

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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CAPITAL PROJECTS ARE MOVING FORWARD

You may have noticed that there is a hole in the wall in the hallway that leads north to the fireside room. The construction is the beginning of the next project of our Capital Improvements process. When completed the room will be transformed into a family bathroom, fully accessible to those who use wheelchairs for mobility, that can be used by persons needing assistance in the restroom.

The project will have several opportunities for church members to become involved with hands-on work. While we have made arrangements with a plumbing contractor to complete the plumbing work, there are other jobs, including building out a wall and installing sheet rock, tile work, painting, concrete patching and the finishing of the floor that will be undertaken by volunteers. The work completed so far was done by Thom Palm, Monty Bollock, Brent Long and Ted Huffman with equipment support from Chuck Rounds and Rob Burton.

After completing the new roof on the church, most of the energy around the capital projects process has

been focused on accumulating the necessary funds to complete the remaining projects that were authorized by the congregation. Remaining projects include installation of air handlers in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, replacing the boiler, installing a vertical access lift to the choir loft and installing air conditioning in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

For more information on the capital projects process contact Gerry Boehrs, Rob Burton or Sheila Long.



MUSICIANS CELEBRATE ANOTHER YEAR OF WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Our bell choir rang two pieces in worship on April 30, and the ringers will take a break before resuming rehearsals in September. The adult vocal choir will be leading worship music through May 21 before taking a break from regular rehearsals during the summer as well.

During the summer, special music will be provided by church members with solos and small ensembles providing music for worship.

May is a good time for members of the congregation to thank our volunteer musicians for all of their contributions to our life together. Let them know that you appreciate their music.

If you would like to become involved in any of the music programs at our church, speak with Steve Branch, our choir director, Michael Bossen, our bell choir director or Michael Ross, our organist. We always have room for additional musicians.



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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Many of you have heard me comment that Lent is 40 days long because it takes time to learn about death and grief. Easter is 50 days long because it is even more difficult to fully grasp the concept of resurrection. We know from the gospel reports that resurrection is not the same as resuscitation. Jesus' disciples had trouble understanding his resurrection and recognizing him when he appeared to them. We, who have come after their time and whose beliefs are based not on the physical presence of Jesus, but rather the stories of our people and the experiences of the life of the community, continue to struggle to fully understand the impact of this incredible gift of God.

The joyful news that there is more to life than the span between birth and death

No matter who **you are**, or where **you are** on life's journey, **you are** welcome here!

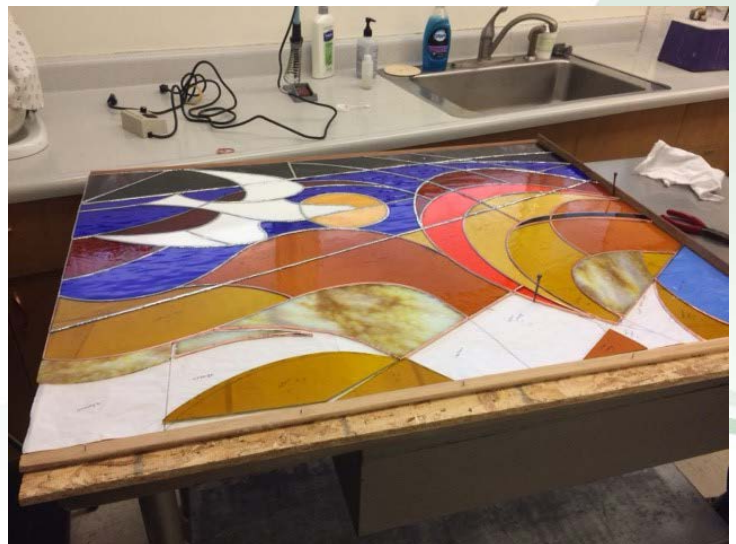
has the power to transform our lives. The things that usually occupy our attention such as earning a living or obtaining material possessions are only part of the story of the meaning of our lives. We belong to an on-going process of history making that began long before we appeared and will continue long after our time on this earth has reached its conclusion.

