

The Chamberlain View

United Church of Christ Chamberlain, South Dakota

December 2010

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In our Thoughts and Prayers

~Jill Schreiber	~Norma Allen
~Boyd King	~Diane Philen
~Frank Reniker	~Lorna Bergner
~Mary Ann Lewis	~Jean Cozine
~Velma Gilbert	~Eula Morris
~Ronda Burke	~Virginia Hobson

December Suggested Scriptures

Dec. 5~ Isa 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-7, 18-19, Rom 15:4-13, Matt 3:1-12
Dec. 12~ Isa 35:1-10, Ps 146:5-10, Luke 1:47-55, James 5:7-10, Matt 11:2-11
Dec. 19~ Isa 7:10-16, Ps 80:1-7, 17-19, Rom 1:1-7, Matt 1:18-25
Dec. 26~ Isa 63:7-9, Ps 148, Matt 2: 13-23, Isa 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 1-12

Do you know which county the greeting comes from?

1. "Boas Festas!" (Good Holidays!)
 2. "Happy Christmas!"
 3. "Joyeux Noel!"
 4. "Froehliche Weihnachten!"
 5. "God Yul!"
1. Brazil 2. England 3. France 4. Germany 5. Sweden

Can you guess the country that serves the food on Christmas?

1. boiled codfish, boiled potatoes and rye bread
 2. Christ's loaves with a cross on it, lamb and cheese pie
 3. tomares, atole, bunuelos and churros
 4. pickled herring, lutfisk, goose and lefsa
 5. fish, cabbage, mushrooms, borscht, kutya and rolls
1. Finland 2. Greece 3. Mexico 4. Norway 5. Ukraine

Thank you...thank you...

The church tree was up and decorated in record time this year! Thanks to Melanie Adcock, Janeen Story, Ty Lloyd, Devin Carter, Brett Story, Maci Burke and Mandy Juhnke.
~Lynn



New Year's Message

**I do not know what still awaits, or what the morrow brings; but with the glad salute of faith, I hail it's open wings! For this I know- that in my Lord shall all my needs be met; and I can trust the heart of him who has not failed me yet.
~Author unknown**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date: Attendance:

Nov. 7	125
Nov. 14	147
Nov. 21	89
Nov. 27	102

Coffee Fellowship
Hostesses are members of the Powers Circle.

Ushers
Don Steckelberg, Bob Feltman, Mike Chilson and Merrill Karlen

Chancel Arrangements
Dayle Chilson

December Help...

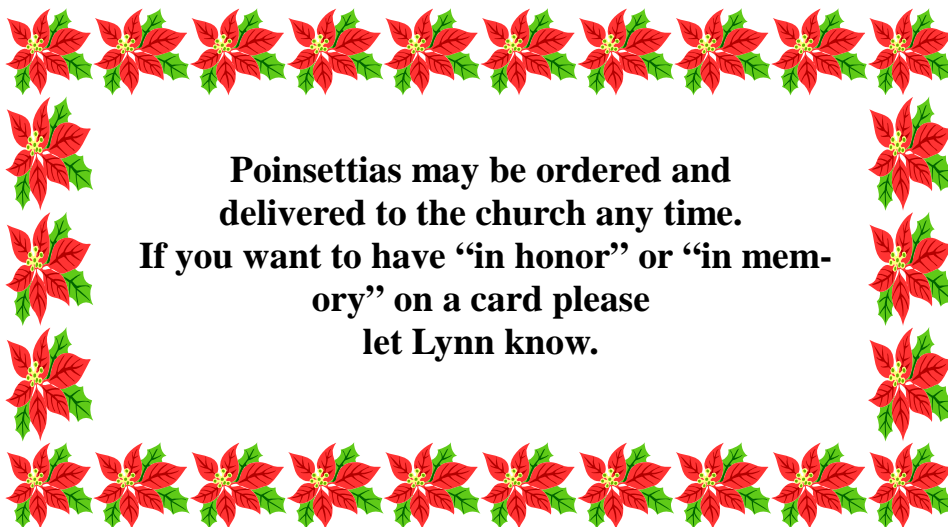


Church staff and leadership

Interim Pastor, Duane Rhoadarmer
Lynn Miller, Secretary
Val Moore, Treasurer
Julie Mertz, Diaconate
Doug Johnson, Trustee
Merrill Karlen, Jr., Moderator
Sally Reimer, Women's Fellowship

