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# Our JOYFUL Noise

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Britton SD  
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## **PULPIT SUPPLY:**

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gretchen C.  
Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Lance Griese  
Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Rosemary H.  
Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Rosemary H.



Following our snowstorm of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, temperatures have become more mild with even a couple days finding us above 80 degrees! Surely spring has finally arrived as the trees are bursting forth with new leaves and the kids will soon be bursting out as well! Here's hoping Mothers will enjoy their day, graduates will celebrate, and you all have a wonderful month!

Blessings,  
Jane



## Session Notes:

### Congregational Meeting

April 19, 2026

**IT'S UNANIMOUS!!!!**

**WE HAVE A NEW PASTOR!!!**

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church met on April 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary following worship. Moderator Lance Griese opened the meeting with prayer and declared a quorum present.

Lance gave a brief history regarding the journey of the PNC towards finding a pastor. He invited Pastor Sandra to share some of her background with the congregation. A brief question and answer period followed. An anonymous paper ballot was collected from the congregation. The vote was unanimous to accept Pastor Sandra as our new pastor.

The congregation VOTED to adjourn. Lance closed the meeting with prayer.



**The Session met on Tuesday, April 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. with the following summary of the meeting:**

- We will be hosting Baccalaureate service on May 13th at 6 pm.
- Session will meet again on May 19.
- Next communion date is July 12.

--Jill Beaner

## Palm Sunday Kids



The children of our congregation paraded around the sanctuary with their palm branches to celebrate the coming of the Lord.



Diaper Ministry continues. We are currently serving some 41 families. Contact Heidi Eimers at 605.216.6065. We continue to need volunteers for upcoming Saturday mornings, the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Please sign up in the fellowship room on the end of the cabinets.



*We will be collecting pasta sauce for the Food Pantry during the month of May. Please leave items on the table in the back of the church.*



*A large group of youth met for their final meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, in the fellowship hall with Lance Griese.*



Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

***A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go. –Anon.***

Mother's Day is an economic bump for the greeting card industry as well as for florists everywhere. And more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than on any other day of the year. But Mother's Day

is more than flowers, greeting cards and phone calls. At its heart, it is about honoring the gift of love and nurture that mothers so often embody. Whether through birth, adoption or spiritual guidance, mothers reflect God's care in profound ways. The Bible is filled with maternal imagery. The prophet Isaiah compares God's comfort to that of a mother: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). Jesus himself used the image of a mother hen gathering her chicks under her wings (Matthew 23:37). These references remind us that God's love is not abstract, but deeply personal, warm and protective. Motherhood also reminds us of sacrifice. Every mother knows that love is costly — measured in sleepless nights, patient listening and countless unseen acts of service. That spirit of self-giving echoes the life of Christ, who loved "to the end" (John 13:1). But Mother's Day can also be complicated. Some carry grief over mothers who have died, or pain from difficult relationships. Some long to be mothers but have not been able. On this day, the church can hold space for both gratitude and grief, recognizing that God's love is greater than our sorrows.

Ultimately, Mother's Day points us back to the source of all love. The patience, kindness and protection we see in a mother's heart are small reflections of the love of God, who never leaves us and who calls us children of God. So on Mother's Day, whether you celebrate with joy or remember with tears, may you rest in this truth: God's love for you is even more constant than a mother's love, and it will never fail.  
—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of mothers and for all who have shown us care and compassion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



*Group #4 will be serving coffee and treats in May*



We don't know  
what each day holds,  
*but God does*  
and because He does  
we can welcome  
each new day  
with an  
*open heart.*  
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*Session will meet on  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00  
P.M.*



**In our thoughts & prayers: Please pray for Sharon Johnson, Jeani Amacher, Vicki Beck, Deb Mack and others dealing with cancer; for those dealing with serious health concerns; for those dealing with the loss of loved ones; and all people around the world dealing with loss and devastation.**

*Welcome Spring!*



With God,  
that which appears dead  
is often simply waiting  
*for the appointed time.*  
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