

# THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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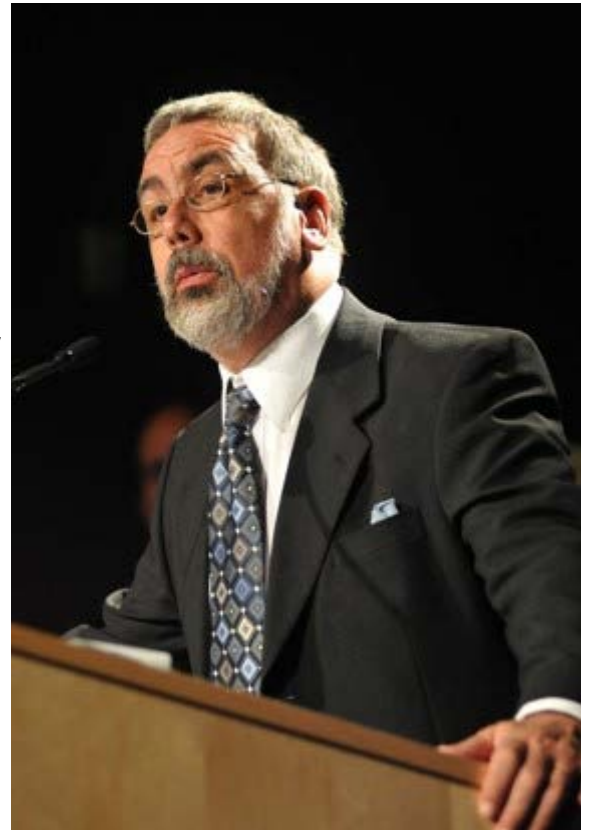


## Commissioning for Ministry

On Sunday, October 23, the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with the Black Hills Association will commission Ben Anderson for the ministry of Disabilities Education and Advocacy. Commissioning is an act whereby the church recognizes and authorizes a member whom God has called to a specific church-related ministry which is recognized by an Association. By this act, the status of commissioned minister is conferred and authorization granted to perform duties necessary to that specific ministry.

The Rite of Commissioning will take place as a part of the morning's service of Word and Sacrament to be celebrated at our usual worship time.

Ben's ministry will be conducted through our partner non-profit, Break Through, Inc., which is dedicated to rehabilitation education and advocacy for persons with disabilities.



## Journey to Placerville Camp for Fun and Fellowship

On Sunday, October 2, members of our congregation will gather at Placerville camp at noon for lunch, activities, and an opportunity to explore our church camp. Reservations are required for lunch, so if you haven't signed up, please call the church office at (605) 342-5787 or email [uccoffice@rushmore.com](mailto:uccoffice@rushmore.com) as soon as possible so that we can tell camp manager, Kerry Steever, how many to expect.



Activities for all ages are planned including an opportunity to check out the climbing wall, play games, go for a hike and just sit and enjoy the beautiful setting of our camp.

# Around the Church

## Pastor's

### Ponderings

By Ted Huffman

On October 10 and 11, Susan and I will be participating in another round of "Sacred Conversations on Race" at Placerville Camp sponsored by the Dakota Association and the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ. In the emotionally-charged atmosphere of this year's political campaigns and recent deaths and associated protests across America, it is critical that we in the Christian Church take time to speak frankly and honestly about the differences and divisions within the church. Part of these conversations are opportunities to deepen relationships with our Lakota partners and friends.

I am grateful to this congregation for its support of our ministries of outreach with our Lakota partners across South Dakota.

## Learn before you vote

The Department of Ministries wants members of our congregation to know that four denominations in South Dakota have endorsed the campaign to cap the interest rate on payday, installment and car title loans at 36%. Their recommendation is to stop predatory lending by voting NO on Amendment U and YES on Initiated Measure 21 on Tuesday, November 8. The four church organizations are the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Presbytery of South Dakota, the SD Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and the South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ. You can read more about this subject on the website, [www.capteratesd.com](http://www.capteratesd.com)

## Woodchuck Deliveries Begin

On Saturday, September 24, five vehicles with trailers left our church parking lot with a load of wood to be distributed by the Upper Cheyenne United Church of Christ in Bridger. The delivery was a bit earlier than some years as the group took advantage of excellent weather to make the delivery. 2016 promises to be a year of change for the Woodchucks after the death of our first Cheyenne River partner, Rev. Norman Blue Coat last fall.

