

**First Presbyterian Church
1319 Junction Avenue
Sturgis, SD 57785-1910**



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The Good News Letter

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Fourth of July Word Search List

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Still Worth More Than You Know

A speaker opened his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill and asking a crowd of 200 people, "Who would like this?" Nearly every hand went up.

"I'll give it to one of you," he said. "But first..." He crumpled the bill tightly in his fist. "Who still wants it?" Hands remained in the air.

He dropped it to the floor and ground it under his shoe. Then he picked up the wrinkled, dirty bill. "How about now?" The hands rose again.

"My friends," he said, "you've just learned an important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, it never lost its value. It was still worth \$20." Life can feel the same way. We are dropped, crumpled and ground down by our choices and by circumstances beyond our control. At times, we may even feel worthless. But our value does not change.

In God's eyes, you are never less than priceless. Clean or dirty, wrinkled or whole, you remain precious to Him. As Isaiah 43:4 says in the NIV, "You are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you."



Church Information



Holy Communion

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on August 3rd. If you are an ordained Elder or Deacon, you can serve communion. If you are interested in serving, please sign up. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office at 605-347-2395.



Church office hours are Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please feel free to give the church office a call with any questions or concerns at 605-347-2395. After hours you can call Carla at 605-423-6034.



Our Sunday Worship Schedule and Live Streaming Services

10:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service
11:00 to 11:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship

July 5th ~ Worship ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Holy Communion ~ Kathy McKillip

July 12th ~ **Worship in the Park**, ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Carole Skalsky

July 19th ~Worship ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
~ Don Nettleton

July 26th ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Jerry Simmons



Church Information



Church Committees

July 13th ~ 5:30pm ~ Finance, Personnel
& Stewardship

You may also join us on
Facebook Live
Sunday mornings by
going to **[https://
www.facebook.com/
FirstPresbyterianSturgis](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianSturgis)**.



The service can also be viewed on our
website, **www.fpcsturgissd.com**, a
short time after 11:30 am



Deadline to submit items for the August newsletter is July 24th

Please send your newsletter items to Carla at presbychsecretary@gmail.com.
Did you know...Our website contains monthly newsletter, monthly calendar,
and much more.

Has your address or phone number changed?

Please let Carla know at 605-347-2395 or presbychsecretary@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your donation of \$1,500.00.

We appreciate the support from our community

Compass Point Staff

First Presbyterian Church

On behalf of everyone at C.I.S.S. I want to thank you for your generous donation!

Your continued support of our mission and our program is truly a blessing.

Thank you

Ashley & Staff

First Presbyterian

Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$1,000.00. We appreciate your continued support so that we may provide much needed services to our community.

Compass Point

To: First Presbyterian Church

We sure appreciate the Beautiful funeral for our mother Dee Ann Roth, that you helped us with.

Also, thank you for accommodating our families needs.

Big thank you for the visits, cards, gifts, granola bars, etc. that you sent to her while she was in Edgewood. She loved being a member at this church.

Your kindness & generosity is appreciated May each of us know that and be further, examples, and contributors of God's work & love.

Sincerely,

Tricia, Becky & Bill Roth

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the baby basket! Not everything had a name so we just want to make sure that everyone knew how much we appreciated it! Carson is growing like a weed and we love him so much. Thank you all for your generosity and love.

Danny, Katie, and Carson

THANK YOU



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Sturgis, SD 57785
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06/08/2026

First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the women and children served by CISS, thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$1,000.00. This generous donation means so much to us, especially during these trying times as we navigate additional needs in the shelter.

Every year, CISS provides assistance to hundreds of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault victims and their children with safe shelter and support. While no two stories are alike, the fear, hurt, and loss created by domestic violence are prominent in the lives of too many in our community. Healing from the pain of domestic violence means more than caring for the physical wounds it also means helping to move beyond their current struggles to a future of peace and empowerment, liberated from fear.

Our ultimate goal is to be a shelter that works towards recovery; a place where women and their children will move beyond their current struggles to a future of peace and empowerment, liberated from fear. It is a lofty undertaking but with the support of community partners, we will be successful. Violence against women will never end until everyone gets involved.

We are grateful for your continued friendship and support of our mission to end domestic and sexual violence. All services and donations are truly appreciated.

With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ashley Adams'.

Ashley Adams
Executive Director
Crisis Intervention Shelter Service, Inc

Crisis Intervention Shelter, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation and your contribution is tax deductible.
Federal ID number 36-3792902

Church Information



Welcoming Committee Update

Your welcoming committee members meet monthly (except during the summer months) to serve our mission to you, our First Presbyterian Church family. Although we are not meeting formally in the summer, we continue to encourage and reach out to new and current members of our church. Please ***save the following dates*** to join us in special activities:

JULY 12, 10 AM. Worship in the Park. Please join us for a special worship service in the Woodland Shelter at the Sturgis City Park. Coffee, juice, water and delicious cinnamon rolls will be provided.

