

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The newsletter of 1st Congregational United Church of Christ
of Rapid City, South Dakota

February, 2016



Moving Forward With Faith

Our annual meeting celebrated a year of growth in mission in ministry in our congregation. We celebrated more baptisms in 2015 than in any other single year for several decades. We lived within our means while we underwrote the largest capital funds drive in the history of the church.

2016 will bring new challenges and new opportunities for ministry. The Church Board and Departments will be undertaking a review of church policies and procedures. Capital projects will proceed as funding becomes available. Our ministries will continue to grow.

The February meetings of the Church Board and Departments appear in the article to the right. Each Department will discuss regular meeting dates and make plans for the ministries of the year to come. Also on the agenda for the first meeting of each department is a review of the position description for members of the department. As we seek to create a structure that provides more time for ministry and less time in meetings, we will continue to refine our organizational processes and procedures.

The early arrival of Lent this year provides an opportunity for all of our members and friends to consider the unique ministries to which they are called. We still have much to do as we seek to faithfully follow Christ.

2016 will prove to be as momentous in the story of 1st Congregational United Church of Christ in Rapid City as was 2015. Join your church leaders in prayer for the faithfulness of our congregation.

Annual Reports

The Annual Reports of the congregation have been distributed electronically. Print copies were made available during the last two weeks of January at the church office. Additional copies of the reports are still available for pickup at the church office. The electronic version of the reports can be accessed through the church web site at www.rcfirstucc.com. Click on the Annual Reports Link under "Who We Are" at the top of the page.

February Meetings

New Board and Department members all begin service in February. The month's meetings include:

Church Board will meet Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 pm.

Department of Worship will meet Thursday, February 11 at 4 pm.

Department of Education will meet Sunday, February 21 at 10:45 am.

Department of Ministries will meet Sunday, February 21 at 8:30 am.

Department of Hospitality will meet Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 pm.

Department of Stewardship and Budget will meet Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 pm.

Department of Building, Equipment & Grounds will meet Sunday, February 21 at 10:45 am.

Pastor's Ponderings

By Ted Huffman

We often speak of joining the church. We keep statistics about how many members we have, how many people attend worship and other marks of belonging.

Discipleship, however, involves more than just being a name on a roll. We are also called to be the church—to live our faith in concrete actions and decisions in our everyday lives.

New members are always welcome. New disciples also!

—Pastor Ted

Our Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday comes early this year. February 10 marks the beginning of our Lenten Journey. **As is our tradition, we will have a brief worship service with optional imposition of ashes at 7 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 10.**

The tradition of Lent includes a review of the foundational scriptures that inform our faith as well as a season of examination and setting new directions for our lives. Lent provides an opportunity to draw closer to God.

Lent also offers a significant opportunity to prepare for one of life's most important challenges. Facing Jesus' death reminds us of our own mortality. Each of us will one day die from this life. We can go through life ignoring this fact and be surprised at the end, or we can honestly examine the realities of our lives, seeking to learn about loss, death and grief in the context of a loving and caring community. Our Lenten disciplines can be a way of practicing for a critical life task.

Some find it meaningful to consider something to give up for Lent. Others find it more meaningful to consider what might be taken on. During Lent we each have the opportunity to spend a little more time in prayer, a little more time in worship and a little more time in study. Activities and events within the church have been carefully planned to offer many opportunities to learn and grow in faith.

Consider your Lenten Journey and make time for the things in life that are most important.

Save the Dates for Holy Week

Holy Week begins with the observance of Palm Sunday on March 20 this year. As is our practice, we will have special services each day of Holy Week:

Monday, March 21: The Liturgy of the Passion at 7 pm.

Tuesday, March 22: Sittin' with the Blues. Concert at 7 pm.

Wednesday, March 23: A Christian Wake. Dinner at 6pm with stories to follow.

Thursday, March 24: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 pm.

Friday, March 25: Journey to the Cross worship at 12 noon.

Saturday, March 26: The Great Vigil of Easter begins at 7 pm.

Sunday, March 27: Sunrise Service in Main Street Square at 6 am; Resurrection Celebration at the church at 9:30 am.

Mark your calendars and save the dates. Investing your time in your discipleship journey is a wise practice. Practicing your faith is a way to grow in faith maturity.

BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.*

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

Board and Departments

Church Board By Eileen Rossow

The UCC Church Board met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 with Moderator, Gerry Boehrs, leading the meeting. The financial report for 2015 was presented by Rob Burton. Once again expenses are down and pledged giving and non-pledged giving are both up. Rob Burton also presented the 2016 budget, which was approved for presentation at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2016. Gerry Boehrs reported that all department and officer positions for 2016 are filled and will also be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The Hospitality Department Transportation Program sign-up sheets will be distributed on January 24th. The electronic version of the Annual Report for 2015 was completed and distributed by email the week of January 18. The printed version of the Annual Report will be available beginning on January 24th. The board approved a request by Jenna Cruz to give a free "Health and Wellness" presentation to the congregation. Gerry Boehrs thanked the board for their participation as this was his last board meeting as moderator. The next board meeting will be held on Tues., Feb. 16, 2016.

Department of Ministries By Pat Wheaton

You may have read a recent account in the Rapid City Journal about the increase in the number of men staying at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. In addition to the 100 men lucky enough to fill the 100 beds, there have been up to 70 more men sleeping in the hallways, lobby area, and on the dining room floor.

The article related that this is due to the cold weather, low wages, and the lack of affordable housing. The Ministries Department served the night meal at the Mission on January 29th. Your purchases of grocery cards fund the food we provide.

Hard times for the poor also affect those who rely on food from Church Response to help provide meals for their family. For the winter months Church Response requests donations of boxes of macaroni and cheese, soup, and hot cereals.

Department of Hospitality

The Department of Hospitality will celebrate our annual "All Birthdays" Party on **Sunday February 14th** in the Fellowship Hall. There are still some open dates for signing up to bake a cake and/or decorate a table with a birthday month theme.

Moderator's Musings

By Sheila Long

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Sheila Long and I am your new Moderator. I have been a member in this church for 12 years, am married to Brent Long, have two sons in college and one very spoiled cat, who keeps trying to lay on my computer as I type. So I apologize now for any typos.

First, I want to thank Gerry Boehrs for his leadership and guidance, not only for the church, but also for myself. I have learned a great deal working with him these past 2 years and appreciate all he has done. Next I want to thank all the members of the departments and volunteers in this church who give of their time and their gifts.

We are starting 2016 in great shape. We are financially sound, have a great group of volunteers and staff that are ready to lead us into the future. With your prayers and God's guidance we will do great works. Thank you for this opportunity. I am truly honored and humbled to be serving God and this congregation.

News from the Church

Why Do We Do That?

From the Department of Worship

The announcement is familiar: "Please take the ceremony of Friendship pads, mark your name and pass it back and forth in your pew." Many members, however, don't know exactly what happens with these forms.

First of all, it is hoped that people will read the names of the others sitting in their row. Take note of visitors. You can greet them during the passing of the Peace and perhaps invite them to sit with you at coffee hour.

After worship, the forms are used to obtain addresses, phone numbers and concerns of worshippers. It gives our church staff a way to respond to those who attend worship.

The forms are also used to compile statistics on attendance, numbers of visitors and other data.

Break Through Inc. By Ben and Dee Anderson

Dee and I completed our third grant from the South Dakota Developmental Disability council in December 2015. We traveled to various Lakota communities to speak at their schools and meet with students and parents. We provided information on disabilities and advocacy for their families. We spoke to about 1500 attendees. We also had the opportunity to speak at the Standing Rock Schools in Fort Yates, North Dakota where we spoke to all three schools, K-12, with about 350 students and educators. We are going to continue to work with these rural and Lakota communities as we are receiving some requests to come to their schools outside of the grant money. As you may know "grant" money does not provide all costs as Break Through must provide some of the costs through support from other donations. We are exploring different and new opportunities within the state of South Dakota and also to other states. Last year we were able to attend the National UCC "Widening the Welcome" conference in Hartford, CT. We thank the Black Hills Association for their support. We brought back written and audio media about disabilities to the association. We appreciate the continuing relationship that we have with First Congregational UCC with this covenant. On behalf of Break Through Inc., we thank you for your generosity and support.

Library News

Beginning February 1, the Readers' Club is adding to the awards readers can earn. Those readers who earn a reading award for three consecutive months will be able to choose a new book, take it home to read, write a short review (ie: "I liked the book." "The book made me laugh." etc.). Then the book will be featured in the Readers' Corner for all to enjoy. Reading Logs are available in the Library and on the book cart in the Fellowship Hall. Just record the books your child reads and/or you read to them and return the log to the library by the first Sunday of each month. Awards are presented on the second Sunday of each month.

