

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

November, 2016



We Recognize All Saints on November 6

In the United Church of Christ we recognize the ministry of every member. We understand that the essential work of the church is carried out by all who participate in the church. We provide care and nurture, spiritual gifts, prayer and study for each other. In this context, we also recognize that every death is a loss worthy of the best of our remembrances and observations. Each year, on the first Sunday of November, our congregation recognizes all of the saints of the church in story, song and prayer. It has become our tradition, in recent years, to show pictures of the saints of our congregation who have passed away in the preceding year. As we grieve, we also celebrate the power of Christ's gift of resurrection and the ongoing life of these saints in the church. Join your congregation as we observe All Saints on November 6.

It's that time of year once again!

You'll notice a table in the entryway of the church where you can pick up your pledge materials for the coming year. Stop by before or after worship and pick up your packet. Pledges enable your church leaders to plan effectively for the coming year. Of course, we will find ways to live joyfully with what God provides through the generosity of our members, but it does help a great deal when those generous members give an indication of what they plan to do in the year to come. While every effort is made to control costs, there are expenses over which we have no control. Energy and supply costs go up. A modest 2% increase in our regular expenses for 2017 is anticipated.

Every family has different circumstances and no one can tell another member what he or she should give. At the same time, every family has the capability to give something and all can join together in praying for the church and its ministries. As Thanksgiving approaches, it is an appropriate time to take stock of the many blessings we have received and to plan to express that gratitude through the gifts that we make.

This year our new electronic payment system provides a new option for those who wish to plan their giving. The church is still offering all of the giving options that have been present in the past, but there are a couple of new check boxes on the pledge card to assist those who wish to use electronic payment options to carry out their plan of stewardship.

For more information, please contact any member of the Department of Stewardship and Budget: Randy Daughenbaugh, Jay Davis, Kyle Grauman, Jan Gustin, Andy Knight or Mark Ortega.

Let's catch up

The church's income sometimes rises and falls with the season of the year and with other factors including worship attendance. A small short fall in income can make a big difference. While your church leaders have been effective in controlling spending, staying well within the budget voted by the congregation, income dropped in August and September this year. That means that we need to play "catch up" for the remainder of the year. Please check to see that your pledge is current and if not, your help in catching up will be appreciated. Those who can afford a small extra gift will also help keep your church financially healthy as we go forward.

Around the Church

Pastor's

Ponderings

By Ted Huffman

Recently Susan and I had a couple of opportunities to stop on the hilltop over the Missouri River near Chamberlain to view the new statue, "Dignity," by Dale Lamphere. The impressive work of art was made possible by the generosity of the McKie family.

I'm sure that there are a variety of reactions to the piece. Different people see public art in different ways. That is one of the realities of art. But the piece is, for me, inspirational. It reminds me of the essential dignity of every person and our responsibility to recognize and honor that dignity. The larger-than-life sculpture invites us to think beyond our own lives and our own time.

I pray that all South Dakotans will join in celebrating Dignity together.

Voting is an act of love

The leaders of the United Church of Christ have challenged all of us in the church to consider voting as a spiritual discipline. The roots of our church are closely linked with the founding of this nation and the importance of each citizen in forming our national leadership and character has been one of the values that our forebears have passed on to this generation. The United Church of Christ website has a special area devoted to preparation for voting at www.ucc.org/ourfaithhourvote.

These are difficult and challenging times for our local communities, our country, and the world. Divisive and heated rhetoric dominate the public dialogue, and the power of money is shutting out the voice of the average voter. More and more people are withdrawing from engagement in the political process out of a growing sense of cynicism and mistrust.

Now, more than ever, your voice and your efforts are needed.

As people of faith, we can play a unique role in this election cycle by encouraging civil, respectful dialogue that builds community and offers a hope-filled vision of the future for all people. Our congregation demonstrates this civil, respectful dialogue each week when we gather for worship, knowing that we have different opinions and different political affiliations. We are proud that our member David Johnson is running for the state legislature as a Republican. We are proud that our member Susan Kelts is running for the state legislature as a Democrat. We don't have to agree or hold the same party affiliations in order to fully engage the political process as people of faith.