For those who are not familiar with the program, the Woodchucks cut and split firewood for use in heating homes. The wood is distributed by partners on the Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge reservations. The Woodchuck Society operates on volunteer labor without a budget. What people give we gratefully accept, what we do not have, we do without. There are no meetings other than regular opportunities to work and an annual picnic.

One of the projects of the Woodchuck Society is the annual Turkey Taxi in which frozen turkeys are delivered to Eagle Butte for distribution to needy families. The status of this program is a bit unclear as this issue of The Call goes to press, but we believe that we will be able to use existing relationships and partners to continue this ministry this year. Be sure to check out the worship bulletin and the November issue of The Call for more information on our plans as they develop.

There are many ways to participate in the Woodchuck Society. One of the best ways to find out about the group is to join them on a Saturday morning for a splitting party. The work begins at 9:00am and continues until noon. New volunteers are always welcome for an hour or for a morning.

# Board and Departments

## Church Board by Sheila Long

The board resumed meeting on September 20 after taking the summer off. Department reports were submitted prior to the meeting. Stewardship and Budget reported the pledges were down for August, but so was attendance. The automatic external defibrillator (AED) is purchased and installed. Discussed setting up training. There is a vision fund that has been made to fund special projects, with the first special project being the AED. Susan shared Placerville Sunday is October 2. This is free, but you do need to sign up. Next board meeting will be at 7:00pm on October 18.

## Department of Ministries by Pat Wheaton

The October 2nd Neighbors in Need offering is an opportunity to help many South Dakotans because one-third of that offering goes to the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). There are 22 Native American congregations in CAIM, and 13 of those 22 churches are in the Dakota Association of the South Dakota UCC Conference. The remaining two-thirds of the offering goes to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants.

We appreciate those who have helped with our recent Cornerstone Mission meals. The grocery cards we sell pay for most of the menu we provide, along with donated cookies. The next sales day for cards will be **October 2nd**. The increase in people staying at Cornerstone has also impacted their other supplies, and they are requesting new or gently used towels. The towels can be placed in the grocery cart along with food for Church Response. The food item promoted for October is **pasta** of any kind.

We thank you for your donations, and the clients from both organizations are also grateful for your generosity.

**\*\*For information about a new opportunity to purchase gift cards through Church Response, turn the page.**

## Moderator's Musings

By Sheila Long

You may have noticed a white and red box on the wall next to the parlor. Thanks to some hard work led by Sue Kelts, our church now has an automatic external defibrillator, also known as an AED. This is a life saving device that shocks the heart back into a normal rhythm. Sounds a little scary to think about, but is very important to the person needing this treatment. This may be needed by anyone, including children, so we have pediatric sized pads available.

The AED is designed for the lay person to use, and our church will be offering training to those interested. Please watch for more information to come.

## Women's Fellowship Kitchen Clean-up



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Women's Fellowship will be leading the kitchen cleanup on **Monday, October 3 at 9:30am.**

**All helpers are welcome!**

# News from the Church

## Why Do We Do That in Worship?

You've probably noticed that during the fall we have added the singing of a Gloria following the Passing of the Peace. The Gloria, sometimes called Gloria Patri, is a short song of praise incorporated in traditional liturgies. Sometimes known as the "minor doxology," is frequently positioned after the words of assurance at the end of the rite of confession. Early in the church's history it became traditional to sing praise to God the Creator early in the worship service and follow-up with a Trinitarian doxology later. The Gloria that was most common in the last half of the 20th century also had a Trinitarian formula. Many of the songs in our current hymnal simply use the words Glory or Gloria as signs of praise to God. In our worship the Gloria calls our attention back to God after a time of greeting one another.

## Church Response Cards by Jeff VanCuren

Church Response and 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church have decided to increase the opportunities for you to contribute to both of these great organizations. We are expanding the number of stores that you can purchase gift cards to use in your everyday shopping or to give as gifts. Unfortunately, (or fortunately depending on how you look at it) there are just too many stores to have all of them on hand for your immediate purchase so, we are going to have to sell the cards on advance purchase basis. Although this may be inconvenient at first, this is the best way to decide what cards we may carry in the future based on demand and also ensure we are good stewards of the Church's money.

