

# THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

September, 2016



## Ice Cream Social and Kick-off Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, September 11 for the Sunday School kick-off** activities and then stay for an ice cream social following worship. A special time of prayer for our Sunday School teachers and students will be included during worship. The children and youth will then go to the Fireside Room to share fun and games. After worship, ice cream with toppings and sprinkles will be served in the Fellowship Hall. **Sunday School classes begin on September 18,** with classes offered for children and youth from age 3 through middle school. Bibles will be presented to those who are moving up this year. This includes a simple storybook for three-year-olds who are beginning Sunday School, a Bible storybook for kindergartners and a copy of the NRSV Bible for third graders. Those who have not received Bibles in previous years will also be receiving Bibles to use in the classroom studies.



## “All God’s Creatures have a Place in the Choir!”

The line from Bill Staines’ fun song reminds us that the joyful songs of worship are best when they are created by the people who gather to worship. Every year our choirs return to rehearsing and preparing music for our worship and there are always places for more to join in the fun and creativity.

Our bell choir, under the direction of Michael Bossen, rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The one-hour rehearsals are filled with laughter and fun and serious music-making.

The adult vocal choir, directed by Steve Branch, rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsals are designed to facilitate spiritual growth through the offering of the gift of music.

As the song proclaims: “All God’s creatures got a place in the choir. Some sing low and some sing higher. Some sing out loud on a telephone wire. Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they’ve got now.” Come and join the fun!

# News from the Church

## Pastor's

## Ponderings

By Ted Huffman

The Department of Stewardship and Budget has taken several months to study and consider a program of electronic giving to serve our members.

The new program that is being announced with this edition of The Call has been the subject of careful research and consideration. As part of our preparation for this program, Susan and I were privileged to be the first to sign up. We've had our automatic payment operating for a couple of months now and find it to be delightfully convenient.

The church has always maintained the highest of business standards and embracing this new option for our members continues our commitment to the best practices for our congregation. Help our church grow by participating in this new program.

## New Electronic Giving Option Available

First Congregational United Church of Christ is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

It is easy to get started with the program. Simply visit the church web site at [www.rcfirstucc.com](http://www.rcfirstucc.com). Click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. When that page displays, follow the on-screen instructions. The donation page is certified secure and operated by a PCI Level 1 Compliant Service Provider. Security and privacy information is available on our web site. Simply click the links on our donation page.

Once you have set up your profile, you will have access to your own personal secure site where you can make changes to your donations, track previous donations and obtain giving statements. You have access to your own giving page 24/7 by going to [www.rcfirstucc.com](http://www.rcfirstucc.com), clicking on the donate button and signing onto your account.

Our new mobile giving platform is also up and running. To access the giving site with your smartphone or tablet device, simply scan the code printed on this page. You will be directed to our mobile giving platform for a secure way to make your electronic contributions to the church.

For those who would like to set up an automatic giving plan and would prefer not to use our web connection, authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

If you have any questions about this new giving platform, please do not hesitate to contact the church office at (605) 342-5787 or [uccoffice@rushmore.com](mailto:uccoffice@rushmore.com).



Scan this code with your mobile device to sign onto the church's new electronic giving platform.

# Board and Departments

## Moderator's Musings By Sheila Long

Every spring for the past 3 years Brent and I have planted tomatoes, cucumbers and other vegetables, with mixed results in the fall. The first year we planted in early May which was a bad idea. An late frost took out most of our plants, but not to be deterred, we planted again. We have had other challenges along the way. Bunnies have chomped on my cucumbers, deer have eaten the flowers off the tomato plants and the constant worry of hail storms that come with living in western South Dakota make the labor of gardening feel futile. Is buying plants twice and then sharing fruit with the neighborhood wildlife really worth all this work? I was beginning to doubt.

However, we continued to plod along and we have learned a lot the past three years. From a fence to keep out deer and rabbits, to running out and sacrificing our bodies as the hail starts to fall from the sky. There have been days you could look at our garden and see it filled with lawn chairs and fire pit parts, as Brent and I grabbed anything we could use to protect the small plants from the oncoming hail storm.