Rev. Dr. James Moos, executive minister of Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ, grew up in North Dakota. He has spoken in our church and inspired us with his faith and leadership. On the UCC website he reflects on the process of voting as a spiritual discipline in which we are all challenged to consider not only our own desires and interests, but also the call of Jesus to love our neighbor as ourselves.

There are those who say that politics and religion don't mix. However, the actions of our members and the traditions of our church teach us that our vote can be informed and inspired by our faith.

Take time to consider prayerfully the decisions that lie before our community, our state and our country. Then exercise your faith by engaging in the spiritual discipline of voting.

Board and Departments

Moderator's Musings By Sheila Long

As the end of 2016 nears, we in the church start looking for new members for our six departments. Every year, starting in February, we say thank you to the outgoing members and welcome to the new members. These people serve for 3 years, leading and guiding the future of our church. There are many departments in which to become involved. You can choose from Stewardship and Budget, Education, Building and Grounds, Ministries, Worship, Hospitality or you can be a board representative for the congregation. As you look through this newsletter, you will see a report from some of the departments. If you find one of them to be interesting, you can let someone on the department know. You can also talk to one of the congregational representatives, Rob Burton or myself. This is a great way to become involved in the church, get to know more of our congregation, and have a voice in the future of our church. Hope to hear from you.

Church Board By Dona Leavens

The UCC church board met on October 18 with Sheila Long leading the meeting. Randy Daughenbaugh gave the financial report. We are at 91% of our budgeted income. Expenses were lower this month but we still have a negative income. Phase II Capital Funds Drive is moving forward and an article will be in the November Call. We will start taking nominations for next year's committee. Please send your suggestions to Sheila Long. We will meet again on November 15 at 7:00pm.

Phase II Capital Update

The Steering Committee for Phase II Capital meets quarterly to review the status of pledged and non-pledged giving, and to consider initiating other projects included in Phase II Capital. You will recall that this is a five year program, both for donations and for completion of projects, as approved by the congregation. The only project firmly scheduled at the outset was the major roof repair, which was completed on schedule and slightly under the budgeted amount.

Current status comments:

FINANCIAL: Pledged and non-pledged donations continue to be received as expected. The roof repair is the largest Phase II project, over \$200,000, and has been completely funded and paid for, and the Phase II fund balance is positive at about \$25,000. Since pledging is yearly, we will have a more accurate reading for our year end report, but the current pace of donations received is on schedule. Thank you all for your support.

PROJECTS: We have decided to proceed with the family bathroom project, with work expected to commence about early January. This is the smallest project in cost, less than \$10,000, and also includes a good bit of volunteer work by members of the congregation. This project will provide improved access for wheelchairs and so forth, and afford a better arrangement for those needing assistance. A shower is also included. Please see Rob Burton if you would like to contribute your effort to this project. We continue to discuss other projects, but have no other definite plans at this time.

Our next report will be for the Annual Report in January. Thank you again for supporting Phase II Capital.

Phase II Steering Committee

News from the Church

Why Do We Do That in Worship?

You've probably noticed the acolytes who light and extinguish candles as part of our worship each Sunday. The tradition of using candles as symbols for worship is ancient and has its roots in the time before Jesus. Candles have symbolized the presence of God and God's gift of light to the world. They also help worshipers to set aside a particular time and place as sacred—a time to focus attention on God and God's gifts to us all. In our church, the large Paschal candle represents the presence of Christ and is always present in our worship except for a few brief days between Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday evening during our Holy Week observances. Other candles are lighted to remind us that Christ is fully human and fully divine. Each candle provides a visual focus for worshipers.

