



First Presbyterian Church
1319 Junction Avenue
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The Good News Letter

FALL WORD SCRAMBLE

Words in each line are merged together. Find the original words.

Hint: The letters that make up each word are still in their original order.

FesFtivaalll

A fun event where you might buy crafts, carve pumpkins, and go on amusement rides.

HBaalye

A rolled bundle of a grassy crop that is fed to cows and horses.

CCaondryn

A sugary chewy candy that is white, yellow and orange.

GTihvaenks

Grateful acknowledgement of the good things in your life.

ACipdpelre

A brown juice made from fresh red autumn fruit, often served warm with cinnamon.

RLeaavkees

To gather into piles the flat parts of trees that fall to the ground in autumn.

CAaprapmleel

A crispy red fruit that is dipped in soft brown candy and eaten on a stick.

PPautmpkcihn

A farm or field where large orange squash are grown.





The Good News Letter

Autumn has arrived, and it has brought us cooler temperatures, rain (praise God!), and the smells of pumpkin spice and hot apple cider. It also brings with it a reminder that this is the time of year when we are called to reflect on all that we can be thankful for this year.

I for one, am thankful that God saw fit to call me to serve as your interim pastor while you continue your search for your next called pastor. In the short amount of time, I have been here in the church, I have encountered nothing but kind and faithful followers of Christ, and I look forward to serving God and the church family, no matter how long (or short) our time is together!

As you look toward October and farther into the autumn months, I encourage you to take a moment to stop and give praise to God for everything you are grateful for this year, big and small. I also encourage you to give thanks to God for all those who are using their time and talents to make worship, fellowship, mission, and education vital parts of our congregation. Also, give thanks for all those who work quietly behind the scenes to keep the church and the church family up and running!

We will see you soon!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kathy





**Our Sunday Worship
Schedule and Live Streaming
Worship Services**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Children & Adult)
10:00 a.m. ~ Worship Service
11:00 to 11:30 a.m. ~ Fellowship

**October 4th ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost ~
World Communion Sunday**

Peace and Global Witness Offering

October 11th ~ Worship ~ 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18th ~ Worship ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25th ~ Worship ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on November 1st during worship. 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.



You may also join us on Facebook Live Sunday mornings by going to **<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianSturgis>**.



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



Church & Community

Oct. 1st ~ 1:00pm ~ PW

Oct. 5th ~ 5:00pm ~ Worship

Oct. 6th ~ 5:30pm ~ Deacons

Oct. 8th ~ 12:00pm ~ Alliance of Churches @ Love, Inc.

6:30pm ~ Christian Education

Oct. 12th ~ 4:00pm ~ Mission

Oct. 12th ~ 5:00pm ~ Welcoming

Oct. 12th ~ 5:30pm ~ Finance, Personnel & Stewardship

Oct. 27th ~ 5:30pm ~ Building & Grounds

7:00pm ~ Session

Church Meeting



Join Us For
**Trunk
or
Treat**
October 31st



TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(Please be parked by 3:45 p.m.)

**WHERE: First Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot**

Please contact the church office if you
would like to participate.



YOUR Mission-Funded Projects

The tithes and offerings of the congregation fund mission projects chosen by the Mission Committee and approved by Session. The Mission Committee felt it was important to inform members and friends of First Presbyterian Church how their mission funds were being allocated. An article about a specific mission-funded project will be appearing in The Good News Letter throughout the year. The Mission Committee hopes you will find these articles informative and that they will encourage you to increase your financial support for mission activities.

This month we will highlight the work of The Alliance of Churches.

The **Alliance of Churches** exists for the purpose of working together in the Spirit of Christ to accomplish the work of Christ. We hope to give a hand – up to those in tough situations and pray that soon with our help they will become self-sufficient. Please take a moment to pray for the Alliance of Churches. This organization exists to bring the Community together through Christ. It also gives generously to members of the community who are in need of such things as groceries, gas, utilities, prescriptions, rental assistance, and many other needs. In 2025 the group spent approx. \$25,000 for requests. Currently there are no funds in the account to disperse. There is a fund raiser coming up October 26th. Please plan to attend! Watch for the poster.