Recognizing the power of resurrection carries with it the call to participate in the life of the community. Since we belong to something much bigger than ourselves, we are invited to participate in the community of God's faithful people who gather regularly for worship and fellowship. Indeed this season is a joyful and meaningful time to explore the

GLASS ARTISTS CONTRIBUTE TO BEAUTY

The stained glass group that meets on Fridays in our church has provided many beautiful examples of their art to enhance our life together. The crosses in the fellowship hall, and pieces in the church office, library and other rooms have added to the beauty of our building. Their current project is a large piece that will be dedicated later this year. Interested people are welcome to join the artists in the church kitchen

Friday afternoons. If you are interested in learning about stained glass, contact Dave Ledford.



BOARD AND DEPARTMENTS

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE by Sheila Long

As I sit here, typing this May newsletter article, there is a winter storm looming over the Black Hills and Rapid City. That's spring in South Dakota for you. We are a hardy folk, who learn to enjoy today, because tomorrow you never know what will be coming your way.

The family bathroom project is underway, and you will notice some noise and dust if you happen to stop in the church on workdays. This project, though small compared with our other capital projects, will have a large and positive impact on many of our church members as well as visitors. It will offer a place for parents to help small children as well as a place someone can help their spouse and loved one with a private matter.

Thank you to all those offering time, equipment and expertise to get this project underway. If you would like to help, please contact anyone from the Phase 2 Capital committee.



CHURCH BOARD by Dona Leavens

The UCC Church Board met on April 19, 2017 with Shelia Long leading the meeting. Andy Knight gave the financial report. We ended the quarter in a positive position.

The Capital Fund Phase II bathroom remodel will begin on April 29 and will be supervised by Thom Palm.

The City will begin reconstruction on Fulton Street and has asked to purchase a piece of land from the church. They have also asked for a permanent easement for a fire hydrant. More information will be provided at the City Council meeting on April 26 at 5:00pm.

Cinnamon Hill Preschool has agreed to raise their donation to the Church by 2% year over year for the next three years. The next board meeting will be May 16.

DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALITY

by Dawn Erk

We will be honoring the moms and women of our church on **May 14th** with **MUFFINS FOR MOMS**. Please join us for **home-made muffins and fellowship following worship**.

We are planning an **ALL AMERICAN POTLUCK** for Father's Day in June. There will be more details in the coming weeks.



DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRIES

by Jeff VanCuren

We would like to thank the entire congregation for their generous donations of \$2326.00 to One Great Hour of Sharing.

We served our first meal at the Cornerstone Mission on March 31st and we would like to thank all those who donated cookies for desert. Our next Mission meal will be **June 30th** and we will be in need of volunteers to serve the meals. To help, please contact **Jeff VanCuren** at **716-5157** or vancurenj@gmail.com.

The May "Food of the for Month" for Church Response is **canned tomatoes**. All donations for Church Response can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the narthex.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? GOOD MORNING CIRCLE

Notes from the Department of Worship

Some of our members have noticed that we have been reading a bit more scripture in worship lately. It is true that there have been some variations in the amount of scripture that we read. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a pattern of readings that guides worship and keeps our congregation coordinated with other congregations around the world. This cycle of readings offers four texts for each Sunday: a Lesson, usually from the Hebrew Scriptures; a Psalm, sometimes called the Response; an Epistle Reading, and a Gospel Reading. Some years we have chosen to focus on a singular reading—the one chosen for the sermon focus. In other years, we have read two or more of the offered texts. Lately, we have been reading all four of the passages. This allows for our worshipers to hear more scripture over the course of a year and it provides an opportunity to see the relationships and connections between the different sections of the Bible. We are reading two of the scriptures before the children's moments and two after. We always read the text that is the focus for Church School while the children are in the sanctuary. Scripture is at the heart of every worship service. We invite you to take your bulletin home and read expanded selections each week.

Arnett Dennis will give a presentation at the Good Morning Circle's meeting on **Wednesday, May 17 at 9:30am.** Guests are welcome.

SANCTUARY CLEANUP

Women's Fellowship will be cleaning the Sanctuary on **Monday, May 22 at 9:30am.** As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so all helpers are welcome! For more information, contact **Laura Boyd.**



4TH TUESDAY LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 23** for good food, conversation and fellowship. We will meet in the lobby of Minerva's Restaurant at **11:30am.** For more information, call **Joyce Tripp at 342-1352.**

LOST ITEM

Joyce Oster lost an opal bracelet on Palm Sunday, April 9. The bracelet has sentimental value. If found, please contact Joyce at 343-6167 or the church office at 342-5787.

GREETING CARDS

The Hopeful Crafters have hand-made **Mother's Day, Graduation** and greeting cards for many other occasions for sale in the Fellowship Hall. Each card costs \$2.00.