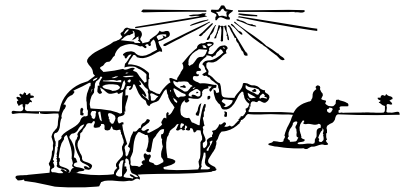
Karol Jo Hendrickson, Choir Director
Jane Cameron, Organist
Janeen Story, Religious Education
Janine Betts, Memorial Committee
Sandi Knippling, Pastoral Relations
Lynn Miller, Youth Group
Wes Schaub, Missions Committee

There are some left over white elephant items left from Harvest Festival. If you want them back please pick them up. Also, remember to check the furnace room for any missing pans, lids and bowls. Thank you!



Poinsettias may be ordered and delivered to the church any time. If you want to have "in honor" or "in memory" on a card please let Lynn know.

Pastor's Column



Interim Pastor's Message

It hardly seems like a month has passed since I started as your Interim Pastor. Sue & I wish to thank all those who have donated or lent items to the parsonage for our use while we are here; we are very grateful for them and will take care of them while we are here. We are settled in and have brought our 2 cats with us on 2 of the trips and they have adjusted to the ride in the car and change of location.

I have begun doing some calling (visiting) in members homes and we welcome any invitations from you. I begin by focusing on those who are more shut-ins, but will expand this to others as I have time to do so or in the area where you live. To do this, I am trying to make up maps of where everyone lives in town or in the counties. Since some of your addresses are only PO Boxes, I will be checking with you for a physical location.

Last Sunday, November 28th, we began the Advent Season as a prelude to Christmas. Advent is the beginning season of the Church Year and the time we prepare for the remembrance that God's Son, Christ Jesus, was born as a human, came to us in human form, at Bethlehem in the southern part of Palestine, about 5 miles southwest of Jerusalem. It is the time that we prepare our hearts & lives for the celebration of Christmas on December 25th, the day the early church selected to honor Jesus' birthday. Advent is also a time of remembering the promise that Christ gave that a time would come when he would return in full glory and set all things right in the world. Thus Advent is a time of remembrance of the past, a present preparation for celebration, and the hope of a glorious future with Jesus at the end of time as we know it. It is a time of watching, preparing and celebrating the presence of God with us.

We can do all of this by making a special effort to be at worship and thinking about the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Jesus' birth. We will celebrate with a Church School program as a part of worship on December 12th, a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 5:00 pm Friday, December 24th, and a Sunday worship service on December 26th. May all of us have a wonderful and merry Advent and Christmas season.

Interim Pastor Duane

A Christmas Chronology

1843– Charles Dickens writes a Christmas Carol.

1857- "Jingle Bells" is written by J. Pierpont.

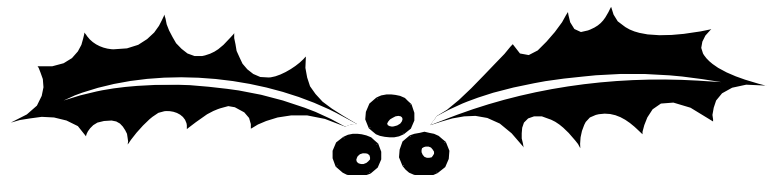
1937– First postage stamp to commemorate Christmas is issued in Austria. The first one issued in the US wasn't until 1962.

Christmas sayings

A clear star -filled night on Christmas Eve will bring good crops in the summer.

Snow on Christmas means Easter will be green.

A child born on Christmas Day will have a special fortune.



Birthdays and Anniversaries of Members and Friends

Dec. 1 Jack Dooley, Curt Hieb, Dawson Hoffman,
Jayda Brown
Dec. 2 Austin Rose
Dec. 6 Duane Stevenson
Dec. 7 River Burkard
Dec. 8 Kelsey Fluke
Dec. 9 Peg Steckelberg
Dec. 11 Raymond Stoebner
Dec. 12 Canyon Burkard
Dec. 13 Jett Evans
Dec. 14 Emma Graves
Dec. 15 Nancy Renner, Shelby Schreiber, James
Swanson
Dec. 16 Jimmi Cable, Sandi Knippling, Shawn
Powers, Desiree Thompson
Dec. 18 Joan Myers
Dec. 19 Kari Cable
Dec. 20 Tyler Neeman, Hannah Shields
Dec. 21 Tom Carruthers, Jessica Pringle
Dec. 23 Mike Chilson
Dec. 25 Sanford Hrabe, Chris Phillips
Dec. 26 Joe Hieb, Marjorie Zeman
Dec. 27 Wayne Hoellein
Dec. 28 Jean Fluke
Dec. 29 Madysen Handel
Dec. 30 Jerad Evans, Linda Johnson

