

# THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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## 138th Annual Meeting will be January 29

You might think that by the time an institution reaches its 138th annual meeting there wouldn't be much to discuss. All of the operating procedures would be worked out. But ours is a tradition of participatory democracy. The people are the center of power for making decisions, setting policy, developing budgets and delineating priorities.

There will be much that is familiar about this year's annual meeting. We will elect officers and department members. We will vote on a budget for the year to come. We will elect trustees to the 1st Congregational Trust. We will receive annual reports. We will install new officers and board members. Those actions are important, but even more important is the process of discussion. When we make time to

carefully listen to one another, we forge the relationships upon which our congregation is built. The participation of every member and friend is respected and treasured.

Plan now to have your voice heard in the annual meeting of the congregation. Annual reports will be available online and for pickup at the church office by January 22. Our meeting will take place in the fellowship hall following worship on Sunday, January 29.

You can enhance your annual meeting experience by reading the reports in advance of the meeting. Another way to deepen your experience is to sit with someone that you don't know well or who has a different perspective from your own. We'll see you at the annual meeting!



# Around the Church

## Pastor's

## Ponderings

By Ted Huffman

I remember my first congregational annual meeting as a pastor. I had attended many annual meetings of the congregations in which I had participated up to that point in my life, but this meeting would be different. The biggest item in the proposed budget was my salary. I sensed that this meeting was going to be a sort of referendum on my performance as a minister. A wise colleague commented to me, "The best annual meetings are the ones that are boring." I prayed for a boring meeting that year.

I no longer pray that particular prayer. I hope that this year's meeting will be filled with discussion and listening and new points of view. I'm open to new possibilities and new ways of doing our work.

See you at the meeting!

## Holy Family—Refugee Family

The Gospel of Matthew is filled with comparisons and contrasts. The comparisons are easy to see: King Herod's paranoia and brute power remind readers of Pharaoh. Joseph, the father of Jesus is attentive to dreams in a way that reminds us of his namesake. The flight of the holy family to Egypt reminds us of Israel's sojourn in Egypt. Jesus, like Moses, is saved from a brutal infanticide.

The contrasts are evident as well: Herod's ruthless violence when he is afraid is very different from Joseph's response when he is in danger. Herod's power, the killing of innocent babies, seems petty in comparison with God's power, the salvation of all of humanity. The tiny baby in the manger makes the powerful king look weak and insecure.

Another thing that is unmistakable in the story from the second chapter of Matthew is that Jesus begins his life journey with his family being forced to be refugees, fleeing their own country in order to save the life of their child. The image of the holy family leaving home and family is burned into our memories as we read the story.

Just as we cannot ignore the plight of the holy family, we cannot escape the plight of modern refugees. Who can forget the images of parents handing their babies to others through the windows of a bus as people flee the city of Aleppo? The images of overcrowded boats of people seeking any kind of refuge from the terrors of war are easy to find on television and the Internet.

Our scriptures are filled with the stories of children who are at risk and parents, like Rachel, who weep for those children. The sacred texts of our people will not let us forget that the holy family was a poor family—a family forced to become refugees when they saw no other option. It is not just the call of the prophets to be mindful of immigrants, it is the realization that Jesus' family was forced to immigrate that stirs the Christian call to compassion.

As we begin a new year of faith and service may we open our eyes to the connections between the stories of our people and the stories of the people who surround us. May our compassion be demonstrated not only for the family of Jesus, but to refugee families everywhere. May we find the voices to speak up for the children who are victims of cruel oppression and political maneuvering.

Every child is a holy child. Every family is a holy family. Our faith isn't just a matter of remembering long ago events. It is, at its core, the ability to recognize the Christ child wherever God enters into this world.

# Board and Departments

## Church Board By Sheila Long

The UCC church board meeting was held Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, with moderator Sheila Long leading the meeting. The financial reports for the 2016 year were presented by Mark Ortega. Donations have caught up for the year. Capital Phase II Funds are at \$75,000 and growing. The bathroom project will be next to be completed and will begin in January.

Sheila Long reported that nominations for all new Department members, except for the Department of Education, are complete at this time. Education is close, just waiting for a couple responses.

