

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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IT'S TIME FOR THE SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE

The August Rummage Sale, hosted by the Women's Fellowship, will be held from 8:00am—3:00pm on Friday, August 18 and from 8:00am—noon on Saturday, August 19. The Rummage Sale is an all-church event and volunteers are needed to make it a success.

Church members can bring rummage to donate to the sale. Please call ahead to make sure that the building is unlocked.

Setup will begin on Sunday, August 13, following worship. Vol-

unteers are needed to set up tables and carry clothing racks and display items from the basement.

Help is needed Monday through Thursday,

August 14—17, to arrange items for sale, check the condition of donated items and price items on Thursday. This is a huge task and volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed. Those with skill to check the working condition of electrical appliances and other items, those who can lift heavy objects, and those with pickup trucks are especially needed. Others can

help arrange sale items, mark prices and help in other ways.

Clerks and cashiers are needed during the sale on Friday August 18 and Saturday August 19. There will be **NO BAKE SALE** this time, but there is still a need for volunteers to assist customers and to keep the inventory arranged for display.

A big crew of volunteers will be required Saturday,

August 19 at noon to box unsold items, take down tables and display racks, and get the church ready for worship the following morning.

Rummage Sales provide funds for outreach ministries and support of

church activities and give a way for items to be obtained at reasonable prices by those who need and want them. Everyone in the church benefits from the sales. The more volunteers who become involved, the lighter the work load is for all involved. For more information on how you can become involved, call the church office **342-5787** or send an email to uccoffice@rushmore.com.





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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Before Rapid City existed and the tiny community of Hay Camp was formed at the edge of the Black Hills, 1st Congregational Church was organized to serve the community and region. First meeting in a room at Lewis Hall in what is now downtown Rapid City, the congregation sought to be open to all Christians and to serve people of all faiths. From our very beginnings as a congregation 139 years ago, we have been committed to being more than just a place of worship for our members. We exist to serve our community.

In 1972, when a devastating flood swept through our city, we renewed that commitment to serve and were among the founding partners of Church Response. Over and over throughout the history of our city, we have reached out in service to others. That tradition of service is still strong today. Members of our church serve on many local nonprofit boards of directors, volunteer for service projects

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and work in fields of service to others.

I have been privileged to work with Cornerstone Mission, Church Response, Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity, Love INC, Black Hills Works, and several other community service organizations. I also am honored to serve as a Sheriff's Chaplain. At times balancing the demands of serving the church and serving the community is a challenge, but I have never questioned the call to serve the community nor the congregation's support of community ministry. It is who we are and what we do.

I'm proud of the legacy of service in which we stand and the commitment of our congregation to service. Thank you to all of you who serve our community through your employment and through your volunteer activities. You really do make a difference in the lives of those who are in need.

OCTOBER 1 SPECIAL MEETING WILL CONSIDER LAND DEAL

The Church Board has set October 1 for a special congregational meeting to consider the sale of a Permanent Easement and H Lot to the City of Rapid City for utility work on Tompkins Street as a part of the Fulton Street Reconstruction Project. The proposed sale of 1120 square feet and the granting of an additional permanent easement of 128 square feet will allow the city to complete utility work and install a new fire hydrant. The affected land is on Tompkins Street and does

not affect the church parking lot or building in any manner.

Copies of maps showing the details of the projects and additional specific information are available from the church office upon request. Members of the Church Board and a representative of the engineering firm overseeing the project will be available at the church meeting to answer questions.