Anniversaries

Dec. 6 Calvin and Leah Petersen
Dec. 12 Dooley and Pam Shroyer
Dec. 13 Tyson and Lisa Schulz
Dec. 14 Robert and Alta Ramey
Dec. 16 Mike and Dayle Chilson
Dec. 21 Matt and Mardi Swanson
Dec. 23 Haven and Connie Talich
Dec. 25 LaRoy and Virginia Feltman
Dec. 26 Jim and Karen Andera
Dec. 27 Garry and Deborah Winter
Dec. 31 Tim and Julie Mertz

from the secretary's desk

"Would You Follow?"

How many would follow the star tonight if it
shone past the Milky Way, leave comfortable
homes and follow it still over the hills and
away?

*How many would open their doors tonight for
a weary and shabby pair, make room at
hearths for a Stranger-Child though the
Infant be wondrous fair?*

How many would give of their goods tonight,
the best they possess and more, for their
faith in a star and a angel choir and a King
forevermore?

*We censure the folk of a bygone time for
indifference to Mary's plight. How many
would do any better now? Would you follow
the star tonight?*

~Helen E. Middleton

**joy
grace
hope ~ love
faith ~ peace
honor ~ purity
justice ~ charity
courage ~ loyalty
goodness ~ prudence
sympathy ~ humility
fortitude ~ temperance
brotherhood ~ cooperation
and
God
is
love**

**Please keep Jill Schreiber and her family,
Mike, Cody and Shelby, in your thoughts. Jill
under went heart surgery a few weeks ago
and still needs lots of prayers for continued
healing. Her mailing address is; PO Box 147
Oacoma, SD 57565**

NEW ADDRESS:

Ellis and Susan Carr
111 S. Ash St.
Pierre, S.D., 57501
605-224-1381



Missions word...

As we enter the season of Christ's birthday, it's a good time to give to worthy charities who are continually short of funds. As a church, we are especially trying to help out the local food pantry and the Crisis Center. There are boxes by each sanctuary entrance for your donations. Please give generously as many of our neighbors don't enjoy the same comforts of life as we do.

Also, we will be raising funds for the Diaconate and the "Christmas Fund." The Christmas Fund helps support retired ministers in their living expenses and medical needs. The diaconate fund is used locally for various needs approved by members of the diaconate committee. Some money is used for our church needs. Other money has been used towards medical needs of our member's, Habitat for Humanity, and to buy an electric lift chair for a handicapped woman.

The Christmas Eve collection is split between these funds and also in late Dec. there will be envelopes in the bulletin which can be used for your donations.

Thank you for your support in all these projects and may you and your families experience the true meaning and joys of Christmas.

~Wes Schaub, Missions Committee



Search Committee News:

The search committee has been working on updating the church profile. The church profile is needed in order to call a pastor. *You can help by completing the survey that is provided in this newsletter-please mark 12 items that you feel our church needs in a pastor. (Please do not rank these items.)*

If you have questions regarding the survey or search committee please contact one of us.

Connie Priebe, chairperson
Wes Schaub, co-chairperson
Kim Phillips
Deb Rinehart
Doug Johnson
and Sandi Knipping

We ask that you return the survey to the church secretary or by using the drop box by the church office door by December 20th, 2010.
Thank you for your help!
~The search committee

A Christmas Chronology

1561- First printed reference to Christmas trees, in Germany.

1843~ First Christmas card is printed in England.

1818- "Silent Night" is written on Christmas Eve, in Obendorf, Austria.

1822- Dr. Clement Moore writes "A Visit From St. Nicholas," better known by it's first line, "Twas the night before Christmas."

