



The Good News Letter

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Presbyterian minister and writer, Frederick Buechner, makes a vital distinction between happiness and joy. He writes:

“There is not one of us whose life has not already been touched somewhere with joy, so that in order to make it real to us, to show it forth, it should be enough for Jesus simply to remind us of it, to make us remember the joyous moments of our own lives.....We need to be reminded that at its heart Christianity is joy and that laughter and freedom and the reaching out of arms are the essence of it. We need to be reminded, too, that joy is not the same as happiness. Happiness is human-made—a happy home, a happy marriage, a happy relationship with our friends and within our jobs. We work for these things, and if we are careful and wise and lucky, we can usually achieve them.

“But we never take credit for our moments of joy because we know that they are not human-made and that we are never really responsible for them. They come when they come. They are always sudden and quick and unrepeatable. The unspeakable joy sometimes of just being alive. The miracles sometimes of being just who we are with the blue sky and the green grass, the faces of our friends and the waves of the ocean, being just what they are. The joy of release, of being suddenly well when before we were sick, of being forgiven when before we were ashamed and afraid, of finding ourselves loved when we were lost and alone. The joy of love, which is the joy of the flesh as well as the spirit.

“Joy is always all encompassing; there is nothing of us left over to hate with or to be afraid with, to feel guilty with or to be selfish about. Joy is where the whole being is pointed in one direction, and it is something that by its nature a man never hoards but always wants to share. The second thing is that joy is a mystery because it can happen anywhere, anytime, even under the most unpromising circumstances, even in the midst of suffering, with tears in its eyes. Even nailed to a tree.

“What Jesus is saying is that we are made for joy and that anyone who is truly joyous has a right to say that he is doing God’s will on this earth. Where you have known joy, you have known Him.” (from *The Hungering Dark*)

Buechner says a lot here. What do you think? I agree there is a difference between happiness and joy. Joy is truly a gift from God, and it stays with us, or at least its abiding memory. Happiness is fleeting, and I agree, it is made by human efforts. What do we seek most—happiness or joy? I leave you with that question.

God go with you,
Pastor Paul

Church and Community

ENDING HUNGER
1 STEP
AT A TIME.

CROP
HUNGER
WALK
BY CWS



CROP HUNGER WALK

The Hills & Plains Crop Hunger Walk will be held on **June 12, 2022 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.**

What is the Crop Hunger Walk? It is a community let fundraising to end hunger. It is a source of income for more than 1,500 local food banks and soup kitchen in the U.S.

CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith events that build support while raising funds to end hunger in your own community and also around the world. Everyone is welcome to join.

Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people can walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people world wild lack access to clean water and healthy diet. We walk to be in solidarity, bring awareness to these issues and raise the funds for permanent change.

Please contact Sam Namminga, Moderator of the Mission Committee, or any member of the Mission Committee, Pastor Paul, or the church office for more information or how to join the walk on June 12th.



Thank you

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your mission committee, pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. On April 25, 2022, we received \$570.00 for CJ999999 Christmas Joy Offering; on April 25, 2022, we received \$45.00 for CJ999999 Christmas Joy Offering; on April 25, 2022, we received \$502.69 for PG999999 Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Thank you for donation of \$1,000, to the Northern Hills Area CASA program (NHCASA). You are making the difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

Dear Presbyterian Women,

The Sturgis Kiwanis Food Pantry gratefully acknowledges your recent donation of \$660.00. You have been a consistent donor to the Pantry, and we really appreciate it.

Each year the Sturgis Kiwanis Food Pantry distributes close to 50,000 pounds of food to needy people in the Sturgis area, and we serve over 300 people every month. Most of our clients depend upon their monthly visit to the pantry to provide them with enough food to meet their needs.

Thank you for the
Spring card you sent
to Keith McKay.

It was very
thoughtful of all of
you.

