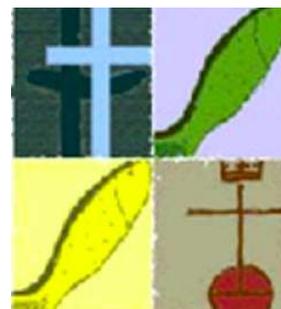


THE CALL TO WORSHIP



The newsletter of First Congregational United Church of Christ of Rapid City, South Dakota

October, 2015

Brunch will launch UCC Construction Company

Everyone is invited to participate in a special brunch following worship this Sunday, October 4. There will be plenty of food for all, a full report on our capital funds program and several wonderful surprises.

A team effort

The fund drive team is headed by Lia Green, Barb Knight, Pat Lebrun, and Kenny Putnam. This kind of effort succeeds only when all of our members are given the opportunity to participate. There is a giving level that is appropriate for every budget and a place for in-kind and labor donations as well.

We're through the roof!

The construction of the new roof is nearly complete, and plans are being laid to raise the temperature with the installation of a new boiler to provide for comfort for the next generation of our congregation.

*"This is a team effort.
There is a giving level
that is appropriate for
every budget and a
place for everyone to
become involved in
securing the future of
our church."*



Consider your pledge

Knowing that advance contacts have been made in the church, some members have been eager to get their hands on pledge cards. The wait is over. There is a pledge card with the electronic edition of *The Call*. Print subscribers can get a pledge card by calling the church office. Plan to bring your completed pledge card with you to the brunch.

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Around the United Church

Celebrating Installation

The celebration of the installation of Rev. Gordon Rankin as Conference Minister of the South Dakota Conference was held Saturday, September 26 in Pierre. Our congregation was represented by Richard and Jeri Behringer, Rob Burton, Ted and Susan Huffman, and Jill Kuntz.

One way to keep up with our conference minister is to “friend” him on Facebook. He is posting to the site nearly every day with news about events and conversations occurring around the South Dakota Conference.

Widening the Welcome

Ben and Dee Anderson went to the Widen the Welcome Conference sponsored by the United Church of Christ’s Disabilities Ministries and Mental Health Network in Hartford, Connecticut. While they were there, Ben spoke at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Bloomfield on September 27. Ben and Dee’s attendance in the event was sponsored in part by the Black Hills Association.

National Youth Event

The United Church of Christ National Youth Event will be combined with the national youth event of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ this summer. Over 4,000 youth are expected July 26-30 at Walt Disney World’s Coronado Springs Resort in Buena Vista, Florida. The South Dakota Conference expects to send a delegation and limited scholarship assistance will be offered to youth who attend. More information is available at ucc.org/nye or from Pastor Susan.

Black Hills Association will Meet

The fall meeting of the Black Hills Association will be held at the United Church of Christ in Hermosa on Sunday, October 4. Registration will begin at 2:30pm. The Association gathers together members of UCC congregations throughout the Black Hills for fellowship, mission and business. Among other items on the agenda is a presentation about explorations between our Conference and the Iowa and Nebraska Conferences for shared ministries.

Chaplains’ Conference

Rev. Ted Huffman will attend the Region 3 Training Event of the International Conference of Police Chaplains October 20-22. Pastor Ted is a member of the International Conference and serves as a volunteer chaplain with the Pennington County Sheriff’s Office.

From your pastor

It is an exciting time to be working at the church. Overhead we hear the roofers working as we receive a state-of-the art, environmentally-friendly, fireproof, hail-resistant, long-lasting roof. I love the look of our new roof and am proud that we have chosen to invest in a long-term solution.

As soon as the roofers stop for the night, the sanctuary is filled with music as concert pianist Pierce Emata goes to work recording another CD on our Bluthner piano. In the same room, the world-class Euclid Quartet presented a stirring concert just last week.

The children of Cinnamon Hill preschool fill our halls with laughter and learning. The Woodchucks work diligently in the background preparing for fall deliveries. Church leaders plan and work to keep everything running smoothly. This is an exciting and eventful place.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to this very alive ministry in our community.