The Vision Fund is still at a negative balance, but funds are coming in from donors and church groups.

Department of Worship Policies were approved, with one change to the communion policy, to say "eight servers," rather than nine.

Rob Burton shared that we have slate from the old entry being stored at the Daughenbaugh's and we need to come up with a plan to remove it from their storage shed. We also have left over shingles from the roof project.

Rob recommend selling these and requested permission to search out avenues to accomplish this. Discussion was held. The board approved selling of the slate and shingles. The next board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, January 17.

## Annual Reports

All officers, departments, fellowships, and boards of the church are requested to submit their annual reports to the church office no later than **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**. Thank you.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed their time and talents to our worship services during the Advent and Christmas seasons, including the adult choir, the bell choir, the Altar Guild, the soloists, the instrumentalists, our organist, our pastoral staff and the children and youth music leaders.

Thank you, too, to the children and youth who led worship on Dec. 11 and participated in the Christmas Eve Service.

Everyone's efforts created truly inspirational worship experiences.

Thank you one and all.

## Moderator's Musings

By Sheila Long

Happy New Year! I hope 2017 is finding you all well and joyful. I find myself looking forward to the quieter winter months, especially after the busy Christmas season. The church has also been busy this past month, filling department positions, doing extra woodchuck deliveries, Christmas Teas, and offering love and kindness to those in need in many different ways.

The church will have its annual meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2017 after church service. This is a time to recap the year 2016, and planning next year, 2017. The proposed budget for 2017 will be presented, department reports will be available and the congregation will vote on election of new department members. This an important event in our church and I hope to see you all there.

# News from the Church

## Why Do We Do That in Worship?

Each Sunday volunteers from our congregation are recruited to serve as greeters. They stand or sit near the front door of the church and offer a handshake and a greeting to people as they enter the building. These greeters are recruited by members of the Department of Worship who believe that the tone of worship is deeply affected by the mood in the narthex before worship begins. Recruiting volunteers, however, is a challenge. People have busy lives and often do not know in advance which days they will be available. Serving as a greeter, on the other hand, is very easy. A few minutes of your time will make a real difference in the quality of our life together. Check out the online signup for greeters at [www.rcfirstucc.com](http://www.rcfirstucc.com). Select “volunteer” from the “participate” pull down menu.

## After Christmas Cleanup

On **Saturday, January 7** at **9:00am** volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary and clean up Christmas decorations from around the church. All help is welcome and appreciated!

## Poinsettias



There are many beautiful poinsettias left at church. Anyone who would like to have one or more, please feel free to take them with you. Thank you again to those that provided them as memorials. *The Altar Guild*

## Guess Who's Coming for Dinner

If you have been missing **Dinner for Eight**, you are in for a treat! We have a new format for dinner fellowship groups.



We will have a potluck supper each season for anyone who wants to participate—and at that potluck supper, we will draw names to form groups which will then plan one small-group dinner on the date and at the place of their choice. Groups change each season.

**What:** Potluck supper and drawing names for upcoming small-group dinner

**When:** Sunday, January 15 at 5:00pm.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall of First Congregational UCC

**What to bring:** A meat dish, vegetable dish, salad, or dessert to share. Also bring your calendar so you can plan the date for your next small group dinner.

**How it works:** We will have supper and conversation. Then we will draw names (6 or 8 in a group) and make a plan for the next dinner.

**For more information:**

Call Carol Boyles (348-5697),  
Jeanne Berry (390-5160), or  
Kathleen Batchelder (342-8720).



# News from the Church

## 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!

## Church Chat

Church Chat will meet on **Tuesday, January 17** at **12:00pm** in the Fireside Room. We will select our next book, so please come with suggestions.

## 4th Tuesday Ladies' Lunch Group

Are you hungering for some good food, conversation and fun? Then mark your calendar for the next gathering of The Fourth Tuesday Ladies' Lunch Group at **11:30am** on **Tuesday, January 24** at **Minerva's Restaurant**. For more information, contact **Joyce Tripp**.

## Memoir Writing Group

The Memoir Group will meet on **Thursday, January 26**, at **1:30pm**. Come and share your memories or listen to the stories of others. We are all a part of history, and this is one small way to preserve that for future generations. Our stories will answer questions our children won't think to ask until we are no longer able to answer them!