Department of Ministries By Pat Wheaton

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Neighbors in Need offering in October. A total of \$1,534.00 was donated to help people in many communities, with sizable grants given to UCC Native American churches. Recently Steve Bareis carried many towels to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission that you generously donated for clients staying there. Patsy Parkin-Valandra continues to transport weekly the food and toiletries that are donated to Church Response. The requested food for November is chili. The Ministries group has decided to provide occasional meals for those taking classes given by Love, Inc. This will begin in 2017. We have one more Cornerstone meal this year scheduled for the Friday after Christmas.

Department of Hospitality

Everyone is invited! The Department of Hospitality is hosting a lasagna dinner in the Fellowship Hall following worship on **November 13**. Lasagna, salad and ice cream will be provided, so just bring your appetite and join the fun!

Church Chat

On **November 15**, we will discuss chapter 5 of Krista Tippett's *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living*. All are invited to join us **noon to 1:00pm** in the **Fireside Room** for lively discussion. Contact Kathleen Batchelder for more information.

Christmas Tree Setup

Volunteers are needed to help set up the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary on **Saturday, November 26** at **9:00am**. A job can be found for **all** volunteers. Please come help beautify the Sanctuary for the Advent Season.

Memoir Writing Group

The next meeting for the Memoir Writing Group will be at **1:30pm** on **Thursday, December 1**. We believe there are stories in everyone's life that are important to preserve for the next generations to hear. Come listen as we share our stories over tea and a treat, and think about what stories you might have to write as a legacy for your family.

News from the Church

Christmas Tea

The Christmas Tea will be held on **Saturday, December 3** at **1:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bella Voce will be sharing their holiday music program. Be sure to mark your calendars and bring a friend to this special event!

Bells of the Hills

Bells of the Hills, a community hand bell ensemble, presents their Winter Concert on **Sunday, December 4** at **2:00pm** at First Congregational Church. This performance will feature many favorite holiday songs, hymns, and carols. A freewill donation will be collected, but admission is free. Please join in helping us ring in the Christmas season!

Coffee Hour Help

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

Library News

Aging is happening to each of us whether we admit it or not. Therefore, the better informed we are about our future, the more we can do for ourselves and our loved ones. Our library personnel have some answers for YOU. Alzheimer's: Martha Adams' *COURAGE FOR THOSE WHO CARE* is a practical guide to caregivers. Also, two books from Mayo Clinic—both called *GUIDE TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE*.

Dr. David Feldman has written a compassionate guide to caring for a dying loved one in *THE END OF LIFE HANDBOOK*.

Both Jane Marie Thibault's *A DEEPENING LOVE AFFAIR* and Rhonda Kelley's *RAISING MOMS* convey hints to prepare any of us facing our older years.

These books and many more can be found on the LIBRARY TABLE in the FELLOWSHIP HALL.

South Park UCC Thanksgiving Dinner

South Park UCC, 3rd and Flormann Street is having its annual "Family Style" Thanksgiving Dinner on **Saturday, November 12** from **4:00 to 6:30pm**. Cost: adults--\$10.00, children--\$5.00 and children under 6--free. For more information, call 342-2017.

Dishcloths for Sale

Dishpan Hands Alert!

Are you looking for a way to soothe those dishpan hands at a reasonable price and make washing dishes more enjoyable? Good Evening Circle has just what you need. Our dishcloths come in various colors and sell for just \$2.50 a piece. They are a nice large size and very well made. They are quite a bargain and are long lasting too! Please contact any Good Evening Circle member or the office. We have a good supply on hand. All money collected from the sales goes toward the annual charities that we support. Good Evening Circle thanks you!

P.S. Thinking ahead, they would make a great stocking stuffer!



Education News

Youth News

Weds, November 9:
no UCY due to Fall Youth Event.

**Friday, November 11-
Sunday, November 13: Fall Youth Event**

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to the Fall Youth Event at Placerville Camp. The event begins Friday at 7:00 pm. 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.