Memoir Writing Group

The next meeting of the Memoir Writing group will be **February 25 at 1:30 pm** in the church parlor. In March, the Memoir Writing group will meet on the fifth Thursday, **March 31**, since the fourth Thursday is Maundy Thursday. Anyone interested in sharing or hearing stories is welcome to join us. For more information, contact **Mary Keithahn**.

News from the Church

Women's Fellowship March Rummage Sale

The spring rummage sale is fast approaching! Sale dates are **Friday, March 11 from 8:00am to 3:00pm and Saturday, March 12 from 8:00am to noon.**

To insure that we have everything ready, work days will start after fellowship time on **Sunday, March 6.** With enough help, Fellowship Hall becomes the Sale Hall in less than 1 1/2 hours.

Rummage can be brought to the church after worship on **Sunday, March 6 or Monday, March 7 through Wednesday, March 9 from 9:00am to 3:00pm** each day. Weekday set up hours are from **9:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Thursday.** Pricing takes place on **Thursday** and we especially appreciate help that day.

There are many wonderful opportunities for fun and fellowship during this week. There are jobs for everyone and we welcome helpers of all ages. The only requirement is a cheerful attitude and the desire to form closer relationships with other women and men.

Yes, men! Women's Fellowship greatly appreciates the men who do the heavy work, testing electrical appliances, moving and toting box after box.

Much manly conversation goes on that week and we invite all willing men to participate.

If you want to **Be** involved, remember to **Bake** something, or **Bring** something, or **Buy** something! Profits from the sale benefit the church as well as local, national and international groups chosen by the Women's Fellowship Board. We look forward to another successful sale, and hope to see many of you at the church that week.

4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch

Attention Ladies! A new year has arrived. Time to read your new book. Why not call a friend or two and go out for lunch? You might invite them to join in with the 4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch group. We will gather at **Minerva's on February 23 at 11:30am.** This is a "no host" choice, so you may choose the menu or the buffet. Any questions call **Maureen Dymock** at 343-5532.



Celebration of Motherhood

The women and friends of First Congregational Church are invited to a Celebration of Motherhood on **Sunday, February 7** in the Fellowship Hall following the coffee hour.

We will be honoring our two new mothers:
Jenny Diedtrich and Courtney Strampe.

Your presence is the greatest gift of all; please come share a brief time with our moms. If you choose to bring a gift, please remember that we wish to honor both of these mothers equally. A basket will be available for monetary donations. A light lunch will be served.



Education News

Learning about Lent

The youth of the church will begin their preparation for Lent by burning last year's Palm Sunday palms to create ashes for the Ash Wednesday service. Youth often have the notion that they should give up candy or pop or some other treat for Lent, but beyond that, they have little understanding of the meaning of Lent. The word "Lent" means "to lengthen" and refers to the lengthening of days as spring comes. But we also try to "lengthen" or stretch our spiritual understandings during this time. Throughout the Lenten season, the Sunday School classes will focus on stories of Jesus, the Lord's prayer and the meaning of repentance. Lent offers a time all of us, young and old alike, to stretch ourselves a little and to grow in faith.

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper

The Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper will be held **Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 pm**. The youth of the church will be serving pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverages.

You may be hearing newscasters saying, "Mardi Gras is early this year." It's true. Easter is early—at least earlier than many years. So, Lent has to begin early which makes Mardi Gras early, too. The timing of Easter determines the schedule. Pancakes are traditionally served on Shrove Tuesday, also known as "Fat Tuesday." In the time when Lent was a period of fasting, people had to use up their fats before the Lenten fasting began. Frying up a bunch of pancakes was a good way to do that. Shrove Tuesday was the traditional day for the pancake feast and other festivities before the serious business of Lent began.

In our time, we have combined our Shrove Tuesday celebration with our Ash Wednesday worship, gathering our congregation for dinner and worship on Ash Wednesday. We mark the beginning of the Lenten season by sharing a meal together and then continuing into worship.

Lent can be a somber season, a time for reflection on the ministry of Jesus and our own life journeys. As we prepare for this season in the life of congregation, we draw strength and joy from coming together as a community of faith.

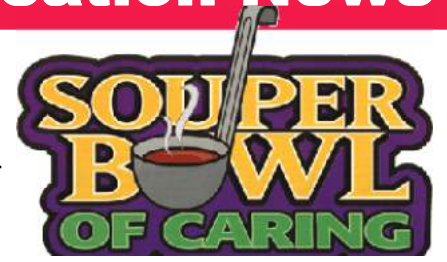
Join us for pancakes on Ash Wednesday! All are welcome!

