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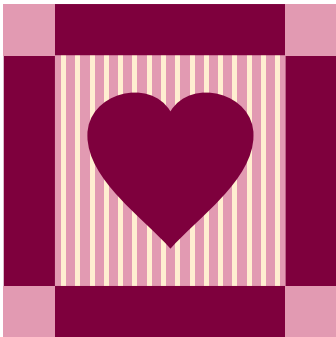
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The Chamberlain View

United Church of Christ
Chamberlain, South Dakota

February 2010



In our Thoughts and Prayers



~Ruby Wiczorek
~Milford Markus
~Eula Morris
~Pastor Ellis

~Norma Allen
~Diane Philen
~Those serving
in the military

~Frank Reniker
~Boyd King
~Lorna Bergner
~Our shut-in's

February Suggested Scriptures

Feb. 7th~ Isa 6:1-8, 9-13, Ps 138, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 14th~ Ex 34:29-35, Ps 99, 2 Cor 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36

Feb. 21st~ Deut 26:1-11, Ps 91:1-2, 9-16, Rom 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

Feb. 28th~ Gen 15:1-12, 17-18, Ps 27, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35



It's A Girl!



Wes & Melissa Chmela are proud to announce the arrival of their new daughter. "Lyza Ann" was born on Fri. Jan. 22nd, 2010 and weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Lyza joins a brother Kordel and sister Jayd.



Congratulations to the family!



The Pastor's Column



“ABOUT LENT”

In the early years of the church the weeks before the Easter festival were a time of emphasis on the church. This was a time for new converts to be drawn fully into the community of faith through the study of scripture and prayer and through learning the Creed and the Lord's Prayer as they prepared for baptism. This is also a time when the church made a concerted effort to bring back into the fold those people who had been formerly active Christians but had fallen away. The church examined itself with selfless care and concern for Christ and for the community into which Christ had placed it. Lent, in the early church, emphasized that the faithful needed the ongoing support and care of the Christian community if they were to be able to live out their faithfulness in the world.

By the Middle Ages, Lent had become very “me” oriented. It became a time of grieving over my sin, worrying about whether or not I am saved. As a result it became a time of cultivating personal holiness and discipline, sometimes to excess. Today, Lent can be a time of reintroducing ourselves to our Christian roots through Bible study, a time of reconciliation with those who have fallen away from the Christian community, a time when we prepare new candidates for baptism, a time when we prepare ourselves to reaffirm our membership in the community and reclaim the responsibilities we have for each other and the world. It is a time for almsgiving and for service.

The word “lent” comes from the Old English word for spring, and originally referred to the “lengthening” of days in the springtime. During Lent we could acknowledge that we are God's stewards and, as such, have role to play in the present and future history of God's creation. As the spring season is the reawakening of nature's beauty and growth, so Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and recommitment. The color for Lent is violet or purple, a color appropriate for entering a time of self-examination, confession, and penitence.

Coming soon at Placerville!

Christian teacher's retreat. February 19-21, 2010. \$100 fee for the weekend. Scott Simpson, Ed. Specialist from TIE-Speaker. Christian educators retreat focusing on contemplative practices to bring to your classroom. Email Kerry Steever to register at uccplace@q.com

Spring Youth Event! March 5-7, 2010. \$80 fee for the weekend, \$50.00 for chaperones. Come to Placerville in the spring and enjoy a weekend of fun, fellowship, singing, praising and good food. Contact Lynn for a registration form.

Old Church Chairs Soon For Sale!

Some of the old wooden and metal folding chairs will soon be for sale. It will be first-come-first-serve and will cost between \$1.00 - \$3.00 each. Please contact Diane Hieb, Sandi Knippling, Sally Reimer or Sherry Hansen from Woman's Fellowship with questions and inquiries.