“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?” – James 2:15-16





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Sturgis, SD 57785
1-800-755-8432

Dear Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church,

As we reflect on the support CISS has received this year, we simply wanted to take a moment to say thank you.

Your generosity helps CISS continue providing a safe place, advocacy, resources, and support to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. Every donation, no matter the size or form, plays a part in making that work possible.

We are incredibly grateful that you chose to support CISS and the people we serve. Having a community that stands behind survivors and believes in the work we do means more than we can adequately put into words.

Thank you for being part of our mission and for helping us continue to be a safe place when someone needs one most.

With gratitude,

Ashley Adams
Executive Director
Crisis Intervention Shelter Service



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If you're able to help, please drop off the candy at the church office by Friday, October 30th, by 5:00 p.m.
Thank you so much for your help!





Northern Hills
— CONNECTION —

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
12:00 Noon \$14 Inclusive
1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Rm.
1319 Junction Ave, Sturgis

MUSIC
Black Hills Theater Company

SPECIAL FEATURE
Bernice Miller
"Weaving by a Miller"

SPEAKER
Dr. Sandra Ogunremi
"Abide"

Reservations required by Oct. 15.
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, Oct. 13 @ 9:00 AM
3971 Alder PL, Sturgis, SD

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I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers
Lucy Maud Montgomery

Our next Presbyterian Women's meeting on Thursday Oct. 1, 2026 at 1:00pm in the Lee James Parlor.

Join us as we welcome Pastor Kathy, share some delicious food, and enjoy a lively discussion of our Bible Study.

Dedi LaRue is our hostess.



Church & Community



The trees are dressed for autumn, reminding of us God's endless presence and beauty. Thank you for donating non-perishable food items and monetary gifts to the Kiwanis Food Pantry. You are making a difference in the lives of many.

First Presbyterian Donations:

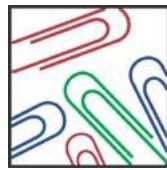
October's suggested items:

Total 2018	3164 pounds	October 4	Soup
Total 2019	2371 pounds	October 11	Crackers
Total 2020	818 pounds	October 18	Casserole "Fixins"
Total 2021	1227 pounds	October 25	Jell-O/Pudding Cups/Mixes
Total 2022	876 pounds		
Total 2023	937 pounds		
Total 2024	937 pounds		
Total 2025	937 pounds		

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!

Betty Nettleton



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

Deadline to submit items for the November newsletter is October 23rd.

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

Address Change

Billy Burditt
1932 Baldwin Street
Sturgis, SD 57785

VOLUNTEERS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
SIGN UP TODAY!

Volunteers help run the First Presbyterian Church. We have sign-up sheets in the narthex for Nursery, Scripture readers, youth group meals, meals on wheels, and communion. Below are a few the sign-up sheets and dates that are open. If you would like to help, please contact the church office (605) 347-2395 or presbychsecretary@gmail.com) or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.
Thank you for your help.

Position	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
Scripture Reader	Chuck Lutz	Dale Adams		
Parish	Parish 2	Parish 3	Parish 4	Parish 5
	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28
Youth Group Meal	Pastor Kathy	Deb Looby		



