



AUGUST 3, 2014

Face to Face

First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH

OF CHRIST

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Face to Face

August 3, 2014

Genesis 32:22-31, Matthew 14:13-21

✠ Invites worshippers to stand in spirit or body as they are able.

NCH – Indicates the New Century Hymnal

SP&P – Indicates the Sing! Prayer and Praise Songbook

Welcome and Greetings:

One: The time comes when talking about God is not enough.

All: The time comes when God comes to us face to face.

One: This is a place of such encounters.

All: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude

Antiphon

Muffat

Call to Worship:

One: The day breaks.

All: And God does not let us go.

One: The hour calls.

All: And God does not let us go.

One: The evening falls.

All: And God holds us fast.

One: Let us turn to God to worship.

All: For God never turns from us.

✠ **Procession** *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken* **NCH 307**

✠ **Invocation:**

All: God you see our struggles, difficulties, possibilities and promise. You see us as whole people and bless us with your understanding. Call us from our wandering to hear you speak our names. Satisfy our longings with your everlasting covenant. Speak to us in the midst of the struggle. Leave us with your blessing. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

✠ **Passing of the Peace**

Children's Moment

Rev. Susan Huffman

Special Music

Who Am I?
Bonnie Edwards

M. Hall

The Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 **Pew Bible, NT, p. 15**

The Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31 **Pew Bible, OT, p. 29**

Face to Face Rev. Ted Huffman

Hymn *Dear God, Embracing Humankind* **NCH 502**

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns

Quiet Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior (We use "debts" and "debtors.")

Response *Ferry Our Prayers* **SP&P 105**

Offerings:

Offerings of Concerns

Offertory *Largo* *Vivaldi*

‡**Doxology** **NCH 780**

‡**Prayer of Dedication**

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Consecration

Sharing the Elements

We practice open communion. All who wish to participate are welcome.

The cup in the center of the bread tray contains gluten-free bread.

Please hold your bread so that all may eat together.

Please drink the cup as you are served.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: **Thank you God, for your abiding presence in the community of the church in all times and places and thank you for this meal to remind us of that presence. Now, as we prepare to go forth from this place, please bless us with the grace to share the good news of your presence with those in need, to advocate for your justice for all and to live with awareness that you are always with us. Amen.**

‡**Recessional:** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* **NCH 347**

‡**Benediction**

Postlude *Festal Fanfare* J.S. Bach

Worshippers are invited to be seated for the postlude.

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Woodchuck Society News



Woodchucks truly are amazing. Since mid-June 2013 there have been 50 splitting and cutting days at the church; 22 wood pickups at various locations; 18 loading parties; 11 deliveries totaling 107.5 cords; 1 work day at Placerville after the October

storm; 1 work day at church and members' homes for storm cleanup. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a banner year!

We will be returning to **Tuesday** and **Saturday** workdays starting in **August**. Times are still **9 to noon** both days, and we welcome all help.

This Week's Events

Today: Sunday, August 3

9:30 am: Worship
10:30 am: Fellowship

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 am: Woodchuck Splitting
1:00 pm: Craft Day
1:15 pm: Spiritual Practices

Wednesday, August 6

5:30 pm: Rapid City Area
Firefighters Bible Study

Thursday, August 7

6:00 pm: Dept. of Worship

Friday, August 8

1:00 pm: BH Watercolor Soc.
1:00 pm: Stained Glass Project

Saturday, August 9

9:00 am: Woodchuck Splitting

Sunday, August 10

9:30 am: Worship
10:30 am: Fellowship

Please note:

During the summer, the church office will be open from: 9:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday-Friday.

News and Events

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please hold in your thoughts and prayers: **Ben and Dee Anderson** following the death of Ben's father, **Buzz and Carol Donnem-wirth** following the death of Buzz's sister and **Ed Dull** as he recovers with family in Sioux Falls following heart surgery. Other members of our congregation whom we hold in prayer include: **Bill Dittmer, Marvin Bitterman and Harry Putnam.**

BIRTHDAYS

August 3: Robert Orvik
August 4: Jennifer Bartling,
Maureen Dymock
August 6: Charles Knight,
Lynnell Parrott
August 7: Rowan Evans

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is reaching out and seeking volunteers to read to children during coffee hour. All interested grandpas, grandmas, aunts, uncles, parents, or any other volunteers may sign up on the sheet located on the post next to the Children's Reading Club corner. The Story Time program begins September 7. Thank you!