1836- Alabama is the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 choir 7 pm	2	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday school/ confirmation 10:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee	6	7	8 trustees <u>meet at 5:30</u> Missions meet at 5:30	9 Search comm. meet at 5:30	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday school/confirmation 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee fellowship	13	14 Nominating comm. meets at 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Sunday school/confirmation 10:30 am worship 11:30 carry-in dinner	20	21	22	23	24  Christmas Eve service 5:00 p	25 Merry Christmas!
26 9:30 am <u>No Sunday school/confirmation</u> 10:30 am worship 11:30 <u>NO coffee fel- lowship</u>	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan. 1, 2011 Happy New Year!
2 9:30 am <u>NO Sunday school/confirmation</u> 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee fellowship	3	4	5 trustees meet at 5:30 choir	6	7	8

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**JOIN THE CHILDREN!
SUNDAY, DEC. 12th, 2010
during worship**

**“THE CHRISTMAS BELLS”
What’s so great about
Christmas?**



**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICES**

Please join us on Fri. Dec.
24th, 2010 at
5:00 pm at the United
Church of Christ for a spe-
cial service to
celebrate the
birth of Jesus!

Jesus is the reason for the season!

Trustee meeting notes-

November Trustees Meeting

November 10, 2010

Absent: Jim Glaus, Gary Biskeborn and Ronda Schelske

Present: Sally Reimer, Roger Burfiendt, Lawrence Pickner, Barry Swanson, Doug Johnson and Pastor Duane Rhoadarmer

Doug called the meeting to order and motions and approvals were made for the following: Oct. 2010 meeting notes, Sally made the motion to approve and Barry seconded it. Carried. Lawrence motioned to approve the October bill list and Barry seconded it. Carried. Barry motioned to approve the financial report and Lawrence seconded it. Carried.

Old Business:

A pledge card was placed in the Oct. newsletter along with a letter from the trustees to the church members. Two weeks later a letter and pledge card was mailed out to the member's home as a reminder that pledges are due. Sally made a motion to approve a "donation" to the OCWM for Rev Felton worship service on 9-19-10 in the amount of \$247.50. Barry seconded it. Carried.

New Business:

Interim Pastor Duane Rhoadarmer's contract was reviewed and approved. Doug Johnson and Merrill Karlen will go over the proposed contract with Pastor Duane and secure the appropriate signatures. Internet and cable were re-connected at the parsonage and the parsonage telephone number was changed to 234-4004, so all those bills will come on one bill with one company.

Lawrence motioned to adjourn the meeting and Barry seconded. Approved.

The next meeting was set for December 8th, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

Lynn Miller, secretary

October 2010 BILL LIST

	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9262	Tim Johnson	monthly custodial contract	385.00			385.00
9263	Pastor Duane Rhoadarmer	milage	300.00			300.00
9264	Pastor Duane Rhoadarmer	10/3 & 17/10 service	200.00			200.00
9265	Jane Cameron	organist			228.58	228.58
9266	Lynn Miller	secretary	528.73			528.73
9267	Servall	rug contract	44.75			44.75
9268	Office Products	contract	91.30			91.30
9269	Northwestern Energy	church/parsonage	407.00			407.00
9270	Steckelberg's	church/parsonage	40.55			40.55
9271	Midstate Communications	church/parsonage	135.95			135.95
9272	Dakota Milestones	3 mailings	199.14			199.14
9273	The Hartford	workers comp.	1,181.00			1,181.00
9274	Cozine Electric	elavator batteries	123.96			123.96
9275	Variety Plus	supplies	30.72			30.72
9276	Chamberlain Sun	land ad			81.00	81.00
9277	Central Dakota Times	land ad			162.18	162.18
9278	Oahe Association	yearly member dues	1,146.00			1,146.00
9279	Burke Oil	propane	631.76			631.76
9280	Jerry Tibbs	service for 10/10 & 24/10	305.00			305.00
9281	Womens Fellowship	harvest festival	35.00			35.00
9281	Womens Fellowship	recycled card reimbursement	5.00			5.00
9282	SD Conference	NIN	92.00			92.00
9282	SD Conference	OCWM	666.67			666.67
9282	SD Conference	Placerville	50.00			50.00
9283	Wells Fargo	payroll tax	122.56		72.84	195.40
TOTALS			6,722.09		544.60	7,266.69