside and playing basketball.

His future plans are: Undecided. He will work at the pool this summer.



Women's PWC will meet Sunday, May 7th, following the worship service, on the stage in the basement.



**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 Church 2023 Offering Update

As Of: 4/24/2023

Regular Offerings received- actual as of
4/24/2023: \$ 38,311.09
(Comparable Jan-April 26, 2022 regular
offerings received: \$ 33,867.17)



SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Sunday School is still in session.
Their last Sunday will be
May 14th.*



YOUTH GROUP

Youth group will hold their final meeting for the year on Wednesday evening, April 26th, at 6:30 P.M. Our thanks to Lance and Aimee for their leadership and sharing.



In our thoughts & prayers Please pray for Vicki Beck, Lisa Hart, and others in our church and community who continue dealing with cancer; for the family of Sandra Ellingson, Julie Winder, and others who have lost loved ones; those dealing with Covid and other health concerns; pray for the people of war-torn Ukraine and victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey; and those devastated by tornadoes and floods.



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