

# UP BEAT

## United Parish Church

MARCH 2017

FROM DARRELL'S DESK

Whenever I see a newer snowmobile nowadays, I feel like time has passed me by. Lord, take me now, for my time on earth is now complete. The newer snowmobiles are monsters; high tracked and big lugged, high horse-powered with narrow width and exotic colors. With seat warmers, hand and feet warmers, and I presume stereo music with a built in micro-wave oven to heat up one's Nachos for appetizers. They ought to have hoods with teeth on it; wait a minute, they do. They are not your father's snowmobile.

I remember back to a more genteel time. In the 1970's, the Polaris that I had didn't look like that. It was low-slung, light-weight because it didn't have a reverse on it (so you could he-man it), and with a 250 cc motor in it, it never set a speed record. When you rode it, you got cold. Still, it started, could carry two, had a lot of fun in the winter, and didn't cost more than a 4-year education.

But I remember before then; in the 1960's, my friend Chuck had a Herter's snowmobile. Kohler motor with 20 horse-power, red in color, and it took him a shade less of 20 acres to get it turn around. It cost him under \$500 to buy it new. Chuck lived 10 miles SW of Faribault, MN., and I remember being at his place one Sunday. It was a rough farm and they lived down by a creek and they had a lot of snow piled everyplace. We messed around on the snowmobile all day, and it was towards night, and we glanced at their brooder house. It was 10' wide, and had curved walls meeting at the center of the roof, and had snow piled up at its front and sides. "I bet I'd even could ride over that brooder house", says Chuck, as he takes off with a roar. All 20 horse-power was being used as he neared the top of the brooder house, then he disappeared. The roof collapsed on him and he and his snowmobile fell into the brooder house. Chuck was alright, but his Father walked over and he was not amused. In fact, he was downright testy.

The door was not wide enough to get the snowmobile out of, so Chuck and I had to lift it out the way it went in. Both Chuck and I were big guys and strong, and it was a challenge to do so, but we finally got the job done. We were sweaty by the time we were done although it was 0 degrees outside. The snowmobile wasn't hurt by the incident, but the brooder house had seen better days. Time for me to go home.

The brooder house had to be patched next spring, and Chuck's dad could start to laugh about it the following Fall. Sort of.

I imagine God and his angels and saints sit around and watch us each and every day, for God desires to be part of our lives. And I imagine he is amused by all our antics. And I imagine God is still roaring with laughter when Chuck tried to snowmobile over the brooder house...and disappeared inside it.

## A BRIEF STATEMENT of Faith by the Presbyterian Church USA

(Part one of two)The Presbyterian Church is a Confessional Denomination. They put a lot of credence on their creeds of confession. This one is not near as long as the Westminster Creed, but it is a concise statement of their faith.

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

(The 2nd half will be in the next newsletter)

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THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is to be held this year Friday, March 3rd, at the First Lutheran Church at 2:00. Their focus is on the Philippines this year. Normally, only women attend, but this year all men are encouraged to attend as well.

HERE IS your country. Cherish these natural wonders. Do not let selfish men and greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches, or its romance.

Theodore Roosevelt

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## CHRIST THE LIGHT GIVER

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and giver of light, Come and abide us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

YESTERDAY I was clever

so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise so I am changing myself. (Rumi)

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## LENTEN OPPORTUNITES

This next Wednesday, March 1, Lenten worship will start with Ash Wednesday. We will start at 6:00 with a light supper. Ash Wednesday services will start when kitchen clean-up is done; 6:45 or 7:00 or so. Then for the next 5 weeks will the Lenten Services, with the same time format. Then comes Holy Week, ending with Easter, April 15th. This year, we will be using as a study guide Adam Hamilton's Creed; Hamilton's take on the Apostle's Creed. Lent is an important season in the church year. It should be important to you as well. Good food, good fellowship, and a good message. Hope to see you there.

## APPORTIONMENTS

Apportionments for the Presbyterians--\$44/ church member

Apportionments for the Methodists---\$124/ church member

A lot of people wonder and complain about the higher Methodist apportionment, I among them. Apportionments are supposed to go to support the Bishop, the District Superintendents, their staff, and the costs of running the church in The Dakota's. I would imagine that the Presbyterians would be the same. But a trip to the web tells me different. Along the higher Methodist apportionments going for the Conference's sake, they are also spent to support the World Service Fund, which underwrites church mission around the world. The Mission Education Fund, the Black College Fund, the Interdenominational Fund, which is the living body of Jesus Christ. They support the African University Fund, which supports various churches in Africa and Korea, which are the fastest growing churches world-wide, in 132 countries. The General Administration Fund helps out in national disasters. For instance, right after the 9-11 attacks, the United States United Methodists gave \$20.8 million in relief. When Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana, FEMA let the Methodists take the lead in helping those in need. In Indonesia when the Tsunami hit, the Methodists were first on the ground with shelters, blankets, and bottled water. These are a few examples of Methodists in action. When all the U.S. Methodists work together, greater things can be accomplished.