BOARD AND DEPARTMENTS

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE by Sheila Long

We just got back from camping in the beautiful Black Hills, with no access to running water, cable TV, cell phone service or internet. We were "off the grid" so to speak. And it was wonderful! To escape the constant noise and business of this world, if only for a few days, reminded me of this quote I found a few months ago about silence by John Chryssavgis. *"Silence is the glue that connects our attitudes and our actions. Silence is the fullness, not emptiness; it is not absence, but the awareness of a Presence."* I hope I'm always aware of God's presence whether in the business of my day to day or in the few moments of silence, but sometimes it takes being forced into a longer time of quiet that reminds me to reach out to God and really seek the fullness that He has to offer. I know we are just a few weeks away from kids going back to school, and lives getting busy with the activities of day to day. This is true of the church as well with planning underway for Sunday school, Bible studies and fall activities. The lazy days of summer are coming to an end. But I hope you all take a few moments to be "off the grid" and enjoy the silence and fullness of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CHURCH BOARD by Dona Leavens

The UCC Church Board met on June 20, 2017 with Sheila Long leading the meeting. Mark Ortega gave the financial report. We ended the month -\$397 loss but year to date we are positive at \$1,577.08.

The Capital Fund Phase II bathroom remodel is moving forward. The city will begin reconstruction on Fulton Street sometime between July 1, 2018 and December 18, 2018.

The city has offered \$5000 for a permanent utility easement on land owned by the church. Cinnamon Hill Pre-school has signed the agreement to raise their donation to the church by 2% year over year for the next three years.

The church will replace the area rugs in the preschool classrooms.

The next board meeting will be August 16.

DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRIES

The Department of Ministries sells grocery and other gift cards three times each month. A percentage of the sales amount goes to Church Response and another percent goes to our church to pay for the Cornerstone Mission meals. Watch for our table in the Fellowship Hall on the first, second and third Sundays each month.

Church Response appreciates the food our congregation donates each month. The requested food for August is CANNED TOMATOES. In addition to food, toiletries can be donated to help with daily expenses for those with limited funds. These can be added to the grocery cart in the narthex. Clients appreciate the food they can receive from the food bank.



We served a meal to approximately 70 people at the Cornerstone Mission on June 30. Thank you to everyone who baked cookies, helped prepare the food for the meal and helped serve the meal at the Mission. Our next date to serve a meal is September 29.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? ALTAR GUILD PLANT SALE

Notes from the
Department of Worship

Recently members of the Department of Worship have been asked about special music during the summer. Members of our congregation have noticed that while there have been solos and ensembles on many of the Sundays during the summer, there have been a few weeks when we have had no special music for our worship. On those Sundays, we usually have an extra congregational hymn, but there is no anthem or special responses as part of our worship.

The entire system is based on volunteers. We do not have budget to support paying for worship music other than the regular salaries of our organist, choir director and bell choir director. Special summer music is the result of dedicated volunteers. A sign-up sheet is maintained in the church office. Members of our choir take the lead in providing special music for worship. Summer worship provides an opportunity for solos and ensembles that might not fit into services during the regular choir season. Those musical offerings still require rehearsal and dedication on the part of our church's volunteers.

If you appreciate the special music of the summer, don't hesitate to thank the musicians. They sing for the joy of music and the love of God, but an occasional "Thank you!" is deeply appreciated.

We will be offering some of the live plants from the church for sale at the August rummage sale. If you would be interested in one or more of the plants for a donation to the church before the sale, please contact **Joyce Tripp** at **342-1352** for more information.

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 two 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. Tickets will also be sold on **August 18 and 19 during the Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale.**

The drawing will be held at the Advent Fair on **Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017.**

STAINED GLASS

The Stained Glass group will not meet for the remainder of August and will resume meeting on **Friday, Sept. 1** from **1:00 to 4:00pm.**

4TH TUESDAY LADIES' LUNCH GROUP

Please join us on **Tuesday, August 22** 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.**

MEMOIR WRITING

The Memoir Writing group will meet at **1:30pm** on **Thursday, August 24** at **Mary Keithahn's home.** Mary's address is **4212 Carmel Point.** If anyone wants to call for directions, her phone number is **716-2141.**

WOODCHUCK SOCIETY

If you would like to receive information and updates on the work days schedule, please get on the email or call list so we can keep you informed. Talk to **Chuck Rounds** or call **343-4407** and request those contacts.





