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Our JOYFUL Noise

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

Sunday, Nov 3rd – Lance Griese
Sunday, Nov 10th – Lance Griese
Sunday, Nov 17th – Lance Griese
Sunday, Nov 24th – Gary Neuharth



Dear Church Family –
This is the month of Thanksgiving, and we have so much to be thankful for. The farmers have had a dry fall to harvest their crops and we have had beautiful, warm days to enjoy. Now that the temps are getting cooler, we will all be preparing for the busy and holy season of Christmas. Blessings to all,

Jane



Session Notes:

The Session met on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:

- The church roof project is complete and tiles are in the process of being counted and restacked for shipping.
- They are looking for one more Sunday school teacher to rotate in the schedule.
- Triennium will be held July 28-31, 2025 in Louisville, KY. Lance will be talking to the youth group.
- **The Congregational Meeting will be held December 1, 2024 after church services.**
- Session will meet again on November 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

--Jill Beaner



Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other. —Randy Pausch

In 1940, WW2 was well underway. The battle for France had begun. The Netherlands fell. London survived the Blitz during the Battle of Britain. Mussolini had invaded Greece. It was one of the darkest periods in the history of humankind. Therefore, it was no surprise when President Roosevelt in his annual State of the Union address explained why the United States needed to become involved in the war. At stake, he said, were four freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. These freedoms became known as the Four Freedoms, and according to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum website, "symbolized America's war aims and gave hope in the following years to a war-weary people because they knew they were fighting for freedom." One person who took notice was the American artist and illustrator Norman Rockwell (1894-1978). Inspired by Roosevelt's speech, Rockwell created four paintings illustrating each freedom. "Freedom from Want" became the iconic painting associated with the Thanksgiving holiday. The painting, about 45 inches by 35 inches, became a Saturday Evening Post cover, as did the other "Four Freedoms." According to Wikipedia, the "painting shows an aproned matriarch presenting a roasted

turkey to a family of several generations ... The patriarch looks on with fondness and approval from the head of the table ... Its creased tablecloth shows that this is a special occasion for 'sharing what we have with those we love.' The table has a bowl of fruit, celery, pickles, and what appears to be cranberry sauce. There is a covered silver serving dish that would traditionally hold potatoes, ... The people in the painting are not yet eating, and the painting contrasts the empty plates and vacant space in their midst with images of overabundance." On Thursday, November 28th, we observe Thanksgiving. The occasion reminds us of the blessing of "freedom from want." Let us express our gratitude to God for all of the freedoms we enjoy!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for providing for all of my needs. In your name, I pray. Amen.





Adult Bible Study currently meets Monday evenings, at 7:00 P.M. The Study's focus is on the book of Genesis.



Our Presbyterian Youth Group meets the first and second Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 P.M. Community Youth Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month.



Sunday School has begun and will be every Sunday morning at 10:15. The children will be excused from the worship service, and meet until they are finished in time to gather for fellowship with their families. We are still looking for one more teacher to fill the rotation.

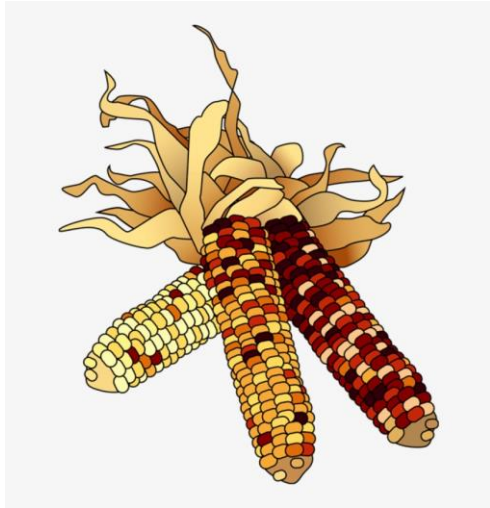


Group #1 will be serving coffee and treats in September.



You have all received letters explaining the projected roofing issues. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a Faith & Nurture meeting on Sunday, November 3rd, following worship.



Sewing Days will begin in November, with sewing on the 7th, 14th, and 21st. It's a great social time. Come join us!



In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for Jeani Amacher and others dealing with cancer; Deanna Jahnig and those dealing with serious health concerns; the family of Roy Winder and others dealing with the loss of loved ones; and pray for persons around the world dealing with disasters.



ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH!!

**May your cup
overflow with peace,
love, and pure
awesomeness today.**



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