Matthew 25: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, give dignity to the poor, and visit the lonely. Though your support in your giving, Jesus' commands to help the least unfortunate can be met. Some would say "Bottineau First". Let us take care of Bottineau first. On the other hand, in this crazy world of ours, whose is to say when Bottineau will be hit by a natural disaster? Remember Joplin, Missouri? A tornado ripped through it completely destroying it 4 years ago. Now its completely rebuilt, thanks to a small part to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee of Relief.

Its time for everybody, both Methodists and Presbyterians, to step forward and remember their vows they made to the church to Tithe (10%). Our church will be maintained (which is praising God) and we would be following Jesus commands. That is for the law, and as for the gospel, peace and great joy will be yours when you tithe. Peace and joy are also contagious and others will want to join in the fellowship when we do.

## United Parish Roof Fund

Lois Parkman - Shari Turner

Karol Patterson

Gary & Marlys Kippen

Linda & David Kyle

Dwight & Gloria Olson

John & Peggy Gregg

Sharon Marquardt

Lloyd & Peggy Nelson

Bill & Mary Elise McKay

Charles & Helen Kippen

Shari Turner

Ron & Helen Patterson

Paul & Rhonda Milbrath

Jean Lund - Karol Patterson

Lloyd & Peggy Nelson

Linda & David Kyle

Dwight & Gloria Olson

Amy (Woods) Hospodor

Linda & David Kyle

Twilla Glinz - Gary Kippen's

Mary Pugh - Gary Kippen's

Allan & Edna Peterson

Linda & David Kyle

Monday Quilters & Fellowship

**BUILDING FUND:** to show appreciation to those who make donations to the building fund in the months of March and April, the Parish council has arranged for estate planning service to be furnished, at no cost, to those doors who wish to avail themselves of such services. Donors would have an initial conference with Attorney John Gregg, who would, if desired, prepare initial documents. Documents would be limited to wills, financial power of attorneys and deeds. For further information or to schedule a conference with John, call the United parish at 228-2800. These are days John will be available:

### **March:**

Tuesday 21, 28

Thursday 2, 16, 23, 30

### **April:**

Tuesday 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursday 6, 13, 20, 27

# THANK YOU

Dear

Presbyterian Church Women,

Thank you so much for your donation of sweatpants and stockings. We will make good use of them!

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Phyllis Caroline & Central Staff

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and concerns during my illness. I very much appreciated it.

Clairén Jostad

Thank you so much for the delicious lunch that was served following our mom's celebration of life service. You have been so loving and generous to mom over the years, from giving her a beautiful quilt to all the Christmas gifts. Your kindness and caring are deeply appreciated.

Peggy & family

Thank you to everyone who donated monetary or cookies or bars for the Potato Bake and Chili Feed. Thank you to all of you who worked planning, making, serving and cleaning up for this meal.

It was a good time of fellowship and provided the roof fund with \$741.00 more dollars.

Thanks again.

## Happy Birthday

### March

23 – Marsha Martin

11 – Gloria Olson

12 – Eric Sand

18 – Jordan Kippen

23 – Marsha Martin

25 – Nick Milbrath

27 – Dwight Olson

28 – Sara Milbrath



29 - Gerry Boe

Anniversaries



5- Ken & Nora Bangs

# MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ASH Wednesday 3:00 PW 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:15 Worship	2 10:00 Bible Study	3	4
5 5:00 Family Fun Nite Potluck & bring a friend	6 10:00 Quilters & Fellowship 7:00 Happy Hearts	7	8 4:00 UMW 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:15 Worship Service Parish Council	9 10:00 Bible Study	10	11
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19	20 10:00 Quilters & Fellowship 7:00 Happy Hearts	21	22 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:15 Worship Service	23 10:00 Bible Study	24	25
26 1:30 Worship at St. Andrew's	27 10:00 Quilters & Fellowship 7:00 Happy Hearts Newsletter Deadline	28	29 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:15 Worship Service	30 10:00 Bible Study	31	

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