ADULT CHOIR NEWS

The Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, August 30, at 7:00pm** and will resume singing during worship starting on **Sunday, September 10**. Whether you are new to the choir or have been a part of this wonderful group for years, all are welcome. Join in making a joyful noise! Questions? Contact the Adult Choir Director, **Steve Branch**.



BELL CHOIR NEWS

The official fall start of the Bell Choir is **Wednesday (after Labor Day), September 6, at 6:00pm**. The Bell Choir has openings for anyone interested in ringing bells. Please come to our September 6 rehearsal or call the Bell Choir Director, **Michael Bossen**, at (605) 343-5514 for more information.

GREETING CARDS

The Hopeful Crafters have made over 100 new cards for their card sales. There are cards for pets (and their owners!), birthday cards, sympathy cards, new baby cards, wedding cards, anniversary cards, humorous cards, get well cards and all occasion cards. They will also make any card to your specifications. Thank you so much for your continued support.



COFFEE HOUR

Women's Fellowship is seeking a **coffee hour coordinator** to recruit coffee hosts for four months each year. If interested, please contact **Laura Boyd at 721-7720**. **Coffee hosts and dishwashers** are needed for coffee hour in **September**. **Hosting is not difficult**. You do need to arrive at church a little early to get the coffee and cookies and ready. **Dishwashing also is not difficult** and does not require an early arrival to church! Easy instructions are posted for both of these volunteer opportunities. 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

Life is too short to pass up **FREE** doors to a better living. One of these doors awaits anyone who enters **Room 22, our own church library**. You may think this library has shelves of boring stuff. What a surprise you will experience!! **FIND ROOM 22 BIOGRAPHY**: Did you realize we have more than 125 BIOGRAPHIES of world leaders, our US Presidents and First Ladies, athletes, Hollywood Christian stars, **Biblical characters, Dakota Natives and evangelists?** **CHRISTIAN LIVING**: The Christian Living shelves contain 95 books to help us live better lives. Some of these authors are: Maya Angelou, Jimmy Carter, James Dobson, T. D. Jakes, Jan Karon, Harold Kushner, Max Lucado, Rick Warren, Philip Yancey, Ben Anderson and Ted Huffman. **AGING, MEDICAL ISSUES, CARE GIVING, DEATH**: 125 books help Care Givers, Victims of DISEASES, Advice from MAYO and other health specialists, different aspects of DYING and ideas about Heaven. **LOCAL AUTHORS**: 75 LOCAL AUTHORS await you. Among these: Helen Strong, Ward Cheney, Ben Anderson, Ted Huffman, Clara Lobdell, Vivian Lee, Homer Merfeld, Doris Marie Strom, Rex Allan Smith, Black Elk, Helen Rezzatto and Robb DeWall. Besides these sections, our UCC



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

“Love One Another” was the theme for the 2017 Vacation Bible School. Together, we explored stories from the life of Jesus and talked about what it really means to love another. We know that LOVE can be reduced to cute stickers of pink hearts and smiling children, but that the reality of putting love into action is much more challenging—for children and for adults!

The first evening, we heard the story of Jesus welcoming the children and explored ways to welcome all people, even those who are different than we are. The second night, we heard the story of Zacchaeus. It’s a simple, yet complex, story about the way that Zacchaeus, the tax collector, treats the townspeople. “Who started the conflict?” we wondered and talked about ways to resolve conflict. The third story was a story of sharing, based on the Feeding of the 5,000 from the Gospel of John. In John’s telling of the story, a boy with five loaves of bread and two fish becomes a hero when he shares his lunch. Jesus uses the boy’s generosity to work a miracle that results in the whole crowd being fed. “Working together” was the theme for Thursday when we learned about another miracle of Jesus. This time, a group of friends helped a man who was unable to walk. The group transported their friend to the roof of a home and lowered him down so he could meet Jesus. Teamwork was needed to get the man up onto the roof and then

lowering him to see Jesus without dropping him! The last night focused on the commandment Jesus gave to his disciples to love one another.