October 2026 Daily Bible Reading

Covenants

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less by Edward Mote, 1834

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

3 His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found: dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Day 1 Genesis 6: 9-22
Day 2 Genesis 8: 15-22
Day 3 Genesis 9: 8-17
Day 4 Genesis 12: 1-7
Day 5 Genesis 15: 1-21
Day 6 Genesis 17: 1-22
Day 7 Exodus 19: 1-9
Day 8 Exodus 20: 1-21
Day 9 Exodus 24: 1-18
Day 10 Exodus 34: 1-10
Day 11 Deuteronomy 4: 1-14
Day 12 2 Samuel 7: 8-29
Day 13 Psalm 89: 1-4, 34-37
Day 14 Isaiah 54: 9-10
Day 15 Isaiah 59: 21
Day 16 Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Day 17 Matthew 5: 17-18
Day 18 Mark 14: 22-26
Day 19 Acts 2: 38
Day 20 Acts 3: 18-26
Day 21 Romans 4: 13-25
Day 22 Romans 10: 1-4
Day 23 Romans 11: 25-27
Day 24 2 Corinthians 3: 4-11
Day 25 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21
Day 26 Galatians 3: 15-22
Day 27 Ephesians 2: 11-13
Day 28 Hebrews 7: 20-28
Day 29 Hebrews 8: 6-13
Day 30 Hebrews 9: 11-15
Day 31 Hebrews 13: 20-21



October

BIRTHDAYS

October 6

Don Baldwin

October 7

Mary Hanzlik

October 8

Wanda Blair

October 10

Tami Hatzenbuhler

October 11

Barbara Simons

October 13

Lonna Morkert

October 14

Sandra Dragoo

October 15

Jonah Pickett

October 16

Teri Eddings

October 20

Beth Bauer

Don Lindsay

October 24

Galen Remington

Brenda Schaffer

October 27

JoAnn Mutchler

October 28

Darci Weyrich

October 29

Katie Lindsay

October 30

Evan Johnson



October

ANNIVERSARIES

October 3

Shawn & Carla Harrison

October 8

Chuck & Mary Jane Lutz

October 23

Joel & Carole Skalsky

October 25

Sam & Linda Namminga





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:00pm PW Circle 5:30pm Bells	2 7:30pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	3
19th Sunday after Pentecost 4 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship Parish 2	5 5:00pm Worship	6 9:00am Home Communion 5:30 p.m. Deacon	7 11:30am Men's Lunch 5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	8 12:00pm AOC @ Love, Inc. 5:30pm Bells 6:30pm CE Meeting	9 7:30pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	10
20th Sunday after Pentecost 11 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship Parish 3	12 4:00pm Mission 5:00pm Welcoming 5:30pm F/P/S	13	14 11:30am Men's Lunch 5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	15 5:30pm Bells	16 7:30pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	17
21st Sunday after Pentecost 18 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship Parish 4	19	20 12:00 p.m. Northern Hills Connection Lunch	21 11:30am Men's Lunch 5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	22  5:30pm Bells	23 Presbytery Meeting Sioux Falls 7:30pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	24
22nd Sunday after Pentecost 25 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship Parish 5 5-6:30 pm Kiwanis Soup Supper	26 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. AOC Chili Cookoff at the SCC	27 5:30pm Bldg & Grds 7:00pm Stated Session	28 11:30am Men's Lunch 5:30pm Youth Grp 7:00pm Choir	29 5:30pm Bells	30 7:30pm ~ Key City Solutions AA	31 Halloween 4-6pm Trunk or Treat 

Name: _____ Date: _____

Halloween

M M B L A C K C A T P T F R A N K E N S T E I N
 F U Q A K O K T E S U O H D E T N U A H S M D A
 W M N L A V H R O J K Z T E A O H M F C R C A T
 S M B E W R E D I P S Z V M O N S T E R Z V T F
 Y Y N F C P B K K M G X J E C B V T G N B M B V
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 A V U L U O W A N J X X B S A Y A E D D K K L W
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 I N G J L M A Z T E V E R I P M A V G Q N L H A

Happy Halloween

Trick or treat

Jack-o-lantern

Haunted house

Frankenstein

Decorations

Halloween

Black cat

Scarecrow

Spiderweb

Skeleton

Monster

Pumpkin

Vampire

Custom

Coffin

Zombie

Ghosts

Spider

Scary

Candy

Skull

Bones

Grave

Mummy

Cat

Boo