—Pastor Ted



Church Board

by Eileen Rossow, clerk

The UCC Church Board met on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, with Moderator, Gerry Boehrs, leading the meeting. The Department of Stewardship and Budget requested that all departments submit their 2016 budget requests by October 15, 2015. The roofing project in Phase II is in progress. The reroofing of the steeple is complete, and all agree that it looks GREAT! Along with the roofing, the board approved the addition of a 24 gauge steel fascia for the building which will be maintenance free. The Capital Funds Drive is scheduled for a spectacular kick-off on October 4th. The board approved an increase of the fee for use of the church for non-member weddings to \$1000. After expenses, any surplus will be added to the Legacy Fund. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

Board and Departments

Moderator's Musings by Gerry Boehrs

The fundamental health and strength of our church are directly dependent on strong members and leaders in the Departments of the church. These Departments oversee and direct the Christian Education of our children, all the aspects of our Worship services, the care of our Buildings and Grounds, our Hospitality to guests and to each other, Ministry to others in need, Stewardship of our gifts and budgets, etc. These are not just titles; these are our elected officials actively running the affairs of the church, and their work determines the vigor and character of our church.

We will soon begin the process of nominating new members to all church departments. The nominating committee consists of the Moderator, Asst. Moderator, and the three Congregational Representatives: Gerry Boehrs, Sheila Long, Kevin Sandmeier, Cindy Ledford and Sue Maynard. We need to nominate the best possible candidates to these important posts, and it is always a challenging task. We encourage all of you to help us by being open to an opportunity to serve if asked, and to speak to us about others whom you might recommend. Please give this serious thought and don't be bashful about approaching us about it. As in recent years, the nominating committee are the only people who will determine the nominees, so please speak to one of us.

Department of Hospitality by Ben D. Anderson

We are glad to announce that our committee will be using the freewill offerings from the new "Farmer's Market" table to be given to the Costa Rica church project to provide meals to their children and mothers. That project feeds about 50 children. We invite congregation members who have a garden and produce that they do not need to please bring it to church on Sunday.

We also have purchased the rights and a printing program so that we can make our own UCC products for the church here in Rapid City. If you have any new ideas to offer, email Ben at: by@bendanderson.com.

Department of Ministries by Pat Wheaton

The Neighbors in Need special offering will be received on **Sunday, October 4th**. The money collected is used to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. A sizable portion is given to Native American churches in the Dakota Association of the South Dakota UCC Conference.

We continue selling grocery gift cards which support the Cornerstone Mission meals we serve. The next dinner is scheduled for **Friday evening, October 30th**. We welcome help in preparing the meal on **Thursday, the 29th at 9:00am**, and appreciate donations of two doz-

en cookies for dessert. Thanks to all who recently contributed coffee and pillows for Cornerstone Mission and food for Church Response. The requested food item for **October** is **pasta**.

News from Church

Adult Choir

The adult choir is back in full swing and greatly enriched our Sunday services in September. Come join the choir in making a joyful noise! All who want to sing in the choir are more than welcome. Contact the director, **Stephen Branch**, for more information, or just come to rehearsals on **Wednesday nights at 7:00pm**.

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir's first fall performance will be on **Sunday, October 18**. It will feature two pieces: "Andante Maestoso" by Gustav Holst arranged for handbells and organ and "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

Church Chat

Church Chat welcomes everyone to participate in book discussions related to current issues. We meet **noon to 1:00pm** on the **first and third Tuesdays** of each month in the Fireside Room. Coffee is provided, and you are invited to bring your own lunch/snack. On **October 6**, we will begin discussing Blood Brothers: The Dramatic Story of a Palestinian Christian Working for Peace in Israel by Elias Chacour and David Hazard. **Jane Ireland** will lead our discussion on chapters 1-4. Contact **Kathleen Batchelder** if you want to order a book (\$10.00).

Memoir Writing Group

The Memoir Writing group will meet on **Thursday, October 22 at 1:30pm** at the church. Anyone interested in sharing or hearing stories is welcome to join us. For more information, contact **Mary Keithahn**.

Congregation Connections

by Kathleen Batchelder

Our Congregation Connections Team celebrates two years of wonderful work among our church members. Currently, our team members are:

Sharon Darrow, Jane Ireland, Mary Keithahn, Rev. Jill Kundtz, Chuck Lindly, Mary Mead, Eleanore Moe, Eileen Rossow, Sybil and Chuck Rounds, Kandee Snoozy, Doris Marie Strom, Laura Switzer, Alta Wade, Jim Webster and Tish Wilkinson.