Throughout the week, children and adults learned what it means to put love into action.

The “Mission Center” was new this year. In that center, the children worked on projects to show their care to others. For example, after learning about the boy who shared his lunch, the children decorated and assembled treat bags for the children at the Cornerstone Women and Children’s House. 100 treat bags, plus 8 bags of fresh fruit were delivered to the Women and Children’s House!

This year’s team included **Jo Blankley** (storyteller), **Pandi Bollock** (meals and snacks), **Monty Bollock** (kitchen help), **Mike Crutcher** (kitchen help), **Terry Brouillette** (planning team and preschool shepherd), **Corrin Burke** (games and preschool), **Malaika Burke** (games and preschool), **Melissa Emerson** (younger elementary shepherd), **Becky Fleming** (games), **Lynn Grauman** (planning team and mission center), **Willy Grigg** (Thursday help), **Ted Huffman** (opening exercises, photos and slide show), **Susan Huffman** (planning team and VBS director), **Jenny Kozel** (planning team and Thursday and Friday help), **Lisa Lyons** (younger elementary shepherd), **Patti Arneson Rea** (planning team, older elementary shepherd, helping hands tree, Friday’s conclusion and kitchen help), **Lorna Schnabel** (crafts), **Nick Strampe**

(mission center-Tuesday), **Pat Sutliff** (mission center-Thursday), **Alicia Sutliff-Benusis** (planning team and mission center), **Laura Switzer** (nametags and kitchen help), **Lindsay Wathen**, **Macey Wathen** and **Hailey Wathen** plus Lindsay’s mother, **Trudy Brassfield** (all part of the crafts team!) and **Ryan Webster** (kitchen, preschool, games). Some of these people helped only one night; others helped for the whole week. As you can see, it takes “a village” to make VBS work! **Thanks to ALL these helpers who made Vacation Bible School a big success!**

At the conclusion of this year’s VBS, the children and their families received bags with “helping hands” and books of ideas so families can continue to put love into action throughout the year. The planning team would also like to invite the congregation to add to the “Helping Hands Tree” in the Fellowship Hall throughout the year. When you have done something that shows what it means to love one another, write it on one of the hands in the Fellowship Hall and add your “leaf” to the tree. We hope to have a tree overflowing with the helping things that people have done!



NIEBUHR'S SERENITY PRAYER

by Susan Huffman

Last Sunday, Ted and I gave flowers in celebration of the birth of our youngest granddaughter, Eliza Serenity Huffman, born 5/23/17. Eliza's middle name was inspired by "The Serenity Prayer," written by Reinhold Niebuhr. *"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference."* Although this prayer is well-known, many people do not know the story of its origin or that it was written by a UCC clergyman.

Reinhold Niebuhr was a graduate of Elmhurst College and Eden Theological Seminary, both UCC-related institutions. He became President of Union Theological Seminary and an influential twentieth century theologian. His influence has been cited by many, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Jimmy Carter, Madeleine Albright, Barack Obama and John McCain. The historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. called Niebuhr "the supreme American theologian of the twentieth century."

However, Niebuhr is known to most simply as the author of the Serenity Prayer. This prayer has been popularized by its use in cancer support groups and Alcoholics Anonymous. Because of this, many think that the focus of Niebuhr's prayer is personal transformation and growth. In reality, Niebuhr wrote this

prayer in the late 1930's or early 1940's, as the tension in the homeland of his parents was rising. Struggling with the role of Christians in the public sphere, he began to articulate the ideas contained in the Serenity Prayer. His daughter, Elisabeth Niebuhr Sifton, believes that this prayer originated in the summer of 1943, at the height of World War II, when Niebuhr prayed at the Union Church in Heath, MA. His students, however, noted concepts and even phrases from this prayer in his lectures from the 1930's. In any case, Niebuhr did not intend for the Serenity Prayer to be only a prayer of personal piety. Rather, this prayer, as well as his other writings, emphasized the need for Christians to be engaged in the public sphere—"to change the things [we] can."