All of this work done to reap the harvest of fresh vegetables this fall. Is it worth it? I say yes! Not just for the produce, but to also have the experience. To spend the evenings out pulling weeds, tending to the plants, and nurturing them along.

Life in our church can be like that. Sometimes the end result doesn't seem worth all the time, all the money or all the effort. Do we really need coffee every Sunday? Do we really need a church choir? Do we really need a family bathroom? But, God sees what we can't. He knows that every cup of coffee is shared with a smile. He knows that the sound of the church choir brings joy to our members. He knows the comfort of having a loved one at our side when we are in need, no matter where that may occur.

## Department of Ministries by Pat Wheaton

Many organizations that our church helps support have some new projects starting in the next few months.

**Church Response** plans to offer additional gift cards for purchase that will include new stores and restaurants. These cards will benefit Church Response and our church. We will be giving out details later.

**Love, Inc.** has plans for a new project named **Thrive** which will be an outdoor adventure retail shop.

In addition to continuing to build new houses, **Habitat for Humanity** is now involved in three home preservation services: **A Brush with Kindness, Critical Home Repair, and Weatherization.** Low-income homeowners who occupy their house are eligible to apply for home repairs and renovations that fit within their budget. Although labor is offered free of charge, homeowners are responsible to repay the material costs of the repair. Our department recently authorized Pastor Ted to sign a new Habitat for Humanity Partnership Pledge for 2017. We agreed to develop leaders from our congregation and to hold a special offering to benefit Habitat.

We will serve the evening meal at the **Cornerstone Mission on Friday, September 30th.** We welcome help with this project on **Thursday morning, the 29th,** in preparing the casseroles, on **Friday night** serving the meal, or by baking two dozen cookies for dessert.

We appreciate the food that is donated each week for the **foodbank at Church Response.** The requested item for **September is tuna.**

# News from the Church

## Adult Discussion Group for Fall

There are many issues that we face in our aging years. The fall Adult Discussion Group will focus on some of those issues and questions. How can the church help when we face illness, hospitalizations, rehab facilities and eventually death? How can you help the church to provide spiritual care and support in your later life decisions? Plan to join us for presentations and conversations about facility policies, privacy issues, comfort (palliative) care, hospice services, funeral preparation, family contact information and spiritual care through our later years.

This discussion group will meet following worship in the parlor on **October 23 and 30 and November 6, 13 and 20.**

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

## Library News

*Tripping Over the Truth, The Metabolic Theory of Cancer* by Travis Christofferson  
Book review by Randy Daughenbaugh

This book is a well documented scientific review of a theory of cancer that while it is not new, does deserve a more open minded approach by cancer researchers. Cancer has been widely accepted to be a set of diseases caused by mutations. This view is being questioned. Over the last 10 - 15 years almost miraculous new tools have been developed to study DNA of individuals, of families, and of cancer tumors themselves. However, the failure of these tools to aid in progress in the effort to cure cancer has caused many scientists to rethink our whole understanding of cancer. This book presents a lot of data that shows that it is not unreasonable to view cancer as caused by energy management problems at a cellular level which results in mutations instead of the old widely accepted view that cancer is caused by mutations. Some of the new data are possible because of new tools for studying mitochondria and the use of energy at the cellular level. This book raises the possibility, if not probability, that if we start viewing cancer correctly we can get a cure that will address most cancers, or maybe even all cancers. We may be able to end the poison, slash and burn approach that we are now imposing on so many of our cancer patients.

## Memoir Writing Group

The Memoir Group will meet on **Thursday, September 29, at 1:30pm** at the church. No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey, we all have stories to tell about our experiences, stories that can help others understand historical events from the perspective of people like us who lived through them. If you have been reading Mary Nelson Keithahn's new book, *Elfie: Adventures on the Midwestern Frontier*, you know that it is based on stories from her maternal grandfather's family history and his first cousin's memoirs written at the age of ninety! These stories, more than any mere facts in a history book, tell us how members of this extended family were personally affected by historical events. If we do not remember and record real-life stories like these, they will be lost to future generations, and so will an important part of history. So, think about your own life experiences, and the stories you have heard from your parents and grandparents. Write a few paragraphs about one event and bring it to the meeting or come and listen to the stories of others over a cup of tea.