Please join me in a grateful vote of thanks for all the phone calls, visits, cards and prayers offered by these team members to our members who are unable to attend church regularly!

On **Sunday, October 18**, we will celebrate our Congregation Connection team in our worship service. Then at **11:00am**, team members will gather in **Room 24** for a simple lunch and a quick update of our work. Anyone who would like to be part of our Congregation Connection team is welcome to join us.

For more information, contact **Kathleen Batchelder**.

Why Do We Do That?

A conversation with the Department of Worship

For more than a year now, we have had two hymnals in the pews each week. "The New Century Hymnal," used by our congregation for 20 years is used almost every week. The paperback supplement, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" is used less often. At its most recent meeting, the Department of Worship received a request from congregational members that we use the songs from "Sing! Prayer and Praise" more often.

There are some challenges with accompaniment, as we have paid staff for our congregation's classical music, but we have many talented volunteers who will be helping.

Starting **Sunday, October 4**, we will be experimenting with gathering songs at **9:15am**, just prior to worship. This will give us an opportunity to learn some new songs and respond to our need for many different voices and styles of music.

Come a few minutes early and join in the praise.

The Department of Worship welcomes your comments and suggestions.

4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch Group

Would you like to have some uncomplicated plans, delicious Dutch treat lunch, and good conversation with church friends? Plan to join the Fourth Tuesday Ladies Lunch Group at **11:30am on Tuesday, October 27, at Minerva's Restaurant**. We always have a GREAT time getting together! For more information, contact Maureen Dymock.

Our UCC Library

Thanks to the great cooperation of the members and organizations of our church, our UCC library can boast about 1500 volumes from which our members can choose. Not everyone likes to read the same types of books; therefore, we are fortunate to have 35 different categories on our shelves.

The FICTION section is the most popular. Thanks to donations, we have a choice of popular Christian authors: Paul Evans, Nicholas Sparks, Jan Karon, Michael Phillips, Kathleen Morgan, Karen Kingsbury, Beverly Lewis, Lynne Hinton (alias Jackie Lynn), Janette Oke, Lauraine Snelling plus more.

The BIOGRAPHY selections are varied from our U.S. Presidents to other great world leaders such as Golda Meir, Winston Churchill, Albert Schweitzer plus other great church leaders and other interesting folks. LOCAL AUTHORS and LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY will no doubt yield surprises for you. Browse this section as you may find that you have been sitting in the same pew with an author.

The above are only samples from our 35 categories—if you can't find what you are wanting, please let us know by writing a note in the Suggestion Box in Room 22—YOUR LIBRARY.

Woodchuck Society News

We are entering the busy season for the Woodchucks, and will continue to split wood at the church lot on **Saturdays, 9:00am - noon**, during **October**. We have had smaller crews working in September and hope that we can increase the number of participants in October. The weather has been beautiful for working outdoors, and it appears that that trend will continue.

If you are new to the project and would like to help, all you need are gloves, long sleeves to protect your arms, and an appetite! We take a break midway in the work and enjoy treats and beverages to renew our energy for the second half of the morning. Come check it out!

Coffee Hosts Needed

Coffee hosts are needed for October. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you can help. If you are new to this process and would like some assistance, contact the church office at 342-5787.

Education News

October 7: Family Night

Wednesday, October 7, is the first of our Family Nights this year. The **family night programs are aimed at families with children age 3 through grade 5.** Youth will also meet during this time, but will have some of their own activities. Dinner will be served at **6:00pm** followed by a story for the whole family and an activity or craft. At 7:00pm, we will join together in a short time of worship. Worship will be age-appropriate and kid-friendly with simple acts of worship: a song, a prayer, a Bible verse, a simple ritual. . . Family night will conclude at **7:15pm**, in time for little ones to get home for bedtime and older kids to finish their homework.