COFFEE HOUR

HELP WANTED: Seeking a coffee hour coordinator. Women's Fellowship recruits coffee hosts for eight months each calendar year. The coffee hour coordinator is responsible for recruiting volunteers for the other four months on an alternating monthly schedule with Women's Fellowship. If interested, please contact Laura Boyd at 721-7720 or the church office.

Coffee hosts and dishwashers are needed for coffee hour in **June.**

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.

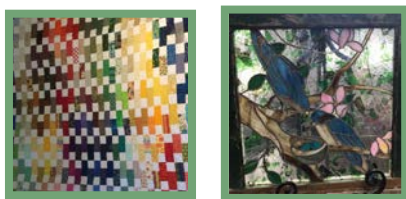
Please sign up the next time you are in church! Signup sheets are located in the Fellowship Hall by the cookies. If you need assistance, indicate it on the sheet and someone will help you.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

QUILT AND STAINED GLASS RAFFLES

A quilt and a stained glass piece are being raffled by the Hopeful Crafters and the Rescued Stained Glass Group. The multi-colored quilt is a long queen size. The stained glass piece of the bluebirds is framed and ready to hang! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. To purchase tickets, watch for a sales table in the Fellowship Hall following worship or come to the office. The drawing will be held at the Advent Fair on **Sunday, December 3, 2017**. You need not be present to win.



LIBRARY NEWS

All children are invited to participate in the Readers' Club. If you are wondering how to participate, pick up a BOOKS READ log in the library. Participants can either read the required number of books or can be read to in order to qualify for awards. Paper logs can be returned to the library. If you prefer, you may submit your list of books read by email to lauraucc@rushmore.com or on Facebook at RCFirstUCC.

Update: Book logs are now due the **fourth** Sunday of the month. This change in schedule came about because Readers' Club awards will be presented during worship on the first Sunday of the month.

WOODCHUCK SOCIETY NEWS

Woodchucks have had a few work days in April, and will soon establish a calendar for May and the summer months. There is not much wood at the lot to split, so the main push will be locating wood that would be available for our project. Ask your friends and neighbors if they have some wood that they would like to donate. Woodchucks do not cut standing trees on donors' property, but will gladly pick up the usable pieces once the trees are down. Some of our active members are unable to do their "normal" jobs on splitting/cutting days, so we hope that some new folks will have an interest in the project. We have a Woodchuck email group, so if you are interested in dates for the different activities (splitting, cutting, picking up wood), please send an email to: cwskrounds@gmail.com and we will be sure you get the information. Since the project started we have provided a lot of heating assistance to partners on the area reservations. We have gained strong friendships and

trust over the years, and appreciate the opportunity to serve others. Watch for the calendar dates soon, and come check us out!



MEMORIAL BENCHES

After a long period of planning, our memorial benches are now installed in the front of our building. They provide a convenient place for members and friends to sit at the entryway of our church. The benches are in memory of two beloved church members, Sharyl Crutcher and Lois Vaughn. The Altar Guild provides urns and flowers to enhance the appearance of the church entryway. Come and sit a while and enjoy the view as you remember those who have gone before and given so freely in support of the life of our congregation.



UCY

United Church Youth wraps up the year with dinner at Perkins restaurant on Mount Rushmore Road on **Wednesday, May 10**. We will meet at **Perkins at 6:30 pm** for the concluding event of the year. Come and celebrate the year together. You get fed, too! Friends are welcome to join us.

CRADLE ROLL SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 14**, we will celebrate Cradle Roll Sunday, recognizing the youngest children in our church. The Cradle Roll includes the children who are not yet in Sunday School classes. These children and their families will receive their Stepping Stone gifts and a special prayer will be offered for our young children and their families. With fourteen children in this group, we have a lot to celebrate! Come and share the joy!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION

The Sunday School year will conclude on **Sunday, May 21**. There will be special activities for the kids and we will acknowledge and thank our Sunday School teachers: **Patti Arneson Rea, Alicia Sutliff-Benusis, Jenny Kozel, Lisa Lyons, Lindsay Wathen** and **Jenny**