SEPTEMBER 2: Community Picnic at Rally Point. The City of Sturgis will be hosting a community picnic. Your welcoming committee members will have a table set up promoting First Presbyterian Church. Please contact Betty Nettleton if you are interested in either providing simple activities or “manning” our table.

SEPTEMBER 27: The Fall Fellowship Meal following worship.

The Welcoming Committee will be providing delicious roast beef sandwiches and sides. Please bring a dessert to share. We will be fellowshiping together downstairs in the Erskine Club Room. A freewill offering will be collected.



Church Information



Vacation Bible School

July 27th to 30th

9:00am -12:00PM

Volunteers are needed.
We have a job for everyone.

Behind the scenes or working with the kids. It's so much fun and rewarding. Contact Carla in the office if you are interested.



Christian symbol

SHELL — A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

Church Information



**1st Presbyterian Church
1319 Junction Ave.**

Open to elementary & Middle school students

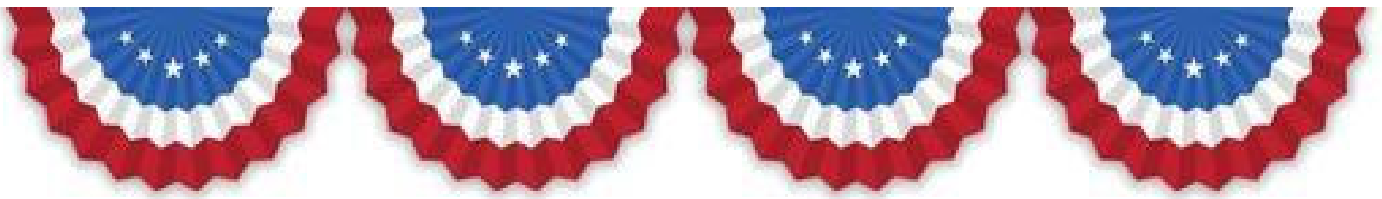
11:30 am to 12:30 pm each Monday

July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27

HISTORIAN

The Church Historian is to record the history of the First Presbyterian Church. Although numerous people have captured special moments and activities of our church through our website, Facebook, and monthly newsletter the actual position has been vacant for many years. If you have an interest in working with our church secretary to prepare a scrapbook or similar means of preserving our church history, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Betty Nettleton, Moderator Welcoming Committee



Northern Hills Connection

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

12:00 Noon \$14 Inclusive

1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Rm.

1319 Junction Ave, Sturgis

Special Feature

Old Ft. Meade Museum

Presented by Jessica Kusser



Music

Sturgis Sr. Singers



Speaker

Jan Bergstrom

“The Shepherd’s Sheep”

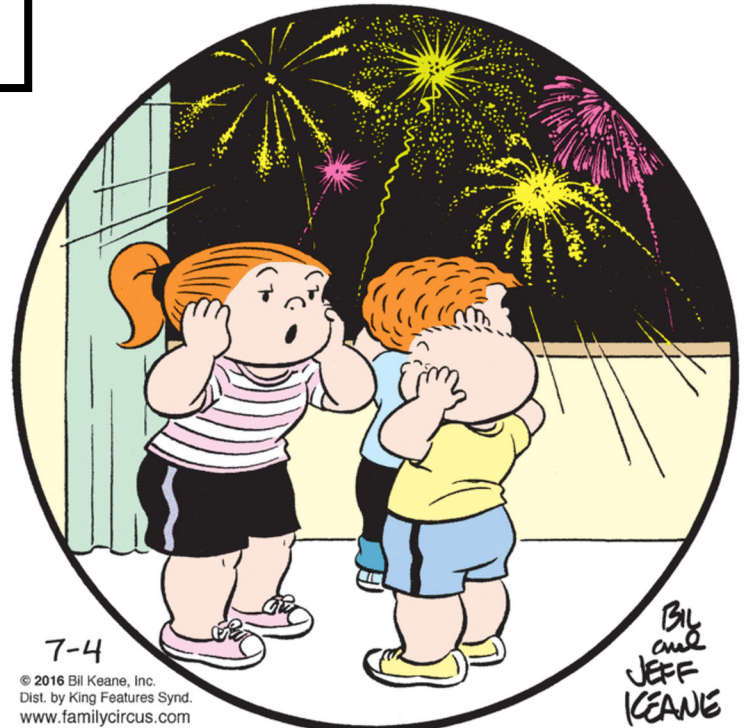
Reservations required by July 16. Please call: Mary
605-645-7601. Or email maridel.sprenger@yahoo.com

**Reservations not honored or used by a friend, may
require payment.**

Prayer Coffee/Planning Mtg: Tuesday, July 14 @ 9:00 AM
3971 Alder PL, Sturgis, SD

Affiliated with Stonecroft

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY



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BILL
and
JEFF
KEANE

**“You can open your eyes, P.J.
Your eyes can’t hear!”**

Church & Community

Summer has arrived and we have much to celebrate. We are blessed to be able to together. Thank you for the continued support you have provided to the Kiwanis Food Pantry.