How is this going to work? We will set up on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays as usual and sell the same cards we always sell. We will also have an order form for the additional cards we are selling. You fill out the order form and pay for the card. The following time we sell the cards, we will have your order ready for pick-up. As with all new things there will be growing pains, but we are the test congregation for all of Rapid City and we believe the added options will give our Church and Church Response more capability to reach out to the community in our respective Ministries.

These are some of the additional local vendors (a complete list will be in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 2**): Applebee's, Best Buy, Kohl's Cabela's, Herbergers, Lowe's, Olive Garden, Sears, Starbucks and Target.

## Fourth Tuesday Ladies Lunch Group

Please join the Fourth Tuesday Ladies Lunch Group **Tuesday, October 25** 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.

## Veterans Plaque Update



It's time to update our church's plaque in honor of our veterans. The names on the plaque include church members and their loved ones. Please write the names of anyone you know who should be included on the list next to the plaque in the Fellowship Hall or notify the church office.

# News from the Church

## Church Chat

Are you interested in discussing books about relevant topics and issues? Plan to join Church Chat on **Tuesdays, October 4 and 18, noon to 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Our first book for this season will be *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living* by Krista Tippett. Tippett hosts *On Being*, a weekly conversation about "the big questions of being" on National Public Radio. On October 4, we will discuss through page 56.

If you would like to order a copy of the book (hardback at \$19.00), contact Kathleen Batchelder.

## Memoir Writing Group

The Memoir Group will meet on the 4th Thursday, **October 27, at 1:30pm**. Your memoirs are "heirlooms" for your family and friends, but also part of South Dakota history. There is a growing interest in the stories people have to share, as evidenced by a call for submissions for a new anthology, *Heirlooms from the Dakotas*, to be published in a hard-cover edition in December by ScriptWorksPress. If you are sixty years of age or older and have a true story of life in the Black Hills to tell, you may want to submit it for consideration. Deadline for submissions is Monday, October 31. Stories should be 5000 words or less, typed in Times New Roman, size 12. Send your story by mail to Molly Barari, 4349 Red Cliff Terrace, Rapid City, SD 57702 or send by e-mail to [mollybarari@gmail.com](mailto:mollybarari@gmail.com). There is no submission fee, but publication is not guaranteed. If you would like to read your story to our Memoir group and get some feedback, bring it to our October 27 meeting.

## Library News

HISTORY BUFFS, our library has books for you! One of these by Christina Baker Kline is *ORPHAN TRAIN*, reviewed by Joyce Tripp. It is "a novel about the search for family that illuminates a fascinating and mostly-forgotten chapter in our American history. Between 1854 and 1929 so called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude?" Many children came to Nebraska via this train. This is HISTORY!

Two more historical books are *THE WRIGHT BROTHERS* by David McCullough and Barbara Bush's *A MEMOIR*.

## 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 30 and November 6, 13 and 20**. For more information, contact **Kathleen Batchelder**.

# Education News

## Fall Adult Education

A variety of opportunities to learn and grow in faith are available for adult learners this fall.

- **Kerygma Bible study**, a study on the books of Jonah and Ruth, titled, *An Odd Couple, Jonah & Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World* Wednesdays at 9:30 in Room 23.
- **Church Chat**, reading and discussing Krista Tibbett's book, *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living Wise*, alternate Tuesdays at 12 noon in the Fireside Room. (see page 5)
- **Circles of Understanding**, Sunday, October 16 at South Park UCC from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. Soup and bread lunch will be served.
- **Caring Conversations**, Sundays, October 30, November 6, 13 and 20 at 10:45 in the church parlor. (See page 5)

## Kerygma Bible Study

This fall, the Kerygma Bible Study is focusing 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. The study begins with Jonah, a book that is very different from the books named for other prophets. Jonah does not record the preaching of the prophet, but rather the story of the prophet—what he does rather than what he says. On the one hand, Jonah is a very familiar story to most people. On the other hand, it is a very unusual book drawing us into further examination, study and questions.