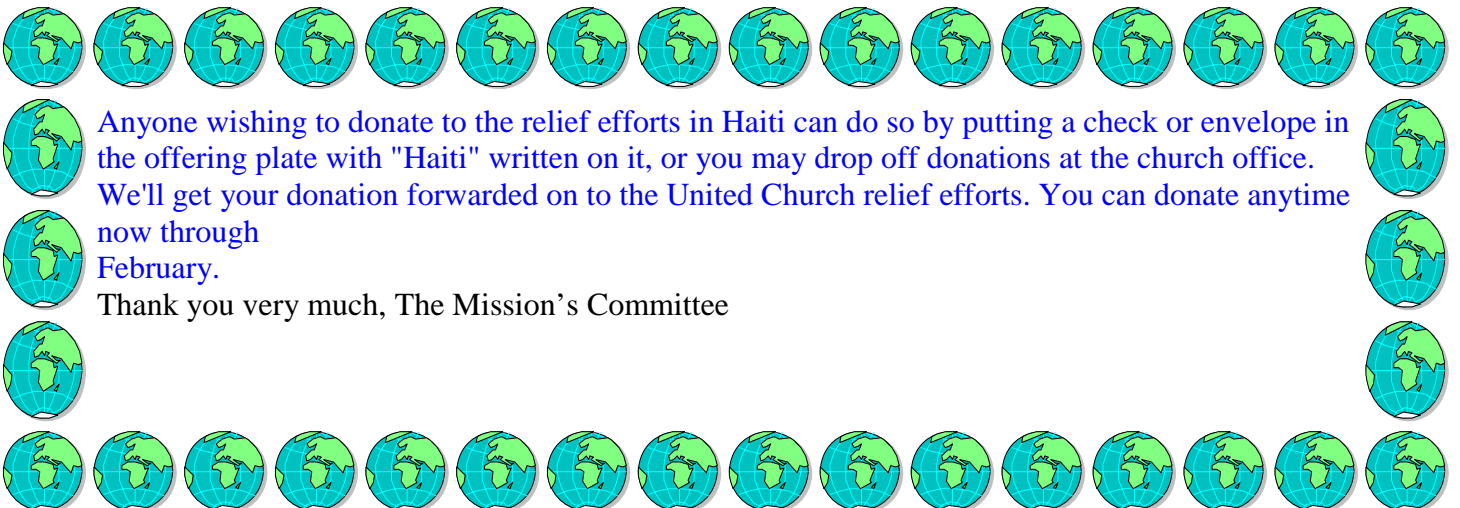
Do you have questions about operating the church dishwasher? Instead of wandering or hand washing everything! you may ask Alyce Steckelberg. She is happy to help you and answer any questions you may have about it (or other "kitchen" questions.) Thanks to all the hard-working women in church. With out you there would be no pot-luck dinners, coffee fellowship, or food at funerals (to name a few!) Each and everyone of you makes a difference. Thank you!

Do you love me? *
*Feed my sheep

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" campaign will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21st and the special offering will be taken on Sunday, March 14th. Please watch your bulletins for inserts during that time and remember... sharing resources. changing lives.

Reminder!

There are Woman's Fellowship cookbooks for sale, they are \$8.50. These cookbooks have some great recipes in them and would be a great gift or to add to your own collection. ~Also remember to purchase your cards from the church. There are some new and some recycled. They cost anywhere from .10—.50 cents and the money goes towards the church or to a good cause! Valentines Day!!! ~There are also 7 "Community Calendar's" left in the office to purchase. They are made by our own "Calendar Girl's" and cost \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00. This money also goes to a good cause! Thank you to these committees for their hard work and dedication and also for your support!



Anyone wishing to donate to the relief efforts in Haiti can do so by putting a check or envelope in the offering plate with "Haiti" written on it, or you may drop off donations at the church office. We'll get your donation forwarded on to the United Church relief efforts. You can donate anytime now through February.

Thank you very much, The Mission's Committee



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- Feb. 1 Ross Graves, Jenny Meyer, Mikayla Meyer
- Feb. 2 Elizabeth Twamley
- Feb. 4 Stacey Juhnke
- Feb. 6 Dawson Gullickson
- Feb. 7 Cindy Selland
- Feb. 9 Lesley Burfeindt, Wanda Pickner, Andrea Schaub, David Swanson
- Feb. 12 Carol Randall, Nancy McDonald
- Feb. 13 Dakota Munger
- Feb. 15 Jean Cozine, Ruby Wiczorek
- Feb. 17 Bill Hansen, Mandy Juhnke
- Feb. 18 Melanie Adcock
- Feb. 19 Connie Talich
- Feb. 22 Mark Swanson, Brynn Schaub
- Feb. 23 Laverne Balster, Taylor Sharping
- Feb. 25 Quinn Burke, Al Renner
- Feb. 27 Ryan Schelske
- Feb. 28 Bruce Blankley, Karen Olson, Pastor Susan Carr
- Feb. 29 Milton Steckelberg

Anniversaries

- Feb. 1 Gary and Norma Allen
- Feb. 8 Raymond and Agnes Stoebner
- Feb. 10 Bill and Sherry Hansen
- Feb. 14 Rod and Shelby Byrd
- Feb. 14 Lawrence and Lorna Bergner

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

**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.*

From the secretary's desk...

