

Circuit Writer

March 2017

Reading Scripture

Thank you to Jane Bjugstad, Jeff Austin, Craig Kleven and Bob Sougstad for reading Scripture in February. Thanks so much for your ministry.

Ushering

Thank you to the Jeff & Beverley Austin and helpers for ushering in February. Also thank you to those who have been cleaning up the coffee. Thank you for your ministry. There is a sign up sheet for ushering and coffee cleanup in 2017. Check it out!

Communion Helpers

Thank you to Glenn & Amy Watson for preparing Communion in February. Thanks to Jeff and Beverley Austin and helpers for helping to serve Communion.

Save the Dates April 1 & 2 *Journey Renewal* *Consultation weekend*

Please save the dates of April 1&2 for a special weekend in our church. Mandan United Methodist Church was chosen by our conference to be one of the lead churches of Journey Renewal. We have been doing a in depth self-study and attending training over the past year to help vitalize our church.

We will have a team of experts here to listen and teach us in this process on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd. They will meet with many of our committees and be with us for worship. Please plan to attend. Your participation is needed to make this weekend a success.

Sincerely
Pastor Bruce Adams

Thank you for your continued support and Contributions to the Building Fund, Principal Only and Apportionments. In February \$312.50 has been given to the Principal Only. This principal only payment will be made with March payment. The total given to Apportionments in February is \$569.50. Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the "Principal Only" so we can get the balance paid down so we don't have to pay so much interest.

Day Light Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12.



UMW — The Rummage Sale will be April 28 & 29. Clean out closets and drawers! Mark your calendars!

UMW will begin meeting again in March. The first meeting will be Saturday, March 25 at 11 AM. (note change of day and time). The rest of the time they meet is on the 3rd Saturday of April—June at 10 AM. They are off for the summer and pick up again in September—November. All women are invited to attend. Check it out!

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Open Minds,
Open Hearts,
Open Doors
Where People
Believe, Belong &
Become

Check out our church services on Facebook or on our website



March Birthdays

- 1 Taran Miller
Ethan Dirk
Peggy Fenster
- 2 Nicole Dirk
Justin Fenster
- 4 Parker Vander Vorst
- 5 Kathie Peterson
- 6 Ryker Newgard
- 7 Bob Sougstad
- 8 Leah Watson
- 9 Suzy Frenzel
- 10 Henry Van Dyke
- 12 Thomas Laib
Brad Hallendorff
Charlet Feigitsch
- 14 Robert Reetz
- 16 Scott Watson
- 18 Tinette Becher
- 19 Kathy Sougstad
- 20 Philip Purvis
- 21 Vern Stenerson
Susan Keller
Kayda Newgard
- 26 Cheryl Loerch
Sara Rixen
Pearl Heid
- 28 Cooper Peterson
Russ Leingang
Codi Loerch
- 29 Ronda Mellon
Helen Keller
Liam Forde
- 30 Carla Forde
- 31 Deanna Meissner
Jim Mellon



March Anniversaries

- 16 Roy & Martha Dittus (26 yrs.)
- 17 Jeff & Beverley Austin



Mark your calendars for "Theatre On The Go" at 2 p.m. this Saturday, February 25. Six wonderful teenagers and seven wonderful adults are working on four short skits that make up "You're Driving Me Crazy". Each skit takes place on the first day of driver's education class with some interesting developments.

Guests will pick up their beverage at the "Stop and Go" (located inside the church), then sit back and enjoy the show. Afterwards they will partake of some treats and fellowship before going about the day! There is still room for you to be a part of this by baking, serving or taking down. See the sign-up sheet or visit with Kathy. A free will offering will be taken for CHURCH MINISTRIES!

"You're Driving Me Crazy" by Todd Wallinger is being produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado.



If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please call the church office and your birthday can be added to our list.

OFFICE NOTES

The next newsletter will be going out, Thursday, March 23 at 1 PM.

Belinda will be out of the office March 9—20 and March 27—31.

The office hours are from 9:15 AM—11:30 AM

If you would like Pastor Bruce to give you a call or a visit, please call the church office or indicate that on the friendship registers in the pews.

