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Joining the world to celebrate sacrament

Worldwide Communion Sunday is a special moment of recognizing our connections not only within our congregation, but also our connections with Christians around the world. Sunday, October 6 will be a festive time of worship for our congregation and for congregations around the world when we recognize that the things that bind us together as Christians are far more important than our differences.

The tradition in our congregation is to celebrate with many different kinds of bread that remind us of the different places where Christians celebrate. Tortillas remind us of Central America, rye bread of

Eastern Europe, rice cakes of Pacific Islands and Asia, fry bread of our reservation partners. The many different kinds of bread remind us of the vast diversity of Christians around the world who celebrate this simple and sacred meal.

In the busy and hectic everyday lives of our members it is sometimes easy to forget how much worship is at the core of our faith. We embrace Christianity not only as a set of beliefs, but also as a set of practices. Ours is a communal faith. We believe that worship needs to be done together with other believers. We are not alone in our faith.



Come Celebrate 98 Years of Ministry

“Ordination is the rite by which people whom God and the church have called to ordained ministry are set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands. It is a recognition of a particular calling from God and its acceptance by an individual. Ordination gives initial authorization to perform duties and exercise the prerogatives of ordained ministry. In the United Church of Christ ordination is carried out by an association in cooperation with a local church.” —from the UCC Book of Worship

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Come Celebrate 95 Years of Ministry

Four members of our church are celebrating the anniversary of their ordination this year – Rev. Dr. Ted Huffman (35 years), Rev. Susan Huffman (35 years), Rev. Jane Ireland (25 years) and Rev. Kathleen Batchelder (3 years). Their years of ministry will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, October 13th. Please join us for a special coffee hour following worship.

Our celebration will also include formal vows of the installation covenant with Rev. Kathleen Batchelder, who was ordained in our church three years ago.

Rev. Jane Ireland first joined our church in 1960 and served as Christian Education director from 1967 to 1975. After graduation from North American Baptist Seminary (now called Sioux Falls Seminary) she was ordained in our church on October 9, 1988. Rev. Ireland started her ministry as a chaplain at Lee Summit Hospital in Kansas City, MO. She then served 9 years as a pastor in Stockton, KS. Next she served as interim pastor in churches in Garden City, Eudora and Eskridge-Haneyville, KS. When Rev. Ireland moved back to South Dakota, she served as youth pastor and then interim pastor in Sturgis. She then was a Hospice Chaplain at Rapid City Regional Hospital. Jane is an active member of our church - singing in the choir, serving on the Department of Worship, and participating in the Congregational Connections program.

Rev. Susan Huffman grew up in Mayflower United Church of Christ in Billings, Montana, where her parents were charter members. Their family was active in church activities including summer camps at Camp Mimanagish.

Rev. Ted Huffman grew up at Big Timber, Montana where his family was active in First Congregational United Church of Christ. His mother served as camp nurse and his father served as moderator of the Montana Conference. During his year as moderator Ted's parents visited all of the churches in the conference, taking the entire family on many of the trips.

After meeting at Camp Mimanagish, Ted and Susan both graduated from Rocky Mountain College, an institution that maintains its historic ties and close relationship with the United Church of Christ. They were valedictorian and salutatorian of their college class. They both graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary and were ordained at Mayflower United Church of Christ in Billings Montana on September 10, 1978. They served as co-pastors of Hettinger and Reeder Congregational churches in North Dakota for seven years, followed by ten years as co-pastors of Wright Community Congregational United Church of Christ in Boise, Idaho. Ted was called to serve as senior pastor of 1st Congregational Church in 1995 and shortly afterward, Susan was called as minister of education.

Throughout their careers, both Ted and Susan have served in the Association, Conference and National settings of the United Church of Christ. Both have served as members of Committees on Ministry, on Conference Boards of Directors and as delegates to General Synod. Both are certified as specialists in church education and have contributed to multiple major Christian Education curricula over the years. The 29th General Synod of the UCC awarded Ted its highest award for a Christian educator: the Excellence in Teaching Award.

They hold the distinction of being one of only a handful of clergy couples in any denomination who have served their entire careers in the same church at the same time.

Rev. Kathleen Batchelder was aware of her call to the Christian ministry long before she was able to respond to the call to ordination. She pursued her vocation as a teacher for much of her career. After retiring as a teacher she attended Bangor Theological Seminary, where she graduated as valedictorian of her class. She was ordained in our church on October 10, 2010 and has served as our Minister of Christian Nurture since her ordination.

