



# The Chamberlain View

## United Church of Christ Chamberlain, South Dakota

### December 2009

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#### *In our Thoughts and Prayers*

~Ruby Wieczorek

~Milford Markus

~Those who in the last  
few months that have  
been ill or been in the  
hospital.

~Lily Van Oort

~The family of  
Virginia Wolcott

~Vernon Smith

~Norma Allen

~Diane Philen

~Florence Sorensen

~Those in the  
military

~Our shut-in's

~Donna Hieb

~The family of Bev  
Fenner

~Eula Morris

~Frank Reniker

~Boyd King

~Lorna Bergner

~Lois Hrabe

~Those who are  
less fortunate

~College students

~The family of  
Ardean Schoen-  
hard

#### *December Suggested Scriptures*

**Dec. 6** ~ *Mal. 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Phil. 1: 3-11, Luke 3:1-6*

**Dec. 13** ~ *Zeph. 3: 14-20, Isa. 12: 2-6, Phil. 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18*

**Dec. 20** ~ *Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55, Heb. 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45*

**Dec. 27** ~ *1 Sam. 2:18-20 & 26, Ps. 148, Col. 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52*

~Parent's get your children's program practice schedule from the church!

~Women's fellowship will have their "Christmas program" and Dec. meeting at 7:30 pm on Wed., Dec. 9th.

~Don't forget to order your "in memory of..." Christmas poinsettias. They may be delivered to the church any time now.

~Christmas Eve services will be held at 5:00 pm on Thur., Dec. 24th. Please join us!



## JOY TO THE WORLD!



# The Pastor's Column

## “Let There Be Peace”

**“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rest upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” ~Isaiah 9:6 NRSV**

“A cartoon depicts a man and woman outside on a starry Christmas Eve. “Beautiful Night,” he comments. “Yes, it is,” she replies. “What would you like for Christmas?” he asks. They walk on for a moment... “Peace on earth,” she replies. They walk on again, “Peace on earth?” he says: “Be serious now, Mary...What would you *really* like for Christmas?”

To be sure many of us will not ‘*really*’ desire peace with our whole hearts this Christmas Eve. As one man wrote, “...Peace, even among nations, is not a matter of treaties and guns and nuclear bombs. It is a matter of hearts resting quietly at the manger...There can be no peace in the hearts of men and women, because no nation can be greater than the men and women who make it...”

And why isn't there peace in many of our hearts? Because too many of us have not really wanted the “Prince of Peace,” the Christ who has defeated the power of Sin and death. Too many of us have preferred the darkness of Sin and continue to live as if we have no Savior.

Throughout this Advent/Christmas season, I invite you to remember a song usually sung at this time of the year: “Let there be peace on earth...and let it begin with me.” Let it not be the peace that the world gives, but the peace that our Lord gives. We not only live in a fallen and imperfect world, but we each make our contribution to the pool of war in this world. You and I may not think of ourselves as warmongers, but we miss the point entirely if we lose sight of the part our sinful natures play in generating conflict in its various forms.

Therefore, I believe it's crucial to remember that no one of us is exempt from the work of peace in our time, for we are all, each one of us, in need of some personal repentance. Moreover, during this Advent/Christmas season I invite you to remember and be encouraged by what thus says our Lord through the voice of the apostle Paul: “If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:18, 21, NRSV).

~Pastor Ellis



## PASTORAL ACTS

### Weddings:

The wedding of Stephanie Rosenberger and Bryan Witte was held on Friday, Nov. 13th

### Funerals:

The funeral for Gladys Kathan was held on Friday, Nov. 13th.

The funeral for Virginia Wolcott was held on Saturday, Nov. 28th.

The funeral for Bev Fenner was held on Mon. Nov. 30th.

The funeral for Ardean Schoenhard was held on Tue., Dec. 1st.

Diane Philen has been accepted into a program at the SD Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. This will begin on Dec. 14th and is a 6 week program that may be extended up to 6 months if improvement is shown. She will be living at Southridge Health Care Center Assisted Living. Cards may be sent to her at; 3600 S. Norton Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105. The facilities phone number is 605-338-9891

### Missouri Valley Crisis Center

The Woman's Fellowship has been collections for the MVCC, to get ready for the Holiday season. There is still a couple weeks left to bring items in! A full "need" list can be found on the bulletin board. Thank you for your donations!

Contact Diane Hieb with questions.