# News from the Church

## UCC Women's Retreat

- Who:** All women of the church (and your friends/sisters/daughters/mothers)
- What:** "Becoming Women of Royalty" with crafts/hikes/yoga/snacks/Bible study/worship/fellowship/free time
- When:** **Friday, October 21 (3:00pm) -- Saturday, October 22 (4:00pm)**
- Where:** **Placerville Camp and Retreat Center**
- Why:** Fun time in nature/fellowship with women of the church
- How:** Fill out the registration form below and turn into the church office. The form will also be available on our church website, in our church office and following worship in the Fellowship Hall on **September 25, October 2 and October 9.**



**We would love to see you there!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary needs? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the top portion of this form by October 14, 2016.**

**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 –8am—lunch and program)

**Bring: Bible, bedding, towel, toiletries, comfortable and warm clothing, walking or hiking shoes, yoga mat (optional), and a favorite teacup or mug for a friendship cup exchange.**

**Note: In case of inclement weather, calls will be made by noon on October 21st to inform everyone of an alternate plan.**

**Questions? Please call Laura Switzer at 605-399-9925.**

**Friday, October 21 (3:00pm) to Saturday, October 22 (4:00pm) at Placerville**

## Rummage Sale Update

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Women's Fellowship rummage sale in August. Whether you donated items, purchased items, worked at the set-up or clean up, or worked during the organization and pricing of sale items, your help was greatly appreciated. It takes a team to pull off the sale, and we've got it!

Workers were treated to freshly baked caramel rolls, egg salad and sub sandwiches, bakery items, and home-baked goodies throughout the work week.

It is especially rewarding to see multi-generational families at work during the sale. It is not uncommon to see three generations at work together.

Groups other than Women's Fellowship that benefitted from the sale include the Altar Guild, Cornerstone Mission, the Humane Society, Restore, Readeiatrics, the Coat Drive, and the Hot Springs VA. Some additional money is still coming in, but at the moment the profit for the August 2016 sale is **\$5820.77.**





## Forty Days of Prayer for Children

The *Forty Days of Prayer for Children* has begun! Each fall, our congregation participates in the vigil of prayer, focusing on the needs of children. In the Bible, 40 indicates a “perfectly good and very long time.” We recall that Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, the Israelites wandered for 40 years before reaching the promised land and Noah and his crew of family members and animals survived in the ark when it rained for 40 days and nights. Although our 40 day vigil does not provide this degree of challenge, it does offer an opportunity to engage in a time of focus and spiritual discipline as we pray for children—for our children and the children of the world. When we turn our focus to praying for children, we can “dream God’s dream.” We can imagine the world we hope our children will inherit. We can remember the gifts that children bring to our community. We can renew our commitment to bringing up children in the Christian faith. Sponsoring a day of prayer is easy. All you have to do is sign up. On that day, offer a prayer that includes children. It does not have to be a specific prayer or offered at a specific time. Just pray in your own way. Please sign up to sponsor a day of prayer during the *Forty Days of Prayer for Children*. For more information, talk to Susan Huffman.

## Fall Kerygma

**Kerygma Bible Study begin Wednesday, September 28** at 9:30 am in Room 23. This seven-week fall study will focus on two of the shorter books of the Old Testament: the books of Jonah and Ruth. Entitled *An Odd Couple, Jonah & Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World*, this study examines God’s love for the outsider, sometimes even the enemy. Studying these two familiar books of the Old Testament will challenge participants to examine our responses to the stranger. Many would agree that the subtitle phrase, “our fractured world,” is an apt description of our world today. How can these ancient tales provide wisdom and lessons for us? Come, join our lively discussions about Biblical truths and our lives.