Weds, November 16:
UCY meets at 6:30 pm

Weds, November 23:
No UCY, Thanksgiving Break

Weds, November 30:
UCY meets at 6:30 pm

Watch for updated information about the next art project with Ingrid Arlton.

Caring Conversations

Aging and Death are two certainties of human life. As Christians, we trust that both in life and in death, we are the Lord's. We have both spiritual and practical questions, concerns, and desires as we look into our aging years. The Caring Conversations discussion series will continue November 6 through November 20 and will cover these topics--

November 6: Community Resources for Aging and Death

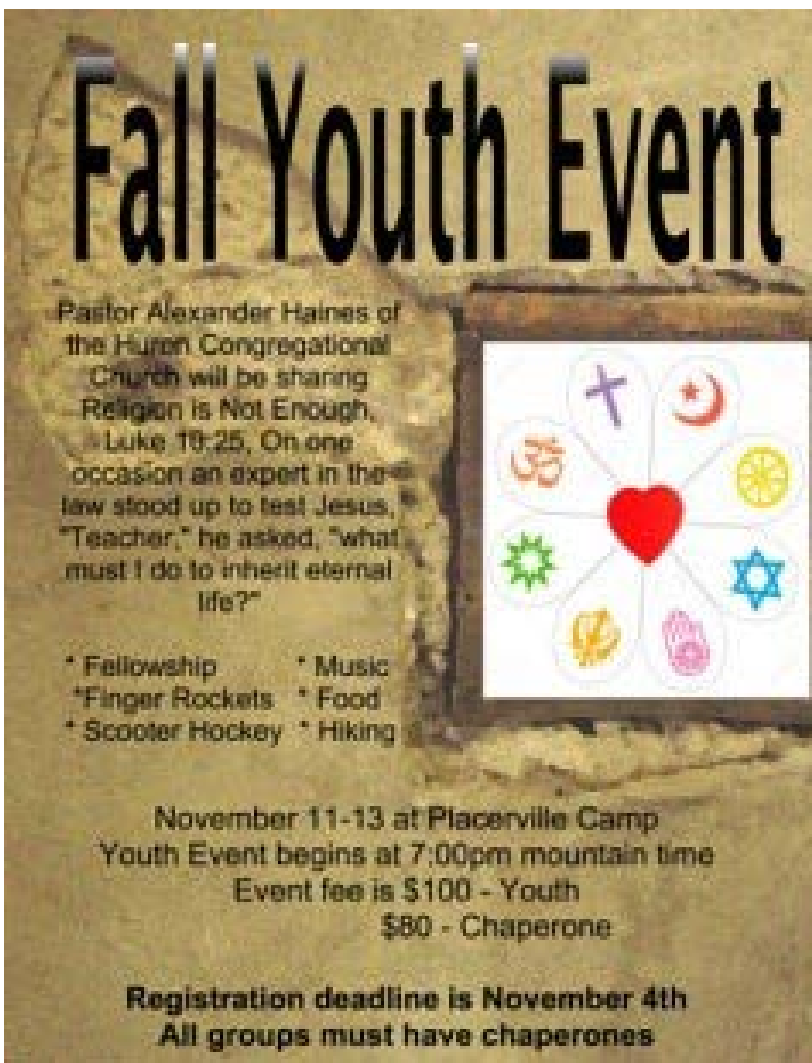
November 13: Care Facilities/Hospice Care/Comfort or Palliative Care

November 20: Five Wishes Conversations/First Congregational Contact

All are invited to join any or all of these Caring Conversations in the **Fireside Room** following church **November 6--November 20**.

Facilitators for these conversations will include: **Kathleen Batchelder, Jeanne Berry, Becky Fleming, Jane Ireland, Jill Kundtz**, and others.

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



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 red heart surrounded by various religious symbols: a cross, a crescent moon, a Star of David, a Yin-Yang symbol, a gear, a hand, a flame, and an Om symbol. The background is a textured, stone-like surface.