Reinhold Niebuhr's brother, H. Richard Niebuhr, also a professor of theology and ethics, became President of Elmhurst College. Richard Niebuhr's book *Christ and Culture* articulated similar ideas of Christian responsibility to engage in the public sphere. Their older sister, Hulda Niebuhr, also became a seminary professor, teaching Christian Education at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. This legacy of theological reflection continues today. Reinhold Niebuhr's daughter, Elisabeth Sifton has written a book about the Serenity Prayer, entitled *The Serenity Prayer: Faith and Politics in Times of Peace and War*. This book, along with a book by her brother, Gustav Niebuhr, entitled *Beyond Tolerance: Searching*

for Interfaith Understanding in America, will soon be added to our church library, continuing the Niebuhr legacy. Watch for these new titles and check them out!

SAVE THESE DATES!

You don't want to miss these events, so mark them now and SAVE these dates for good times at church.

September 10: Sunday School

kickoff. This Sunday marks the beginning of another year of Sunday School. Plans are already being made for good fun, new learning opportunities and ways to live our faith. Classes are offered for kids, age 3 through grade 9.

September 17: Family Day at

Placerville Camp. Following the Fellowship Hour at church, we'll head out to Placerville Camp for a family fun day. THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL AGES! You don't have to be a kid to attend! But, if you are a kid, this is a great time for you to explore Placerville and have some fun! Lunch will be provided at no charge. However, we do NEED A COUNT, so Camp Manager Kerry Steever knows how much food to prepare. A sign-up sheet will appear the end of August and you can sign up then. You can also call the church office at 342-5787 or email susanucc@rushmore.com to get on the list. This is a super-fun time to share fellowship and enjoy the beauty of the Hills. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND PLAN TO ATTEND!!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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



Jeannette Hill and family following the death of Jeannette's sister, **Winifred "Dede" Catlin** on May 28 in Houston, Texas.

Robin **Eddy** and family following the death of Robin's father, **Mike Cressy** on June 16 in Oklahoma.

Dwight Snesrud and family following the death of Dwight's sister, **Elizabeth Judson**, on July 6 in Longmont, CO.

Our thoughts and prayers are with members facing health issues:

Kathy Dannenbring as she recovers from recent surgery.

Don Dodge who was hospitalized on August 1 with pneumonia.

Connie McMacken as she recovers from a fall.

Colleen Schuft as she recovers from knee surgery.

Our prayers are with **Mary Keithahn's** ESL student, **Maria Leon Gandara**, and her daughter, **Veronica Ruiz-Leon**, as they recover from injuries sustained in car accident near Hot Springs on July 13.

Shut-in church members are in our prayers including: **Joan and John Arneson** at Peaceful Pines; **Cyrus Cox** and **Lois Herndon** at Bella Vista; **Maureen Dymock** at Village at Skyline Pines; **Mavis Iverson** at Clarkson Health Care; **Jerry Snyder** at Golden Living Center—Meadowbrook and **Ida Muree St. Pierre** and **Shirley Triggs** at Westhills South.

Our prayers are with the following members, families and friends:

Terry Brouillette's daughter-in-law, **Britney Brouillette**; **Hank Douma**; **Becky and Jim Fleming's** son-in-law, **Chris Kuehler**; **Jane Ireland's** son-in-law, **Pat Kearney** and Jane's grandson, **Luke Serbousek**; **Lavona Jonas**; **Jill Kundtz**; **Jill Kundtz's** sister-in-law, **Mindy**; **Vera Mettler**; **Melanie Palm**; **Lynn Renee's** sister, **Laura Scheider** and family; **Jane Seaton**; **Jane Seaton's** daughter, **Gail Johnson**; **Helen Snyder**; **Drew Stephens**;

Rev. Don Stoebner and his wife and caregiver, **Rosie**; **Ernie Summarell**; **Deb Tompkins'** mother-in-law, **Dorothy Tompkins**; **Patsy Parkin Valandra's** friend, **Sandy Spencer**, and Patsy's cousin's wife, **Micki Williams**.