Join us as we celebrate God's gift of leadership to our congregation and to the entire church of Jesus Christ on **October 13** at or worship service and the reception to follow.

Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. Dr. Ted Huffman
35 years

Rev. Susan Huffman
35 years

Rev. Jane Ireland
25 years

*Rev. Kathleen
Batchelder*
3 years

Moderator's Comments by Becky Umenthum, Moderator

Serving as the chairperson of the Capital Funds Description Committee has been a learning experience for me. I thought that with the excellent research done by the Capital Improvements Committee it would be easy to complete all the projects. However, life is never that simple and we've had to do more research before making final decisions and scheduling work.

Many people suggested that we should paint the Fellowship Hall before we put in the new carpet tiles. So we researched costs and consulted a decorator for colors for both the walls and the carpet tiles. We hope to complete the painting and lay the carpet during October.

The sound system has been ordered and should also be completed this month. We decided to put in video cables at the same time as audio cables so that we could easily add video to the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall in the future. This was a little more expensive than originally planned, but much less than doing it separately.

When we started removing some of the slate in the front entryway, we discovered that there was a concrete slab under the slate that would need to be removed before new concrete could be done – which changed the cost estimates. So we re-examined all the options – stamped concrete, concrete, pavers, and replacing the slate. We

shared our research and solicited opinions from the congregation at our informational meeting on September 15th. We're waiting for final estimates and hope to schedule work soon. We're also working on scheduling the concrete work in the back of the church.

The final project – energy efficient front entryway doors – was planned to be completed after the entryway. Once we have the entryway scheduled, we can schedule the replacement of the doors.

We'd like to thank the congregation for their overwhelming support. Your pledges exceeded our goal and have given us the flexibility to make some necessary changes to the original plan.



From the Church Board by Mary Nelson Keithahn, Clerk

Our church continues to partner with other groups ministering to the needs of our local and wider community. At our August meeting the Board approved a covenant with Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity to work with other congregations on a Habitat build in May 2014. We agreed to try to raise \$7000 for the project, recruit volunteers for Tuesday workdays, provide four meals, and set up our own committee to handle funding (May-September, 4 months).

At our September meeting, we approved a covenant relationship with Break-Through, Inc., a non-profit organization that works for advocacy and education for persons with disabilities. Church members Ben and

Dee Anderson are the principle officers of Break Through, Inc. In this Break-through Faith Community covenant we have made a commitment to pray for their work, display their books and other promotional materials, host a visit from them in worship or in small groups, and develop leaders who will work at providing access and welcome to people with disabilities in the life our church. We will also support their work financially through a special offering and by encouraging interested persons to give \$10 a month for their ministry.

We also offered overnight hospitality for several days to a group of faculty and students from Elon University in North Carolina, who were

attending lectures at the University Center in preparation for spending two weeks at Pine Ridge. They were here as part of a semester-long work/study program in different areas of the country. This may be an ongoing service we can provide to one of our UCC-related colleges.

In June 2014 we will be hosting the annual meeting of the South Dakota UCC Conference. The emphasis will be on missions, and we hope to involve our guests in some of our church's mission projects while they are here.



Congregational Connections by Kathleen Batchelder

Our Congregational Connections Team has been commissioned for ministry and is now busily connecting with church members through visits, phone calls, and letters. Team members are **Sharon Darrow, Jane Ireland, Mary**

Keithahn, Chuck Lindly, Mary Mead, Eleanore Moe, Eileen Rossow, Chuck and Sybil Rounds, Kandee Snoozy, Doris Marie Strom, Jim Webster, Tish Wilkinson, and Kathleen Batchelder. We hope to cre-

ate and maintain closer connections among our church family, and each member can help by contacting the church when you or someone you know needs a visit. For more information, contact Kathleen Batchelder (342-5787).

Library News



Library News by Sharon Darrow

Now that the leaves are curling up, it is time for our readers to curl up with a good book from the church library. May we suggest: “The Faith

Club”. It is written by three women of different faiths, a Christian, a Muslim, and a Jew. This entails provocative discussions and often contro-

versial opinions and conclusions. Watch the blossoming of the profound interfaith friendship and a new way of relating to others.