To Sunday School Class

*Never are we more aware
of how much our friends
and family mean than at
the time of our sadness.*

*Your thoughtfulness did so
much to ease our sorrow.*

The family of

Keith McKay

Thank you



School Nursing Department

Our students are blessed
to have your generous donation!
Jamie Hatch

Thank you so much for helping the
students in Meade School District!
Julie Deblen

Thank you for your continued
generosity and support for the
Meade 46-1 students! We are
so blessed to be part of this
wonderful community. Heidi Komisar

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings to you on behalf of the Presbytery of South Dakota. Members of the work groups for Congregational and Pastoral Care, Coaching and Visioning, and the Commission for Ruling Elders in Pastoral Leadership of the Presbytery of South Dakota met for a planning retreat April 27-28, 2022. As part of their work, they spent time in prayer for each pastor and congregation of the presbytery. Please know that our prayers are ongoing for our entire presbytery community.

We wish you a very happy and healthy 2022. May God's grace and peace be with you!

Hayle Farge
Noreen J. Kaul
Don Larson
Kath Claden
Paula Zif
Lay Johnson
Sarah Hoque
David Allen
Tansent Kemmer
Jerry Bertelsen
Brook Ribbitt
Ken Keller

ONEHEART

a place for hope & healing

ONE COMMUNITY. ONE MISSION. ONEHEART.

Dear UPW,

5-16-22

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for being able to share about OneHeart. The transition to this organization has been eye opening and I love having the opportunity to share about the mission.

May the Lord bless your group! It was such a treat to see all of you!

Warm Regards,
Tina Schuch-Lobley-Gortch



Thank you

From the Board of Deacons:

Thank you for the generous support during the Basket Extravaganza!! In addition to the fun and fellowship; \$2000 was raised to support the missions of the Kiwanis food pantry and Crisis Intervention Shelter.
Thank you to Tyler Woods and Gary Udell for serving as the auctioneers.



Presbyterian Women

June 2022

Although the PW group will not be having 'scheduled meetings' during the summer, the group will continue in the mission of support to charitable organizations. The Northern Hills Connection luncheons will be June 21 and July 19. Please contact Brenda Schaffer, Judy Lewis, or Beth Bauer if you are available to help in any way.

Thank you to all who have participated in the "Mathew 25 Empty Pill Bottle Recycling" project. A collection basket is in the Narthex.

The next meeting will be held September 8, 2022 at 130PM. Study will be Chapter 12, "The Model Wife A Portrait of Excellence" Proverbs 31:10-31.

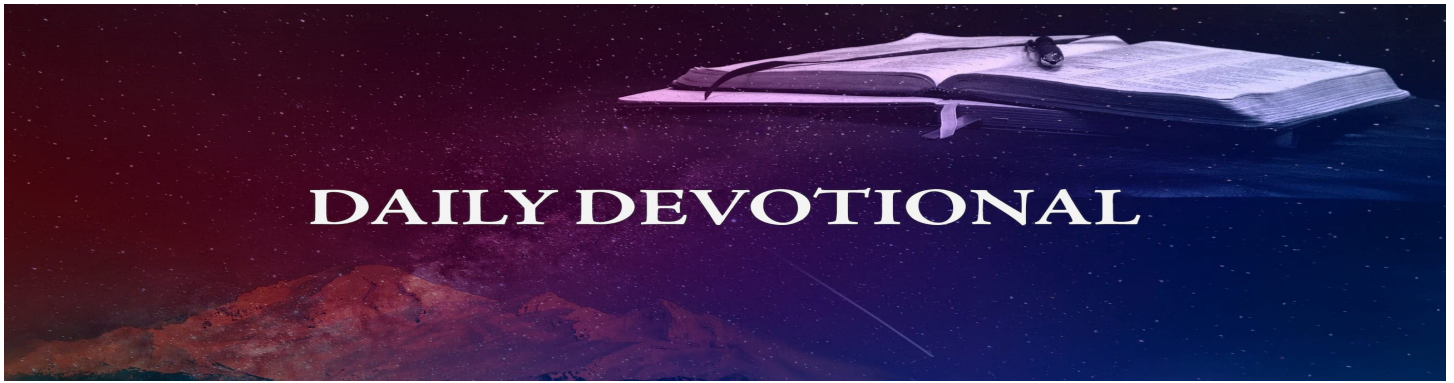
Sturgis volunteers fill backpacks for youth



