

The Call to Worship

1st Congregational United Church of Christ, Rapid City, South Dakota
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Highlights of this Issue

Fresh worship for a new generation

The best way to learn about worship is to participate in worship. With this conviction, the Department of Education and the Department of Worship are collaborating on a new approach this year. On the first Sunday of each month, children will participate in the entire worship service instead of leaving for classes part way through the service. The new schedule begins this Sunday, September 7 with a special service of word and sacrament designed to be engaging for all ages. There will be a little less talking and a little more music, a little more movement and special attention to incorporating worship elements that engage all ages.

Among the new and exciting elements will be the introduction of a House Band. The House Band will provide musical leadership for the congregation to learn more of the songs from our new "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbooks as well as special music throughout the worship service.

Check out additional articles in this issue of "The Call" for more information on this exciting new adventure of faith!

Children and Communion

This month's article from the Department of Worship includes a reflection on the meaning of the sacrament of communion and why we invite persons of all ages to participate. The approach of our congregation is different from some others. Learn more about what we do in worship and the reasons why in the monthly column, found on page 8.

Church School Kick Off

The Department of Education is getting ready for a new season of learning and growing in faith. Check out the articles on page 6 for more information about Kick Off Sunday and the special events that are planned for learners of all ages as we begin a fresh year of Sunday school and consider the call of discipleship to all of the people in our church.

2 Broadening our Communications

The Table Project brings a new dimension to congregational conversations.



We are continually seeking ways to connect people in authentic, transformational relationships. Too often, however, our brochures, bulletins, website and newsletter have information about the church, but don't display the heartbeat of church community. Ours is a community of many different people, many different stories, many different activities—all unfolding every day. It can be difficult to connect and to feel a part of our congregation.

The Table Project is an invitation to get to know each other in a new way, to pray for each other more frequently, to discuss God's word more openly and to share our resources more freely. We know that technology doesn't make community. We know that developing relationships doesn't happen automatically simply because we have online resources. But we do want to use the resources we have in ways that help our relationships to deepen and our faith to grow.

This new resource is one tool that we can use to enable people to find, connect, and grow in faith together. It is not a "virtual church," but rather a tool that the real church can use to strengthen our relationships. We know our people are already online and engaged in social media. Now the Table Project enables our church to offer faithful media.

The Table Project is a private social network, just for our church that enables us to connect 24/7, and not just on Sunday.

To join: Go to <http://rcfirstucc.tableproject.org>.

To get started:

- upload a profile picture so people can recognize your face.
- Fill out the "about me" section of your profile.
- Browse the "people" section and see who lives near you.
- Visit the prayer wall and pray for a few of the concerns.
- Check out the groups. Consider joining one or more. You might even want to start a group.

Need help?

- Check out the site's help section: www://tableproject.org/help.
- Send the church office an e-mail: uccoffice@rushmore.com.

The Table Project invites our members to move beyond the pews and into authentic, life-changing relationships. The private network is just one part of the process. Studies have shown that people who genuinely care about one another and who connect with social media are more likely to get together face to face. We hope that the Table Project will provide another way for people to extend their connections beyond the walls of the church.

Check out the Table Project and see how you can become more involved. Be sure to click on the feedback button and let us know what you think about this new opportunity.



A PASTOR'S POINT OF VIEW

As I begin my 20th year as pastor of this congregation, I am deeply aware of how our congregation is constantly changing. Our book of worship says, "People come and go. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities."

Nowhere has this been more clear than in the position of choir director. In my time as pastor, there have been seven choir directors and one served two different times. We are still reeling from the death of Karen Ross and have healing to do before we move on.

So we begin a new year with an interim choir director. It will be great to work with Becky Umenthum and I am grateful for her willingness to serve. Meanwhile we will continue to search for a new director for the permanent position.

Music is close to the heartbeat of our congregation. The choice of a director is momentous. We do best not to rush the process. In the meantime, we need to keep singing! Won't you join in the song as we continue to serve God together?

Boards and Departments

Department of Stewardship and Budget

The end of the second quarter found our congregation operating "in the black" with income ahead of expenses by \$3,151.42. Income from pledges, however, is running just a bit behind our expectations. About 96% of the amount pledged to date was received at the halfway point of the year. The Department urges all members to check to make sure they are up to date with their pledges.