WARD'S CREW

The Habitat for Humanity home at 1513 5th Street is nearing completion. The large number of churches that participated meant that there was short work for volunteers who wanted to get involved. There are still lots of ways to participate. Our church is re-

sponsible for providing snacks and lunch on **Saturday, August 16,** and again on **Saturday, September 6.** We also will be the lead team for installing interior doors and trim on **Tuesday, August 26.**

LOVE INC: CLOTHE-A-KID

Thank you once again to everyone who donated to this program and helped with registration. Also, thank you to the volunteers who have signed up to shop with children and their parents at Kohls. However, **only 70 of the 300** volunteer shoppers this program requires have signed up. All volunteer applications need to be turned in by **August 4.** If you can help shop on **August 9th and/or 16th,** please contact **Laura Switzer.**

CHOIR NEWS

The search for a new choir director is in full swing. The search committee is made up of Laura Switzer, Ryan Webster, Jane Ireland, Jodi Burke and Susan Kelts. Contacts have been made at area schools, Black Hills State University, the American Guild of Organists and with local music groups such as the Symphony, Dakota Choral Union and Black Hills Chamber Music Society. The search committee intends to check out leads as suggested by congregational members or by others in the community. For more information on the search, contact any member of the search committee.



Rummage Sale

August 22 and 23

Women's Fellowship is busy organizing the August rummage sale. Work days will be from 9am-3pm, Monday, August 18 through Thursday, August 21 with the sale on **Friday, August 22, 8am-3pm**, and **Saturday, August 23, 8am-noon**.

Room 17 in the west wing has been designated for your sale items. If you have things that you would like picked up, please call Sybil Rounds (343-4407).

It is always a big help if you can identify any unusual things; indicate sizes of sheets, blankets, and spreads; put loose game pieces in a baggie; indicate if an item is missing parts or pieces; keep parts of sets in one box, etc. Anything that you can do to make the sorting job easier is greatly appreciated!



more just public policies through e-mail messages, telephone calls, August 3, 2014
 drives, vigils, education forums and other efforts. **Eight Sunday after Pentecost**
 Matthew 13:13-21
 home can add a second step of advocacy to their work by meeting with their
 members of Congress in Washington, D.C. or at their district offices, talking
 with state and local policy makers, and sharing their stories and experiences
 with their congregations and their communities.
Face to Face
 our bodies, but also, symbolically, in feeding our spirits. Isn't the
 offering and sharing of food whatever bit of food we have at the
 heart of this spirituality? And don't we feel nourished in more ways than
 one if we eat our food in the company of others? That seems to be
 what the story of the loaves and fishes is about: Jesus knowing, and
 satisfying, our most basic human needs, our deepest hungers. Feeding
 us, as we seek to pull people "out of the river" through our ministries of direct
 service, we are left with this question: If a single decision in the hands of the
 hungry is also at the core of the gospel, is this story a less
 of Christ an example for us? How to influence those decisions then, just
 as he works through us today.

Sandra Sorenson
 Justice and Witness Ministries
 OPEN, ABUNDANT TABLE United Church
 of Christ

Summertime is picnic-time in America, and only the most fretful host or host-
 ess ever worries that someone might go away hungry. There's always more than
 enough food for all--which keeps the ants and squirrels happy.

But according to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, al-
 most 870 million people worldwide were undernourished in 2012. In many cases,
July 27, 2014
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 13:31-44, 52
 children in the world starve to death every day. Why are so many people going
 hungry?
 "SHOULDN'T I TRY TO INFLUENCE THOSE DECISIONS?"

Not because of food shortages from poor harvests. There is enough food to
 feed every United Church of Christ congregation offer strong and vibrant com-
 munity ministries of inadequate compensation for the food pantries. There are more
 enough and child care centers. Our tables do have no empty seats for everyone
 for a meal, or even saved, through the direct service ministries of our UCC con-
 gregation. Yet so many people stop in our call to minister to the "last, the
 least, and the lost" of the world. The issue of public policy who have enough to eat
 the world hunger is not caused by a shortage of food. It is the failure of public policy
 that is causing people to go hungry. Our churches have a unique role to play in public policy debates.

Which side of the aisle of the relationship? Some blame Obama and Mittles, the
 Republican Party, and the political party we elected here. Look to
 go on who. Others stipulate that the Great Depression of Congress have
 called its own. One of the Bible's parables, the parable of the mustard seed,
 counters people who have faith that our churches are left behind by public
 policy decisions and to make that

there is enough food to go around,
 because ours is a God of
 abundance.



Thanks to:

Our Church Family and Friends

Lisa Trana, liturgist

Eva & Cayden Heinert, acolytes

Cam Miller, guestbook and nametags

Usher Team 1

Robin Franson & Cindy Ledford, coffee hosts

Joyce Tripp & Ben Schnabel, greeters

Jeanette & Ron Hill, dishwashers

Bonnie Edwards, special music

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Ted E. Huffman

Pastor and Teacher

Rev. Susan R. Huffman

Pastor and Teacher

Rev. Kathleen Batchelder **Rev. Dr. Henry Bradshaw**

Pastor and Teacher

Pastor Emeritus

Denise Webster

Treasurer

Lynnell Parrott

Organist Emerita

Julie Burton & Laura Switzer

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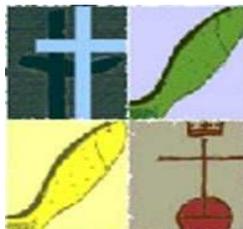
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