The Youth Group would like to thank all the people who donated a pie for our auction. Also, thank you to everyone who bid or bought a pie or donated money to the auction/youth group. We appreciate your support so much! It was a success so watch for the 2nd Annual Pie Auction next fall!  
~The members of Youth Group and Lynn

Today, the same Christ is in people who are unwanted, unemployed, uncared for, hungry, naked and homeless. They seem useless to the state and to society; nobody has time for them. It is you and I as Christians, worthy of the love of Christ if our love is true, who must find them, and help them; they are there for the finding.

~Mother Teresa



Thank you Pastor Ellis for our tickets to the "rock concert" at DWU. We had a great time and appreciate your kindness and support!

Thanks again!

Ty Lloyd, Lynn, Hayes and Levi

Devin Adcock, Melanie and Hevin-Marie

Katie and Mandy Juhnke

## *UCC at Chamberlain Church Staff and Leadership:*

Pastor Ellis Carr II  
 Lynn Miller, Secretary  
 Sheryl Larson, Diaconate  
 Gary Biskeborn, Trustee  
 Merrill Karlen, Jr., Moderator  
 Diane Hieb, Women's Fellowship

Karol Jo Hendrickson, Choir Director  
 Jane Cameron, Organist  
 Connie Priebe, Religious Education  
 Janine Betts, Memorial Committee  
 Sandi Knippling, Pastoral Relations  
 Lynn Miller, Youth Group

### ***Helping in December . . .***

*Coffee Fellowship and Carry-In Dinner*  
*Are member's of the Blum circle.*

*Ushers*

Don Steckelberg, Bob Feltman,  
 Mike Chilson and Merrill Karlen

*Chancel Arrangements*

Tracy Burkard

### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Date	Attendance
Nov. 1	125
Nov. 8	111
Nov. 15	124
Nov. 22	148
Nov. 29	89

<u>General Fund Collections &amp; expenses</u>	<u>October:</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Revenue: Pledges & Loose Offering	\$8,982.25	\$91,537.45
Expenses: General operating	\$8,819.51	\$100,079.26
Net cash flow	\$ 162.74	-\$ 8,541.81

This year the Christmas Eve offering will be; half to the diaconate and half to "The Christmas Fund," (formerly Veterans of The Cross.)

**Why laughter is good for you...**

**A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. Proverbs 17:22**

### **Wholly holy bloopers! Taken from various bulletins...**

- ~Irving Bensen and Jessie Carter were married on Oct. 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in school days.
- ~This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north end of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- ~The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- ~The choir will meet at the Larsen's house for fun and sinning.
- ~Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
- ~For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ~This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. White to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

**Humor is mankind's greatest blessing. ~Mark Twain**



The Christmas decorations in and outside of the church look beautiful!  
 Thank you to all who helped with this!  
 ~Dayle Chilson, Sharon Weber, Jill Mitchell, Ty Lloyd and Devin Adcock

## Birthdays & Anniversary's of friends & family

- 
- Dec. 1 Jack Dooley, Curt Hieb
  - Dec. 2 Austin Rose
  - Dec. 6 Duane Stevenson
  - Dec. 7 River Burkard, Shelby Byrd
  - 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, Aria Gimble
  - Dec. 19 Kari Cable
  - Dec. 20 Tyler Neeman
  - 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
  - Dec. 31 Toria Byrd
- 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. 23 Haven and Connie Talich
  - Dec. 25 LaRoy and Virginia Feltman
  - Dec. 26 Jim and Karen Andera

## From the secretary's desk...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I would like to thank everyone for their support with the Youth Group, we appreciate it very much. We have had some "fun outings" so far and hope for more!

The Sunday school children will be busy preparing for the Christmas program. We want to support Patty Juhnke and the kids with all we can do for them with preparations. Also, please join them at the Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 20th during worship. They will present, "It's A Boy! And Isn't He Wonderful!"

I know Karol Jo and the member's of the choir put in a lot of time practicing for the cantata. Please join them during worship on Sunday, Dec. 13th for the presentation of "Holly and Ivy." They always do an impressive job, and what better way to get into the "Christmas spirit!"

Blessings to you and your loved ones this Christmas season. ~Lynn

**~Somehow, not only for Christmas but all the long year through, the joy you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.**

**~John Greenleaf Whittier**

*\*If you know of any birthdays or anniversaries that should be added or changed, please contact Lynn in the Church Office at 234-5202.*

*\*During this holiday season please remember our shut-in's, those who are ill, the less-fortunate, those in the Nursing Homes or retirement homes and those in the military and in college.*

# November Trustee Meeting and October bill list

November Trustees Meeting

Nov. 4, 2009

Present: Roger Burfeindt, Lawrence Pickner, Gary Biskeborn, Barry Swanson and Ronda Schelske

Absent: Pastor Ellis, Sally Reimer, Jeff Tichy and Doug Johnson

Gary opened the meeting and Barry made the motion to approve the minutes for the Oct. 2009 meeting minutes. Roger seconded. Carried. Ronda motioned to approve the Oct. '09 bill list. Seconded by: Barry. Carried.