Seals. In addition, **Willy Grigg** has helped with music. **Sue Maynard** and **Pandi Bollock** have served as substitutes. **Nick and Courtney Strampe** have been our Youth Group Assistants, helping with the Wednesday night programs. **Ingrid Arlton** also led special art activities with the kids this year. We give thanks for all these adults who have worked with the children and youth of the church! Following worship, there will be a special coffee hour with cake and ice cream. Colorful cupcakes will be decorated by our own Deb Tompkins and ice cream cups will be served. Come and celebrate the learners and leaders in our church school.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

May means graduation. This year's high school graduates are **Hallie Downs**, daughter of Rich and Tracy Downs; **Ryan Eddy**, son of Todd and Robin Eddy, and **Elena Koehn**, daughter of Mark Koehn and Alicia Garcia. Congratulations to these graduates! Please let the church office know of other graduates from college or other programs and we'll include their names in the next issue of the Call.

EXPLORING RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

The Adult Education series on *Exploring Religious Traditions* will continue on **Sunday, June 11** at 11:00 am. Michael O'Connor will speak on Buddhism. With this session on Buddhism, we move from conversations on the three faiths that constitute the "People of the Book" to the Eastern religions.

Although many Christians have some knowledge of Buddhism, speaking of "mindfulness" and practicing forms of meditation, the guiding principles of Buddhism remain unclear for most of us. Michael O'Connor is a student of Buddhism and has attended many Buddhist retreats to further his understanding of this major world religion. Buddhism is the fourth largest religious group in the world, claiming somewhere around 500 million adherents. Additionally, many others have adopted practices of Buddhism as a part of their way of living. Come and learn more about this world religion.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS!

JULY 17-21, 2017 from 5:30-8:00 pm

Come and learn what it means to LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Age 3-grade 5 (completed)

PLACERVILLE CAMPS



The camping season will soon be here! It's time to register for camp at Placerville, the South Conference's beautiful church camp. Placerville is close to home, yet a world apart. Look at the great opportunities to enjoy God's creation and grow in faith. Check out the schedule!

WORK CAMP: MAY 26-29

Help get the camp ready for the camping season. Volunteers can attend for a day or for the full weekend. Please let camp manager Kerry Steever know if you can help. Contact him at 290-7350 or uccplace@q.com.

WOMEN'S CAMP: JUNE 5-9

Relax. Renew. Reawaken the power of positive women. Women of all ages are invited to come to camp and enjoy crafts, spiritual renewal, singing, exercise and quiet time. Children from infants through the third grade can come along.

SHINING STARS: JUNE 5-9

Shining Stars is a transitional camping experience for children who have completed grades 2 and 3. These young children are invited to accompany their mothers or grandmothers to camp. They will have their own activities, but share meals and some other activities with family members.

SEEKERS: JUNE 11-16

Seekers is for kids who have completed grades 4 or 5. Coming to camp is a great way to make new friends, strengthen one's understanding of God, and enjoy fun in the beauty of the Black Hills.

FAITH EXPLORERS: JUNE 18-23

Faith Explorers is the camp for youth who have finished grades 6-8. Experience a week in Christian fellowship with campfire, hikes, games, crafts worship and more.

GRAND CAMP JUNE 23-25

Grand Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren to share the beauty of God's world. Our own Becky Fleming serves as the Dean of this great weekend camp. Grand Camp is planned with activities for kids age 3-9. All ages of grandparents are welcome! Talk to Becky for more information.



CROSSROADS: JULY 9-15

Crossroads is for youth who have completed grades 9-12. Youth are invited to come to Crossroads to discover how God is at work in daily life. Camp means time for hiking, crafting, worship, friends, games, serious conversations, relaxing and more.

FAMILY CAMP: JULY 16-22

Enjoy time with your family. At Family Camp, there are separate learning times for adults and children and shared times for recreation, work, worship and singing. Come and join in the activities of a wonderful week that your family will always cherish. All ages are welcome.



JUNIOR PERFORMING ARTS CAMP: JULY 23-29

Staff from the Black Hills Playhouse will provide leadership for this week at camp. Kids age 10-15 (grades 4-9) who are interested in performing arts will have the opportunities to learn more about the theater. This is a special opportunity to interact with professional actors and technicians. More information can be obtained by calling 800-727-9893 or by e-mailing edu@blackhillssplayhouse.com.

Pick up a camp brochure at the church or check out these camps at www.placervillecamp.net. And remember, First Congregational Church pays half of the cost of camp for all of our members. Don't miss out on the fun this summer!