Have you considered putting the church in your will?? Have you considered giving to the Youth Endowment Fund?? Check it out.

If you have any questions, talk with Pastor Bruce.

Prayer Concerns

Marcy Hopfauf's family in the loss of her husband,
Floyd
Rita Van Daalen
Cooper Peterson
Pat Nickel and Pat's brother
Bill Bohrer
Richard & Virginia Geist
Vern Stenerson
For those deployed
Law enforcement
Our leaders & Country
Those traveling
Family and friends battling cancer
Several unspoken requests



Talent Show March 17th

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God has given each of us gifts and talents. To some, He gave the gifts of music. To others, painting and pottery. The list goes on and on.

We are going to celebrate all talents on Friday, March 17th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your quilts, photographs and other visual arts to display. Sign up to perform your talent and we will showcase your gift. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the evening! The Fellowship Committee will supply tasty refreshments during and after the show!

Mandan Living Center

Helen Keller
Jean Jordan

Prim Rose

Pearl Heid

Old Mandan Care Center

Althea Kessel Judy Krause

Good Friday Service

Practices will begin for the Good Friday service. In make-up, behind the scenes, readers and tech assisted are all welcome to join us as we prepare the Good Friday service to be a reflection of God's heart to His people.

The first practice will be Sunday, February 26th at 11:30 a.m. beginning with lunch. A practice schedule will be available at that time.

Reflections Clown Team alumni are invited to share your talent and experience for this service!

LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Each Wednesday there will be a Lent Service at 6:30 PM. Come for supper at 5:45 PM and stay for the Lent Service.

CHOIR begins Wednesday, March 1 at 8 PM. More voices are greatly appreciated. Come check it out! It is a fun group and a great way to praise God in the form of music.



Wednesday Family Meals

Wednesday Family Meals will be every Wednesday at 5:45 PM. The first Wednesday of each month is a Potluck Meal. The rest of the month the meal is prepared for you! There is usually a list of items you can bring to help with the meal. This is not a requirement. It is a free will offering. So just come and eat and enjoy fellowship with your church family!!

March 1	Potluck Meal
March 8	Tacos
March 15	Pizza
March 22	Soups & Sandwiches
March 29	Sloppy Joes

SEE YOU THERE!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Being the church we must continue to be in prayer asking God what we can do. I say this to individuals, and I say it to us the church. We must be praying for God's leading in our church. I don't know everyone's abilities or talents, but I believe God calls us to give of our best.

Who has not been thrilled by Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata?" It is a master interpretation in sound of the unspeakable glory of a moonlight night. This beautiful piece of music was created because the composer wanted to give something of himself and his talent to a blind girl.

This lady could not see the beauties of a moonlight night; blind was she to the silver sheen on trees and shrub and grass; blind was she to the silver covering on the lake; blind was she to the world of milky white in the sky. So the thoughtful and selfless Beethoven put his genius to work. He would tell her not merely in words, but in sound, of the beauty her eyes could not behold.

As a result the world has been enriched. He gave the best of his talent in a selfless act of kindness.

My prayer for you today is that God would challenge you to give of your best. It may be talents. It may be time. It may be financial. If we desire for the church to do its best, we must give our best.

Are you giving God your best today?

Pastor Bruce Adams

“SOUPER SUNDAY” LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

Do you love men's quartet gospel songs, homemade chicken soup, sloppy joes, chips and fun? Then come to the Mandan United Methodist Church on **Sunday, March 5**, and stay for SOUPER SUNDAY meal and Men's Quartet Concert following the church service. A free will offering will be taken with every penny going to the Open Door Community Center in Bismarck.

GROCERY RECIEPTS FOR CASH

We are collecting Dan's grocery receipts! When we get \$150,000 worth of grocery receipts, we will send them in to them and we will receive \$1000!

What a great way to help out by saving receipts. This will give the different groups in our church a little extra money for their projects!! Thanks to the youth in Fri. Nite Lite for adding up the receipts!! There are boxes in both entry ways. So far we need only \$122,000 more in receipts! 😊

THANKS for saving the receipts!!

The Outreach Committee bought 150 bags of popcorn at a basketball game and gave them away! There was a note attached to each bag letting them know about our church and our play coming up.