Old Business: The trustee members approved to give \$600.00 to the C.U.E. Seminaries in their support. Lynn also checked with The Media Resource Center (UCC Conference in Sioux Falls) and with a yearly fee DVD's are available for rent. There is an information sheet in the church office. New business: Wes Schaub from the "Missions Committee" recommends having some money budgeted for missions locally. The trustees will consider this when preparing next years budget.

The next meeting was set for December 9th, 2009 at 5:30 pm. in the Fireside Room. The meeting was adjourned.

Lynn Miller, secretary

NO.	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL	BUILDING	MUSIC	MEMORIAL	TOTAL
8983	pastor Ellis Carr-10/15/2009	1,691.82				1,691.82
8984	pastor Ellis Carr-10/30/2009	1,691.82				1,691.82
8985	Lyman Treasurer- 2nd 1/2 RE tax			522.19		522.19
8986	pastor Ellis Carr reimbursement	82.45				82.45
8987	Tim Johnson-custodian	385.00				385.00
8988	Jane Cameron-organist			216.26		216.26
8989	Lynn Miller-secretary	628.80				628.80
8990	Post Office-1 roll of stamps	44.00				44.00
8991	Designs Décor & More- baptism	41.71				41.71
8992	Servall-church rug maintenance	43.01				43.01
8993	Office Products contract	85.89				85.89
8994	Group Publishing-Sunday school	464.90				464.90
8995	Cokesbury-attendance reg. pads	27.95				27.95
8996	Schmitt Music music			390.53		390.53
8997	Northwestern Energy-utilities	466.86				466.86
8998	Steckelberg & Steckelberg	40.55				40.55
8999	Midstate Communications	139.61				139.61
9000	Womans Fellowship-donation	20.00				20.00
9001	Oahe Association-conf. dues	1,176.00				1,176.00
9002	Habitat For Humanities-donation	17.00				17.00
9003	SD Conference CUE donation	600.00				600.00
9003	SD Conference OCWM	1,000.00				1,000.00
9003	SD Conference Placerville	50.00				50.00
9003	SD Conference NIN offering	324.00				324.00
9004	Wells Fargo payroll tax	139.14		47.48		186.62
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>9,160.51</b>		<b>1,176.46</b>		<b>10,336.97</b>

### "One Shining Moment"

Our son was 6 when he was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. After a week in the hospital, he was finally able to come home. On that same day, a northeaster blew in, full force.

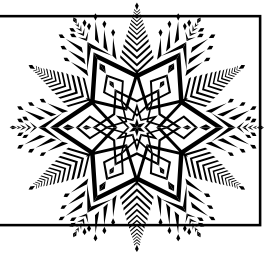
Reluctantly, my husband left for his night job as I prepared to give our little boy his very first insulin injection as the storm raged outside.



Nervously, I called my son to me and picked up the syringe. At that time the wind howled, the lights flickered and then went out. In the darkness I fought a wave of panic. Just then the lights blinked back on, I quickly gave the shot, kissed my son and the lights went out again.

The lights stayed out well in to the next day, but could hardly be upset. The Lord had shone His light on us exactly when we needed it most. ~Susan True



# December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 *Pastoral relation's 5:30 pm *choir 7:30 pm	3	4	5  <b>Cookie sale</b> 8:30—11 am
<b>6</b> 9 am confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee fellowship 2nd Sunday of Advent	7  Pearl Harbor Day	8	<b>9</b> *Trustees and Missions meet at 5:30 pm *Choir & WF meeting at 7:30	10	11	<b>12</b> Women's Fellowship travel to Pierre to the capitol.
<b>13</b> 9-10 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship/Cantata 11:30 am Coffee fellowship 3rd Sunday of Advent	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>20</b> 4th Sun. of Advent 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship/Christmas program 11:30 am Pot Luck fellowship	21	22	23	24  Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm	25  Christmas Day	26
<b>27</b> 9:00 am Confirmation 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee fellowship	28	29	30	31  New Years Eve		

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Sunday, December 13th at 10:30 am.***

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present;  
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Please join them!