PRAYER CONCERNS



Shut-in church members are in our prayers including: **Joan and John**

Arneson at Peaceful Pines; **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 and Lee Boyles' foster son, **Jerry Hernandez**, and Carol's brother, **Rex Hammon**; **Terry Brouillette's** daughter-in-law, **Britney Brouillette**; **Cyrus Cox**; **Hank Douma**; **Becky and Jim Fleming's** son-in-law, **Chris Kuehler**; **Jane Ireland's** son-in-law, **Pat Kearney**; **Jill Kundtz**; **Jill Kundtz's** sister-in-law, **Mindy**; **Ted McBride**; **Vera Mettler**; **Patsy Parkin Valandra's** friend, **Sandy Spencer**, and Patsy's cousin's wife, **Micki Williams**; **Lynn Renee's** sister, **Laura Scheider** and family; **Sybil Rounds**; **Jane Seaton**; **Jane Seaton's** daughter, **Gail Johnson**; **Rev. Don Stoebner** and his wife and caregiver, **Rosie**; **Ernie Summarell**; **Drew Stephens**; and **Deb Tompkins'** mother-in-law, **Dorothy Tompkins**.

In Military Service:

Deb and Bruce Tompkins' granddaughter, **Cpl. Briana Gabel-Mackulin**, and her husband, **Cpl. Gabe Mackulin**. **Ed and Ginny Ensz's** grandson, **Kyle Kloeckl**; **Melanie Moore**; **Jakob Nickel**; **Johnathan Nickel**; and all serving our country.

THANK YOU

I am doing well following my knee surgery. Thank you to everyone for all your thoughts and prayers.

Colleen Schuft

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, get-well wishes, phone calls and other messages of love and concern during my surgeries and now into recovery mode. Each and every contact made my days brighter and encourages me to get stronger.

Big hugs,
Sybil Rounds

We want to thank you for your kindness, support and prayers. We in turn pray that you will be blessed with God's awesome grace.

The Whitney Stevens family

Thank you to everyone who supported the Good Evening Circle's fundraiser by purchasing pasta items. Your purchases will allow us to continue to help the charities our circle supports.

The Good Evening Circle

Many thanks to our pastors, the Adult and Bell Choirs, the choir directors, the musicians, the readers and all who took part in this year's Holy Week services. Your hard work provided truly meaningful and deeply moving worship experiences.

A beautiful new stand made its debut in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to **Harold Miller** for building the stand and to **Dave Ledford** for creating the stained glass piece.

UPDATE

Drew Stephens has completed his rehabilitation in Colorado. Drew has returned to Rapid City where he is living independently in his own home.

BIRTH

Jenna and Dave Cruz welcomed the arrival of baby son, **Jet James**, on **April 17**. Jet's big brothers are **Jayce, Steel** and **Kain**. Grandparents are **Pat-ti** and **Charlie Rea** and great-grandparents are **Joan and John Arneson**. Our blessings and to all!



CONGRATULATIONS

Arjun Ayyangar is the recipient of a \$2500 stipend from the NASA South Dakota Space Grant for the 2017-18 school year. Congratulations to Arjun for this recognition and honor.

GRANT AWARD

First Congregational Church in conjunction with Break Through Inc. was awarded a Genesis grant from the United Church of Christ. This grant will support disability education and anti-bullying programs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- May 2:** Linda Parrott
May 3: Evan Gallentine
 Cory Vrooman
May 5: Jack Carpenter
May 6: Trent Eddy
 Mae Louise Zeise
May 7: Oscar Stradinger
May 10: Gerald Koch
 Georgia O'Connor
 Wyatt Trana
May 11: Sharon Darrow
 Lily Hamann
May 12: Linnea Putnam
May 13: Lois Herndon
May 15: Lisa Lyons
May 16: Merrick Fisher
May 21: Oona Evans
 Lia Green
May 23: John Arneson
 Terry Whiting
May 25: Jane Anderson
 Macey Wathen
May 27: Jacob Schnabel
May 28: Adam Grigg
May 30: Siri Palm



EASTER BLESSINGS!

I'll be honest. I celebrate Easter all year long. This is because I am blessed to continually see signs of new life within the churches of the South Dakota Conference. There are so many in our world who live an entombed people. Metaphorical "rocks" of indifference, fear, hatred, arrogance and oppression keep people trapped in the darkness of such tombs. But as followers of the Risen Christ, our churches give voice to an Easter invitation: "Burst forth and find new life." Burst forth from the darkness to the light of God's grace. Burst forth from whatever oppresses your spirits into the freedom of hopefulness. Burst forth from whatever chains you to the ways of death, into the promise of life--life lived forever in God's care. Without question, our churches practice Easter--sharing the transformative promise of new life--all year long.