March Family Night

Mark your calendars NOW for the March family night on **Wednesday, March 2** at 6:00 pm. Even though February is longer than usual, it's still a short month and March will be here before you know it! So, mark that date and plan to share food and fellowship with your church family. And while you're at it, mark **April 6 and May 4**, too. The first Wednesday of every month is Family Night with a meal and activities providing time for the family to grow in faith together. Activities are designed for children age 3-11 and their families.

March will focus on learning about Lent and the stories of the life of Jesus. The stories of Jesus lead us to the events of Holy Week and the hope of Easter. April's focus will turn toward spring and the good news of Easter.

Plan to attend!



Souper Bowl of Caring

There is a lot of excitement about this year's Super Bowl, since many of our youth are Denver Broncos fans. With Denver returning to the Super Bowl this year, the interest is high. And while we're thinking about the Super Bowl, it's a good time to think about the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**, too! Since 1990, young people have been teaming up to collect funds and food for local charities. In January of 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring started with a simple prayer, "*Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.*" From that prayer, a movement started. Youth groups began to use the Super Bowl weekend as a time to raise awareness about hunger and to collect food for local food banks and soup kitchens across the country. In total, more than \$100 million has been collected. Our youth group has been a part of this movement for many years. This year, Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday is **February 7**. No matter which football team is your favorite, you can help support the Souper Bowl of Caring. Pick up nonperishable food items to donate. All food and funds will be donated to Church Response. Thank you for caring!

Kerygma Class

After a midwinter break, the Wednesday morning Kerygma class will be resuming this month. The first session of the new class will be held **Wednesday, February 24 at 9:30 am** in Room 23. We generally meet for ninety minutes, concluding at 11:00 am. This spring's course is entitled *Job and the Life of Faith*. The class is designed for seven sessions. The classes are scheduled for February 24, March 2, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13 and April 27. The class could continue into May if weather necessitates rescheduling or if there is need for an extra session.

Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in finding a small group setting to explore the Bible and questions of faith, come and check out the Wednesday morning Kerygma class. It is a fun group of people who are not afraid to ask challenging questions and to raise different points of view. Whether you have never been a part of a Bible study class or have been in many classes, you'll find something to learn from this study. It's always interesting, insightful and enjoyable. Come and learn with others! For more information, contact Susan Huffman at susanucc@rushmore or call the church office at 342-5787.

Youth Activities

February 3: Family Night
"The Gift of Love"

February 7: Baby Shower
Come and meet "Sweet Caroline" Strampe if you haven't already met the baby daughter of youth group advisors Nick and Courtney Strampe.

February 10: Ash
Wednesday Pancake Supper. **Youth, please come at 5:30** to help cook the pancakes and prepare for the meal.

February 17: Volunteer Project. Meet at the church at 6:30 pm.

February 24: Scavenger Hunt. Meet at the church at 6:30 pm.

Watch for text messages and Facebook updates regarding youth events.

News from the Church (Continued from page 5)

Welcome New Members

On January 31, we welcomed six new members: Dave and Karen Johnson, Jo Ann Leonard, Michael Myers, Larry Putnam and Ingrid Arlton. Welcome to our household of faith!

Larry Putnam and Ingrid Arlton
4507 Buckhorn
Rapid City SD 57702
605-391-3369

Dave and Karen Johnson
10265 Heritage Lane
Rapid City SD 57702
605-209-0555

Jo Ann Leonard
910 Saint James Street
Rapid City SD 57701
605-341-2879

Mike Myers
2205 7th Street, #174
Rapid City SD 57701

**Please update your directory
with this new address:**

Buzz and Carol Donnenwirth
255 Texas Street 406
Rapid City SD 57701

Calling All Singers!

In our tradition, we speak of “taking something on” for Lent rather than “giving something up.” Lent is a great time to add a spiritual practice or a commitment to church life to your regular schedule. The Adult Vocal Choir is looking for people to sing for the Lent and Easter seasons. If you have been thinking about giving the choir a try, now is a good time to check it out. Add “singing in the choir” to your Lenten discipline. The Adult Choir will practice at **7:30 pm on Ash Wednesday** and at **7:00 pm on the following Wednesdays**. On Sunday mornings, the choir gathers at 8:30 am. For more information, talk to the choir director, Stephen Branch.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Yankton College Scholarship Program awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors and post-graduate students each year to use at an accredited college or university. You can learn more about Yankton College Scholarships by following the “Scholarships and Grants” link at the top of our church web page at rcfirstucc.com. While you are there, check out the other scholarship and grants offered by our congregation. Yankton College scholarship applications are also available online at: www.yanktoncollege.org.