Benefits of this program include:

- A meal, planned to be kid-friendly, will be served for the whole family. **Take a night off from cooking!**
- Time for parents and kids to explore a Bible story together. If you're not sure how to help your children learn about God, come and learn together.
- An opportunity to meet and network with other families.
- Meet the youth of the church. Parents of young children may be looking for babysitters or teens to do lawn work, pet-sitting or other odd jobs. This is a great way to meet the youth of the church and build connections.
- No separation anxiety. Parents and kids stay together, work together, learn together, worship together. It's family time and we're all short of it. **Let's do something together!**

October's theme is **"GOD'S LOVE IS EVERYWHERE!"** Following on the heels of the celebration of World Communion Sunday, we continue to explore the theme of the inclusiveness of God's love. Dinner will include foods from around the world. The activities will include fun things like making candy sushi, learning to use chopsticks, and songs with actions.

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00pm.** Invite your friends who have young children. Come and share in food and fun for families.

**FAMILY FIRST: FIRST WEDNESDAYS
AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Youth Events

United Church Youth meets on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.** This group is for all youth in grades 6-12 and their friends. This year, some of the Confirmation activities will be held during youth group times, so Wednesday nights will be a combination of study, service projects, fun events and exploration.

October 7 at 6:00 pm:

Family first—all family event on the theme of "God's Love is Everywhere." Come and help the younger kids with their projects. Lots of fun! Dinner served.

October 14 at 6:30 pm:

**CREATE: DISCOVER
THE ARTIST IN YOU!**

October 21 at 6:30 pm:

Care packages for college kids

October 28 at 6:30 pm:

SERVE



Fall Youth Event at Placerville

Youth, grades 7-12, are invited to the Fall Youth Event at Placerville Camp, **November 13-15**. Rev. Gordon Rankin, the new Conference Minister of the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ, will be the keynote speaker.

Put the dates on your calendar now and plan to attend the Fall Youth Event.

First Congregational Church pays half of the registration fee for youth who attend.

For more information, talk to Susan Huffman or Becky Fleming.

Forty Days of Prayer

A few days in October are still in need of sponsors for our annual vigil of prayer. The Forty Days of Prayer for Children continues through October 18. If you have not signed up to sponsor a day of prayer, take a minute to pick a date when you are at the church or call the church office to get your name on the calendar. Children, youth, families, singles, grandparents and those in-between are all invited to be a part of this vigil of prayer.

The Forty Days of Prayer concludes on Sunday, October 18, with the observance of the Children's Sabbath. On this weekend, churches throughout the country come together to pray for children and for ways to make our world a safe and loving place for children to grow.

Kerygma

The Wednesday Kerygma Bible study class is studying the psalms this fall. *Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise & Praise* explores the variety of the psalms and their relationship to our lives today. The book of Psalms is often referred to as "the hymnbook of the Bible." The psalms are filled with lament and praise, with questions and affirmations. This course will provide participants with an opportunity to dig deeper into familiar material and to look at different translations of the poetic words. Everyone is welcome to join the Kerygma classes. The class is just getting started, so it's a good time to come and share in the lively discussion. Kerygma meets the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month at **9:30am** in Room 23. If you would like more information, talk to Susan Huffman, call the church at 605-342-5787 or email susanucc@rushmore.com.

Adult Discussion Group

Stephen Branch, our new adult choir director, will be leading the first series in the Adult Discussion Group, beginning **Sunday, October 11** and continuing for a total of six sessions. Stephen has entitled this series, "Music, Culture and the Church." Come and discuss the role of music in worship and get to know our new choir director. The group will meet at **10:45am** in the **church parlor**.

Stepping Stones Presentation

On **Sunday, October 4**, prayer lambs will be presented to young children in our congregation as part of the Stepping Stones program. These lambs were made by **Dorothy Davis** to represent God's care for us. Our hope is that the lambs will help make a connection to church and remind these young children of the stories of God's love and care. Come and share in this celebration of God's abiding love!