AGO Free Organ Concert

Free organ concert Sunday, **October 13 at 4 p.m.** at **1st Presbyterian Church,**

sponsored by AGO. Our organist, Michael Ross, will be performing at this

event along with other church organists.

UCM Friday Forum, Starting Friday, October 18

This fall, United Campus Ministry at SDSM&T will be sponsoring Friday Forum programs with community speakers and discussions on a wide range of topics.

Who: Students/Faculty/Staff/Church and Community Members

What: Community Forum—good topics/speakers/discussions

When: Fridays, 12-1 p.m. when SDSM&T is in session

Where: McKeel Room of Surbeck Center, SDSM&T campus

How it works: coffee & cookies provided; or lunch may be purchased in Surbeck cafeteria prior to noon and brought to the McKeel Room

Fall semester speakers include Erin Schendzielos, Heather Wilson (president of SDSM&T), Malcolm Chapman, Anna Huntington (Main St. Square Sculpture Project), Jessica Olson (Wellspring director), Reid Riner (Minnilusa Historical Assoc.), Jason Alley (Lakota Voice Project), and Claudia Laws (Online editor of the Rapid City Journal).

Flyers are available in the church entry way or in the church office with more information and with the schedule of speakers for first semester. For more information, contact Kathleen Batchelder or Ruth Ann Karlen.

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Dinner for 6 or 8 coming soon!!

Dinner for 6 or 8 is a WIN/WIN deal!! We share delicious meals with a group of church friends, and relationships within our congregation deepen. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Fellowship

Hall beginning **October 20**. For more information, contact Pat Sutliff or Kathleen Batchelder.

Look at this happy group enjoying Dinner for 6 on Pactola Lake.

Pictured: Brent and Sheila Long; Todd and Robin Eddy; Lynn and Steve Hammond.



Adult Choir News, Welcome Choir Director Karen Ross

Most of you are familiar with Karen as a pianist. She has played numerous solos, piano/organ duets and accompanied the congregation on hymns as well as the choir. But did you know that, as well as being a concert pian-

ist, she taught vocal music in Tacoma Public Schools in Washington State for 22 years, mostly at the secondary level? So her background of education and directing choirs is quite extensive. She and her husband, Michael, have

worked together as church musicians for over 30 years. She is looking forward to working with the choir here. If you can help by singing or finding more singers for her, please call her at 341-3909 or rosspiano88@gmail.com

Lunch & Listening Circles by Mary Keithahn and Susan Kelts

Attention all new (or fairly new) members of our congregation: the Pastoral Relations Committee will be hosting a luncheon and Listening Circle for you!!

We will meet after church

on **October 20** for lunch (Becky Umenthum's fabulous lasagna). Lunch will be followed by a Listening Circle during which you can let us know about your experience as a new member of our congre-

gation. Bring your family--child care will be provided. New members will be receiving an invitation with all the details. Be sure to watch your email and/or snail mail for your invitation!

Woodchuck Society News by Chuck & Sybil Rounds

Work Days will continue on Saturdays in October, starting at 9 a.m. at the church. We are nearly finished splitting the tons of wood that have been brought in to the lot, so the

next step is delivery. Details are still being worked out, but there will be many opportunities to help with this part of the project. BIG thanks to everyone who has helped over the

summer! Dave Ledford is in charge of the work in October, so you may direct any questions to him.

Turkey Taxi by Sybil Rounds

This is an early reminder for a November date. We are planning to deliver firewood to partners on the Cheyenne River reservation and will also have the turkey taxi on the trip. Specific details will be published

in the November CALL, so watch for that news.



Women's Fellowship Save the Dates

- Sanctuary Cleanup, Tuesday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Christmas Tea, Saturday, December 7 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Directory Updates

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2013 Church

Directories are available in the church office. Please let the office know ASAP if you have any corrections, updates or additions needed.

Let's stay connected!
julieucc@rushmore.com



Placerville Family Day

Claim some family time and sign up today for the Family Day lunch at Placerville Camp on Sunday, October 13. If you have never been to Placerville, you're in for a treat! It's close to town, yet a world apart. If you've been to Placerville many times, you're no doubt eager to return to the beautiful sanctuary in the hills.

Following worship on October 13, we'll head for the hills. Our event is scheduled for noon to 3:00 pm. Placerville Camp manager Kerry Steever will fix lunch for us and we'll eat about 12:30. There is no charge, but

we do need to give Kerry a count. Please call the church office at 342-5787 or email susanucc@rushmore.com.