Member News and Notes

Happy Birthday

The following members have
February birthdays:

February 1: Stephanie Nielsen

February 2: Henry Bradshaw

February 4: Clara Crutcher

February 5: Emilee Nickel

February 7: Kathleen Grigg

February 8: Sybil Rounds

February 10: Randy Daughenbaugh
Barbara Staton

February 11: Rob Burton

Marrelyce Seaman

February 12: Jay Davis

Chuck Lindly

February 14: Alicia Sutliff-Benusis

February 15: Mavis Iverson

Marla Maynard

Lincoln Sazama

Nolan Sazama

James Webster

February 16: Jay Benusis

Alan Kelts

February 17: Mary Keithahn

February 18: Laura Boyd

David Ledford

February 20: Emily Eckholm

Member News and Notes

February 21: Francis Cox
February 23: Rocco Murano
Bruce Wilkinson
February 24: Joan Arneson
Kalsy Brinkman
Kaitlyn Smith
February 27: Isabel Bryant

Prayer Concerns

Our sympathy and prayers go out to **Lorraine Slocum**, her daughter-in-law, **Monica Slocum**, and family following the death of Lorraine's son, **Ed Slocum**, on January 18.

Our sympathy and prayers also go out to the family of **Gordon Magnusson**, following his death on January 19.

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**; and **Sheila Long's** mother, **Debbie Torrey**.

Other church members are in our prayers including: **Hazel Heil** and **Mavis Iverson** at Clarkson Health Care; **John Arneson** at Echo Ridge; and **Ida Muree St. Pierre** and **Shirley Triggs** at Westhills South.

Our prayers are with the following members, families and friends: **Marvin Bitterman**; **Carol Boyles'** brother, **Rex Hammon**; **Vivian Dittmer**; **Al Dymock**; **Rev. Ray Schatz**; **Jane Seaton's** daughter, **Gail Johnson**; **Rev. Don Stoebner** and his wife and care-

giver, **Rosie**; **Deb Tompkins'** nephew; brothers, **Bob Hills** and **Joe Hills**; and friend, **Barb Reynolds**; and **Tish Wilkinson**.

In Military Service:

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

Johnathan Nickel has returned to California to begin the next step of his Marine Corps training.

Greeting Cards

The craft group has new cards available for sale every week in the Fellowship Hall. Selections include baby cards, Valentine's Day cards, 100th birthday cards and cards for upcoming special occasions.

Thank You

Please accept my sincere gratitude for all of your prayers, thoughts and well wishes during my recent health concerns. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church family.

Tish Wilkinson

Thank you for all your prayers, God is a great healer. I hope to be in church soon.

Vivian Dittmer

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers extended to me and my family after the death of my son, Ed Slocum.

Lorraine Slocum and family

Application deadline is **February 19**.

Health Seminar

My name is Jenna Cruz and I'm a member of First Congregational Church. I'm a beach body coach and wellness enthusiast! On **Saturday, February 13** at **2:00pm**, I am putting on an informational health and wellness seminar in the **Fireside Room**. I encourage all members and friends to come have fun, and gain lots of insight on true health, of the body, mind, and soul. There will be finger foods, and incredible knowledge! Cost is free; bring yourself and a guest! There will also be first-hand testimonies, demonstrations, information, and opportunities for growth encompassing the body, mind, and soul. Thanks and I can't wait to see everyone!

Congratulations

Aparna Ayyangar has been selected to be first chair flute in the South Dakota Music Education Association's All State Middle School Honors Band. Three hundred students from all over the state tried out for the flute section alone. Congratulations Aparna!

Mission and Outreach

Angels of Los Guido

By Sybil Rounds

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the fund this year. This congregation is absolutely amazing! Your continued support makes it possible for children to attend school with the required texts, uniforms, shoes, etc. It also provides healthy and safe activities for the children who look to our sister church for love and acceptance.

We are proud to say that 100% of your donation goes directly to Pastor Dorotea who knows her community so well and can direct the money where it will do the most good.



News from Los Guido By Sybil Rounds

As I write this news, we are preparing for the last day of Vacation Bible School at our sister church in Los Guido. The kids are clearly having a ball, and the teen and adult helpers are the best. We have had very consistent attendance with numbers that are comfortable for the facility. Our high was 57 children



on Wednesday, which is 15 more than came on Monday. The children obviously let their friends know what fun they were having!