## Spiritual Practice Group

At the beginning of a new calendar year, many of us make resolutions to adopt healthy practices—to improve our physical and mental health. We may also resolve to deepen our spiritual practices of Bible study, prayer, and good work. Our Spiritual Practice Group meets each **Tuesday**, from **1:15-2:15pm** in the Church Library for quiet prayer, Bible study with the practice of Lectio Divina (or holy reading), and discussion about religious writers through the centuries.

We hope you will consider joining our group as we seek to deepen our spiritual practices. For more information, contact **Kathleen Batchelder**.

## Scholarship Opportunity

The Yankton College Scholarship Program awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors and post-graduate students each year to use at an accredited college or university.

You can learn more about Yankton College Scholarships by following the "Scholarships and Grants" link at the top of our church web page at [rcfirstucc.com](http://rcfirstucc.com). While you are there, check out the other scholarship and grants offered by our congregation.

Yankton College scholarship applications are also available online at:

[www.yanktoncollege.org](http://www.yanktoncollege.org).

The application deadline is **February 20, 2017**.





# Education News

## Hear the Good News!

"Be not afraid," the angel said.

*Don't be afraid.*

No fear.

Stop quaking in your boots.

*God loves you--*

Really, really loves you!

*And perfect love casts out fear.*

Perfect love. . .

*God's love. . .*

Love casts out fear.

*Love overcomes.*

Love overcomes all things.

*All things:*

Fear,

Hate,

Sorrow,

Death,

Despair. . .

*Perfect love is born.*

Perfect love surrounds us.

*Perfect love is God.*

So, open your hearts and hear,

*"Perfect love casts out fear."*

Hear the good news,

*The very good news!*

Unto you is born this day,

*A savior,*

A savior, who casts out fear—

*A savior who brings God's  
love.*

Be not afraid.

*But open your hearts to love!*

## Thanks!

Thanks to all the children and youth who participated in the Christmas worship services on December 11 and on Christmas Eve. The children's portrayal of the birth of Jesus is a meaningful part of our Christmas celebration.

On December 11, Paige Hamann was baptized during the service and then played the role of Jesus. Hailey Wathen was Mary and Jay-Que Vrooman was Joseph. The wise men were played by Jayce Angel, Brendan Lyons, Mekhi Mann and Destin Vrooman. Hallie Downs and Corrin Burke read "Be Not Afraid." Elyse Seals and Macey Wathen read scriptures. Maya Hughes was lay reader.

Other children participating included: Clara Crutcher, Sydney Wathen, Stormy Vrooman, Carter



Seals, Lucia Grigg, Gianna Grigg, Elle Emerson, Lily Hamann, Daniel Lyons, Steel Cruz, Dakota Vrooman, Wyatt Trana, Eva Murano, Rocco Murano, Elsa Grauman and Anna Benusis.

Willy Grigg played the piano and Patti Arneson Rea directed the children. Sunday School teachers Jenny Seals, Lindsay Wathen, Lisa Lyons, Jenny Kozel, Patti Rea and Alicia Sutliff-Benusis helped the children prepare for the worship and guided them through the morning. Emily Eckholm and Jenna Cruz also helped on Sunday morning.

On Christmas Eve, Amelia Golden played the part of Jesus. Emilee Nickel was Mary and Jay-que Vrooman again took on the role of Joseph. Wise men were Brendan Lyons, Carter Seals and Destin Vrooman. Daniel Lyons, Carter Moore and Jason Moore were shepherds. Angels were Macey Wathen, Elyse Seals, Stormy Vrooman, Dakota Vrooman and Vivian Johnson. Thanks to all!

## Kerygma Class

The Wednesday morning Kerygma class will resume meeting in February, allowing for a winter break during January. The next study will focus on the book of Ruth. If you are interested in joining the Kerygma Bible study, this would be a good time to try it. The study of Ruth is a short one, allowing participants to try it out without a long term commitment. For information on Kerygma, talk to Susan Huffman.

