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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
Worship Service 9:30 AM

PASTOR HOURS
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

You may also join us for Sunday
worship on YouTube
at 9:30 AM

For corrections or additions to the newsletter
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Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor

Ellen and I are joyfully returning home on July 4th after a wonderful time visiting family in the Philippines. It feels especially meaningful to be arriving on Independence Day, a time when we remember the powerful declaration that established the United States as “Free and Independent States.” The idea of freedom is deeply woven into our identity—not just as a nation, but also as individuals created in God’s image.

On Saturday, May 17th, I had the privilege of facilitating a very special event—an Interfaith Dialogue on Freedom, held at United Presbyterian Church. Fifteen members from our church and the wider community gathered in our Fellowship Hall from 10:30 AM to noon to explore this important topic together.

For those unfamiliar, *interfaith* dialogue involves people from diverse religious backgrounds—Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Agnostic, and Atheist—coming together in conversation. These conversations encourage understanding, empathy, and collaboration, especially in pursuit of peace and justice. We learned that dialogue, at its heart, is not about debating who is right, but about listening respectfully to understand one another more deeply.


Dialogue involves the respectful exchange of ideas with the goal of achieving mutual understanding. It’s less about convincing and more about connecting through honest and open conversation.

The fifteen participants sat at three round tables, engaging in guided discussions based on prompts. We began with role-playing to practice active listening—an essential skill that enhances respectful communication and creates space for genuine learning.

With a foundation of respect established, we moved in deeper dialogue about the meaning of freedom. We used the metaphor of a tree—its roots, trunk, and branches—to explore how health, both physical and spiritual, reflects freedom from disease. Just as a healthy tree thrives, so too does a person who experiences freedom in body, mind, and soul.

We acknowledged that freedom is not always defined by physical space. Some prisoners may feel spiritually free, while others outside may feel confined by addiction, fear, or the longing for approval. True freedom lies in the state of our inner being.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

2025


Sally Wallace	3
Bruce Berg	5
Bethyl Lueck	9
Colleen Nelson	10
Rhonda Schlenker	10
Izabellia Dillingham	12
Steve Reed	14
Mason Gibson	16
Les Nordgaard	16
Bill Weispfenning	18
Erica Tarr	19
Rita Morris	20
Dean Wegner	20
Gary Mayer	23
Dennis Divers	24
Lou Mayer	30





July Anniversaries

John & Tiffany Dauer	6
Harry & Dianna Johnson	15
Randy & Penny Gengler	29



DEACON DIALOGUE. . .

The Deacons are a group of men and women from our congregation that have a heart to serve those in our church and community. The Deacons organize a variety of activities by which they share the love and joy of Jesus Christ. The service of deacons in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is to lead the church in its ministries of compassion (distributing aid, caring directly for the poor, the sick, refugees, and \prisoners), and justice (working for equity) in society.

****Don't forget - there is a shopping cart in the narthex for the Community Action Food Pantry. Please consider a donation of non-perishable items for Community Action.****

Session Highlights JUNE 2025

Electronic Motions:

Gail Martin moved/2nd, "to approve on Sunday, July 13, 2025, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, a prayer gathering, led by Greg Allen of the First Church of the Nazarene, in UPC's sanctuary in support of "Thrivefest North"

MOTION CARRIED 06/08/25

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Burgard, Clerk

Christian Education Coordinator

The United Presbyterian Youth, after several weeks of dedicated rehearsals, proudly represented the church at this year’s Juneteenth celebration in Jamestown. The youth brought to life the inspiring story of Benjamin Hayes, an important figure in local history. Pastor Boyar and many of our members were in attendance.

The narrative was skillfully presented by four members of the youth department: Agnes, Sanen, Gigi, and Bristol. Benjamin Hayes, a person of color, arrived in Jamestown in 1882 and became a jailor at the Stutsman County Courthouse in 1883. His story highlights a significant chapter in the community’s past.

According to the youth director, Mr. Jerome Zamgba Sr., the group is exploring the possibility of developing a full play based on Benjamin Hayes’s story.

Special thanks go to Pastor Boyar, as well as Steve and Julie from the 1883 Courthouse, for their invaluable support and assistance with research.

Blessings,
Jerome Zamgba



North Dakota Juneteenth celebrations draw more interest and awareness in 2025, organizers say

BY: MICHAEL ACHTERLING - JUNE 19, 2025 5:00 AM



Our church youth group working together and bringing history to life at the Juneteenth celebration in Jamestown at the Hansen Arts Park on June 12.



Jerome Zamgba speaks on stage during the Jamestown Juneteenth event on June 12, 2025. He served on the planning committee for the event. (Photo contributed by Lisa Lang/Happy Mermaid Photography)

Sharing culture. Sharing history. Bringing the community together. That’s how people should commemorate Juneteenth, according to North Dakota organizers and advocates for the federal holiday.

Financial Update

YTD Income May 2025	\$109,418.20
YTD Expenses May 2025	<u>\$ 93,881.41</u>
YTD Income/Loss May 2025	\$ 15,536.79

We thank you for your continued support of United Presbyterian Church!

Per-Capita Payments: We encourage all members to pay their per-capita as a gift above and beyond their annual pledge. **Our per-capita is based on \$50.00 for each active member of our church.** To submit a check for per-capita, simply write “Per-capita” on the memo line of your check.