A big change this year is the meal that is served to the children prior to the session. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, Pastor Dorotea is providing a nutritious and very tasty lunch to children who might otherwise be hungry. We have had hot dogs with the traditional slaw, tuna sandwiches, arroz con pollo, beans and rice, and cabbage salads with two of the meals. What a blessing for these families.

We have been blessed to reconnect with people whom we met here years ago. Brothers Cristian and Wilson were young boys active in the church when we came with the first work team in 2001. They are now 22 and 24 years old and are helping with the program this year. Yessenia, an adult woman, has returned to the church after years away and is my craft helper this year. This is one of the joys of a

long-term sister church relationship. We will have a conversation with Pastor Dorotea next week regarding her hopes and plans for her congregation, and will share all the news when we return.



February Calendar

Fri Feb 5, 2016

9am Woodchuck Loading
1pm Rescue Stained Glass Project
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Feb 6, 2016

9am Woodchuck Delivery Wanblee

Sun Feb 7, 2016

Souper Bowl of Caring

8am Bell Choir Practice
8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am Worship For All Ages
10:30am Fellowship
11am Celebration of Motherhood
5pm The Well Service

Mon Feb 8, 2016

1:30pm Westhills Bible and Book Study
6pm Evening Rotary Group

Tue Feb 9, 2016

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

Wed Feb 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday

5:30pm Stewardship & Budget
6pm Ash Weds Pancake Supper
6pm Bell Choir Practice
7pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice

Thu Feb 11, 2016

10am Altar Guild Meeting
4pm Dept. of Worship

Fri Feb 12, 2016

1pm Rescue Stained Glass Project
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Feb 13, 2016

2pm Health/Wellness Seminar

Sun Feb 14, 2016

Valentine's Day

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am - 10:30am Worship and Sunday School

10:30am All Church Birthday Celebration

5pm The Well Service

Mon Feb 15, 2016

Presidents' Day

Tue Feb 16, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting
12pm Church Chat
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices
7pm Church Board Meeting

Wed Feb 17, 2016

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

Fri Feb 19, 2016

1pm Rescue Stained Glass Project
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Feb 20, 2016

7:30pm J. Laiten Weed High School Honors Orchestra Concert

Sun Feb 21, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
8:30am Dept. of Ministries Meeting
9:30am Worship and Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship
10:45am Dept. of Education
10:45am Dept. of Building, Equipment and Grounds
3:30pm Jail Ministry
5pm The Well Service

Mon Feb 22, 2016

1:30pm Westhills Bible & Book Study

Tue Feb 23, 2016

10:30am -Staff Meeting
11:30am 4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Feb 24, 2016

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

Thu Feb 25, 2016

1:30pm Memoir Writing Group

Fri Feb 26, 2016

1pm Rescue Stained Glass Project
1pm BH Watercolor Group

Sat Feb 27, 2016

10am Survivors of Suicide Support Group

Sun Feb 28, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am -Worship and Sunday School

10:30am Fellowship

3:30pm Jail Ministry
5pm The Well Service

Tue Mar 1, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting
12pm Church Chat
1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Mar 2, 2016

9:30am Kerygma
11:30am WF Board Meeting
6pm Bell Choir Practice
6pm Family First Night
6:30pm Dept. of Hospitality
7pm Adult Choir Practice

Fri Mar 4, 2016

1pm Rescue Stained Glass Project
1pm BH Watercolor Group
7pm Dordt College Choral Concert

Sun Mar 6, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am Worship For All Ages
10:30am Fellowship
11am Rummage Sale Set up
5pm The Well Service



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We'd love to talk to you
and share additional news
of our congregation.

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February 7 is Break Through Covenant Sunday

Our Church maintains a special relationship with Break Through Inc. "The Break Through mission is one of rehabilitation education and advocacy for and about people with disabilities to encourage and enlighten the public about people with disabilities in that they are people first and have rights and needs and that they also have gifts and talents to bring to the community."

An article on page 4 of this edition of *The Call to Worship* gives information about Break Through Inc.'s accomplishments and activities from the past year.

We support with a special offering

A special offering to support and extend the mission of Break Through, Inc. will be received **February 7**. Special envelopes will be available to designate your gift in support of these ministries.

For more information on the work of Break Through, Inc. check out their web site: <http://www.bendanderson.com>.