Kerygma studies are open to all. **New members are welcome!** If you have never participated in a Bible study or if you have participated in many, this Bible study will have something to offer to you. For more information, contact Susan Huffman at 342-5787 or [susanucc@rushmore.com](mailto:susanucc@rushmore.com).

## Placerville Day is October 2

Sign-up for Placerville Day begins **September 11!** Receive a Placerville shirt or other prizes by being the first to register. The Department of Education is sponsoring an all-church lunch at Placerville Camp on **Sunday, October 2** following worship. We will gather at Placerville at noon. Rides will be available from the church for those who don't want to drive.

Lunch will be provided, but reservations are needed, so that we can tell Camp Manager, Kerry Steever, how many to expect. After lunch, there will be a variety of activities for all ages.

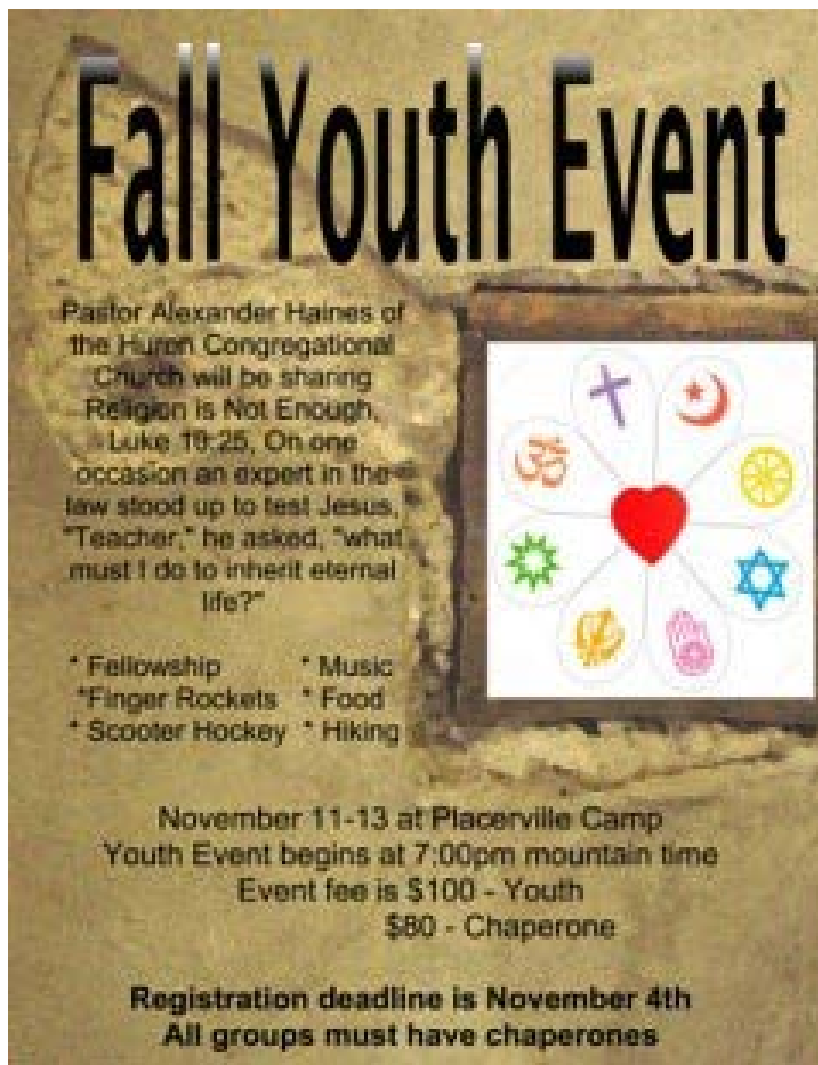
Mark your calendars for this 5-star kickoff Family Day! Let's get together and enjoy a fall outing at camp!

## United Church Youth Dinner

United Church Youth will meet for dinner on **Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30pm** at the Perkins on Mount Rushmore Road.

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to share food and fellowship as we begin a new year of youth ministry.