Circles of Understanding

On Sunday, November 20, we will be hosting the second session in the *Circles of Understanding* conversation. The gathering will begin at 12:00 noon and run until approximately 2:00pm. Soup and bread will be served for lunch at no charge. The *Circles of Understanding* is aimed at trying 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. Sharla Steever, who many of us know from Placerville Camp, is working with Lakota elders and teachers through the WoLakota Project. She will share information about their work. There will also be time for questions and conversation. You can learn about the WoLakota Project at www.wolakotaproject.org.

This gathering is a joint adult educational opportunity sponsored by First Congregational UCC and South Park UCC. This gathering is open to all. You do not need to have attended the first gathering in order to participate in this one. Everyone is welcome to share and learn together. For more information, talk to Susan or Ted Huffman.

Advent Festival

Mark your calendars for this year's Advent Festival on Sunday, December 4 following worship. This year's Festival will focus on PURPLE, the Advent color. There will be opportunities to create Advent wreaths and to decorate purple cookies. There will be fun crafts to make and information about observing Advent at home.

The Advent Festival is a long-standing tradition in our congregation. It is designed to help children and families focus on preparing for Christmas in heart and spirit, drawing attention a little bit away from the hectic, commercialized aspects that often dominate the observance of Christmas.

This is a fun event for all ages, so mark your calendars and plan to make the Advent Festival a part of your family's preparations for Christmas this year.

Kerygma

The Wednesday morning Kerygma class will complete the study of Jonah on November 9. Following the study of Jonah, the class will take a break and then resume with the study of Ruth after Christmas.

The books of Jonah and Ruth offer insights into the Hebrew attitudes toward foreigners. These scriptures also offer insights into how we live our lives today.

Plan to join us for a short Kerygma study after Christmas. The study of Ruth will offer a great opportunity for seekers to come and check out Kerygma Bible Study. Our conversations are always interesting and enlightening. For more information, talk to Susan Huffman.

Member News and Notes

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Prayer Concerns

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

the family of **Melvin Herra** following his death on September 28;

the family of **Bernie Lambert** and **Joyce Oster** following the death of their brother, **Orville Oster** on October 4;

the family of **Loretta Davis**, following her death on October 10;

Jeff VanCuren and family following the death of Jeff's cousin, **Josh Magbuhat** on October 20; and **Chere Schatz** and family of **Rev. Dr. Ray Schatz** who passed away peacefully on October 30 after a brief struggle with cancer. A celebration of life service will be held at Placerville Camp on **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at **11:00am** with a lunch to follow.

Condolences can be sent to Chere Schatz, 7054 Hanesbrook Cir, Clemmons, NC 27012

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Terry Brouillette's** daughter-in-law, **Britney Brouillette**, as she battles breast cancer.

Our prayers are with **Becky** and **Jim Fleming's** son-in-law, **Chris Kuehler**, as he battles cancer.

Oscar Stradinger has improved enough that he was able to return to his apartment at Westhills from Westhills Health Care.

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; Jill Kundtz; Jill Kundtz's sister-in-law, Mindy; Ted McBride; Lynn Renee's sister, Laura Scheider and family; Jane Seaton; Jane Seaton's daughter, Gail Johnson; Rev. Don Stoebner and his wife and caregiver, Rosie; Deb Tompkins' mother-in-law, Dorothy Tompkins and Mae Louise Zeise.**

In Military Service:

Deb and Bruce Tompkins' grand-daughter, Cpl. Briana Gabel-Mackulin, who will remain at Camp Pendleton, CA, while her husband, **Cpl. Gabe Mackulin**, is deployed to Okinawa, Japan.

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.

Member News and Notes

Thank You

We wish to thank everyone for their support, reception and potluck meal for Ben's commissioning service on October 23rd on his being a commissioned minister of disability education and advocacy for the United Church of Christ.

Ben and Dee Anderson

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the kitchen on October 3 and the Sanctuary on October 24. These are big jobs and your hard work is very much appreciated.

