

# First Press

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## Dreamers and Doers

*He who works his land will have abundant food,  
but he who chases fantasies lacks judgement.*

PROVERBS 12:11

**IN WORD** Dreams are wonderful. God gives us dreaming hearts because He wants us to accomplish things. In the heart that dreams, God can plant visions of wide-spread, effective ministries, of preaching the gospel and helping the poor, of finding innovative ways to build the Kingdom of Heaven. He can inspire millions and set the course of nations. Dreams are the beginning of all good accomplishments.

The problem with dreams is that they are just the beginning. In themselves they don't accomplish anything. They may be the fuel that feeds the fire, but they aren't its substance. A life full of fantasies, no matter how worthy the fantasies, is futile if nothing ever springs forth from its ambitions. Though God plants dreams in our hearts, He does not simply leave them there. He expects the keeper of the land to till the soil, water the seeds and cultivate their growth. God wants our visions to have a plan of action.

Jesus told a parable that illustrated that principle. A man had two sons. One of them said he would work in the vineyard but never did. The other said he wouldn't but eventually did anyway. Which one did Jesus praise? The doer, not the dreamer (Matthew 21:28-32)

**IN DEED** Do you have big plans? Do you have a vision you're convinced God has given you? If so, what are your plans? God is expecting you to take the visions He has given you and move them forward. Write the steps down. Then take them. Don't let your dreams become faint memories of the night.

Are you unsure of your dreams? Still trying to determine whether they are self-ordained or God-given? Then ask God specifically to encourage the ones that are also His dreams for you. But once you know the difference, don't let them sit. Ask for His timing. Ask for His wisdom. And act on His promises.\*

\*The One Year Walk with God Devotional by Chris Tiegreen

## SESSION REPORT

Session held its regular meetings on  
April 13, 2022 and May 11, 2022  
in the Campbell Library

### Communion

April 3<sup>rd</sup> served 63

Our next communion will be June 5<sup>th</sup>

### Memorial Services

Marci Lander April 23, 2022

Russ Davis April 30, 2022

### Guest Speakers

May 22- Eleanor Harle, Redfield

May 29- Eleanor Harle, Redfield

June 5- Eleanor Harle, Redfield

June 12- Robert Brooks, Huron

June 19- Robert Brooks, Huron

June 26- Robert Brooks, Huron

If you are interested in leading a worship service, contact an elder and we'll set you up.

We would like to extend a special thank you to those of our congregation who have already shared their hearts and talents:

Brian Winter

Pete DeGeest

Shaylee Anderberg

Travis Heasley.

*You are all amazing and hope you will share with us again.*



PW has had a busy couple of months. Again we served at a couple of funerals—just a reminder that we have gone to 2 groups instead of 3 –so you may get called on more often. It's getting more difficult to find people to furnish and serve –so if you are asked to help, please consider doing so. Our Bible Study Fellowship will not meet during the summer months, but will begin again in September. If you are at all interested in joining us, please come on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month to the Church basement for enrichment and fellowship. Hope you have a fun summer!

Charlene Beckett, Chairman



The Bell Choir will not be practicing until next fall. We are looking for new members. So please consider ringing with us! Contact any bell choir member or the director. Let's keep this music tradition going!

Thank you, Ray Caffee, Director



## Sanctuary Choir Report

The choir will be on songbird vacation for the summer, so we will be recruiting singers to get together for solos, duets, trios, quartets, or whatever small groups are willing to tweet for us -and if you would like to volunteer for special music, just let Janice Palmer know. We know there's a lot of talented people in our Church.



### Remember –

These things are important to the life of our Church:

- Church attendance
- Involvement in Church activities and services
- Contributing time and talents
- Enjoying fellowship with each other
- Reaching out to others to come to Church.

Without these –  
our Church will not keep growing

### A bit about Our Church History

(in case you didn't know)

#### 1881, Thanksgiving Day

1st church service in Miller — A.L. McWhorter asked the builders to lay down their saws and hammers while Reverend Mr. Pomeroy from Huron conducted services in the partly constructed Miller school building.

#### 1882

Sunday School was organized by Rev. J. Kimball of the American Sunday School Union. May of same year, Rev. A.S. Foster arrived from Sac City, IA to locate permanently in Miller and take charge of missionary work of Hand County under the auspices of the Presbyterian Home Mission.

#### June 25, 1882

The First Presbyterian Church of Miller was organized by Rev. W.S. Peterson, Presbyterian missionary for SD.

#### October 1882

Plans made for a church building with an ante-room over which a steeple and belfry were to be placed.

#### May 1882

Lumber arrived and work begun. Original cost of building was \$2,050.00

#### July 8, 1883

Church building was dedicated, unencumbered by debt.

#### June 15, 1930

A 2nd church building was erected on site of the old one.