Watch for further announcements about youth ministry events or talk to Susan Huffman or Nick Strampe.



**Fall Youth Event**

Pastor Alexander Haines of the Huron Congregational Church will be sharing **Religion is Not Enough, Luke 10:25, On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"**

- \* Fellowship
- \* Music
- \* Finger Rockets
- \* Food
- \* Scooter Hockey
- \* Hiking

November 11-13 at Placerville Camp  
Youth Event begins at 7:00pm mountain time  
Event fee is \$100 - Youth  
\$80 - Chaperone

**Registration deadline is November 4th**  
**All groups must have chaperones**

The poster features a central graphic of a red heart surrounded by various religious symbols: a purple cross, a red crescent moon, a yellow Om symbol, a yellow wheel, a green gear, a blue Star of David, a yellow caduceus, and a pink hand. The background is a textured, stone-like surface.



# News from the Church

## Woodchuck News

A big thank you goes to Dave Johnson of Johnson Tree Service for his deliveries over the summer of hardwood to the church lot. The Woodchucks will be busy this fall, cutting and splitting those logs. There are still some long pieces that need to be cut into manageable pieces for the splitters, so if you like to saw, have at it! The men have also picked up two other trailer loads, so work continues at the wood lot. Dave Ledford plans on **work days on Saturdays, 9 to noon, in September and October**, weather permitting. We would like to get the wood that is available split and ready for delivery to our partners, starting in early November. If you have wondered what goes on during our busy fall season, come to the wood lot and check it out. It is a very compatible group that makes the work fun!

## Fourth Tuesday Ladies Lunch Group

Please join the Fourth Tuesday Ladies Lunch Group **Tuesday, September 26** for good food, conversation, fellowship and fun! We will meet in the lobby of Minervas Restaurant at **11:30am**. We will be seated when everyone has arrived. For more information, contact **Maureen Dymock** at 343-5532 or **Joyce Tripp** at 342-1352.

## Church Chat

There will be an organizational meeting for this year's Church Chat in the **Fireside Room on September 20 at noon**. Come with great ideas!

## Coffee Hour Help

Coffee hosts and dishwashers are needed for coffee hour after church. Hosting is not difficult. You do need to arrive at church a little early to get the coffee and cookies and ready. Easy instructions are posted for what needs to be done. Dishwashing also is not difficult and does not require an early arrival to church!

Instructions are also posted for this volunteer opportunity. Please sign up the next time you are in church! Signup sheets are located in the Fellowship Hall (by the cookies)! If you need assistance, indicate it on the sheet and someone will help you. Thank you!



## The Call Newsletter Delivery

**If you receive The Call in the mail:**

The Call will continue to be mailed 1st class to those who are shut-in and unable to get out to attend church. Others who have subscribed and are receiving The Call via mail made a donation of \$10 per year to offset postage costs. It is time for subscribers to renew their subscriptions. Please mail your payment or drop it off at the church office. The Call will continue to be sent out electronically and posted on the church website. Printed copies will available for you to pick up at the church.

**If you have questions, please call the church office at 605-342-5787 or send an email to [uccoffice@rushmore.com](mailto:uccoffice@rushmore.com).**



# Member News and Notes

## Prayer Concerns

Our sympathy and prayers are with the following church members and friends who have lost loved ones:

The family of **Gerald "Joe" Van Bockern** following his death on July 18;

**Marrelyce Seaman** and her daughter, **Ann**, following the death of Ann's husband, **James Duston**.

The family of **Shirley Sackman** following her death on **August 27**. Services were held on September 2 at First Congregational Church.

Please hold **Doris Marie Strom** in your prayers following her admittance to Hospice House. Cards are welcome, but no calls or visitors at this time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Oscar Stradinger** as he recovers at West Hills Care Center following a recent fall.