## February First Wednesday Family Night

**Join us for worship and fellowship on Wednesday, February 1 at 5:30 pm!**

We're just starting the new year, but February will be here before we know it. More specifically, February will arrive before the next issue of the Call arrives. So, now is the time to mark your calendar and make a plan to attend the February First Wednesday Family Night. The evening will include worship, dinner and a valentine craft project.

Our February craft will be making valentines for our shut-in church members and others in our congregation who need a little TLC. Our older church members always enjoy receiving the valentines and often send thank-you notes expressing their appreciation. Many people become more "shut in" during the winter than they are the rest of the year. The cold temperatures and icy surfaces mean that some of our church members are not able to attend worship and rarely venture out in this season. So, the handmade valentines reminding them of our care are an important outreach ministry.

Our gathering will begin at 5:30 pm and conclude at 7:00 pm. The activities are generally aimed at children age 3-11, but all ages are welcome.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

United Church Youth will be collecting food and donations for the 2017 SOUPER BOWL of CARING. Food is a big part of Super Bowl celebrations for many people. For more than 25 years, youth have been gathering food, raising funds, and raising awareness about hunger through the Souper Bowl of Caring. This year's date is **Sunday, February 5**. All food and money that is donated stays here in our community to help those in need. Watch for more information. Let's "Change the Game" through the Souper Bowl of Caring!

## Our Church Helps

"What is our church doing to help?" people often ask as we hear and see the news of disasters around the world. The pictures of children and families fleeing Aleppo have been particularly stark. Once a beautiful city, it now lies in ruins. Like many of us, children may feel overwhelmed and sad, knowing that children in other places are suffering. During this year, our Sunday School children will discover how our church helps around the world. A resource called "Kids 2 Kids: Syrian Refugees" helps tell the stories of our church at work to assist children who have lost their homes and perhaps loved ones, as well.



# Member News and Notes

## Happy Birthday

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

- Jan. 1:** Karen Boehrs  
Layne Martin
- Jan. 2:** Donald Gustin
- Jan. 3:** Marcella Knispel  
Cindy Ledford
- Jan. 7:** Irma Becker  
Kathy  
Dannenbring
- Jan. 9:** Olivia Diedtrich
- Jan. 12:** Lindsay Wathen
- Jan. 13:** Gabriella Golden
- Jan. 14:** Jeannette Hill
- Jan 15:** Beth Benusis  
Carol  
Donnenwirth
- Jan. 16:** Kyle Grauman
- Jan. 18:** Aubrie Darrow  
Ronald Hill
- Jan. 19:** Ron Comley  
Chuck Knowlton
- Jan. 20:** Velma Speck
- Jan. 21:** Adam Koehn  
Mary Mead
- Jan. 22:** Luke Deurmier
- Jan. 23:** Harold Miller  
Al Pitts
- Jan. 24:** Robin Eddy
- Jan. 25:** Carol Boyles  
Luca Murano
- Jan. 26:** Eleanore Moe
- Jan. 29:** Marilyn Lindly

## Prayer Concerns

Our sympathy and prayers are with those who have lost loved ones:

**Marvin Bitterman** and the family of **Gladys Bitterman**, following her death on December 16. Services were held at the church on December 20.

**Wesley Humke** and the family of **Jack Humke** following his death on December 22. Services were held at the church on December 29.

**Kevin Sandmeier** and the family of **Raymond Sandmeier** following his death on December 24. Services were held in Mobridge, SD on December 30.

**Maureen Dymock** and the family of **Al Dymock** following his death on December 27. Services were held at the church on December 29.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Ed Boyd** who is at Westhills Health Care.

Our prayers are with **Jill Kundtz** following her procedure for pain management and **JoAnn Leonard** who is recovering from a stroke.

Shut-in church members are in our prayers including: **John Arneson** at Echo Ridge; **Lois Herndon** at Bella Vista; **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:

**Carol Boyles'** brother, **Rex Hammon**; **Terry Brouillette's** daughter-in-law,

**Britney Brouillette**; **Dona Cheney's** daughter, **Leslie Mullins**; **Dorothy Davis's** great-grandson, **Jesse Mitchell**; **Vivian Dittmer**; **Becky** and **Jim Fleming's** son-in-law, **Chris Kuehler**; **Jane Ireland's** son-in-law, **Pat Kearney**; **Jill Kundtz's** sister-in-law, **Mindy**; **Ted McBride**; **Eleanore Moe**; **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**; **Ernie Summarell**; **Deb Tompkins'** mother-in-law, **Dorothy Tompkins** and **Mae Louise Zeise**.