In Military Service:

Ed and Ginny Ensz's grandson, **Kyle Kloeckl**; **Jordan LaPoint**, who was deployed to Afghanistan on July 9; **Deb** and **Bruce Tompkins'** granddaughter, **Cpl. Briana Gabel-Mackulin**, and her husband, **Cpl. Gabe Mackulin**; **Melanie Moore**; **Jakob Nickel**; **Johnathan Nickel** and all serving our country.

CONGRATULATIONS

On June 18, the ordination anniversaries of **Mary Keithahn** and **Richard Behringer**, were recognized during worship. Mary was ordained in 1987 and Richard was ordained in 1967. A cake in honor of Richard's 50 years of ministry was served during the coffee hour.

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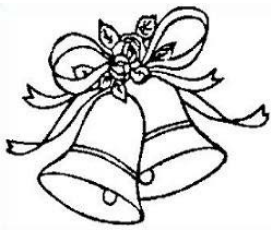
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BIRTH

Lisa and Joe Trana welcomed the arrival of their baby daughter, **Eliza June**, on **July 1** in Rapid City. **Wyatt** and **Waylon** are Eliza's big brothers. Our blessings to all!



WEDDING

Congratulations to **Brittany Henry** and **Matt James** who were married on July 22 at Terry Peak. Matt is the son of Donna and the late Dick James. Rev. Susan Huffman officiated.

VOW RENEWAL

Congratulations to **Andrea Putnam** and **Mohsen Badiee** who renewed their wedding vows in a ceremony at the home of Andrea's parents, **Ingrid Arlton** and **Larry Putnam**, on July 29. Revs. Ted and Susan Huffman officiated.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who sent a card, attended the funeral, sent memorials and gave me a hug. What a wonderful church family!

Dorothy Davis

Thank you for all the prayers and support you have given my family and family members. My brother, Rex, recently had successful heart surgery; brother, Terry is now cancer free and our foster son, Jerry, has a new kidney and is doing very well. Great blessings!

Carol and Lee Boyles

We wish to thank our UCC church family for their prayers and support during Ted's cancer illness. We are happy to report that Ted is now cancer free and recovering.

Ted and Mary Linda McBride

Dear Friends,

My thanks to the congregation for being a part of the celebration of my fifty year anniversary of my ordination. It was an amazing cake, a touching presentation of the certificate and a generally good time. My thanks to the pastors and all who made the celebration a happy occasion for me.

Thank you all,

Richard L. Behringer

First Congregational Church,
Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket and sweet card. I am very excited to go on my service trip and help as many people as I can. I've enjoyed helping in the nursery and spending time with all of you.

Elena Koehn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

August 2: Clair Maynard

August 3: Robert Orvik

August 4: Jennifer Bartling
Maureen Dymock

August 6: Lynnell Parrott

August 7: Rowan Evans
Michael Myers

August 11: Darlene Orvik

August 14: Pam VanCuren

August 15: Lucia Grigg

August 17: Jane Seaton

August 19: Kathy Oulman-Johnson

August 21: Rich Downs

August 23: Francesca Murano

August 26: Ida Muree St Pierre

August 27: Lorna Schnabel

August 29: Monty Bollock

Wesley Humke

August 31: Cam Miller



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

MISSION AND OUTREACH



LOVE INC'S CLOTHE-A-KID

Thank you so much to everyone for their generous financial support of Clothe-A-Kid 2017. Your donations will provide new school clothes for 21 children this fall! What a blessing it is for families in need to have this help in making their back-to-school dollars stretch.

VOLUNTEER SHOPPERS ARE NEEDED FOR AUGUST 12 AND 19!

434 children have registered go shopping for their new clothes at Kohls on August 12 and 19. Each child is accompanied by a parent and a church volunteer as they shop. Therefore, many volunteers are needed to help on these shopping days.