"If you're not using your smile, you're like a man with a million dollars in the bank and no checkbook." ~Les Giblin

Youth Sunday is just around the corner and I am going to thank everyone ahead of time for their donations, support and help! It is so fun to have the youth take part in worship and bring out that talent!

Valentines Day is coming up so here are some fun facts about it. ~Did you know it was in 1537 that St. Valentine's Day was declared an official holiday? ~Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone on Valentines Day, 1876. ~During Medieval times girls would eat unusual foods on Valentines Day so that they would have a dream of their future husband.

Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 17th and there will be a service at 7:00 pm. Now here are some interesting facts about Ash Wednesday...Traditionally the ashes for the service come from burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration, they are then blessed. Ashes are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance. Blessed ashes have been used in God's rituals since the time of Moses, read Numbers 19:9-10, 17. This is a neat service to attend, kids also enjoy "getting ashed."

Have a great month and blessings to you!

~Life without love is like a tree without blossom and fruit. ~Khalil Gibran

~Love is life. And if you miss love, you miss life. ~Leo Buscaglia

~Love and a cough cannot be hid.

~George Herbert

~If music be the food of love, play on!

~Shakespeare

January Trustee Meeting and December bill list

January Trustees Meeting

Jan. 8, 2010

Present: Gary Biskeborn, Barry Swanson and Ronda Schelske, Sally Reimer, Pastor Ellis

Absent: Lawrence Pickner, Doug Johnson, Roger Burfiendt

Pastor opened the meeting by reading from the Bible and a prayer. Barry made the motion to approve the minutes for the Dec. 2009 meeting minutes. Ronda seconded. Carried.

Barry motioned to approve the Dec. '09 bill list. Seconded by: Sally Carried. Old Business: none

New business: The trustee's approved the Christmas Eve offering for ½ to go to the Diaconates and ½ to the SD conference (Christmas Fund.) Someone will ask Tim to clean the steps going down to the basement.

Doug, Barry and Don Steckelberg will walk through the church and evaluate what "needs" are to be done in the church. Ie: fix windows, leak in roof, etc. The next meeting was set for February 10th, 2010 at 5:30 pm. in the Fireside Room. The meeting was adjourned by Barry then seconded by Gary. Lynn Miller, secretary

December 2009 Bill List

NO.	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL	BUILDING	MUSIC	TOTAL
9033	pastor Ellis Carr	12/15/2009	1,691.82			1,691.82
9034	pastor Ellis Carr	12/31/2009	1,691.82			1,691.82
9037	pastor Ellis Carr	internet	33.91			33.91
9037	pastor Ellis Carr	medical	72.00			72.00
9037	pastor Ellis Carr	milage	25.74			25.74
EFT	Delux Business -	checks	119.16			119.16
9038	Post Office	2 rolls of stamps	88.00			88.00
9039	Tim Johnson	custodial	385.00			385.00
9040	Jane Cameron	organist			183.94	183.94
9041	Lynn Miller	secretary	599.19			599.19
9042	Garry Winter	lawn & snow	575.00			575.00
9043	Wholesale	church supplies	101.92			101.92
9044	Servall	church maintenance	43.01			43.01
9045	Office Products	contract-paper	95.65			95.65
9046	ELO Pro. LLC	payroll reports	31.80			31.80
9047	Northwestern	utilities-church/parsonage	469.42			469.42
9048	Steckelberg's	utilities-church/parsonage	40.55			40.55
9049	Midstate	utilities-church/parsonage	127.09			127.09
9035	Midwest Supply	remaining chair payment	2,407.36			2,407.36
9036	Sanford Home Medical	lift chair-Missions	322.50			322.50
9050	Dakota Milestones	bulk mailing	57.81			57.81
9051	UCC Resources	S & H for pew pads	6.00			6.00
9052	Insurance Board	church package	1,222.50			1,222.50
9053	SD Conference	OCWM	1,000.00			1,000.00
9053	SD Conference	Placerville	50.00			50.00
9054	Wells Fargo	payroll tax	134.24		42.14	176.38
TOTALS			\$11,391.49		\$226.08	\$11,617.57



February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Sunday school and Confirmation 10:30 am Youth worship 11:30 am Youth spaghetti dinner	8	9	10 *Trustees meet at 5:30 pm *Choir 7:30	11	12	13
14 9-10 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee fellowship Valentines Day	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm	18	19	20
21 1st Sun. in Lent 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Annual meeting 12:00 pm Carry-in	22	23	24 *missions 5:00 pm *choir 7:30	25	26	27
28 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee fellowship 2nd Sunday in Lent						

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Youth Sunday!