The Department is hard at work developing the 2015 budget. All departments are urged to submit their budget requests as soon as possible. At this point, it looks like the 2015 expenses will be about 3% higher than 2014. For more information, contact Dave Ledford, chair.

Department of Hospitality

by Kyle Grauman

Our Department is back in full swing after a July hiatus. First on our agenda is starting a movie night which is tentatively scheduled for late September/early October. We have also started designing welcome bags to be distributed to visitors. The bags were purchased (Velma Speck has offered to make the next batch) and will be decorated by the children in our church. We plan to have the first bags decorated by the kids attending our initial movie night. Another Bring-a-Friend Sunday is being planned for October which we hope will include a chili cook-off as well.

Altar Guild

If you would like to put flowers on the Communion Table in memory or honor of someone, the Altar Guild has an opening on November 16. Please contact Joyce Tripp for more information.

Department of Ministries

by Robin Franson

Since our announcement of slowing coupon sales, we have had an *increase* and many good Sundays of sales. Our profits of these sales is added to our account to pay for our mission meals. We served our hot casserole meal to the people of the **Cornerstone Rescue Mission** on August 29th. This month we will serve our first meal of sloppy joes, beans and more to the **students at SDSMT**.

Piranha for Sale



The church has a used Piranha weed trimmer for sale. It is in good shape and runs well. For more information call (605) 342-5787.

FROM THE CHURCH BOARD

by Eileen Rossow, Clerk

The Church Board met on Tuesday, August 19th, with Gerry Boehrs, Moderator, conducting the meeting. We are still working on finding a new choir director. If you have any leads, please contact Laura Switzer in the church office. The Habitat House is almost finished. We are pleased to announce that the \$7,000 has nearly been raised for the Habitat House, which should be dedicated soon. The Coordinating Committee for Phase II of the Capital Funds Drive is working on organization and goals. The church has launched a new website called "The Table Project" which provides a service for members to connect. The website is:

www.rcfirstucc.tableproject.org

The church is selling one of the mowers which has not been used for several years. If you are interested in buying the mower, please contact the church office.

The next board meeting will be **September 16, 2014**.

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS by Gerry Boehrs

Our too-short summer is rapidly drawing to a close, school is back in session, and we return to a more normal schedule of church meetings and activities. A major part of our upcoming efforts will be focused on Phase II Capital Projects. This work has continued during the summer months. We now have most of the people in place who will be leading us. Rob Burton is heading up Project definition and implementation work, and Lia Green is in charge of fund raising. This will be a major campaign for us with a great deal of time and effort required, so there will be a number of people involved in each area of work. Some of these people are already in place and working, especially in project definition. Roof and heating/cooling project definition is underway. An important part of current work is aimed at identifying other projects to be included in Phase II. The working group assigned to this has met several times and their report to the Church Board was discussed at considerable length at our recent meeting. Two way communication with all church members is imperative here, and we will be trying hard to keep you fully informed and to get your thoughts to help direct our final recommendations. We all know how difficult effective communication can be, so please respond when you are contacted by our volunteers. We will be reporting to you regularly.

News and Events

Mission and ministry are at the core of our identity. Learn more about becoming involved in our work of discipleship.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RUMMAGE SALE

The August rummage sale is over and has broken records, both in money made and hours worked by church members and friends. There were many challenges this year and the group rose to the occasion, putting in long hours without complaint. We initiated several new workers and appreciate everyone who helped.

It was a busy week, but we had a lot of light-hearted moments and have wonderful stories to tell. If you'd like to be a part of this, our next sale is in **March 2015** and we welcome your help.

In addition to Women's Fellowship, the Altar Guild, Cornerstone Mission, the Humane Society and the VA benefit from the sale.

Now the news you have been waiting for: **profit from the August 2014 rummage sale is \$7236.22.** The previous record was \$6282 in August of 2012.