#### November 18, 1945

The last mortgage for this building was paid off and burned in ceremony - Anniversary services were held on the 50th, 60th and 65th anniversaries of the founding of the church

#### November 13, 1949

Moeller pipe organ installed & dedicated

—for more information, check “Our Church History” on our website:

[www.millerpresby.com/church-history](http://www.millerpresby.com/church-history)

## Birthdays in June

- 2 - Jeff Heasley
- 3 - Janice Arbogast
- 8 - Haistyn Huss  
Liliana Hargens Flores
- 9 - Jesse Vrooman
- 12- Ian Speck
- 13 - Jay Welk
- 15 - Chad Selting
- 16 -Marilyn Dyer
- 17 - Kevin Hofer
- 19 - Brian Winter  
Brooks Johnson
- 21- Sophia Hargens-Flores
- 22 - Jennifer Templeton  
J.D. Bushfield  
Sena Rombough
- 23 - Robin Vrooman
- 24 - Jeanette Hastings  
Nikki Heidepriem  
Ivan Caffee
- 25 - Tonya Gross
- 26 - Jack Snodgrass

## Anniversaries in June

- 1-Randy & Gwen Johnson
- 2 - Jeff & Peggy Meyer  
Dennis & Mary Ellen  
Letsche
- 3-Shane & Amy Bertsch
- 9 - Larry & Janice  
Arbogast (60<sup>th</sup>)  
Wayne & Shar Ruhnke
- 15 - Steve & Linda Zeigler
- 18 - Larry & Suzy Blaseg  
Brian & Tyann Jones
- 21 - Bob & Connie Templeton
- 22 Curtis & Kelly Johnson
- 23- Will & Brooke Jones
- 25 - Jack & Annette Snodgrass

## Birthdays in July

- 4 - Justin Evans
- 5 - Julie Taylor  
Curtis Johnson
- 7 - Tiffany Huss
- 8 - Jean Johnson  
Charles Droz
- 9 - Robert Lager  
Mary Ellen Letsche
- 10 - Robert Taylor
- 11 - Pam Williams  
Warren Skinner
- 14 - Joyce Wieland  
Rusty VanDerWerff
- 15 - Connie Templeton  
Kay Mentzer  
Aubrey DeHaai
- 16 - Naomi Caffee
- 18 - Wendy Anderberg
- 19 - Ben Moeller
- 21 - Bob Templeton  
Jamie Mentzer
- 23 - Christina Kruml  
Jennifer Jones  
Steve Zeigler
- 27 - Landon Wagner
- 29 - Peggy Meyer

## Anniversaries in July

- 19 - Leonard & Beth Fischer
- 22 - Loni & Monica Haar  
Bob & Tammie Waldrop
- 29 - David & Jean Johnson  
Scott & Holly Kopplin

## OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



### Deacons for June

- Annette Snodgrass
- Ronalee Johnsen

### Deacons for July

- Tami Gross
- Patty Crackel

### Ushers for June

- Stephanie & Mike Edwards
- Brian & Jan Winter

### Ushers for July

- Sue Jones,
- Angie Rosemore,
- Nancy Williams,
- Pat Crackel

### Greeters for June

- 5- Teresa Eschenbaum
- 12- Pat Crackel
- 19-Kay & Doyle Foreman
- 26- Shelley & Alan Wieseler

### Greeters for July

- 3-Carole Skinner
- 10-Angie Rosemore
- 17-Joyce Wieland
- 24-Steve & Linda Zeigler
- 31-Sue Jones



## Christian Education June/July Newsletter

We honored our senior graduates and Christian Education Leaders on May 15th.

## Christian Education Leaders 2021-2022 Year

### **Preschool/Kindergarten/1st**

Laura Duxbury  
Jill & Cassie VanDerWerff

### **Grades 2-3**

Kelly Johnson & Kelly Wagner

### **Grades 4-5**

Marilyn Dyer, Susan Jones  
& Shaylee Anderberg

### **Grades 6-8**

Jennifer Runge and Will & Brooke Jones

### **Opening Exercises and Pianist**

Dawn Haar & Susan Jones

### **Jr. Youth Group**

Kevin Hofer & Sarah DeHaai

### **Sr. Youth Group**

Kylie Selting & Wyatt Johnson  
Kevin Hofer

### **Substitutes**

Patty Crackel, Dawn Haar, Chelsea Pugh,  
Brian & Jan Winter and Cecilee & Arielle Miner

### **Christmas Program**

Laura Duxbury & Kelly Wagner

### **VBS Planning Committee**

Kelly Wagner

### **CE Committee**

Kevin Hofer, Gayle Vrooman & Stephanie Edwards

**Thank you for sharing your gifts with this church family and for helping us Grow in Grace and Gratitude.**



## 2022 High School Graduates

Jaden Anderberg

Aubrey DeHaai

Owen Fritzsche

Alana Howard

Davon Rombough

Thank you Wayne & Shar Ruhnke and Dawn Haar for hosting the reception for our graduates after church on May 15th. Your hard work and attention to detail was much appreciated!

Thank you, Rich Waldrop, and Dee Sivertsen for all your extra help



As of the end of May I will be stepping down as Education Director. If there is anyone that is interested in taking over this church duty please don't hesitate to contact me or another session member.

Thank you, Stephanie Edwards