Not only am I abundantly blessed to see the faithful work of our churches, but I am profoundly grateful. I am thankful for your giving that supports who we are and what we do as church together. And I am thankful for your giving that allows the wider church to provide resources to our local churches with the hope that all may be thriving communities of Easter people. Please know that your giving in support of the wider church is one among the many ways you bring the message of new life to the world around you.

In Easter joy,
Gordon Rankin
 Conference Minister
 South Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ

SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

From the South Dakota Conference United Church of Christ 'Crier,' (AKA Moderator) Rev. Tim Fugman:

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

- Who?** You! South Dakota Conference United Church of Christ churches, delegates, members and friends
- What?** are cordially invited to the 2017 South Dakota Conference UCC Annual Meeting
- When?** to be held **Friday, June 2, 2017** through **Sunday, June 4, 2017**
- Where?** at Brookings, SD hosted by the Brookings UCC
- Why?** to feast on good food, enjoy good fellowship and be about the business of the South Dakota Conference United Church of Christ

*All who are planning to attend, please contact the church office, so we can send in a completed church roster.

Registration Deadline is May 15.



No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

MISSION AND OUTREACH

LOS GUIDO NEWS

In a recent email, Pastor Dorotea Yucra sent news that the feeding program is going strong, with an average of 30 people enjoying the meals two days a week. There is an abundance of young children, including several babies, as well as a family with several children, mom and grandmother who are at every available meal. The generosity of the congregation here at First Congregational is assuring that these families have at least a couple of healthy meals a week, and Pastor Dorotea sends her sincere thanks for the assistance. First Church is also providing help with educational expenses and swimming lessons for a dozen children per month. This form of exercise has been especially helpful for the children with asthma.

Another note of interest: Poas volcano is active again, after being dormant for many years. There is a lot of ash, and some new magma has been found in the ash. We have had no reports from los Guido about air quality problems, so pray that the winds are in the right direction to keep our friends safe.



LOVE INC OF THE BLACK HILLS



Being a parent is tough, and making ends meet can be a challenge. Through Clothe-A-Kid our church is helping parents make their dollars stretch. CAK not only helps children start the year feeling good about themselves, but it intentionally opens doors for long-term connections with families.

Clothe-A-Kid 2016 resulted in 30 families participating in Life INC's Summer Seminar Series. Several are still Life INC participants.

2017: We will be taking EVERY child shopping with a church volunteer and their parent; opening doors to relationship and ensuring the children get the clothes they love.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Check all that apply:

SPONSOR A CHILD: Sponsor a child for \$60 (donations of any size help). Make checks out to our church with CAK in the memo by July 16 or text 71777 with CAK in the message.

SHOP: Connect with a child and their parent while shopping at Kohl's on August 12th and/or 19th. Volunteer arrive 6:30, shopping from 7-11 AM.

VOLUNTEER: Help with sign-up by talking & praying with parents June 5-7. [Return this card to your church's Clothe-A-Kid coordinator](#)

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CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION



Needed Items

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission is currently in need of the following items:

- Coffee
- Sugar
- Milk (powdered & fresh)
- Eggs
- Razors
- Deodorant

- Tooth paste & Tooth brushes
- Diapers (especially size 4 & 5)
- Enfamil formula
- Kleenex
- Laundry Soap & fabric softener or dryer sheets
- Kitchen sponges

MAY CALENDAR

FRI MAY 5, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group
1pm Stained Glass Project

SAT MAY 6, 2017

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

SUN MAY 7, 2017

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am Worship for All Ages
10:30am Fellowship
10:45am Dept. of Education
11am Dept. of Hospitality
4pm The Well

MON MAY 8, 2017

1:30pm Westhills Bible and Book Study

TUE MAY 9, 2017

1pm Craft Day
1:15pm Spiritual Practices

WED MAY 10, 2017

6:30pm UCY at Perkins
7pm Adult Choir Practice

THU MAY 11, 2017

10am Altar Guild Meeting
4pm Dept. of Worship

FRI MAY 12, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group
1pm Stained Glass Project