Diane Hallock, along with Rev. Paul Henschen, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, fill backpacks to be given to students who are participating in the Sturgis Love INC Clothe-a-Kid program. The First Presbyterian Church spearheaded the effort along with assistance from Meade County 4-H youth and Love INC. Volunteers filled more than 60 backpacks Tuesday with such items as markers, crayons, coloring books, pencils, first-aid kits and water bottles. *Pioneer photos by Deb Holland*

Office Help

Hate to ask again but I am asking for individuals to please help out in the office on June 9th and 10th. My son, Hunter, has been selected to be on the South Dakota High School All-Star Football Team. We will need to leave for Vermillion on the afternoon of June 8th. Please call or email the office to let me know if you can help. The hours would be starting either at 8:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. to Noon.
Thank you.
-Carla Harrison



DAILY DEVOTIONAL

June 2022 Daily Devotions – A Plan for Living

Deuteronomy 8:3 reveals that God used manna to teach his people that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

God's Word, the Bible, answers the question, "How then shall we live?" Its pages are filled with the direction and the behaviors that please him; it contains our blueprint for life. Please join me in learning more.

"In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth praying, 'Come, Lord Jesus.'" (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Day 1	Micah 6:6-8	Day 16	Philippians 2:1-4
Day 2	Ephesians 4:29-32	Day 17	James 2:1-5
Day 3	James 4:6-10	Day 18	Proverbs 3:27-32
Day 4	Romans 12:1-2	Day 19	Luke 6:27-31
Day 5	2 Corinthians 4:1-2	Day 20	1 Timothy 6:6-10
Day 6	James 3:3-10	Day 21	James 1:2-8
Day 7	Colossians 3:12-17	Day 22	Proverbs 31:8-9
Day 8	1 Corinthians 13:4-10	Day 23	James 3:17-18
Day 9	1 Peter 4:7-11	Day 24	Isaiah 58:6-8
Day 10	Philippians 4:8-9	Day 25	Matthew 5:42-48
Day 11	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	Day 26	Colossians 1:9-12
Day 12	2 Timothy 2:22-26	Day 27	Proverbs 3:5-6
Day 13	Isaiah 1:17	Day 28	Luke 6:32-36
Day 14	1 John 4:11-13	Day 29	Philippians 2:14-16
Day 15	James 1:26-27	Day 30	Proverbs 16:20-24



FOOD PANTRY

Total 2018	3164 pounds
Total 2019	2371 pounds
Total 2020	818 pounds
Total 2021	1227 pounds
January – March 2022	226 pounds
April 2022	74 pounds

Please find the suggested items for June below.

June's suggested items:

June 5	Italian
June 12	Fruit/fruit cups
June 19	Pudding/Jell-o
June 26	Rice/Rice-A-Roni

Please also continue to save Lynn's Dakota Mart receipts; the money received through this program is utilized for purchase of regularly stocked products at the Food Pantry. For each \$10,000 in receipts the Food Bank receives \$100.

Please feel free to contact me at 605-490-3078 or betty.nettleton@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support!

Betty Nettleton



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4

What is Pentecost

The Christian Day of Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday (June 5, 2022). It celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Jewish Pentecost (50 days after Passover), as described in the Book of Acts 2:1-21.

Pentecost Special Offerings ~ Children at risk. Youth. Young adults

The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness of Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



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| June 1 | Tom Price | June 16 | Tom & Teri Eddings |
| June 2 | Wendy Sleeper | June 18 | Grace Hill |
| June 3 | Diane Hallock | June 19 | Billy & Kimberly Burke |
| June 4 | Tiffany Anderson
Larry & Nancy Carpenter | June 20 | Dorothy Morford
Chad & Christy Hedderman |
| June 7 | Mary Beth Anderson | June 22 | Randi Oviatt |
| June 11 | Betty Nettleton
Galen & Nancy Remington | June 23 | Kaylee Conrad |
| June 12 | Dale Mahaffy | June 24 | Corbon Hicks |
| June 13 | Kimberly Burke
Travis Conrad | June 26 | Walter & Virginia Gerbracht |
| June 14 | Barb Clausen
Connie Udell
Tom & Cathie Anderson | June 27 | Allison Rae Anderson
Ed Blair
Ginni Brandt |
| | | June 28 | Theresa Looby |