BELL CHOIR NEWS

The Bell Choir is starting up for the fall season. Our first rehearsal was held on **Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in joining the Bell Choir please contact the Director, Michael Bossen, at 343-5514, for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

Research has shown that readers for life are created in the early years. Children learn by example that reading is an important aspect of life. It is our responsibility as adults to enrich, educate, and care for the children of the church. The librarians have instituted an **"After Sunday School"** story time. We are seeking adult volunteers—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends—who will read a book to the children in the Readers' Club Corner at the beginning of coffee hour. Volunteers may choose a book and initial the child's book log. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet located by the book cart in the Fellowship Hall.

CONCERT

Come enjoy **"Music on a Sunday Afternoon"** with **Arjun and Aparna Ayyangar** at the **Dahl Arts Center** from **2-4 pm** on **September 21**. Together, they will perform classical and contemporary standards of harp, piano, flute and keyboard. For ticket information, contact the Dahl Art Center at 394-4101.

COFFEE HOSTS

Coffee hosts are needed for the month of **September**. Please sign up on the schedule located in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES

United Campus Ministry is sponsoring the Thursday Forum and everyone is invited! We meet **Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.** in the McKeel Room of the Surbeck Center on the SDSM&T campus. Coffee and snacks are provided—you can bring your own lunch, if you like. A van will be available for residents of Westhills Village; look for the sign-up sheet. Programs for **September** are:

Sept. 11- Erin Schendzielos, UCM Campus Minister

Sept. 18 - Masayuki Nagase, Sculptor Main St. Square Sculpture Project. Meet at Main Street Square

Sept. 25 - Ken Steinken, director of Trinity EcoPrayer Park Project.

For more information, contact Kathleen Batchelder, Ruth Ann Karlen, or Lois Moore.

WOODCHUCK SOCIETY NEWS

The Woodchucks will continue to work at the church **Tuesdays and Saturdays in September, 9-noon**. We welcome workers for any length of time. If you're coming for the first time, be prepared for wonderful fellowship, good food and a few practical jokes from time to time. Please bring a pair of work gloves, and long sleeves are recommended.

MEMOIR WRITING GROUP

The Memoir Writing Group will meet **Thursday, September 25, at 1:30 p.m.** in the church parlor. Everyone is invited to come share a written story from your life with us, or just come to listen and have a cup of tea. The group meets the 4th Thursday of each month unless it is a holiday. For more information, contact Mary Keithahn at 716-2141.



WARD'S CREW

The construction crews have completed their work and the hosts have provided meals and snacks on their assigned days. Our church has raised **\$6,735.53**. Thanks to all the Ward's Crew members who helped provide a new home for a family in our community. The dedication of the house will be scheduled soon.

CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

Technology has made it easier than ever to support the work and ministry of Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Our website contains information on all of our programs, latest fundraiser events, and where needs are in various parts of the organization. Donations can also be made to Cornerstone online through this website. Amazon.com has a program called "Amazon Smile" through which online shoppers can opt to have a portion of their purchase amount donated to Cornerstone Rescue Mission at no extra charge.

Please check out the links below for further information. Thank you for all you do to support the ministry of Cornerstone. Online Giving/Cornerstone Website: www.cornerstonemission.org/give.html

Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com>
Tom Golden, Associate Director

CHURCH RESPONSE

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1000.00 and 197 pounds of food in the 2nd quarter of 2014. Your donation will help Church Response provide food, toiletries and utility assistance for those in need. We appreciate your show of concern for others.

FRONT PORCH COALITION

September is Suicide Awareness Month. A Suicide Survivors day will be held at First Congregational Church on Saturday, Sept. 13th at 10:00am. There is no cost to attend. RSVP to Laura Boyd at: edlaura@rushmore.com.

UCC SEMINARIES

In our region we are fortunate to have three United Church of Christ seminaries: Chicago Theological Seminary, Eden Theological Seminary, and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Every UCC congregation in the region is called upon to support CUE, the support network for these three schools. We are grateful to your congregation for its faithful support of theological education at our seminaries. Your support is an investment in the people who will lead transformational ministries around the corner and across the globe.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Alice Hunt
Rev. David Greenhaw
Rev. Barbara A. Holmes

HOSPICE OF THE HILLS

Hospice volunteer training classes will be offered on **Monday evenings, Sept. 22-Nov. 22 from 6:00-9:00pm.**

A one-day Children's Grief Camp will be held on **Saturday, October 4, 9:00am- 4:30pm** at the Cedar Canyon Wesleyan Camp.