We're hoping for a beautiful fall day with the opportunity to go for a hike and enjoy the autumn beauty, but since we live in the hills, we know weather can be unpredictable! So, we know we may end up with a day when we'll choose to sit by the fire, sip hot chocolate and play board games. Either way, we'll have a great time! This event is for all ages—kids, parents, teens, grandparents, young adults, singles, families, couples.

Rides can be arranged for those who don't want to drive the road to camp. If you haven't driven it before, it's a short gravel road, but it's narrow and winding. Contact Susan Huffman: 342-5787 or susanucc@rushmore.com if you would like a ride.

In our busy lives, it is often difficult for families to claim even a few hours together. This is an invitation to clear your calendar and claim some sabbath time for your family. Come, enjoy the hills with family members, friends and your church family.

Everyone welcome!

*New Member
Orientation
Schedule for
Sunday,
October 27
at 10:45 am
in the parlor.*

New Members Information

If you are interested in learning more about First Congregational United Church of Christ, join us for coffee and conversation on **Sunday, October 27 at 10:45 am in the parlor.** The meeting is open to those who are interested in gathering more information about our congregation or the United

Church or Christ, those who seeking and those who are ready to join. This will be an informal session with a brief presentation followed by time for questions and conversation about the church and to get acquainted with other perspective members. A Service for the Reception of Members is planned for one of the Sun-

days of November.

If you have questions about this information meeting, please contact Rev. Susan Huffman at 342-5787 or susanucc@rushmore.com.

Information about our church can also be found by visiting the church website at rcfirstucc.org or speaking to any one of the pastors.

Children's Sabbath

Light a Candle for Children, the forty day vigil of prayer for children, concludes Sunday, October 20. The interfaith observance of Children's Sabbath is a time when faithful people in churches, synagogues, mosques and other places of worship around the country join in prayer for children.

Thanks to everyone who signed up and joined in our 2013 vigil of prayer. This year's sponsors have included a wide range of people—children and youth, those who are parents and those who are not, young adults and senior citizens. . . The care of our gathered community for "the least of these" is shown as we

join our hearts and voices in prayer.

Please continue to pray for children during the remaining days of this prayer vigil. Even if you did not get the opportunity to sign up as a sponsor, please add your prayers for children to this effort. Thank you for your care for children.



United Church Youth

OCTOBER 2-6:30 PM Game Night

Time to relax and play some games with friends. Treats included.

OCTOBER 9-6:30 PM Puppets (*tentative*)

Crazy or serious, puppets are fun for all. We'll have time to try a few different types of puppets and tell some stories. Snacks included.

OCTOBER 16-6:30 PM Impressions

Bible verses, music and art come together to create

"impressions" of the world. And there will be snacks, so a good time will be had by all!

OCTOBER 23-6:30 PM Care Packages for College Kids

It's always fun to pack up boxes for the youth group members who have graduated and gone off to college or to serve in the military. In addition to treats, there's the possibility of adding personal notes (or plastic spiders). Don't miss the fun of reaching out to youth group alum.

Just remember, some day you'll get a package, too:)

OCTOBER 30-6:00 PM DESTINATION UNKNOWN

The end of the month brings another unknown destination. Be sure to get your permission form returned to Susan! Invite your friends, but make sure they have signed permission forms, too. We leave promptly at 6:00 pm for our destination and return to the church by 8:00 pm. Dinner included.



Sunday School Teachers

Sunday School is off to a good start this year. Classes are offered for children age 3 through grade 8. Teachers this year are: Pandi Bollock (preschool), Sharon Darrow (younger elementary) with helper Felicia Roskam, Jenny Seals, George Sazama, Heather Sazama and Trish Anderson (older elementary), Holly Perli, Laura Switzer and Lynn Grauman (middle school). Leslie Brookes has agreed to help

once again with the children's music.

We are also grateful for substitutes Lindsay Wathen, Allison Hanson, Cam Miller, Sue Maynard and Dawn Erk. Thanks very much to all teachers who have agreed to help with our Sunday School program this year! We are very grateful for your service!

The preschool and elementary classes are studying *Favorite Bible Stories* starting

with the Old Testament stories of Jacob. The middle schoolers are studying *What Christians Believe*. After Christmas, all age groups will be focusing on the Lord's Prayer. We hope that using the same focus for all age groups will provide the opportunity for children and youth to engage in some cooperative learning experiences.