Women's Fellowship

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, words of comfort and cards during our brother, Orville's illness and also after his passing. It meant so much to us.

Bernie Lambert and Joyce Oster

Thank you to everyone who was involved in Doris Marie Strom's Celebration of Life. What an amazing service put on by an amazing group of people. It was everything Doris Marie, and you make me proud to be a member of this church family.

Lisa Trana

Thank you for your thoughtful gifts to New Alternatives. The sheets, cooking items and pots and pans are very helpful with the clients who are learning to live on their own. You are a very generous group. God bless you!

Sheila Johnson, director

Birth

Our congratulations to **Rosemary** and **Mark Snoozy** who welcomed the arrival of baby son, **Jack James** on October 17. **Kandee** and **Larry Snoozy** are Jack's grandparents.

Baptism

Francesca Ann Murano, daughter of **Jess** and **Doug Murano**, was baptized on October 23. Franny was born on August 23 in Rapid City. Her siblings are **Rocco**, **Eva** and **Luca**.

Congratulations

Katie Kangas can finally call herself an architect after receiving her certification on October 19, 2016! To qualify, Katie earned her B.A. in Studio Art and Art History at Gustavus Adolphus College and two M.A.s in Architecture and Historic Preservation at the U of Minnesota, completed seven written exams and the required number of work hours as an intern. She works at Kodet Architectural Group in Minneapolis. Katie is the granddaughter of Mary Nelson Keithahn, and daughter of former member, Becky Umenthum.

New Members

First Congregational Church welcomed new members **Barb and Jim Haar** on October 16.

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Happy Birthday

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

- Nov. 3:** Shawn Burke
Elena Koehn
- Nov. 4:** Melissa Emerson
- Nov. 7:** Landon Gallentine
Andy Kelts
- Nov. 8:** Buzz Donnerwirth
- Nov. 9:** Ed Ensz
Brian Grigg
- Nov. 11:** Gladys Bitterman
- Nov. 12:** Kevin Long
Michael O'Connor
Dakota Vrooman
- Nov. 13:** Landon Bartling
- Nov. 15:** Jill Kundtz
Connie McMacken
- Nov. 20:** Eva Heinert
- Nov. 22:** Bruce Tompkins
- Nov. 23:** Jack Bossen
Mekhi Mann
- Nov. 29:** Ruth Ann Karlen
- Nov. 30:** Gianna Grigg
Caroline Strampe



Mission and Outreach

Blanket Sunday

The Blanket Sunday offering will be taken during worship on **November 20**. Many people without homes have a daily challenge of fighting the bitter cold. A gift of just \$10 to the Church World Service Blanket Program provides a sturdy blanket to children, women and men. For many, a simple blanket given when they most need it is a loving way to offer warmth, to offer hope.

Around the world, disasters force people from their homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps. The CWS Blankets program helps those in need recover from disaster, giving them the tools they need for lasting change.

To learn more, visit cwsblankets.org.



Church Response Benefit

Church Response Community Pantry annual Holiday Spectacular features a concert and silent auction. A silent auction and holiday bake sale opens at **1:00pm on November 20** at **Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 717 Quincy Street**. Choral group Bella Voce will perform a concert at **2:00pm**.

Church Response is in need of items, gift certificates, etc. to place in the auction. Please bring auction items soon to the Church Response office at 30 Main Street or call Marilyn Fitzgerald, board representative, 721-1938 for pick-up. Thank you.

Christmas Decoration Recycling

Do you have some gently-used Christmas decorations that need a new home? If so, **Church Response** would love to pass along your donated items to families in need to make their Christmas a bit more festive! If enough decorations are received, they will be sold at the **Church Response Bazaar on December 3**. Please place your donations the grocery cart in the Narthex, or take them to the Church Response office at 30 Main Street. Thank you!

