

First Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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Birthdays this Week

December 10th Beth Weiss
December 11th Anita Baillie

H.E.A.R.T Family Program

H.E.A.R.T. is a confidential education and support group designed for the family members or loved ones of individuals with a substance use disorder.

H.E.A.R.T. is held biweekly at 101 E Broadway Ave, Bismarck on Tuesday evenings, 6-8 p.m. More information can be found at www.heartview.org.



RMMO Offering

Please give to the RMMO. The RMMO funds collected are distributed as thank you checks to retired ordained ministers and commissioned missionaries who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA, as well as surviving spouses. A certain portion of funds is also allocated for direct emergency assistance.

High School Orchestra

Please plan on joining us on **Sunday, December 15th** to enjoy the special music that will be provided for our Sunday service, by local high school orchestra students.



Peace on Earth

The Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus heralds the season with its 47th annual Christmas concert, "Peace on Earth," on **Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15** at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck.

The concerts are free and open to the public as a gift to the community.

The concert showcases the range of choral singing from traditional carols like "Silent Night" and "Angels We Have Heard on High" to contemporary pieces, and features selections from Vivaldi's "Gloria."

Advent Decorating Party

Thank you to everyone that helped last Saturday morning to decorate the church for the Lenten Season.

Your help is always greatly appreciated!

American Baptist Women

ABW Ministries Potluck Dinner on **Monday, December 9th at 6:00 pm.**

Discover your spiritual gift

Christmas is about God's gift of Jesus to the world. How we respond to Jesus and the gifts he has given to us is our gift to God. Several places in the New Testament remind us that we have also been given spiritual gifts or abilities.

God invites and expects us to use our gifts to build up the church. So, what is your spiritual gift? Are you using your gifts? Or, are the gifts that God has given to you "unopened?"

To discover your spiritual gift, and how you can use your gifts, you can go to this link (<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>) to complete a short 15 minute survey. Then, come to church this Sunday as the Pastor speaks about giving our gift to God this Christmas.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, **December 11th at 10:30 am** in the Pioneer Room.

Come for the fellowship and grow in your faith as we look deeper into God's Word in this letter of Paul to the church at Rome.