SAT MAY 13, 2017

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

SUN MAY 14, 2017

MOTHER'S DAY

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am Worship and Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship/Muffins for Moms
11am Dept. of Ministries Meeting
4pm The Well

TUE MAY 16, 2017

1pm Craft Day
6pm Stewardship and Budget
7pm Church Board Meeting

WED MAY 17, 2017

9:30am Good Morning Circle
6:30pm Good Evening Circle
7pm Adult Choir Practice

FRI MAY 19, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group
1pm Stained Glass Project

SAT MAY 20, 2017

9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting

SUN MAY 21, 2017

8:30am Adult Choir Practice
9:30am Worship and Sunday School
10:30am Fellowship/Sunday School Celebration
4pm The Well

MON MAY 22, 2017

9:30am Sanctuary Cleanup
1:30pm Westhills Bible and Book Study

TUE MAY 23, 2017

11:30am 4th Tuesday Ladies Lunch
1pm Craft Day

FRI MAY 26, 2017

Placerville Camp Work Weekend
1pm BH Watercolor Group
1pm Stained Glass Project

SAT MAY 27, 2017

Placerville Camp Work Weekend
9am Woodchucks Wood Splitting
10am Survivors of Suicide Support Group

SUN MAY 28, 2017

Placerville Camp Work Weekend
9:30am Worship for All Ages
10:30am Fellowship
4pm The Well

MON MAY 29, 2017

Placerville Camp Work Weekend Memorial Day

TUE MAY 30, 2017

1pm Craft Day

FRI JUN 2, 2017

SD Conference UCC Annual Meeting
1pm BH Watercolor Group
1pm Stained Glass Project

SAT JUN 3, 2017

SD Conference UCC Annual Meeting

9am Woodchucks

SUN JUN 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

SD Conference UCC Annual Meeting

9:30am Worship for All Ages/
Strengthen the Church Offering
10:30am Fellowship
4pm The Well

TUE JUN 6, 2017

1pm Craft Day

FRI JUN 9, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group
1pm Stained Glass Project

SAT JUN 10, 2017

9am Woodchucks

SUN JUN 11, 2017

9:30am Worship for All Ages
10:30am Fellowship
4pm The Well

MON JUN 12, 2017

1:30pm Westhills Bible and Book Study

TUE JUN 13, 2017

1pm Craft Day

FRI JUN 16, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group
1pm Stained Glass Project

SAT JUN 17, 2017

9am Woodchucks

SUN JUN 18, 2017

Father's Day

9:30am Worship for All Ages
10:30am Fellowship/Behringer
Ordination Anniversary/All
American Potluck Picnic
4pm The Well

TUE JUN 20, 2017

1pm Craft Day
6pm Stewardship and Budget
7pm Church Board Meeting

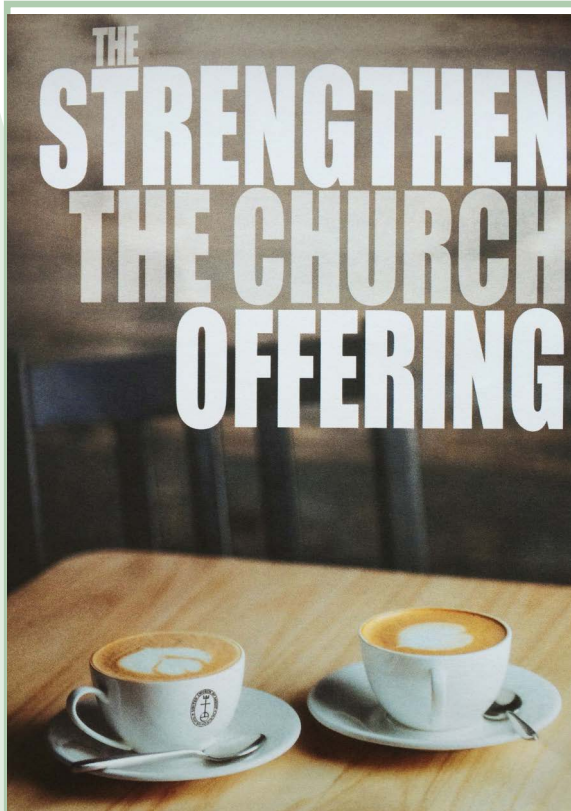


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**The Strengthen the Church offering
date is Sunday, June 4, 2017.**

Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregation to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking" message.