### In Military Service:

**Deb** and **Bruce Tompkins'** granddaughter, **Cpl. Briana Gabel-Mackulin**, who remains 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.

## Update

Correspondence for **Mae Louise Zeise** can be sent to: Mae Louise Zeise  
c/o The Club Health and Rehab Center  
16529 SE 86th Belle Meade Circle  
The Villages FL 32162.



# Member News and Notes

## Thank You

Ted is out of the Mayo hospital and continuing his recovery at home. We are so very grateful to family and friends who provided support and kept us in their prayers.

*Ted and Mary Linda McBride*

Dear First Congregational Church, Thank you for the gift cards for the clients at New Alternatives. The gift cards came to us at a special time of year when our clients need the support the most.

Thank you for thinking of us.

*Sheila Johnson, director*

To all church members and staff, Thank you so much for allowing our family to have our Christmas party at the church. It's such a nice facility! We love being neighbors.

*Fred and Linda Berendse and family*

## Birth

**Krissa and Justin Hooten** welcomed the arrival of baby son, **Jacob**, on December 3. **Karen and Dave Johnson** are Jacob's grandparents.

Congratulations to Karen and Dave on the birth of their first grandchild.

## Baptism

**Paige Marie Hamann**, daughter of **Crystal and Travis Hamann** was baptized on **December 11**. Paige was born on July 8, 2016. Her sister is **Lily**. Our blessings to all.



## Birthday Celebration

**Ron Hill** will celebrate his **80th** birthday following worship on **January 15**. Come enjoy a piece of cake and wish Ron a happy birthday!



# Mission and Outreach

## (kōl) Sunday Brunch Supports Love INC

Sundays in January from 10:00am—2:00pm. January 8, 15, 22 and 29



Enjoy a great time out with family and friends after church at (kol) and support Love INC.

Their special brunch menu includes: chicken and waffle sliders, brunch pizza, biscuits and gravy, steak and eggs, breakfast tacos all done the (kol) way, plus some of your favorite pizzas, salads and other items from their regular menu.

(kol) is located on the corner of Main Street and Mount Rushmore Road.

# Mission and Outreach

## Meals Program

The Meals on Wheels program in Rapid City delivers hot meals daily to seniors who are homebound or unable to prepare meals for themselves. Seniors may also enjoy a hot meal at one of 8 sites in Rapid City.

Several new services are now available through this program:

**Country MEALS:** home delivery of a week's worth of meals can be made to seniors living in communities within 45 minutes of Rapid City limits.

**Second MEALS:** A frozen meal that can be reheated in a microwave for weekend or evening meals.

**Kibbles of Kindness:** An add-on for MEALS participants which provides dog/cat food for senior's furry family members.

For more information, contact Kristie Taylor at 394-6002, or pick up a brochure in the church office.



## Angels of los Guido By Sybil and Chuck Rounds

The Angels of los Guido fund has provided help to the families at our sister church in Costa Rica since 2004. Once again, the generosity of members and friends of First Congregational UCC has been amazing.



Pastor Dorotea Yucra knows the families well, and strives to help each family with only the things they need most. Some families with many children may need help buying uniforms for their students, while others can do that but need help to purchase a few school supplies or uniform shoes. Bus transportation is also important for the older students who want to attend a different high school, such as a vocational high school that teaches a trade as well as academics. We are often at the church when the items are distributed, and the gratitude of the students and their families is clear.

The community around the church has changed a great deal since our first trip in the summer of 2001, but inside those houses many of the same problems persist. Through the youth programs at the church Pastor Dorotea has provided programs and information on teen pregnancy, drugs and alcohol addiction and abuse, and social acceptance. Also offered are physical activities, such as swimming lessons, that have lessened the problems of asthma in many of the children.