For further information, please contact Barbara Vargo at 755-7729



LOVE INC, CLOTHE-A-KID

The Clothe-A-Kid donations have been tallied and our church provided enough funds to help purchase new back to school clothes for **33 children!**

Beyond helping children with new school clothes, this program strives to empower parents, show God's love, and open doors to personal transformation through one-on-one relationships. All these occurred when church volunteers shopped with **572** kids from **314** families at Kohls.

In addition, more than 22 parents successfully completed Life INC classes this summer in order to participate, and the remaining 292 parents contributed \$10 per child.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and/or sponsored a child this year!

Education Pages

September is a busy time for the educational ministry of the church. Take time to read about the new programs being offered.



Sunday, September 7:

- Family Worship with communion.
- Forty Days of Prayer begins.

Sunday, September 14:

- Blessing of the Backpack
- Sunday School Kick-Off with Biblical-themed games for the kids
- Hot dog potluck. Hot dogs, condiments and beverages provided. Bring a salad or side dish to share.
- “Cherry on Top” dessert table. United Church Youth will serve dessert. A free-will donation will be collected to go toward “Ward’s Crew,” our Habitat for Humanity fundraiser.

Sunday, September 21

- Bible presentation. Bibles will be presented to the preschoolers beginning Sunday School, the first graders beginning to read the Word and the fourth and fifth grade class.
- Sunday School classes begin for children and youth age 3 through grade 8.

40 Days of Prayer

Light a Candle for Children, the Forty Days of Prayer for Children, begins Sunday **September 7**. Each fall, our congregation participates in this vigil of prayer to focus on the needs of children—needs beyond crayons and backpacks. In the Bible, the number 40 indicates a “perfectly good and very long time.” Think of Jesus spending 40 days in the wilderness, the Israelites wandering for 40 years before reaching the promised land or Noah in the ark when it rained for 40 days and nights. In our church, the 40 Days of Prayer is a time for us to focus on the needs of children—needs beyond the backpacks and crayons. Sponsoring a day of prayer is simple. All you have to do is sign up for one of the days. When your day arrives, take time to pray for children in whatever way is meaningful to you. No particular prayer is required. Just take time to focus on children that day. Some families find it meaningful to sign up for a day of prayer and pray together as a family. The sign up calendar is in church narthex.

Blessing the Backpacks

All kids are invited to bring their backpacks to church on **Sunday, September 14** for the annual “Blessing of the Backpacks.” Blessing of the Backpacks is time for the congregation to surround the young people in our midst with love and prayers. It is also a time for the children and youth to remember that the love of God and the love of their church family surrounds them as they face the joys

and challenges of the new school year. Don’t forget to bring your backpack on Sunday, September 14!

Kick-Off Sunday Games

September 14 is also “Kick-Off Sunday.” We kick off our Sunday School year with games and fun activities for kids of all ages. A hot dog potluck will follow worship. Hot dogs, buns, condiments and beverages will be provided. Bring a salad or side dish to share.

Cherry on Top!

United Church Youth will sponsor a dessert table in conjunction with the Hot Dog potluck. The youth will serve homemade baked goodies along with ice cream sundaes. A free-will offering will go toward Ward’s Crew, the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. The funds raised will be the “cherry on top,” topping off the successful fundraising efforts. Our goal of \$7,000 has nearly been met. We have raised \$6,735.53. The goal of the youth group’s fundraiser will be to “top off” our fundraising efforts for Habitat, hopefully achieving our goal and putting us over the top! “Cherry on Top” is also the youth group’s way of honoring the Habitat crew’s chairperson, Ward Cheney, who will receive a special super-duper sundae with a cherry on top for his efforts with this project!

Flags and Wheels Party

We are currently working to schedule the party for United Church youth at Flags and Wheels. Watch for more information and plan to attend!