New members are always welcome! Kerygma studies are open to all. Come and join our discussions about Biblical truths and our lives. 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).

## Circles of Understanding

On Sunday, October 16, adults and older youth are invited to participate in a discussion entitled *Circles of Understanding* at South Park UCC, 2201 Third Street. The gathering will run from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. Soup and bread will be served for lunch at no charge. This conversation is designed to help non-natives understand more about the traditions and values of our Lakota neighbors. Through our work on the Woodchuck deliveries, *Sacred Conversations on Race*, various book studies, and other programs, members of our congregation have been working at building bridges for many years. Duane Hollow Horn Bear, a Lakota elder, will be resourcing this gathering. In addition, Sharla Steever and Dr. Scott Simpson from the WoLakota Project will share information about their work. Some members of our congregation have heard Sharla speak about her work with elders in the native communities. Now we have an opportunity to hear more about this project. You can learn about the WoLakota Project at [www.wolakotaproject.org](http://www.wolakotaproject.org).

This gathering is a joint adult educational opportunity sponsored by First Congregational UCC and South Park UCC. Everyone is welcome to share and learn together. For more information, talk to Susan or Ted Huffman.

## Children's Sabbath

*Light a Candle for Children*, the forty day vigil of prayer for children, will conclude on Sunday, October 16 with the celebration of Children's Sabbath. The Children's Sabbath is an interfaith observance bringing together faithful people in churches, synagogues, mosques and other places of worship around the country. Thanks to everyone who joined in our 2016 vigil of prayer. This year's sponsors have included a wide range of people—children and youth, those who are parents and those who are not, young adults and senior citizens. . . The care of our gathered community for "the least of these" is shown as we join our hearts and voices in prayer. Please continue to pray for children during the remaining days of this prayer vigil—and beyond! Thank you for your care for children.

## Fall Youth Event

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to the Fall Youth Event to be held November 11-13 at Placerville Camp. The events begins Friday at 7:00 pm. Alexander Haines, pastor at the Huron Congregational Church, will be the keynote presenter. In addition, there will be lots of time for fun, including music, finger rockets, scooter hockey, hiking, eating and more! The cost is \$100 for the weekend, but First Congregational Church pays HALF of the cost, so each youth pays only \$50 for the meals, lodging and program of this event. For more information, talk to Susan Huffman, Ryan Webster or Becky Fleming. It's a great time to meet UCC youth from across the state. Plan to attend!

## United Church Youth

United Church Youth is a Fellowship group for youth in grades 6-12. This year, we will be experimenting with a mixture of Sunday and Wednesday gatherings for youth. Wednesdays are hard for the kids who live out of town, whether near Johnson Siding, Hill City or Caputa. Sundays sometimes conflict with sports and family travel. So, we're going to try to mix it up!

Right now, a schedule for the fall is being developed. Nick and Courtney Strampe (along with "youth group mascot" Caroline Strampe) will be helping with Wednesday events. Lynn Grauman and others will be helping with Sunday events. And, we are also looking a doing some youth events in combination with South Park UCC. Watch for more information to follow. In addition, you can send your ideas to [susanucc@rushmore.com](mailto:susanucc@rushmore.com) or talk to Susan Huffman.

## Care Packages for College and Military

United Church Youth will meet at **6:30pm on Wed., October 19** to pack care packages for those who are away in college or serving in the military. This project is a combination of a mission project and a fun project. It's the classic example of "pay it forward." You help lift the spirits of some lonely college student or member of the military now. Someday, in the future, when you're in college or away from home in the military, someone will send you a CARE PACKAGE, too! And there are always a few goodies that have to be sampled. Come, share your care!

Members of the congregation can help by sending us the addresses of college students and those in the military. Please email information to: [susanucc@rushmore.com](mailto:susanucc@rushmore.com)

# News from the Church

## Coffee Hour Help

Coffee hosts and dishwashers are needed for coffee hour after church.

**Coffee 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!**



## 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 **October 2 and October 9.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**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)

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

**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:** there will be a yoga session (for all experience levels) on Saturday at 1:00pm. Bring comfortable clothes for yoga and a yoga mat if you have one.