If you can shop on one or both days, you can sign up by visiting Love Inc.'s website at www.loveinonline.com, clicking on the CAK t-shirt (see image below) and then going to the Volunteer page. The application and video are all wrapped into just one click! It will take about 15 minutes to fill out the application and watch the video. If you have any questions, please call **Laura Switzer** at **381-3656**. Thank you!



Clothe-a-Kid

FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

Who depends on Feeding South Dakota? Nearly 50% are under the age of 18, 11% are 60 years or older, 78% live in households with incomes at or below the federal poverty level, 66% worked within the last year and nearly half worked within the last month.

It's difficult enough for an adult to go hungry. But no child deserves to suffer this way. Your compassionate support can make a powerful, even life-changing difference. Since every \$1 you give provides 4 nutritious meals—fruits, vegetables, healthy grains and more—your support can touch many lives.

To make a donation, visit FeedingSouthDakota.org or call 605-335-0364.



FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

All across South Dakota there are children in need of a loving and safe foster home. They need someone to open their hearts and their homes to them. Will you be the one?

The more foster families there are in our communities, the easier it is to keep siblings together and keep children in their own neighborhoods and schools. Foster families of every culture are needed in communities across the state.

Please take a moment to commit to learn more about becoming a foster parent. Call 605-343-2598 or visit www.FosterOneSD.org.

South Dakota Department of Social Services
DSS
Strong Families - South Dakota's Foundation and Our Future

AUGUST CALENDAR

FRI AUG 4, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group

SUN AUG 6, 2017

9:30am Worship for All Ages—
Communion will be
Celebrated

10:30am Fellowship

4pm The Well

TUE AUG 8, 2017

1pm Craft Day

FRI AUG 11, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group

SUN AUG 13, 2017

9:30am Worship for All Ages

10:30am Fellowship

11am Dept. of Ministries
Meeting

11am Rummage Sale Setup

4pm The Well

MON AUG 14, 2017

9am Rummage Sale Set Up

1:30pm Westhills Bible and
Book Study

TUE AUG 15, 2017

9am Rummage Sale Set Up

6pm Dept. of Stewardship and
Budget

7pm Church Board Meeting

WED AUG 16, 2017

9am Rummage Sale Set Up

9:30am Liz Benusis special
music rehearsal

THU AUG 17, 2017

9am Rummage Sale Set Up

4pm Dept. of Worship

FRI AUG 18, 2017

8am Rummage Sale

SAT AUG 19, 2017

8am Rummage Sale

12pm Rummage Sale Clean-up

SUN AUG 20, 2017

9:30am Worship for All Ages

10:30am Fellowship

4pm The Well

TUE AUG 22, 2017

11:30am 4th Tuesday Ladies
Lunch

1pm Craft Day

FRI AUG 25, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group

SAT AUG 26, 2017

10am Survivors of Suicide
Support Group

SUN AUG 27, 2017

9:30am Worship for All Ages

10:30am Dept. of Hospitality

10:30am Fellowship

4pm The Well

MON AUG 28, 2017

1:30pm Westhills Bible and
Book Study

TUE AUG 29, 2017

1pm Craft Day

WED AUG 30, 2017

7pm Adult Choir Practice

FRI SEP 1, 2017

1pm Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

SUN SEP 3, 2017

9:30am Worship for All Ages

10:30am Fellowship

4pm The Well

MON SEP 4, 2017

LABOR DAY

TUE SEP 5, 2017

1pm Craft Day

WED SEP 6, 2017

9am Cinnamon Hill Preschool
Registration

11:30am WF Board Meeting

6pm Bell Choir Practice

7pm Adult Choir Practice

THU SEP 7, 2017

Cinnamon Hill Preschool
Classes begin

FRI SEP 8, 2017

1pm BH Watercolor Group

1pm Stained Glass Project

SUN SEP 10, 2017

8:30am Adult Choir Practice

9:30am Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

10:30am Fellowship

11am Dept. of Ministries
Meeting

4pm The Well



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