

November 2016



First Presbyterian Church of Britton's Newsletter

## Blessed

### From Your Pastors' Desk

We don't know about you, but we are sick of talking about what we don't have. We don't have enough people, we don't have enough children, we don't have enough money. We are so consumed with the fact that we don't have enough that we miss the blessings all around us. Recently we were talking to the director of our South Dakota Presbyterian Camps, Jason Wiedrich, and he says, "we spend so much time talking about that we don't have enough money that we forget to celebrate the real ways we are touching people's lives." Is that true for us? Have we been so focused on what we think we need

to survive that we have forgotten to notice the ways we are blessed and the ways we are indeed doing the Lord's work?

As we enter our annual stewardship season it is our deep desire that this season be not about what we need, but about how God has used our few resources to do great things. We are indeed blessed. Blessed to worship in a beautiful space. Blessed to have so much musical talent that shares God's glory every Sunday. Blessed to hear the laughter and noises of children in worship. Blessed to hear God's word of love, forgiveness, and restoration each week from the pulpit. How

has God blessed you and your family?

Therefore as you pray, think about and talk about how much of your income you plan to give to God's work in the coming year, don't give out of obligation but give with a thankful heart. As Paul writes in Corinthians, "*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver*" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Let us give thanks for the ways God has blessed our beautiful community of faith.

### Preaching Schedule

#### November 6, 2016

- Rev. Cheryl Khylllep
- Jonah 3:1-10
- Communion

#### November 13, 2016

- Rev. Bala Khylllep
- Isaiah 6:1-8

#### November 20, 2016

- Rev. Cheryl Khylllep
- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Consecration Sunday

#### November 27, 2016

- Rev. Bala Khylllep
- Daniel 6:6-27
- First Sunday of Advent
- Decorate the church after worship

*Come Celebrate  
God blessings with  
us November 20<sup>th</sup>  
for Consecration  
Sunday, with a  
pot-luck dinner  
after worship.*

In Christ, Pastors Cheryl & Bala Khylllep



Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at our Church on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**Pictured above:** Our young people helps Pastor Bala lead Communion on World Communion Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Sharing Christian Literature

Faye Symens has organized a drive of Christian materials for the International Christian Literature Distributors. They are looking for Christian books, Bibles, Sunday school materials, commentaries, etc., that can be shared with our brothers and sisters of faith across the world. Materials need to be in good condition and usable. For a full list visit our bulletin board. Materials will be collected till December.



**Pictured Above:** Virgil Menning with his former Sunday school student Dawn Meink of Huron at the last Presbytery meeting. We celebrate Virgil Menning's service to our congregation as our Presbytery commissioner for the last 15 years.

## Keep in Your Prayers...

Chan Benda as he recovers from his hip surgery, Rod Sanders and Eileen Besse as they both struggle with illness. Please continue to pray for Vicki Beck as she's having health complications, Bonnie Carlson as she recovers from a stroke and Sue Barnes (Beth Renner's mom) as she is battling with cancer.

## Silent Auction For Mission Trip

Our intergenerational mission trip team is having a silent auction fundraiser during coffee hours November 13<sup>th</sup> –December 4<sup>th</sup>. Come downstairs and check out the items and services offered to support our summer mission trip.

## Supporting the Victims of Hurricane Matthew

The session, in consultation with the worship committee has decided to receive a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the victims of Hurricane Matthew in worship December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. With all the political news covering our airways and TV screens, it seems that the victims of Matthew have been forgotten. They will not be forgotten by us, as they look to rebuild their homes and livelihoods.

**Pictured below:** The Youth and our pastors gathered together for the Britton Action Club Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, where they invited kids to play a simple bean bag game and have a piece of candy. It was a very cold afternoon but it was fun for all.



Pastor's Hours:  
Tuesday 9:00 am-noon

Wednesday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am-noon

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**Bulletin announcements due to secretary by 9am on Thursday.**

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

## Decorate for Christmas

Please mark your calendar to help decorate the church November 27<sup>th</sup> after worship.



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