For more information on the Sunday School program, talk to Susan Huffman.

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Nursery Plans

This fall, the Department of Education has discussed the nursery staffing. With several two-year-olds regularly in the nursery and four new babies expected in the next few months, we are thinking about the need for additional coverage in the nursery this winter and spring. Ideally we would like to have an adult and an

older youth (14 years or older) working together each Sunday. This would provide appropriate care when dealing with the toilet-training twos and when multiple infants are in the nursery. The church nursery care is for infants and children up to age 3. Sunday School classes are offered for those age 3 and up.

Adults who are interested in helping with nursery care once every month or two, are encouraged to talk to Susan Huffman. Volunteers who work with children and youth do need to be screened. So by starting now, we hope to have additional volunteers in place in the next few months.



SATURDAY EVENTS FOR MEN

The men of our church lead busy and committed lives and the men's ministry of our congregation isn't confined to a particular fellowship or group. There have been activities for men at the church every Saturday of September from 9 a.m. on. Activities have included splitting wood with the woodchucks, going out to coffee and sharing in Bible study. But men of the church have also mowed the lawn, repaired the sprinkler system, washed windows, created stained glass and participate in a wide variety of differ-

ent ministries of our church.

October events for the men of the church include special gatherings each Saturday.

On Saturday, October 5, there will be Bible Study and coffee in the church parlor beginning at **9 am.**

On Saturday, October 12, men will gather for conversation with Pastor Ted at Alternative Fuel Coffee House in Main Street Square at **9 am.**

On Saturday, October 19, men are invited to join the Woodchucks as we prepare for fall firewood deliveries.

The October 26 gathering

will be announced after we have planned the initial firewood deliveries for this fall.

All of the gatherings are informal and visitors are always welcome. There is no need to feel obligated when hectic lives call participants elsewhere. What we want all of the people of our church to know is that we are here when you need us and there is always someone who is willing to share scripture, talk about faith, or just listen.

For more information about men's events, contact Pastor Ted.

A PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I have several spiritual practices that are fairly well entrenched after many years as a minister. I rise early every morning and begin with writing. I have kept journals over the years and I now have a public journal that I post as a blog every day at my personal website www.revtedh.com. It is a sort of rambling conversation about life and faith and the news of the day. I also keep a private prayer journal that sometimes resembles poetry, sometimes gives rise to the pastoral prayers that we share in worship, sometimes looks like a list of people about whom I worry, and sometimes is just something I hold while I sit silently before God.

In the footsteps of other church leaders, I practice walking prayer several times a week. My own personal version of seeking solitude in nature and consulting with God often takes the form of a paddling prayer. I love to paddle my canoes and kayaks and I

find that watching the sunrise from the surface of a lake in the hills is a great way to restore my soul and remind myself of God's magnificence.

I often carry a camera with me on my outings and this year I've stayed pretty close to home. I have several hundred pictures of Sheridan Lake that span from the early days in the spring when there was still ice in the shaded coves until the present. Mostly I paddled canoes, but as the weather has turned a bit chillier, I've been padding a kayak recently. Kayaks are warmer once you get all sealed in with a spray skirt.

I've watched the birds and shore animals as well as the beavers and water animals all summer long. This is the first year that I can ever remember being able to identify a particular beaver. I've gotten to know one young beaver a little bit by seeking him out when I paddle.

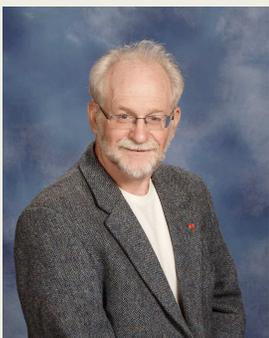
The practice of praying while traveling slowly and intentionally through nature is

not reserved for Christians alone. Buddhists, Jews and Muslims also share similar forms of meditation. However, because we have so many stories of Jesus and boats and encounters with disciples along the lakeshore, I have found that it is easy to make connections between my studies of the scripture and my time at the lake.

I don't know if these practices make me a better preacher, but I am convinced that they make me a better person. I get to see my share of the ugly and terrible things of life. I've been spending at least four hours each week inside of the Pennington County Jail recently. That gives an entirely different perspective. So I need to balance with experiences of beauty and glory. God doesn't skimp on sunrises.

