

May 2016

Our JOYFUL Noise

First Presbyterian Church of Britton's Newsletter

Children in Worship

From Your Pastors' Desk

As pastors we know that in worship, in a pew is where our children should be on Sunday mornings. For Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14). Although, sometimes as a parent it is hard to feel the conviction that our children should be in worship. We hear every sound our child makes and worry that it is distracting those around us. And sometimes we are so concentrated with keeping our child quiet that it is hard for us to pay attention and worship. We get it. Here are three thoughts that encourage us to keep our daughter in worship:

1) Sunday mornings are a time of worship not a performance.

Worship is a time when we all turn our hearts to God to say thank you and to allow God to teach us how to better be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The choir does not give a mini concert and we as your pastors are not performers. We are all working together to glorify God. Little people sometimes shout for joy or cry out in misery during worship, and that is okay because that is their way of worshipping God.

2) They get out of worship more than we think. Some people worry that the children don't understand the hymns, prayers, or the sermon, so what is really the point of having them sit through the whole service.

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Preaching Schedule

May 8, 2016

- Youth Sunday

May 15, 2016

- Rev. Bala Khylllep
- Grad Sunday
- Pentecost Sunday

May 22, 2016

- Rev. Cheryl Khylllep

May 29, 2016

- Rev. Bala Khylllep



Kandrick James Jones (son of KC and DaRae Jones) was baptized and welcomed to the church on April 10th

Keep in Your Prayers...

- Allan Seibel as he deals with health complications due to low hemoglobin.
- Kevin C. Jones as he recovers from surgery.

We are Hosting Presbytery!

Our Church has the honor and pleasure to host the Presbytery of South Dakota Annual Meeting this July 8th and 9th. The meeting will run from Friday at 1pm to noon on Saturday. Because there is limited availability in our local hotels we are hoping to make the option for visiting delegates and pastors to stay in members' homes. If you have an extra room you could spare, please contact Sharon Tisher at (605) 448-5700 who will be arranging the accommodations.



Pictured above: Church and community members enjoyed Indian food, during Pastor Bala's presentation on India.

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But that's not what is important for them to know and understand at this time. According to the Fuller Youth Institute, the number one predictor if a child will stay with their faith into adulthood is if they sat with their parents in worship. Sometimes just witnessing the people, they love and look up to, faithfully following God is more than enough learning for one day.

3) The children have something to teach us. As we are learning more and more each day, our children teach us a lot. They teach us patience, perseverance, and that the little things matter. Lately Issy, has been better at remembering to pray before meals than we have been! We need to remember children are a blessing to us, and no matter our age they always have something to teach us.

As much as it is a struggle to have our daughter in worship we are going to keep her there because she needs to be there to hear the Good News and sense the presence of God. And more than that the community of believers needs her there to fully represent the family of God. You know some days Issy just wakes up "on the wrong side of the crib" and it is hard for us to keep her in church. Some days we just need to step out of the sanctuary for her or our own sanity. Some kids you need to do that for more than others. And that's okay. As a parent you need to do what you need to do. But I want every parent and congregation member to know that children are and always will be welcome in worship.

In Christ,
Pastor Cheryl &
Pastor Bala Khyllap

The Youth's Experiences of Youth Rally

McKenna – I loved so many things about the Youth Rally. My favorite part of rally was my roommates. They were so nice. They helped me fit in even though they were all older than me. They said I was very mature. I also loved the energizer and the dance when we did Bala's Zumba routine to *Shake it Off*.



Kylie – I really enjoyed the 2016 Youth Rally! We did a lot of fun activities, ate a lot of good food, and found a lot of great people. The Keynote speaker was very interesting and cool. I am also very excited to be on the Presbyterian Youth Council next year to help with the 2017 Rally.

Parker - This year's youth rally was very fun and I had a great time. My favorite part of the rally was seeing old friends from previous years and meeting new friends. The energizers, music and dance were also one of my favorite parts of the rally. I don't think that I had a least favorite part of it. I liked all of it. In conclusion this year's rally was a very good rally and one of my favorites.



Meet Our New Secretary: Kim Sanders

Kim is originally from Aberdeen. She and her husband moved to Britton 4 years ago. Her husband, Rod, works at the Britton lumberyard. We are excited to benefit from her secretarial work experience and her love for people on her work team.

Sign-up for Summer Music

The **Sign-up Sheet** for summer special music is in the office please take time to sign-up and share your talents with us! Start date is May 29th.

Pastor's Hours:
Tuesday 9:00 am-noon
Wednesday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am-noon

Pastor's Contact:
Manse: 605/448-2417
Pastor Cheryl's cell: 330/464-5862
Pastor Bala's cell: 330/749-2061

Secretary's Contact:
Office: 605/448-2460

Bulletin announcements due to secretary by noon on Wednesday.

We also welcome you to submit newsletter articles. Please submit any articles to the pastors by the third Wednesday of each month.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School sign-up sheets are in the office. Kids ages 3-12 are welcomed to come and join the fun May 24th-May 26th (5pm-8pm) at St. John's Lutheran! If interested in volunteering please contact the Pastors.



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