First Presbyterian Donations:

July's suggested items:

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| Total 2018 | 3164 pounds |
| Total 2019 | 2371 pounds |
| Total 2020 | 818 pounds |
| Total 2021 | 1227 pounds |
| Total 2022 | 876 pounds |
| Total 2023 | 937 pounds |
| Total 2025 | 983 pounds |
| Jan to March 2026 | 193 pounds |

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| July 6 | Breakfast |
| July 13 | Asian |
| July 20 | Baking Ingredients |
| July 27 | Picnic |

Please also continue to save Lynn's Dakota Mart receipts; the money received through this program is utilized for purchase of regularly stocked products at the Food Pantry. For each \$10,000 in receipts the Food Bank receives \$100.

Please feel free to contact me at 605-490-3078 or betty.nettleton@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for your continued support!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS®

By Bil Keane



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"Can I wear my short-sleeve pants?"

Devotion



July 2026 Daily Bible Reading

Surrender to God's Will

Have Thine Own Way, by Adelaide A. Pollard, 1906

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

Day 1 John 3: 30

Day 2 John 4: 34

Day 3 John 6: 36-40

Day 4 John 7: 16-18

Day 5 John 9: 31

Day 6 John 15: 1-8

Day 7 Deuteronomy 13: 4

Day 8 1 Chronicles 16: 8-11

Day 9 Proverbs 3: 5-6

Day 10 Isaiah 45: 9-12

Day 11 Isaiah 64: 8-9

Day 12 Jeremiah 10: 23-24

Day 13 Jeremiah 29: 11-13

Day 14 Matthew 6: 33-34

Day 15 Matthew 7: 21-23

Day 16 Matthew 11: 28-30

Day 17 Mark 3: 31-34

Day 18 Mark 14: 34-35

Day 19 Romans 6: 13-14

Day 20 Corinthians 6: 18-20

Day 21 Galatians 5: 24

Day 22 Ephesians 5: 15-20

Day 23 Philippians 2: 5-8

Day 24 Colossians 1: 9-14

Day 25 1 Thessalonians 4: 3-8

Day 26 1 Timothy 2: 1-6

Day 27 Hebrews 10: 19-25

Day 28 Hebrews 13: 20-21

Day 29 James 1: 22-25

Day 30 James 4: 7-15

Day 31 1 Peter 2: 15-17



July

BIRTHDAYS

July 1

Cathie Anderson

July 2

Teresa Forbes

July 4

Bob Hill

July 5

Linda Corey

Jett Eddings

July 9

Drew Gertsch

July 10

Sam Namminga

July 11

Billy Burditt

July 12

Chris Kaitfors

July 13

Harvey Matz

Julee Steinman

July 18

Ken Fisher

July 19

Eisley Cudmore

July 21

Rob Oviatt

July 22

Deb Lester

July 25

Kobi Millar

July 29

Mason Schriock

July 31

Dick Lester

Harold Matz



July 3

Doug & Betty Voorhees

July 7

Randy & Joyce Ehlers

July 13

Terry & Marion Horst

July 14

Chuck & Judy Lewis

July 20

Bob & Hillary Hill

July 22

Scott & Becky Peterson

July 29

Ed & Wanda Blair





| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch | 2 | 3 7:00pm ~ Key City Solutions AA | 4 |
| 6th Sunday after 5 Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship/ Holy Communion Kathy McKillip 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Parish 4 | 6 Church Office Closed | 7 9:00 a.m. Home Communion | 8 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch | 9 | 10 7:00pm ~ Key City So- lutions AA | 11 |
| 7th Sunday after 12 Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Park ~ Carole Skalsky 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Parish 5 | 13 5:30pm F/P/S | 14 | 15 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch | 16 | 17 Presbytery Meeting Huron, SD 7:00pm ~ Key City Solutions AA | 18 |
| 8th Sunday after 19 Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship Don Nettleton 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Parish 1 | 20 | 21 12:00 p.m. Northern Hills Connection | 22 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch | 23 | 24 7:00pm ~ Key City Solutions AA | 25 |
| 9th Sunday after 26 Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship Jerry Simmons 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Parish 2 | 27 9am-12pm VBS | 28 9am-12pm VBS | 29 9am-12pm VBS 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch | 30 9am-12pm VBS | 31 7:00pm ~ Key City Solutions AA | |