Our Sunday Worship Schedule and Live Streaming Worship Services

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service
10:30 to Noon ~ Fellowship

June 5th ~ Worship with Holy Communion ~ Pentecost
Beginning of Summer Worship Schedule
June 12th ~ Worship ~ Trinity Sunday
June 19th ~ Worship ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 26th ~ Worship ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

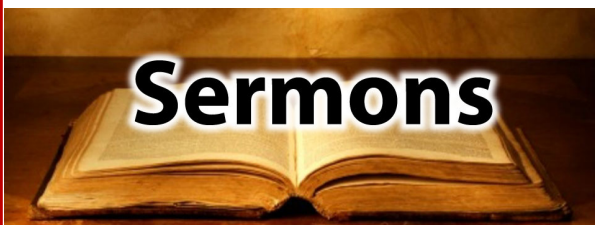
You may also join us on Facebook Live Sunday mornings by going to <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianSturgis>.

The service will also be viewed on our website, www.fpcsturgissd.com, a short time after 11:30 a.m.



INVITE **SOMEONE TO COME WITH YOU!** We have good things going on and want to welcome your friends to join us! And we are continuing our Livestream on Facebook on Sundays, and that is also a way to invite folks to check us out. Growing our church is **EVERYONE'S** call (Jesus in Matthew 28: "Go and make disciples.").

If you would like to receive a written copy of the sermon, please let the church know at 605-347-2395 and you will be added to the mailing list.



CHURCH NEWS

Deadline to submit items for the July newsletter is July 23rd.

Please send your newsletter items to Carla at presbych@rushmore.com.

Has your address or phone number changed?

Please let Carla know at 347-2395 or presbych@rushmore.com

SUMMER Office Hours

Pastor Paul will be in the office
Monday through Thursday,
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Church office Summer hours are
Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon
and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Please feel free to give the church
office a call with any questions or
concerns at

605-347-2395. If you
need to reach us after
hours you can call either
Pastor Paul at 701-535-0610 or
Carla at 605-423-6034.



Worship in the Park will be July 10th
at 9:30 a.m. The Woodland Shelter
has been reserved and cinnamon
rolls will be provided.



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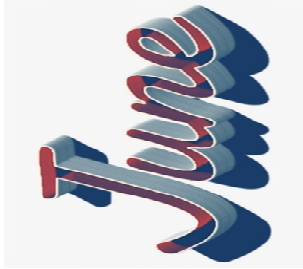
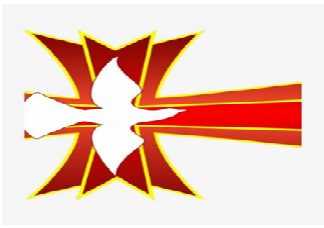
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Come one, come all to this
summer's Monumental VBS
Save the date—July 18-21
from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



We will be celebrating the Lord's
Supper on June 5th during worship. If you are an or-
dained Elder in the congregation, you can serve com-
munion. If you are interested in serving, please sign
up a few weeks in advance. There is a sign-up sheet
in the Narthex, or you can simply call the church
office at 605-347-2395. It is greatly appreciated.



Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion/Bless Campers/Pentecost Offering 10:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Deacons Parish 4	6 6:00 p.m. Missions	7 9:00 a.m. Home Communion	8 Carla out of the office after 12 noon 9:00 a.m. Home Communion 5:30 pm Christian Education	9 Carla out of the office	10 Carla out of the office	11 Alvin Holst funeral in Vale, SD
Trinity Sunday 9:30 a.m. ~ Worship 10:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Parish 1 1:00 p.m. ~ CROP Walk	13 6:00 p.m. Finance, Personnel & Stewardship	14	15	16	17	18
2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. ~ Worship 10:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Parish 2 Father's Day	20 5:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Stated Session	21	22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25
3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. ~ Worship 10:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship Parish 3	27	28	29	30		