First Sundays: Family Sundays

During the 2014-2015 Church School year, the first Sunday of each month will be “Family Sunday,” a time for all ages to worship and share communion together. No Sunday School classes will be held. Childcare will be offered for preschoolers. Older kids and youth will stay in the sanctuary with their families, so they can learn about worship and share the experience together. Parents are asked to help us keep the nursery from becoming a “hang out” for the older kids. The Department of Education initiated this change so children would have the opportunity to participate regularly in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are offered for all kids from age 3 through grade 8. This year, we’ll be using a new curriculum called “Shine: Living in God’s Light.” All ages, from preschool through middle school, will be using the same material and focusing on the same Bible stories. The preschool and younger elementary kids will receive a take home leaflet each week. The older elementary and middle school youth will have a magazine style student book. During the fall, the focus will be on stories of the Old Testament. Although not strictly a lectionary-based curriculum, *Shine* generally follows the lectionary, enabling parents and children to share the stories. During the fall, the focus will be on stories of the Old Testament. Although worship will sometimes con-

clude a few minutes before 10:30, the teachers plan the lessons to finish at 10:30 (or later if worship runs longer.) Please allow your child’s teacher to finish the lesson and don’t try to pick up your child before 10:30. If, for some reason, you need to leave early, let your child’s teacher know, so she can plan accordingly.

Stepping Stones

The Department of Education is introducing a new program this year. “Stepping Stones” is designed to strengthen the home-church connection. Each month, a certain age-group or class will be lifted in prayer during worship and will receive a symbol of their faith journey. In September, the Stepping Stones will focus on Bibles.

On Sunday, September 21, the three-year olds beginning Sunday School will receive a Bible story board book—a Bible that they can hold and connect to their Sunday School class. The first graders will receive a Bible story book because, at this stage, they can begin to read the stories themselves. Fourth and fifth graders will receive a Bible that they can use in their Sunday School class. These 4th-5th Bibles are the New Revised Standard Version, the standard translation that is used for study Bibles from upper elementary through adult studies throughout the church. Many individuals and groups in the church have volunteered to make special items as stepping stones. Prayer rocks, prayer lambs, quilts, crosses and other objects will be handmade by church members, adding to their



Blessing the Backpacks

Sunday School activities kick-off on

Sunday, September 14 with fun activities for all from age three on up.

Don’t forget to bring your BACKPACKS for the annual “Blessing of the Backpacks!” It’s also potluck Sunday. Bring a salad or a side dish to share.

Plan to bring your family and join the festivities as we start the Sunday School year.

It’s good to be together!

MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

Ours is a congregaton of compassion and prayer.

Keep other members of the community in your prayers.



"Why do we do that?"

A conversation about worship

Some Christian churches do not serve communion to children. Other congregations do not baptize children, but wait until a person has reached the age of decision before offering the sacrament. In our congregation, people of all ages are welcome at the sacraments. The church has shown these differences for hundreds of years.

In our congregation, we affirm that the sacraments of baptism and communion are gifts of God offered to all God's people. No one—not a minister or a church leader—no one has the authority to turn someone away from a sacrament. We believe that the promise of the Gospel is not only to us, but also to our children. There is no time when a person is too young to be a member of the body of Christ and to share fully in the gifts of God's grace.

So, like the early church, we baptize children and welcome them at communion. We seek to teach them about the faith and the sacraments so that they may affirm their baptism at confirmation. But we never turn them away.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members and friends have **September** Birthdays:

- September 2:** Joan Koch
- September 3:** Betty Bossen
Bernadette Lambert
Dylan Stader
Becky Umenthum
- September 5:** Jenny Kozel
- September 8:** Jayce Angel
- September 9:** Jane Ireland
- September 11:** Donald Dodge
Bob Franson
Kandee Snoozy
- September 12:** Hadlee Kronmiller
Ben Schnabel
Sarah Thompson
- September 13:** Tim Mitchell
- September 14:** Malaika Burke
Allison Hanson
Jill Osmera
- September 17:** George Bradstream
Larry Snoozy
Joe Van Bockern
- September 19:** Wyatt Martin
- September 20:** Kevin Sandmeier
- September 21:** Elsa Grauman
Jill Mitchell
- September 22:** Evan Eckholm
- September 25:** Deb Tompkins
- September 26:** Karen Logue
Lois Moore
Cody Ortega
Ron Switzer
- September 28:** Asher Darrow
Gwyn Wathen
- September 29:** Eileen Rossow
Jim Smith

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our sympathy to the family of **Nola Bentz-Reber**, and her daughter **Suzanne Schermerhorn** following their deaths. Their memorial service was held on August 12 at the United Church of Christ in St. Onge where Nola's family had long-standing ties. Members from our church who were present at the service submitted the following report for those who were unable to attend:

We were joined by a host of friends from many South Dakota communities and representing many involvements where Nola contributed. Suzanne was a thoughtful supporter of her mother. We also were present to share the sorrow with those who were grieving the loss of Nola's grandson, Robert, all three having died in a car accident.