As amazing as the generosity is, equally amazing is the continued support for the fund. Many families have chosen to donate every year, and there are a few who have made the fund their choice for birthday gifts from their family members. All donors can rest assured that 100% of their donation is given directly to Pastor Dorotea, who keeps detailed records of distributions and goes through those with us every year.

Thank you one and all for your love and concern for these families. You are making their world a whole lot brighter by offering the gifts of love, prayer, and financial support.

# January Calendar

**Fri Jan 6, 2017**

**Epiphany Day**

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

**Sat Jan 7, 2017**

9 am Take down Sanctuary tree,  
clean up Christmas  
decorations

**Sun Jan 8, 2017**

8:30am Women's Chorus Practice

9:30am Worship and Sunday  
School

10:30am Fellowship

4pm The Well

**Mon Jan 9, 2017**

1:30pm Westhills Bible and  
Book Study

4:30pm PEO Event

**Tue Jan 10, 2017**

9am BH Retired School  
Personnel

9am PEO Event

10:30am Staff Meeting

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

**Wed Jan 11, 2017**

**Annual Reports due at church  
office**

6pm Bell Choir Practice

7pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thu Jan 12, 2017**

10am Altar Guild Meeting

4pm Dept. of Worship

6pm Stewardship and Budget at  
Ketel Thorstensen

**Fri Jan 13, 2017**

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

**Sun Jan 15, 2017**

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

8:30am Dept. of Ministries  
Meeting

9:30am Worship and Sunday  
School

10:30am Fellowship/Ron Hill  
80th Birthday

4pm The Well

5pm Potluck/Guess Who's  
Coming for Dinner

**Mon Jan 16, 2017**

**Martin Luther King Day**

**Tue Jan 17, 2017**

10:30am Staff Meeting

12pm Church Chat

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

7pm Church Board Meeting

**Wed Jan 18, 2017**

9:30am Good Morning Circle

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30pm Good Evening Circle

7pm Adult Choir Practice

**Fri Jan 20, 2017**

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

**Fri Jan 20, 2017**

9am Joel Fan piano master  
classes

**Sun Jan 22, 2017**

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship and Sunday  
School

10:30am Fellowship

3pm BH Chamber Music Con-  
cert—Joel Fan, pianist

4pm The Well

**Mon Jan 23, 2017**

1:30pm Westhills Bible & Book  
Study

**Tue Jan 24, 2017**

10:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am 4th Tuesday Ladies  
Lunch

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

**Wed Jan 25, 2017**

6pm Bell Choir Practice

7pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thu Jan 26, 2017**

1:30pm Memoir Writing Group

**Fri Jan 27, 2017**

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

**Sat Jan 28, 2017**

10am Survivors of Suicide  
Support Group

**Sun Jan 29, 2017**

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship and Sunday  
School

10:30am 137th Congregational  
Annual Meeting

4pm The Well

**Tue Jan 31, 2017**

10:30am Staff Meeting

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

**Wed Feb 1, 2017**

11:30am WF Board Meeting

5:30pm Family First Night

6pm Bell Choir Practice

6pm Dept. of Hospitality

7pm Adult Choir Practice

**Fri Feb 3, 2017**

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

**Sun Feb 5, 2017**

**Souper Bowl of Caring**

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship for All Ages

**Break Through Covenant  
Sunday**

10:30am Fellowship

4pm The Well

**Tue Feb 7, 2017**

10:30am Staff Meeting

12pm Church Chat

1pm Craft Day

1:15pm Spiritual Practices

**Wed Feb 8, 2017**

6pm Bell Choir Practice

7pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thu Feb 9, 2017**

10am Altar Guild

4pm Dept. of Worship

**Fri Feb 10, 2017**

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project



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and share additional news  
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## Commissioning Our Costa Rica Missionaries

On **Sunday, January 8**, we will once again commission **Sybil and Chuck Rounds** for their travel to our sister church, The Community Christian Church of los Guido in Costa Rica.

While in Costa Rica the Rounds will carry our greetings to Pastor Dorotea and the people of the church and participate in the annual Vacation Bible School.

As usual, they will hear the reports on the ministries of the congregation for the past year and deliver our annual Angels of los Guido funds to Pastor Dorotea for use in the church.

Of special interest will be the reports of the feeding program.

Join us for this special service of dedication and worship.