Member News and Notes

Happy Birthday

The following members and friends have **October** birthdays:

October 1: George Sazama

October 3: Autumn Knight
Denise Webster

October 5: Dee Anderson
Shirley Battey
Jeri Behringer

October 6: Willy Grigg

October 8: Becky Fisher

October 9: Randy Fisher
Abby Thompson

October 12: Steel Cruz
Sarah Grigg

October 13: Jim Fleming
Joyce Oster

October 15: Lee Boyles
Elyse Seals

October 16: Richard Battey
Laura Switzer

October 17: Ryan Eddy
Shirley Sackman
Carter Seals

October 19: Peggy Eckholm

October 20: Ginny Ensz

October 22: Greg Logue
Marge Pitts
Ryan Webster

October 24: Tom Berry

October 25: Susan Kelts

October 27: Meghan Maas
Kenny Putnam

October 28: Lindsey Martin

In Our Prayers

Our prayers and sympathy go out to **Vi Pietz** and family following the death of **Melvin Pietz** on September 19 and to **Jay Davis** and family following the death of his mother in Minneapolis.

Please hold **Ben Schnabel** in your prayers as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Sue Maynard** following a knee injury, and **Marvin Bitterman, Kathryn Dannenbring** and **Gerald Koch** who are recovering at home.

Please hold the following in your prayers as they battle cancer: **Laura Boyd's** brother, **John Winder; Carol Boyles'** brother, **Terry Hammon; Jill Kundtz's** sister-in-law, **Mindy; Sheila Long's** mother, **Debbie Torrey and Joe Trana's** father, **Dan Trana.**

Other church members are in our prayers including: **Kay Wolff** at Bella Vista; **Mavis Iverson** at Clarkson Care Center; **John Arneson** at Echo Ridge; **Gordon Magnusson** at New Underwood; and **Ida Muree St. Pierre** and **Shirley Triggs** at Westhills South.

Our prayers are with the following family and friends of our church members:

Carol Boyles' brother, **Rex Hammon; Vera Mettler's** sister, **Carol Jung; Ray Schatz; Jane**

Seaton's daughter, **Gail Johnson;**

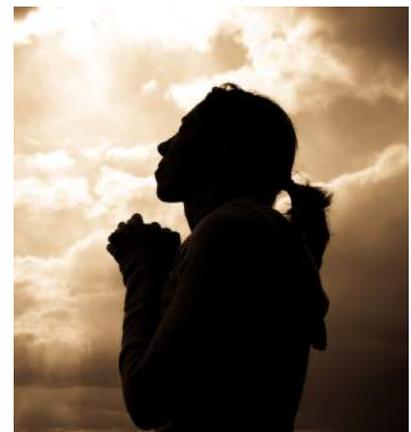
Reverend Don Stuebner; and **Deb Tompkins'** brothers, **Bob Hills** and **Joe Hills,** Deb's nephew, and her friend, **Barb Reynolds.** In addition, **Ginny and Ed Enz's** one year old great grandson, **Gage Kloeckl,** continues to have heart issues.

In Military Service:

Ed and Ginny Ensz's grandson, **Kyle Kloeckl; Melanie Moore,** and all serving our country.

Johnathan Nickel is in San Diego for Marine basic training. Correspondence can be sent to Johnathan at the following address:

**Recruit Johnathan Nickel
3rd BN India Co PLT 3203
36001 Midway Ave
San Diego CA 92140-3203**



Directory Updates

Bob and Bertie Roberts
2345 Homestead St Lot 7
Rapid City SD 57073

Ray and Chere Schatz have moved to North Carolina to be closer to their second daughter. Ray fell and broke his leg in June four days after they made the decision to move! He is receiving therapy, using a cane and getting stronger.

Their new address is:
7054 Hanesbrook Circle
Clemmons, NC 27102
Phone: (336) 727-3764
Email:
chereschatz@frontier.com

Baptism

Henry Ryan Quinn, son of **Berit Preston** and **Ryan Quinn**, was baptized on September 6. Henry was born June 23, 2015. Our blessings to Henry and his family.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Amanda Nims** and **Dean Batchelder** on the birth of their son, **Calvin Jackson Batchelder Nims**, born September 18 in Denver, Colorado. Proud grandparents are **Kathleen** and **Michael Batchelder**.

Thank You

A **HUGE** thank you to all who helped clean the kitchen on September 29. It looks great!
Women's Fellowship

Dear First Congregational Church,
Thank you so much for supporting Love INC's Clothe-A-Kid program again this year. Your donation of \$1,340.00 helped 22 children shop at Kohl's for school clothes in August and made a difference to so many families!