**\*\*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, Oct. 21 (3:00pm) to Saturday, Oct. 22 (4:00pm) at Placerville**



# 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 **Mavis Iverson** following the death of her nephew, **Allen Pray** on September 2;

the family of **Becky and Jim Fleming** following the death of Jim's sister-in-law, **Mary Fleming** on September 8;

the family of **Carroll Nelson**, husband of former choir director, Karen Nelson, following his death on September 14;

**Ed McLaughlin** and the family of **Doris Marie Strom** following her death on September 17;

and the family of **Keith Alexander**, following his death on September 22. Please hold **Marilyn Franson** in your prayers as she recovers from ear surgery.

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; Dorothy Davis's** great-grandson, **Jesse Mitchell;** the **Donnelley** family; **Jane Ireland's** son-in-law, **Pat Kearney; Saroja Krishnaswamy; Jill Kundtz; Jill Kundtz's** sister-in-law, **Mindy; Bernie**

**Lambert and Joyce Oster's** brother, **Orville Oster; Ted McBride; Al Pitts; Lynn Renee's** sister, **Laura Scheider** and family; **Rev. Ray Schatz; Jane Seaton; Jane Seaton's** daughter, **Gail Johnson; Rev. Don Stuebner** and his wife and caregiver, **Rosie; Oscar Stradinger; Deb Tompkins'** mother-in-law, **Dorothy Tompkins** and **Mae Louise Zeise.**

### In Military Service:

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

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone for their prayers for my daughter-in-law, Angie Parkin. I am happy to report that she is much better.

*Patsy Parkin Valandra*

Thank you for your prayers, support and cards after the passing of our dear Gerri Kennedy. Suicide is difficult to accept and impossible to understand. Please continue to pray for our family and for others affected by such devastating tragedies.

*Jared Schnabel; Dwight, Lorna and Jake Schnabel*

Thank you for "gifting" us with the use of the Sanctuary for our photo session and rehearsal. We look forward to "gifting" you back with music.

*Bella Voce*

## Happy Birthday

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

- Oct. 3:** Denise Webster
- Oct. 5:** Dee Anderson  
Shirley Battey  
Jeri Behringer
- Oct. 6:** Willy Grigg
- Oct. 8:** Becky Fisher
- Oct. 9:** Randy Fisher  
Abby Thompson
- Oct. 12:** Steel Cruz  
Sarah Grigg
- Oct. 13:** Jim Fleming  
Joyce Oster
- Oct. 15:** Lee Boyles  
Elyse Seals
- Oct. 16:** Richard Battey  
Laura Switzer
- Oct. 17:** Ryan Eddy  
Carter Seals
- Oct. 19:** Peggy Eckholm
- Oct. 20:** Ginny Ensz
- Oct. 22:** Greg Logue  
Marge Pitts  
Ryan Webster
- Oct. 24:** Tom Berry
- Oct. 25:** Susan Kelts
- Oct. 27:** Kenny Putnam
- Oct. 28:** Lindsey Martin



# Member News and Notes

## Congratulations

### Salim and Christopher Golden

welcomed the arrival of baby daughter, **Amelia Christine** on Sept 8. **Gabriella** is Amelia's big sister. **Becky and Randy Fisher** are her grandparents and **Merrick Fisher** is her aunt.

**Katie and Ben Redinius** welcomed the arrival of baby daughter, **Everly Mae** on September 17. Everly's grandparents are **Roberta and Evan Gallentine**.

Best wishes to **Lita and Travis Eddy** who were married on September 17.

## Directory Update

### Christopher and Salim Golden

944 Deadwood Loop  
Ellsworth AFB SD 57706  
(605) 209-4290

# Mission and Outreach

## Thank You

Thank you for your thoughtful gift to New Alternatives. The extra-long sheets and mattress pad was wonderful. We also appreciate the kitchen items and puzzles. Thank you for helping us serve the young adults at New Alternatives. *Sheila Johnson, New Alternatives*

## The Poverty Simulation

**Could you survive a month in poverty?** Walk a mile in the shoes of those facing poverty by participating in the Prosperity Initiative's Poverty Simulation, made available by the Community Development Division of the City of Rapid City. The simulation provides participants with the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. **Poverty Simulation, October 4, 2:00-4:30pm**, Terra Sancta Retreat Center, 2101 City Springs Road. Space is limited. RSVP to [kelsie.lawrence@cssrapidcity.com](mailto:kelsie.lawrence@cssrapidcity.com) or phone (605) 348-6086.