Some of us shared some things we knew about Nola. We all knew that she wore jaunty hats and loved "bling"! Nola took an active part in many of our church activities: the rummage sale, Circle, Church Ladies on Stage, etc. She was instrumental in the beginnings of The Black Hills Workshop, TOPS, the St. Onge Birthday Club, and the Senior Center. Nola was a mother of seven children, a grandmother, a great-grandmother, and a great-great-grandmother. In spite of a great many challenges, her motto was, "When life hands you lemons, make lemonade!" We were so grateful that day for the inspiration her life story provided.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Marjory Raabe** and the family of **Orville Zimmerman** following their deaths, to **Dick and Dorothy Davis** following the death of their grandson, Clifton Davis, and to **Kevin and Sharon Sandmeier** following the death of Kevin's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Linda Parrott**. Her family has created a Caring Bridge which will provide weekly news about her progress with her treatments for Lymphoma. The link is: www.caringbridge.org/visit/lindaparrott/journal

IN OUR PRAYERS

At Canistota, SD: Bill Dittmer

At Golden Living Centers,

Bella Vista: Stan Halla, Kay Wolff

Black Hills: John Arneson

At Westhills South: Shirley Triggs

In Military Service: Kyle Kloeckl (Ed and Ginny Ensz's grandson), Melanie Moore, and all serving our country.

Other Church Members at home are in our thoughts and prayers, including: Ed Dull, Ben Schnabel, Ward Cheney, Marvin Bitterman, Harry Putnam and Cecil Bassett.

Family and friends of our church members include: John Meyers, son of Dorothy Davis; Cheryl Wathen, mother of Gwyn Wathen; Kathryn Kuhn; Steve Chapin; Sherre Christensen; Dan Williams, son-in-law of Ted and Mary Linda McBride; and the mother of Ron Lawson. Patsy Parker-Valandra requests prayers for Tina Engesser, a well-known waitress from

the Millstone Restaurant. Tina was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to Marge Pitts and Julie LaCroix for purchasing and arranging the colorful vases and flowers on the tables in the Fellowship Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS

Aerika Snoozy and Cameron Sheppard are the proud parents of Dallyn Shane, born August 13. He joins big sister Layla Rose. Grandparents are Melanie and Ted Garstenschlager and great-grandparents are Kandee and Larry Snoozy. **Oscar Stradinger** has a new great-granddaughter, Charlotte, born August 14 in North Carolina. Congratulations to all! Blessings to **Beckett Chamberlain**, who was baptized on August 12. Proud great-grandparents are Maralee and Arnett Dennis.

Congratulations to **Andrea Webster** and **Elijah McDermet** who were married on August 20. Our best wishes to the newlyweds!

OFFICE NEWS

The office will be open **Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 3pm** with the help of Administrative Colleagues, Laura Switzer and Julie Burton. To ease the communication between staff, we are asking all church related emails be directed to : uccoffice@rushmore.com. We invite you to share with the church office, address or phone number changes, birthday updates or articles you would like added to the call or bulletin through this address or simply stop by or call the church office at

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CHURCH EVENTS

Autumn is a time for renewed programs and new programs in our church's life. Learn more about how you can become involved.



Peace-full Paths Women's Fall Retreat October 24-25

"Peace-full Paths" will be the theme of our fall women's retreat October 24 and 25 at Placerville. All women of the church are invited to explore the Peace of God, the God of Peace, the Peace of Nature, and the essential role of Peace in our daily lives. Plans are being made for programs, crafts, hikes, quiet time, and good fellowship. More information will soon be in the church bulletins and in the October issue of the Call. For more information, contact Lynn Grauman or Kathleen Batchelder.