Amber Morrell

John Ligtenberg, Executive Director

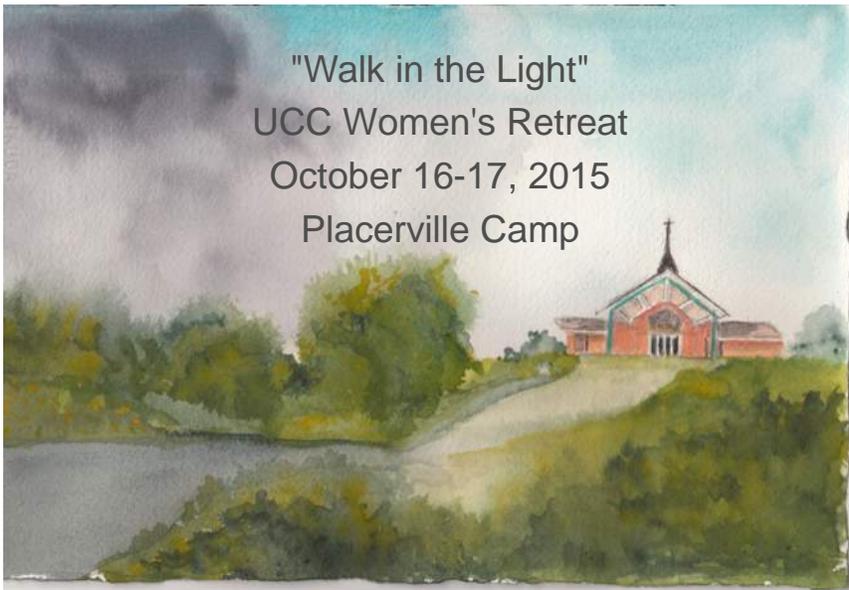
News from los Guido

In a recent email from Pastor Dorotea Yucra of our sister church in los Guido, Costa Rica, she shared photos of the children. The National Day of Children was recently celebrated and the church honored the children at church that week. The second photo is of children reciting Bible verses after their Sunday school lesson.

Because of the generous donations from our congregation, the church in los Guido has been able to continue the feeding program 3 times a week, offering well-balanced, nutritional meals to between 70 and 100 mothers and children. This has been a much appreciated gift to these families, and also provides work for women in the church.

As we enter into our season of harvest, please pray for these families that have little food on their tables, and little hope of income to provide more.





Women's Retreat

- Who:** all women of the church (and your friends/sisters/daughters/mothers)
- What:** "Walk in the Light" crafts/hikes/yoga/snacks/fellowship/Bible Study/worship/quiet and free time
- When:** **Friday, October 16 (5:00pm)** through **Saturday, October 17 (4:00pm)**
- Where:** **Placerville Camp and Retreat Center**
- Why:** fun/time in Nature/fellowship with women of the church
- How:** registration form is on our church website, in this Call, and available in the church office or in Fellowship Hall after church **Oct. 4 and 11**

For more information, contact **Lynn Grauman, Robin Franson, or Kathleen Batchelder.**



Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Roommate Preference: _____

Any special dietary needs? Explain _____

Please return the top portion of this form by October 11, 2015

Retreat Fees: (write checks payable to Women's Fellowship)

Full Retreat--\$55.00 (three meals and lodging)

Friday Only--\$20.00 (Friday supper and program)

Saturday Only--\$35.00 (Saturday breakfast--8:00am--lunch and program)

Bring: Bible, bedding, towel, toiletries, comfortable and warm clothing, walking or hiking shoes, yoga mat (optional), and unopened toiletry items for donation project.

Note: In case of inclement weather, calls will be made by noon on October 16th to inform everyone of an alternate plan.

Questions? Please call Kathleen Batchelder at 605-342-8720.