As I travel I pray for you as well. One of my prayers is that you will find your own spiritual practices. May it be so.

God doesn't skimp on sunrises. May you find your own spiritual practices to sustain life and faith.



MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following members and friends with **October** birthdays:

- Oct 1:** George Sazama
Oct 3: Denise Webster, Autumn Knight
Oct 5: Shirley Battey, Jeri Behringer, Dee Anderson, Bridget Gilbert
Oct 6: Willy Grigg
Oct 8: Leslie Brookes, Becky Fisher
Oct 9: Randy Fisher, Abigail Thompson
Oct 10: Lisa Moore
Oct 12: Sarah Grigg
Oct 13: Joyce Oster, Jim Fleming
Oct 15: Lee Boyles, Elyse Seals
Oct 16: Richard Battey, Laura Switzer
Oct 17: Shirley Sackman, Ryan Eddy, Carter Seals
Oct 19: Peggy Eckholm, Felicia Roskam
Oct 20: Ginny Ensz
Oct 22: Marge Pitts, Greg Logue, Ryan Webster
Oct 24: Tom Berry, Shaun Erk
Oct 25: Susan Kelts
Oct 27: Kenny Putnam, Harry Putnam, Meghan Maas
Oct 28: Lindsey Martin

In Our Prayers

Please hold in your prayers: the family of **Lois Herndon**, whose daughter, **Carol (Herndon) Greco** died September 24 in Fort Worth, Texas; **Joan Ebert**, who recently lost her twin sister and brother-in-law; **Jack Carpenter**, following the death of his daughter, **Jackie Battey**; **Dona Cheney**, as she recovers

from a broken shoulder; **Johnathan Nickel**, recovering from a broken wrist; **Jake Nickel**, who has a torn rotator cuff; **Marjorie Sagen**, recovering from broken wrists; **Jack Humke**, recovering from a broken hip; **Bertie Roberts**, home after a brief stay at the hospital.

Prayer Concerns

At home: Shary Crutcher, Bertie Roberts
At BH Golden Living: John Arneson
At Golden Living Center, Bella Vista: Stan Halla, Kay Wolff
At Golden Living Center, Prairie: Jack Humke
At Canistota, SD: Bill Dittmer
At Clarkson Mt. View: Don Stoeber
At Echo Ridge: Ed Dull
At Westhills Health Care: Joan Ebert
At Westhills South: Bryce Smith
At Fountain Springs: Orville Zimmerman, Vivian (Sis) Nichols

In Military Service: Kyle Kloeckl (Ed and Ginny Ensz's grandson), John Nickel, Melanie Moore, Adam Johnson (Eunice Johnson's grandson), and **all** those serving our country.

Others in our prayers:

Mike Lebrun, son of Pat & Gene Lebrun; John Meyers, son of Dorothy Davis; David Henry Oulman, grandson of Kathy Oulman-Johnson; Dorothy Ankrum; Dick James, Ted McBride; Paul Anderson; Kathryn Kuhn; Tom Berry's daughter, Melissa Klein; Steve Chapin; Sherre Christensen; Marge Raabe; Cheryl Wathen,

mother of Gwyn Wathen. If you know of others in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Thank you Notes

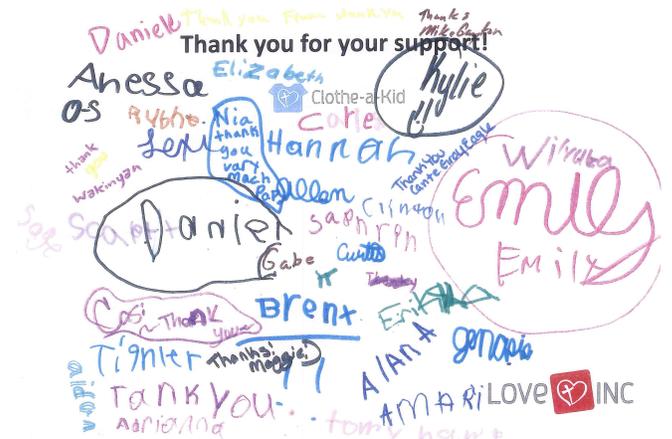
Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and kindness!
God Bless, Joan Ebert

2013 Clothe-A-Kid

Many thanks to our congregation, who gave over \$1,387 to this **Love INC** outreach effort to help children and empower parents through God's love. Special thanks to **Laura Switzer**, our Love INC Coordinator, for helping make this all happen.