Shut-in church members are in our prayers including: **John Arneson** at Echo Ridge; **Mavis Iverson** at Clarkson Health Care 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; Dona Cheney's** daughter, **Leslie Mullins; Vivian Dittmer;** the **Donnelley** family; **Al Dymock; Jane Ireland's** son-in-law, **Pat Kearney; Jill Kundtz; Jill Kundtz's** sister-in-law, **Mindy; Bernie Lambert** and **Joyce Oster's** brother, **Orville**

**Oster, Ted McBride; Patsy Parkin-Valandra's** daughter-in-law, **Angie Parkin;** the **Pfeifle** family; **Al Pitts; Lynn Renee's** sister, **Laura Scheider** and family; **Rev. Ray Schatz; Jane Seaton's** daughter, **Gail Johnson; Rev. Don Stoebner** and his wife and caregiver, **Rosie;** and **Deb Tompkins'** mother-in-law, **Dorothy Tompkins.**

Our prayers also are with **Mae Louise Zeise**, known to many as the lady who brought Costa Rica concerns to our church, has suffered a small stroke and was hospitalized for a few days. She has been released for rehab.

You can write to her c/o The Club Health and Rehab Center, 16529 SE 86th Belle Meade Circle, The Villages FL 32162.

### In Military Service:

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

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Ryan Eddy** who graduated from National Guard boot camp on August 11 in Columbia, SC.

## Thank You

I'd like to thank the women of First Congregational Church who made the beautiful prayer shawl that my sister, Cam Miller, gave me. I truly appreciate such a thoughtful gesture. I will always remember you ladies as I keep warm with this beautiful shawl.

## Happy Birthday

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

**Sept. 2:** Joan Koch

**Sept. 3:** Bernie Lambert

**Sept. 5:** Jenny Kozel  
Eva Murano

**Sept. 8:** Jayce Angel

**Sept. 9:** Jane Ireland

**Sept. 11:** Donald Dodge  
Bob Franson  
Kandee Snoozy

**Sept. 12:** Hadlee  
Kronmiller  
Ben Schnabel  
Sarah Thompson

**Sept. 14:** Malaika Burke  
Jill Osmera

**Sept. 17:** George  
Bradstream  
Larry Snoozy

**Sept. 19:** Wyatt Martin

**Sept. 20:** Kevin Sandmeier

**Sept. 21:** Elsa Grauman

**Sept. 22:** Evan Eckholm

**Sept. 25:** Deb Tompkins  
Lacey Vrooman

**Sept. 26:** Karen Logue  
Lois Moore  
Cody Ortega  
Ron Switzer

**Sept. 28:** Asher Darrow  
Gwyn Wathen

**Sept. 29:** Eileen Rossow  
Jim Smith

# Member News and Notes

## Thank You

A very belated thank you to you, the congregation, for your prayers and concern for mom, Bobby Staton. What an inspiration she was to all who knew her. We are proud to be from her family.

*Peggy Eckholm and family and the Staton Family*

A heartfelt thank you to all for the cards, good wishes, cake, brownies and coffee for our birthdays last Sunday, September 4.

*Bernie Lambert and Ben Schnabel*

## BIRTHS

**Samantha and Mark Slocum** welcomed the arrival of baby daughter, **Mara Jo**, on July 29. **Lorraine Slocum** is Mara's great-grandmother.

**Jessica and Doug Murano** welcomed the arrival of baby daughter, **Francesca Ann**, on August 23.

Francesca's older siblings are **Rocco, Eva and Luca**.

Our blessings and congratulations to these families!

# Mission and Outreach

## Meal Help for the Murano Family

Baby Francesca was in NICU for a few days after her birth, but now is home. What a blessing! Needless to say, with a new baby and three older siblings, Doug and Jess have their hands full!

A "Meal Train" has been started for the Murano family. If you would like to help out, just go to this website and sign up for a day to bring food to the family: <https://mealtrain.com/dlggn4>.

## Benefit Concert

On behalf of Pastor Dorotea Yucra at our sister church in Los Guido, Costa Rica, we thank Arjun and Aparna Ayyangar for their wonderful gift of music on Sunday, August 28. This very talented brother and sister team provided an hour and a half of musical entertainment that showcased their prowess on several instruments. They graciously designated the donations from the afternoon to be directed to the programs in Costa Rica that include the feeding program as well as the educational scholarships. Their efforts on behalf of the families that they have never met is remarkable. They are making a real difference in the lives of many.

