

Circuit Writer

August 2026

New Monument Sign to Be Built as a Memorial to Pastor Bruce Adams

Dear friends,

In the book of Joshua, chapter four, we read of a command from God to use stones to build a memorial so that future generations will remember how God made it possible for the Israelites to cross the Jordan and enter the promised land.

“⁵ He told them, “Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁶ We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’” ⁷ Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.”

Recently the Church Council directed our Board of Trustees to choose a sign company to replace our fifty-year-old sign located on the southwest corner of the church property. The old brick is deteriorating and the way the sign is angled makes it only readable from one direction.

The Council also decided that the new sign should serve as a memorial to Pastor Bruce Adams who faithfully served for thirteen years as the pastor of the Mandan United Methodist Church.

You will find in this newsletter the rendering of a new double-sided monument sign. The Trustees approved this design and now request all members and friends to give generously to this project as a lasting memorial to our beloved friend and pastor, Rev. Bruce Adams. The total cost to construct this sign is \$31,387. Please mark your gift: “Pastor Bruce Memorial Sign.”

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Joel

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**Where People
Believe, Belong &
Become**

**Missed worship?
A link to our Sunday
services can be
accessed on our
Facebook page!**





Coffee Time is every Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM. Join us for fellowship, coffee and snacks!



Pop Tabs are being collected in a cardboard Ronald McDonald House in the east coat room. Tab donations allow this charity to continue providing housing for children and their families while receiving medical care. We have almost a full container of tabs! Thank you to those who have been saving tabs!

Rainforest Falls VBS 2026

The Rainforest Falls VBS was a busy week at Mandan UMC. God worked through those in ministry decorating, cooking, leading, crafting, feeding, playing, reading, teaching, inviting, praying and loving Jesus. Many members of the ministry went above and beyond to meet the needs of the families who came through our doors. Our church family generously gave supplies and monetary gifts to provide everyone with a cost-free VBS.

Thank you to the children and families who attended Rainforest Falls VBS and allowed us to teach and enjoy time with your children.

Thank you to our many ministry team members whose talents and time make VBS possible. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to our church for giving of your gifts, time and serve to share the Gospel with our guests.

Join us next year for **Crave Vacation Bible School!**

Give to Mandan UMC via Electronic Fund Transfer

Download the user-friendly app on your smart phone. You may designate your gift utilizing the categories listed in the application. Please contact the church office if you have questions or need further information.

Blood Drive

The next church blood drive will be Thursday, September 10 from 3:30-6:30 PM. Watch for email and/or texts to sign up to donate.

Thank you to those who donated blood in July. We potentially saved up to 51 lives. Don't forget to go to your accounts and redeem your points!! If you have questions, please talk to Belinda.

August Birthdays

- 1 Jody Keller
Olivia Friday-Johnson
- 6 Naviah Friday-Johnson
- 7 Jason Smith
Krista Laib
- 8 Darlene Vander Vorst
- 9 Rene Bryan
- 11 Leah Loerch
Mary Newgard
- 12 Seth Helbling
Whitney Craine
- 13 Terry Forde
- 14 Rachel Hallendorff
- 15 Elsie Seedorf
- 16 Ken Blazer
Doris Schwenk
- 17 Amber Van Daalen
Owen Peterson
- 18 Al Peterson
Derek Van Dyke
- 19 Kelly Sneva
Charity Duggin
- 24 Bill Franke
- 25 Sara Baumann
Madelyn Edwards
- 26 Randy Meissner
- 27 Chris Welk
Shayne Thomas
Amy Adams
Abby Landeis
- 29 Tyler Ruff
- 30 Bob Samuelson
- 31 Colleen Macbeth
Victoria Richter
Alice Rixen



August Anniversaries

- 1 Scott & Mary Newgard 45 yrs.
Craig & Kayla Kleven 11 yrs.
- 2 Rebecca & Rob Olson 18 yrs.
- 3 Chelsay & Ryan Tysver 13 yrs.
- 17 Scott & Teri Marquart
Matt & Sandy Thorsenson 58 yrs.
- 19 Tom & Dori Rebenitsch 3 yrs.
- 24 Jake & Mackenzie Keller 2 yrs.



OFFICE NOTES

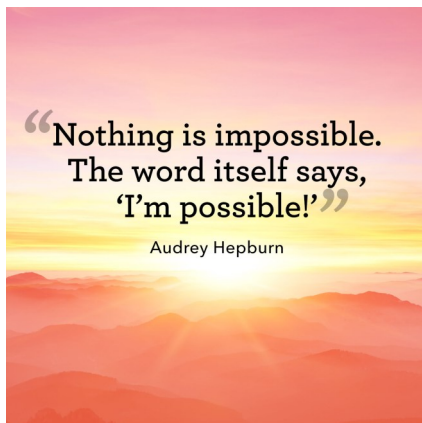
The church office is opened Monday through Friday 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The next newsletter will go out August 27 at 1PM.

If anyone would like to become a member of Mandan United Methodist Church or need to transfer your membership from another church, call the church office.

VISITATION

Please contact the church office if you would like a visit in your home or in the hospital.

Belinda will be out of the office August 4—17.



Prayer Concerns

Lisa Rhodes' mom
Lisa Rhodes
Janice Winckler's sister, Marion
Pastor Joel's cousin, Tim
Malinda and Willow Althoff
Co-workers baby in NICU
Abby Landeis—Peru mission trip
Nancy & Guy Myers' grandson
Lorraine Hallendorff
Cathy Adams
Sandy & Matt Thorenson
Those receiving medical treatments
Those mourning
Our Country's leaders
Families and friends with cancer
Those traveling
Military and their families
Several unspoken requests



Church Members in Care Facilities

Edgewood Vista Assisted Living Center

Marcie Zabel
Leah Jeromchek
Peachie McArthur
Lucille Risch
Amy Watson (Bismarck)
Joyce Gustafson

Miller Point

Jim Mellon

Baptist Home

Virginia Geist

Hay Creek Lodge Assisted Living-Bismarck

Ken Blazer

Men's Group — will meet Sunday, August 16.
Come check it out.

Sunday School Kick-Off Sunday, September 13th

Fall Kick-off Sunday will be held on September 13th. We'll celebrate a new school year with breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. Fido's Fire and Ice Cream Truck will visit from 10 a.m. to noon to provide tasty treats!

Wonderful Wednesday September 9th

We're making Wednesdays wonderful again! Our After School Program is open to all children kindergarten through fifth grade. We'll pick up at school after dismissal and transport them to the church for an afternoon of snacks, games, stories, crafts, fun and learning.

Supper will be served each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Youth group for kids sixth through twelfth grade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. Youth Group includes study, games, food and fun for all students!



