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Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, July 2nd – Rosemary H
Sunday, July 9th – Lance Griese
Sunday, July 16th – Lance Griese
Sunday, July 23rd – Rosemary H
Sunday, July 30th – Lance Griese



July brings lots of changes to our surroundings and much activity by workers of our church. Aimee Griese has been busy painting all the three areas of the overflow area, Max and Peggy have been doing lots of work on the wall, electricals and painting, and DaRae Jones has been staining woodwork. It's great to have such talented workers in our midst. In addition, we will be handing out "Welcome Baskets" to some of the new people in the community and hope to share the love of our congregation. Have a blessed holiday and stay safe,

Jane

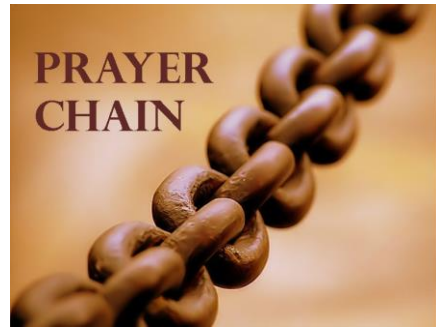


Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, June 20th, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

1. Work is being done on making welcome baskets for new people moving to the community.
2. Presbytery meeting is June 23, 2023, at Canistota, SD.
3. Discussed the June 6th, congregational forum meeting.
4. The next session meeting is July 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

--Lynn Eberhart



Prayer Chain

Updated Prayer Chain listings are available on the wooden desk in the secretary's office. Feel free to take one if you are involved with the chain.

NEW OFFICE CHANGES



You may have noticed big changes happening in the back of the church. The old secretary's office has moved to the old Pastor's office giving me much more room and light -

not to mention the cool air conditioning! It has given me the opportunity to get through a lot of things that were stored in the old closet and remove the items no longer used. It helped me to get better organized, too.

To replace the counter in my office, I am using the wooden table in the new office. Here is where you will find items for distribution and volunteer sign-up sheets, etc. Feel free to check it out any time:



This is the place to look for information and the place to drop off items needed at the church (baskets, etc.). I'm really loving my new space!
--Jane

A Real Work in Progress



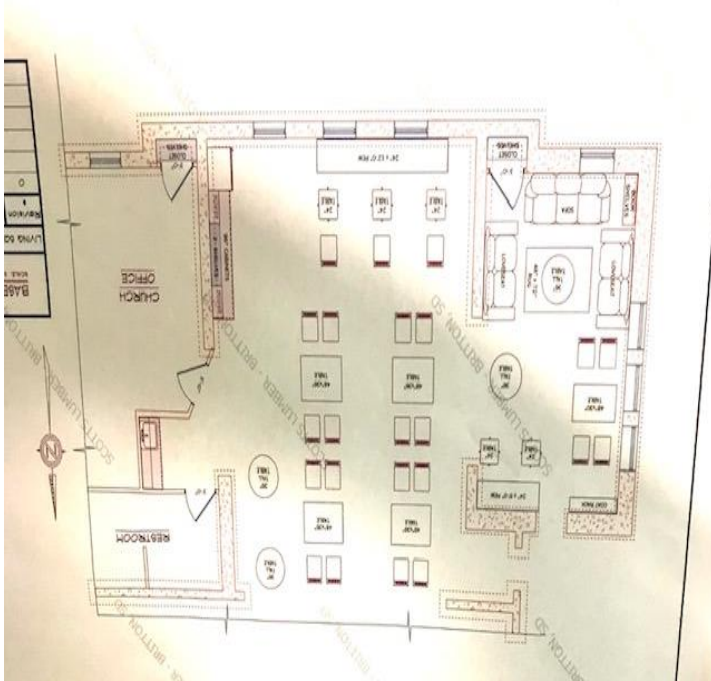
Max Davidson is seen putting the finishing touches on the new wall in the overflow room after taping, texturing and wiring.



Above, Peggy Davidson and Aimee Griesse rehang a mirror after cleaning and painting all three rooms.



Above is a picture of the old secretary's office while painting and cleaning. This will house a comfortable seating room opening into the overflow area which will look like the blueprint below:



Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves. —Abraham Lincoln

Next week, we celebrate Independence Day — the day we recognize as the official birth of a new country, the United States of America. Although there were 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, including two future presidents, three vice presidents, and 10 members of the United States Congress, not everyone those days agreed with the move to sever ties with Great Britain. They had their reasons, of course. Britain had the better defense and more money than the colonies. The rebels lacked a professional army or navy, and what fighting forces they had were armed only with muskets. Moreover, they had had little training. Then, too, some people feared the British. If you had been a member of the Second Continental Congress in 1776, you were a rebel and considered a traitor by the king. A reward had been posted for the capture of certain prominent rebel leaders, and the largest British armada ever assembled was just outside New York harbor. If you signed the Declaration of Independence, in effect, you were crossing a point of no return. You had just pledged your life, your fortune and your sacred honor to the cause of freedom. No wonder that John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston, among others, did not sign this fabled document of freedom. But 56 representatives from all 13 colonies did. And the rest, as the saying goes, is history. And for this, we can give thanks. —Timothy Merrill, Home Touch

Prayer: Thank you, O God, for the blessing of living in this country where, despite its flaws and its struggles, we can live in freedom and enjoy the fruit of liberty. We pray for those who still feel the sting of prejudice and bigotry and those who knowingly or without malice inflict that pain. Bring us all together as we seek to truly be the “united” States of America. In Jesus’ name. Amen

Special Music



On Sunday, June 11th, we were entertained by the beautiful music of Sarah Madie, grand-daughter of JoAnn and Berge Hansen.



Group #5 will be serving coffee and treats in July.



**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.



In our thoughts & prayers Please pray for Vicki Beck and others in our church and community who continue dealing with cancer; for those who have lost loved ones; and pray for the people of war-torn Ukraine.



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