Love INC Fall Banquet

Love INC invites everyone to attend its annual fall fundraising **Hope and Love Dinner and Dessert Auction** on **Monday, November 21** at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. The dessert auction begins at **5:00pm** with the dinner and program following at **6:00pm**. This fundraising event ensures that the work of Love INC will continue to touch lives with the hope and truth of Christ so people can learn to live new lives.

You can get involved by donating a scrumptious dessert, being a table host that invites a table of 8 guests to attend the banquet or purchasing a ticket for \$35.00. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call **718-5683** or visit the Love INC website: www.loveinonline.com/banquet.

UCC Scholarship Opportunities

The UCC has a wealth of scholarships for individuals in the denomination who are engaged in education, leadership, and ministry. Scholarships are available in Ministry Education and Leadership Development. Online application forms will be available starting **December 1**. Visit ucc.org for more information.

November Calendar

Thu Nov 3, 2016

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Fri Nov 4, 2016

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

Sat Nov 5, 2016

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

Sun Nov 6, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship for All Ages

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Adult Discussion: Caring Conversations

4pm The Well

Tue Nov 8, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

6pm Stewardship & Budget

Wed Nov 9, 2016

9:30am Kerygma

6pm Bell Choir Practice

7pm Adult Choir Practice

Thu Nov 10, 2016

10am Altar Guild Meeting

4pm Dept. of Worship

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Fri Nov 11, 2016

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

7pm Fall Youth Event begins

Sat Nov 12, 2016

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

Sun Nov 13, 2016

8am Bell Choir Practice

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship/Sunday School

10:30am Fellowship/ Lasagna Dinner

10:45am Adult Discussion: Caring Conversations

10:45am Department of Education

4pm The Well

Mon Nov 14, 2016

1:30pm Westhills Bible and Book Study

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Tue Nov 15, 2016

9am BH Retired School Personnel

10:30am Staff Meeting

12pm Church Chat

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

7pm Church Board Meeting

Wed Nov 16, 2016

9:30am Good Morning Circle

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30pm Good Evening Circle

6:30 UCY

7pm Adult Choir Practice

Fri Nov 18, 2016

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

Sat Nov 19, 2016

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

Sun Nov 20, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

8:30am Dept. of Ministries

9:30am Worship-Blanket Sunday and Sunday School

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Adult Discussion: Caring Conversations

12noon Circles of Understanding

3:30pm Jail Ministry

4pm The Well

Mon Nov 21, 2016

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Tue Nov 22, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am 4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service

Wed Nov 23, 2016

6pm Bell Choir Practice

7pm Adult Choir Practice

Thu Nov 24, 2016

Thanksgiving Day

Fri Nov 25, 2016

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

Sat Nov 26, 2016

9am Christmas Tree Setup

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

10am Front Porch Suicide

Support Group

Sun Nov 27, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship/Sunday School

10:30am Fellowship

3:30pm Jail Ministry

4pm The Well

Mon Nov 28, 2016

1:30pm Westhills Bible and Book Study

Tue Nov 29, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

Wed Nov 30, 2016

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 UCY

7pm Adult Choir Practice

Thu Dec 1, 2016

1:30pm Memoir Writing Group

Fri Dec 2, 2016

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

5:30pm Bells of the Hills Rehearsal

Sat Dec 3, 2016

1pm Bells of the Hills rehearsal

1:15pm Christmas Tea

Sun Dec 4, 2016

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship for All Ages

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Advent Festival

11am Bells of the Hills Concert

4pm The Well



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and share additional news
of our congregation.

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Community Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is an opportunity for members of our church to gather with members of other congregations for a community celebration of gratitude. Everyone is invited to participate in our annual community Thanksgiving service. By worshipping together, we draw closer to one another and discover our common faith in Jesus Christ.

**Tuesday, November 22, 7:00pm, at Emmanuel
Episcopal Church**

The service will feature a combined community choir, a meaningful message, and leadership from many different congregations. Mark your calendars and plan now to participate in this service of thanks and praise to God.