Friday, October 16 (3:00 P.M.) to Saturday, October 17 (4:00 P.M.)

at Placerville Camp and Retreat Center



Fri Oct 2, 2015

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

Sat Oct 3, 2015

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting
9:30am Women's Retreat Planning session
1 pm Suicide Survivors Support Group

Sun Oct 4, 2015

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am World Communion Worship
10:30am UCC Construction Co. Kick-off Brunch
2:30 pm Black Hills Association Meeting in Hermosa
3:30pm The Well

Mon Oct 5, 2015

6pm Evening Rotary Group
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Tue Oct 6, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Oct 7, 2015

9:30am Kerygma
11:30am WF Board Meeting
6pm Families First Meal and Program
6pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30pm United Church Youth
7pm Adult Choir Practice
7pm Dept. of Hospitality

Thu Oct 8, 2015

10am Altar Guild Meeting
4:30pm Dept. of Worship

Fri Oct 9, 2015

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

Sat Oct 10, 2015

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting
1 pm Suicide Survivors Support Group

Sun Oct 11, 2015

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
8:30am Department of Ministries
9:30am Worship and Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship
3:30pm The Well

Mon Oct 12, 2015

Native American Day
1:30pm Westhills Bible and Book Study

6pm Evening Rotary Group
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Tue Oct 13, 2015

8:15am BH Retired School Personnel
10:30am Staff Meeting
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Oct 14, 2015

9:30am Kerygma
6pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30pm United Church Youth
7pm Adult Choir Practice

Fri Oct 16, 2015

1pm "Rescue Stained Glass Project"
1pm BH Watercolor Group
Women's Fall Retreat at Placerville

Sat Oct 17, 2015

Women's Fall Retreat at Placerville
9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting
1 pm Suicide Survivors Support Group

Sun Oct 18, 2015

8am Bell Choir Practice
8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am Worship and Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship
11am Congregation Connections meeting
3:30pm Jail Ministry
3:30pm The Well

Mon Oct 19, 2015

6pm Evening Rotary Group
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Tue Oct 20, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices
7pm Church Board Meeting

Wed Oct 21, 2015

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

Thu Oct 22, 2015

1:30pm Memoir Writing Group

Fri Oct 23, 2015

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

Sat Oct 24, 2015

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting
10am Survivors of Suicide Support Group
1 pm Suicide Survivors Support Group

Sun Oct 25, 2015

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am Worship and Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship
10:45am Department of Education
3 pm BHCMS Concert
3:30pm Jail Ministry
3:30pm The Well
5:30pm Rotary Event on the School of St. Jude in Tanzania

Mon Oct 26, 2015

1:30pm Westhills Bible & Book Study
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Tue Oct 27, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Oct 28, 2015

9:30am Kerygma
6pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30pm United Church Youth
7pm Adult Choir Practice

Thu Oct 29, 2015

9am Prep for Mission Meal

Fri Oct 30, 2015

1pm "Rescue Stained Glass Project"
1pm BH Watercolor Group
6pm Mission Meal

Sat Oct 31, 2015

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting
10am Survivors of Suicide Support Group

Sun Nov 1, 2015

Daylight Saving Time ends
8:30am -Adult Choir Practice
9:30am Worship For All Ages Celebration of All Saints
10:30am Fellowship
3:30pm The Well

Mon Nov 2, 2015

6pm Evening Rotary Group
6:30pm Women's Bible Study



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Neighbors in Need

On Sunday, October 4, our congregation will receive the annual Neighbors in Need Offering during our celebration of worldwide communion Sunday. Neighbors in Need is the all church offering that supports justice and compassion ministries throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). CAIM support is essential to the congregations of the Dakota Association here in South Dakota.

Our gifts support our neighbors

Here in Western South Dakota, we can see the effects of our donations immediately. The congregations of the Dakota Association are literally our neighbors. The ministers of our partner congregations are supported by these funds. The same congregations who help us distribute firewood through the Woodchuck ministries, also receive support from the Council for American Indian Ministries.

Contact Us

We'd love to talk to you and answer any questions you have.

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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

For your records:



2015 Capital Campaign Commitment Card

Responding to God's call, I/we plan to give to the capital campaign the following:

- \$5,000/year for 5 years (\$25,000)
- \$2,500/year for 5 years (\$12,500)
- \$1,000/year for 5 years (\$5,000)
- \$500/year for 5 years (\$2,500)

- Other (please indicate:

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I understand that should my circumstances change, this commitment can be changed by contacting a church officer.

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2015 Capital Campaign Commitment Card

Responding to God's call, I/we plan to give to the capital campaign the following:

- \$5,000/year for 5 years (\$25,000)
- \$2,500/year for 5 years (\$12,500)
- \$1,000/year for 5 years (\$5,000)
- \$500/year for 5 years (\$2,500)

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