## Black Hills Association Meeting

The Black Hills Association meeting will be **October 9** in **St. Onge**. Registration will start at **2:30pm**, meeting at **3:00pm**. A meal will be served after the meeting and a free will offering will be accepted.

## Craft Group Sale

Members of First Congregational Church's craft group, the Hopeful Crafters, will be selling items at the Westhills Village craft sale on **November 12** from **10:00am** until **2:00pm**. The Stained Glass group will also be participating in this sale. The profits from this sale will go to the "special projects" for the church, so we hope to see many people there!

# October Calendar

## Fri Sep 30, 2016

1pm Stained Glass Project  
1pm BH Watercolor Group  
5:30pm Serve Mission Meal

## Sat Oct 1, 2016

8am PEO CD  
9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

## Sun Oct 2, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice  
9:30am Worship for All Ages/  
Neighbors in Need Offering  
10:30am Fellowship  
12pm Placerville Day at Placerville  
4pm The Well

## Mon Oct 3, 2016

9:30am WF Kitchen clean-up

## Tue Oct 4, 2016

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

## Wed Oct 5, 2016

9:30am Kerygma Bible Study  
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/Sunday School  
10:30am Fellowship  
4pm The Well

## Mon Oct 10, 2016

**Native American Day**  
Sacred Conversations on Race at  
Placerville Camp  
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

## Tue Oct 11, 2016

Sacred Conversation on Race at  
Placerville Camp  
9am BH Retired School Personnel  
1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices  
6pm Stewardship and Budget

## Wed Oct 12, 2016

Boundary Training for Clergy at  
Placerville Camp  
6pm Bell Choir Practice  
7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Thu Oct 13, 2016

10am Altar Guild Meeting  
4pm Dept. of Worship

## Fri Oct 14, 2016

1pm Stained Glass Project  
1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Oct 15, 2016

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

## Sun Oct 16, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice  
8:30am Dept. of Ministries  
9:30am Worship/Sunday School  
10:30am Fellowship  
12:00pm Circles of Understanding  
3:30pm Jail Ministry  
4pm The Well

## Mon Oct 17, 2016

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

## Tue Oct 18, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting  
1pm Craft Day  
1:15pm Spiritual Practices  
4pm Pilgrim Trust  
7 pm Church Board

## Wed Oct 19, 2016

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

## Fri Oct 21, 2016

1pm Stained Glass Project  
1pm BH Watercolor Group  
3pm Fall Women's Retreat at  
Placerville Camp

## Sat Oct 22, 2016

Fall Women's Retreat  
9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting  
10am Survivors of Suicide Support  
Group

## Sun Oct 23, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice  
9:30am Worship /Sunday School  
**Commissioning of Ben  
Anderson**  
11 am: Potluck lunch/reception  
3:30pm Jail Ministry  
4pm The Well

## Mon Oct 24, 2016

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

## Tue Oct 25, 2016

11:30am 4th Tues. Ladies Lunch  
1pm Craft Day  
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

## Wed Oct 26, 2016

9:30am: Kerygma Bible Study  
6pm Bell Choir Practice  
7pm Adult Choir Practice

## Thu Oct 27, 2016

1:30pm Memoir Writing Group

## Fri Oct 28, 2016

1pm - 4pm Stained Glass Project  
1pm BH Watercolor Group

## Sat Oct 29, 2016

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

## Sun Oct 30, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice  
9:30am Worship/Sunday School  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:45am Caring Conversations  
3 pm BH Chamber Music Concert  
4pm The Well Service

## Mon Oct 31, 2016

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

## Tue Nov 1, 2016

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

## Wed Nov 2, 2016

11:30am WF Board Meeting  
6pm Bell Choir Practice  
6pm Dept. of Hospitality  
7pm Adult Choir Practice



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## Contact Us

We'd love to talk to you and share additional news 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. One-third of this offering goes to the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). CAIM supports the 20 UCC churches and their pastors located on reservations in South Dakota and across the United States. 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.