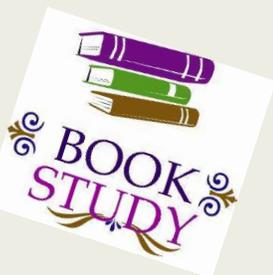
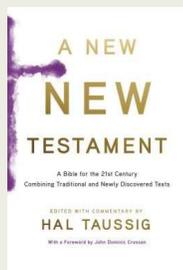
Welcome Back Trent Eddy!!



Congratulations!

Best wishes to **Nick and Courtney (Barker) Strampe** on their marriage on September 14. Blessings to you both.

Martina Loobey, granddaughter of **Marvin and Connie McMacken** and niece of **Don and Jo (McMacken) Hansen**, who was crowned "Miss Junior Miss Days of '76" Rodeo Queen.



CHURCH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Congratulations Continued

Congratulations to **Les Snyder** and **Al Dymock** who were inducted into the military **Hall of Fame** in Spearfish on September 7, both were in the Air force during World War II.

Congratulations to **Pat Lebrun** who was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. Pat was honored for her work on the South Dakota Board of Regents. She served on the Board of Regents for 18 years and was instrumental in developing a research focus for the university system. Pat joins her husband of 50 years, Gene Lebrun, in the South Dakota Hall of Fame. They are one of only three married couples with both partners in the SD Hall of Fame.

Holly Knox Perli has the starring role of Cosette in the Black Hills Community Theater's production of *Les Miserables*. Holly's daughters, Olivia and Audrey are also in the production along with Joey Lore and Justin Speck who is the Director and Choreographer.

Church Chat - Oct 1 & 15

A New New Testament
Wait!! Don't we already have a New Testament? Join us at **noon to 1 p.m.** in the **Fireside Room** to discuss Hal Tausig's book about ancient texts which can add to our understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus and of his followers. Jeri Behringer will lead our discussion on Oct. 1 about the Gospel of Mary. All are welcome to this discussion group. For more information, contact Georgia O'Connor,

Barb Knight, or Bonnie Edwards.

Spiritual Practices

This group meets **every Tuesday** in the church parlor at **1:15 PM**. For more information, please contact Kathleen Batchelder.

Westhills Book & Bible Study - Oct 14 & 28

All are welcome to participate in the Westhills Bible and Book Study group from 1:30-3 p.m. on Mondays, October **14 and 28**, in the Aspen Room at Westhills Village. We are discussing the work of the disciples and of the Holy Spirit in the early church as we study the Acts of the Apostles and also as we discuss Mark Galli's book Chaos and Grace. For more information, contact Kathleen Batchelder

Men's Bible Study

All of the gatherings are informal and visitors are always welcome to join us **every Saturday at 9 a.m.** For more information about men's events, contact Pastor Ted or see article on page 8.

4th Tuesday Ladies' Lunch Group

Ladies of the church—join us on **Tuesday**, We will meet **October 22**, and then we will take a break until January 28 due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. If you have questions, contact Maureen Dymock at 343-5532.

Stained Glass Project

Learn how to make beautiful stained glass art every **Friday, 1-4pm**. Broken glass has been

saved over the years from our church and is now being "rescued" to create stained glass pieces. For more information, please contact Dave Ledford @ 341-6809.

Women's Fall Retreat

All women of the church!! Join us at Placerville on **October 25-26** for the Women's Retreat. Our focus will be Peace-full Paths in our spiritual journeys, in our own hearts, and in the lives of women in our community. Fun, fellowship, crafts, games, snacks, worship, hikes, zip line, lively discussions—and more!! Cost for the entire retreat is \$55.00 (\$20.00 for Friday only and \$35.00 for Saturday only; scholarships are available). Registration forms are available in the church office. For more information, contact Lynn Grauman or Kathleen Batchelder.