CHURCH CHAT

David Brooks' book The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement will be the topic of discussion for Church Chat in September and October. Plan to join this lively conversation noon to **1 p.m. on September 16**, in the **Fireside Room**. Coffee and cookies are provided—bring your own sandwich or lunch if you want.

Kathleen will be placing a book order for Social Animal on **September 7**. If you would like to order a copy for **\$10.00**, please contact Kathleen at church or at 342-8720. For more information about Church Chat, contact Bonnie Edwards, Barb Knight, or Georgia O'Connor.

CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

The Congregational Connections Team will celebrate our first year of work on **Sunday, September 28, at 11 a.m. in Room 24**. This hard-working team has made personal visits, phone visits, and contacts by mail which are valuable to our members and to the continuing connections of our congregation. We will celebrate our successes; we will look for ways to strengthen our connections in the future.

Our Congregational Connections always depend on the help of every church member and friend. When you would like a visit OR when you know someone who would like to be visited, please contact the church office or Kathleen Batchelder.

4th TUESDAY LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Good lunch—good friends—good conversation. Join us for the Fourth Tuesday Ladies Lunch Group on **Tuesday, September 23, at 11:30 a.m. at Minerva's Restaurant**. All women of the church are invited—no program, no responsibilities—just lunch and fun. For more information, contact Maureen Dymock.

STAINED GLASS PROJECT

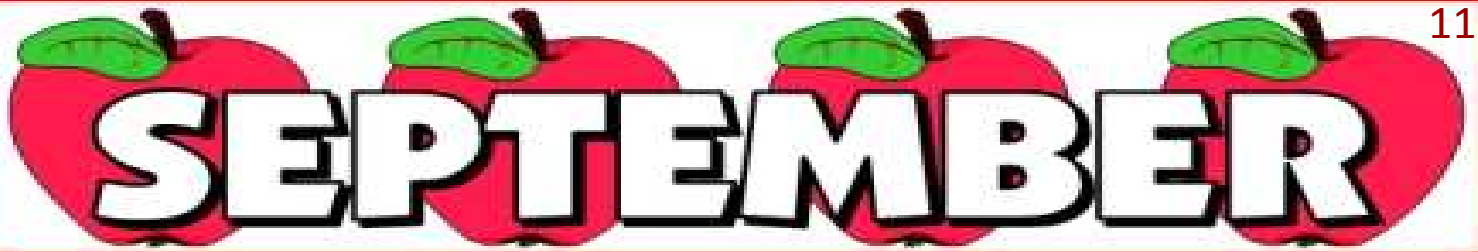
Learn how to make beautiful stained glass art every **Friday, 1- 4 p.m.** Broken glass from our church is being "rescued" to create stained glass pieces. For more information, contact Dave Ledford (341-68090). All proceeds to the Capital Improvement Fund.

CRAFTERS

Crafters will continue to meet **every Tuesday at 1 p.m.**, unless otherwise notified. Come and see what fun you can have creating cards, quilts and more. All proceeds go to out reach programs. Contact Carol Boyles (348-5697) or Sue Maynard (798-2140).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

What is "TRUTH?" That is what the women's Bible study group will be looking at this fall. Please join us for "The Truth Project" taught by Dr. Dell Tackett. This will be a 13 week study looking at life from a biblical perspective. We will begin **Monday, September 8, 2014 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**. Please join us in the fellowship hall. Any questions? Contact Sheila Long at 430-0495. Hope to see you all there. God Bless.



SEPTEMBER

Tue Sep 2, 2014

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

Wed Sep 3, 2014

11:30am: WF Board Meeting
5:30pm: RC Area Firefighters Bible Study
6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice
7:00pm: House Band Practice

Fri Sep 5, 2014

1:00pm: Rescue Stained Glass
1:00pm: BH Watercolor Group

Sat Sep 6, 2014

9:00am: Habitat Host Day
9:00am: Wood Splitting

Sun Sep 7, 2014

8:30am: House Band Practice
9:30am: Worship for All Ages;
House Band; 40 Days of
Prayer begins

10:30am: Fellowship
10:45am: Dept. of Education

Mon Sep 8, 2014

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

Tue Sep 9, 2014

9:00am: Wood Splitting
1:00pm: Craft Day
1:15pm: Spiritual Practice
6:30pm: Dept. of Hospitality