Muchas gracias, Arjun y Aparna!

## Clothe-A-Kid Update

Thank you again to everyone who donated to Love INC's Clothe-A-Kid program. Also, many thanks to the volunteers who helped the children and their families shop for school clothes at Kohls in August.

A total of **513** children were able to purchase new clothes, which they undoubtedly were excited to wear on the first day of school on August 31!

## Installation Service

You are invited to the installation service of **Rev. Dustin Bartlett** at **4:00pm** on **Sunday, September 25** at Custer Community Church, UCC, 547 Harney Street, Custer SD. Soup supper to follow.

# September Calendar

## Fri Sep 9, 2016

1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Sep 10, 2016

9am - World Suicide Prevention  
Day program

9am Woodchucks Wood  
Splitting

## Sun Sep 11, 2016

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

4pm The Well

## Mon Sep 12, 2016

1:30pm Westhills Bible and  
Book Study

## Tue Sep 13, 2016

9am BH Retired School  
Personnel

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

## Wed Sep 14, 2016

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6pm Stewardship and Budget

7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Thu Sep 15, 2016

6:30pm PEO Event

## Fri Sep 16, 2016

Visiting group--Elon College

1pm Stained Glass Project

1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Sep 17, 2016

Visiting group--Elon College

9am Woodchucks Wood

Splitting

## Sun Sep 18, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

8:30am Dept. of Ministries

9:30am Worship and Sunday  
School

10:30am Fellowship

3:30pm Jail Ministry

4pm The Well

## Tue Sep 20, 2016

12pm Church Chat

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

7pm Church Board Meeting

## Wed Sep 21, 2016

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30pm UCY Dinner

7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Thu Sep 22, 2016

1:30pm Memoir Writing Group

## Fri Sep 23, 2016

1pm Stained Glass Project

1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Sep 24, 2016

9am Woodchucks Wood  
Splitting

10am Survivors of Suicide Sup-  
port Group

## Sun Sep 25, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship and Sunday  
School

10:30am Fellowship

3pm BH Chamber Music  
Concert

3:30pm Jail Ministry

4:00pm Installation at Custer  
UCC/Soup Supper

4pm The Well

## Mon Sep 26, 2016

9:30am WF Kitchen clean-up

1:30pm Westhills Bible & Book  
Study

## Tue Sep 27, 2016

11:30am 4th Tuesday Ladies  
Lunch

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

## Wed Sep 28, 2016

9:30am Kerygma

6pm Bell Choir Practice

7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Thu Sep 29, 2016

9:00am Cornerstone Mission  
Meal Preparation

## Fri Sep 30, 2016

1pm Stained Glass Project

1pm BH Watercolor Group

5:30pm Serve Mission Meal

## Sat Oct 1, 2016

9am Woodchucks Wood  
Splitting

## Sun Oct 2, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship for All Ages

10:30am Fellowship

12:00pm Placerville Day with  
Lunch

4pm The Well

## Tue Oct 4, 2016

12pm Church Chat

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

## Wed Oct 5, 2016

9:30am Kerygma

11:30am WF Board Meeting

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6pm Dept. of Hospitality

7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Fri Oct 7, 2016

1pm Stained Glass Project

1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Oct 8, 2016

9am Woodchucks Wood  
Splitting

## Sun Oct 9, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship and Sunday  
School

10:30am Fellowship

4pm The Well

## Mon Oct 10, 2016

Native American Day

1:30pm Westhills Bible and  
Book Study



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of our congregation.

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## 2016 Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need is the annual special offering of the United Church of Christ that supports mission and outreach within the United States. Among the ministries supported by this offering is the Council for American Indian Ministries which supports pastors serving our sister churches in South Dakota. On Sunday, October 2 we will receive the Neighbors in Need special offering in our church. Plan now to give generously to support these important ministries of service to our neighbors.