Craft & Chat Retreat

Crafters, mark your calendars for **November 8 and 9** for our Craft and Chat Retreat. Details to follow. Remember **every Tuesday is Craft Day** in room 24 from **1-3pm**. Please call Carol Boyles, 348-5697 or Sue Maynard, 342-0111, more information.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tue Oct 1, 2013

12pm Church Chat
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Oct 2, 2013

1pm WF Board Meeting
6pm Bell Choir Practice
7pm Adult Choir Practice
6:30pm United Youth

Fri Oct 4, 2013

1pm "Rescue Stained Glass Project"
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Oct 5, 2013

9am Men's Bible Study
9am Woodchuck Splitting
10am - SOS Support Group

Sun Oct 6, 2013

8:30am Choir Practice
9:30am Worship; Sunday School; **World Wide Communion Sunday; NIN offering**
10:30am Dept. of Ed
10:30am Fellowship & Refreshments
2:30pm BH Assoc. Meeting

Mon Oct 7, 2013

6:30pm - 8:30pm Women's Bible Study & Quilt

Tue Oct 8, 2013

1:15pm Spiritual Practices
7pm - 9pm Survivors of Suicide

Wed Oct 9, 2013

6pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30pm United Church Youth
7pm - Choir Practice

Thu Oct 10, 2013

10am Altar Guild Meeting
5:30pm Dept. of Worship

Fri Oct 11, 2013

1pm "Rescue Stained Glass Project"
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Oct 12, 2013

9am "How Wide is Your Welcome?"
9am Men's Bible Study
9am Woodchuck Splitting
10am SOS Support Group

Sun Oct 13, 2013

8:30am Choir Practice
9:30am Library Youth Readers Recognition
9:30am Worship; Sunday

School; Ordination Celebration
10:30am - 11:30am Fellowship; Refreshments; Ordination Reception
11am Painting Prep Day
12pm Placerville Family Day
4pm AGO Organ Concert

Mon Oct 14, 2013

9am Prep for Paint Day
1:30pm Westhills Bible & Book Study
6:30pm Women's Bible Study & Quilt Class

Tue Oct 15, 2013

All day Painting Day in Fellowship Hall
12pm Church Chat
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices
4:15pm Trust Board
6pm Dept. of Stewardship & Budget

Wed Oct 16, 2013

9:30am Good Morning Circle
6pm Bell Choir Practice
6pm Good Evening Circle
6:30pm United Church Youth
7pm Choir Practice

Thu Oct 17, 2013

7pm Church Board

Fri Oct 18, 2013

Sacred Conversations, At Placerville
12pm United Campus Ministries Forum
1pm "Rescue Stained Glass Project"
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Oct 19, 2013

Sacred Conversations, at Placerville
9am Men's Bible Study
9am Woodchuck Splitting
10am - 12pm SOS Support Group

Sun Oct 20, 2013

8:30am Choir Practice
8:30am Dept. of Ministries Meeting
9:30am Worship; Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship & Refreshments

11:30am New Member Listening Circles & Lunch
3:30pm Jail Ministry

Mon Oct 21, 2013

6:30pm Women's Bible Study & Quilt Class

Tue Oct 22, 2013

11:30am Fourth Tues. Ladies Lunch Group
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Oct 23, 2013

November Call Articles Due

6pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30pm United Church Youth
7pm Choir Practice

Fri Oct 25, 2013

"Peaceful Paths"
Women's Retreat
12pm United Campus Ministries Forum
1pm "Rescue Stained Glass Project"
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Oct 26, 2013

"Peaceful Paths"
Women's Retreat
9am Men's Bible Study
9am Woodchuck Splitting
10am SOS Support Group

Sun Oct 27, 2013

8:30am Choir Practice
8:30am Dept. of Ministries
9:30am Worship; Sunday School; Young Reader Log Books Due
10:30am Fellowship; Refreshments; New Member Orientation

Mon Oct 28, 2013

1:30pm - 3pm Westhills Bible and Book Study
6:30pm Women's Bible Study & Quilt Class

Tue Oct 29, 2013

9am WF Sanctuary Cleaning
1pm Craft Day
Noon Church Chat
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Oct 30, 2013

6pm Bell Choir Practice
6pm United Church Youth Destination Unknown
7pm Choir Practice

Thu Oct 31, 2013

1:30pm Memoir Writing

Fri Nov 1, 2013

Overnight Group - Crazy Horse Lodge
12pm United Campus Ministries Forum
1pm "Rescue Stained Glass Project"
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Nov 2, 2013

Crazy Horse Lodge Banquet
9am Men's Bible Study
9am Woodchuck Splitting
10am SOS Support Group

Sun Nov 3, 2013

8:30am Choir Practice
9:30am - Worship; Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship & Refreshments

Mon Nov 4, 2013

6:30pm Women's Bible & Quilt Class



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