Wed Sep 10, 2014

5:30pm: RC Area Firefighters Bible Study
6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice
7:00pm: Adult Choir Practice

Thu Sep 11, 2014

10:00am: Altar Guild Meeting
12:00pm: Thursday Forum
4:30pm: Dept. of Worship
7:00pm: BHCMS Meeting

Fri Sep 12, 2014

1:00pm: Rescue Stained Glass
1:00pm: BH Watercolor Group
4:30pm: Dept. of Worship
Elon College overnight
group

Sat Sep 13, 2014

9:00am: Wood Splitting
9:00am: Survivors of Suicide

2:00pm: Murrow Wedding

Sun Sep 14, 2014

8:30am: Adult Choir Practice
8:30am: Dept. of Ministries
9:30am: Worship; Choir; Blessings
of the Back Packs;
Sunday School Kickoff
10:30am: Fellowship &
Hot Dog Potluck, "Cherry
on Top" dessert fundraiser
3:00pm: BHCMS Concert

Mon Sep 15, 2014

6:30pm: Women's Bible Study

Tue Sep 16, 2014

9:00am: Wood Splitting
12:00pm: Church Chat
1:00pm: Craft Day
1:15pm: Spiritual Practices
7:00pm: Church Board Meeting

Wed Sep 17, 2014

9:30am: Good Morning Circle
5:30pm: RC Area Firefighters Bible Study
6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice
6:00pm: Dept. of Stewardship & Budget
6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice
6:30pm: Good Evening Circle
7:00pm: Adult Choir Practice

Thu Sep 18, 2014

12:00pm: Thursday Forum

Fri Sep 19, 2014

1:00pm: Rescue Stained Glass
1:00pm: BH Watercolor Group

Sat Sep 20, 2014

9:00am: Wood Splitting

Sun Sep 21, 2014

8:30am: Special Music Practice
9:30am: Worship; Bible Presenta-
tions; Sunday School
10:30am: Fellowship
2:00pm: Ayyanagar Concert
3:30pm: Jail Ministry
4:30pm: Dept. of Worship
1:30pm: Westhills Bible & Book

Mon Sep 22, 2014

5:30pm: UCM Meal
6:30pm: Women's Bible Study

Tue Sep 23, 2014

9:00am: Wood Splitting

11:30am: Fourth Tues. Ladies' Lunch

1:00pm: Craft Day
1:15pm: Spiritual Practices

Wed Sep 24, 2014

4:15pm: 1st Cong. Trust Board
5:30pm: RC Area Firefighters Bible Study
6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice
7:00pm: Adult Choir Practice

Thu Sep 25, 2014

12:00pm: Thursday Forum
1:30pm: Memoir Writing Group

Fri Sep 26, 2014

1:00pm: Rescue Stained Glass
1:00pm: BH Watercolor Group

Sat Sep 27, 2014

9:00am: Wood Splitting
10:00am: Front Porch

Sun Sep 28, 2014

8:30am: Adult Choir Practice
9:30am: Worship, Choir,
Sunday School
10:30am: Fellowship
11:00am: Congregational Connections

Mon Sep 29, 2014

9:00am: WF Kitchen Cleaning
6:30pm: Women's Bible Study

Tue Sep 30, 2014

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

Wed Oct 1, 2014

11:30am: WF Board Meeting
5:30pm: RC Area Firefighters Bible Study
6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice
7:00pm: House Band Practice

Thu Oct 2, 2014

12:00pm: Thursday Forum

Fri Oct 3, 2014

1:00pm: Rescue Stained Glass
1:00pm: BH Watercolor Group

Sat Oct 4, 2014

9:00am: Wood Splitting

Sun Oct 5, 2014**World Communion Sunday**

8:30am: House Band Practice
9:30am: Worship for All Ages;
House Band
10:30am: Fellowship



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September 14—A Day of Launchings

**Blessing of
the
Backpacks**

Hot Dog Potluck

A hot dog potluck will follow the worship service. Hot dogs, condiments, beverages and utensils will be provided. The senior high youth will provide homemade goodies and ice cream treats as a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

**“Cherry on Top”
Fundraiser**

**Kickoff Games
for Children**