*Please join the youth of UCC with
Fellowship and food.*

On Sunday, February 7th, 2010

Worship begins at 10:30 am~

*A free-will spaghetti dinner
will follow worship!*

*A "soup kettle" offering will be taken
following worship.*

See ya Feb. 7th!

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17th

**service at:
7:00 pm**

FROM THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

AS THE SEASONS CHANGE, THIS TIME OF YEAR REMINDS US AGAIN OF THE BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS AND FAVOR WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOD; AND OF THE GIFT OF A SAVIOR, TO US. WE ALSO ARE MINDFUL OF JESUS WORDS IN JOHN 9:4, "I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM WHO SENT ME WHILE IT IS STILL DAY; THE NIGHT IS COMING WHEN NO ONE CAN WORK." THERE ARE MANY TODAY, STILL LIVING IN DARKNESS, UNCONCERNED THAT SEASONS ARE CHANGING AND TIME IS SHORT.

THE WF IS LOOKING FOR A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE WORKING CIRCLE AND ALSO A COMMITTEE TO START PLANNING FOR THE SPRING TEA IN APRIL. LAST YEAR IT WAS HELD IN THE EVENING AND WAS HUGE SUCCESS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH TO HELP WITH YOUR DECISION. I ALSO MIGHT ADD ~~ WORK WILLINGLY AT WHATEVER YOU DO, AS THOUGH YOU WERE WORKING FOR THE LORD RATHER THAN FOR PEOPLE. COLOSSIANS 3:23. WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR HELP.

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS ARE BIBLE STUDIES BY BETH MOORE. LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF, AND WHY GODLY PEOPLE DO UNGODLY THINGS. STUDIES ARE DONE BY DVD WITH A WORKBOOK. PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING DIANE HIEB, 234-1060 OR 894-4323 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE 234-5202. A SMALL FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR YOUR WORKBOOK AND THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGISTER. A DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET UNTIL WE GET OUR MATERIALS BUT IT WILL BE HELD ON A MONDAY NIGHT.

PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBERS WITH AREAS OF CONCERN, SUGGESTIONS AND THEY ARE SALLY REIMER, SHERRY HANSON AND SANDI KNIPLING AND MYSELF.

**BLESSINGS,
DIANE HIEB, WF CHAIRPERSON**

Religious Ed. announces new supervisor and members!

Present- Connie Priebe, Melanie Adcock, Janeen Story, Renee Long, Karla Burke, and new member's, Kim Phillips and Angela Mutziger. Connie and Karla's term's expired in January and Kim and Angela will fill those positions. Absent: Sholi Glaus

The meeting was held Wed., Jan. 27th at 5:30. Positions for the new year are will be, Janeen Story-supervisor and Renee Long-secretary.

Sunday school material from "Group" was discussed and the decision was made that we only need fall and spring material, the winter material will be cancelled.

Teachers for next fall are Connie P. and Cathy Stone as of now. When Sunday school recruiting begins, we will keep each classroom to one or two teachers, three teachers are to inconsistent.

Janeen Story will be added to, and Connie's name taken off the checking account at First Dakota Bank. Connie will continue depositing our Sunday school offering at First Dakota.

Janeen will consult with "The Picket Fence" about palms for Palm Sunday. Janeen will also continue to help with VBS, and possible dates for that will be discussed at the next meeting.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 4th, notes will go out to teachers for the kids.

Recognition of graduates, is possibly May 16th, Graduation is the 23rd, and the date for "recognition of conformation students" will be finalized with Pastor Ellis.

Melanie Adcock, secretary

The Valuable Things in Life...by Diane Philen
There is an article written by Diane in a column titled "Inside Out," it is dated July 9th, 1986.

One of the paragraph's read; "Sadness comes and tears threaten to spill down cheeks of those who think "I have no friends." Take heart. Friends are always there, you just haven't met them yet.

I'm not sure who put the article on the bulletin board, but thank you, it really is good. What a gifted writer Diane is! Please take the time to read her article, it is worth it.

I will include Diane's address and maybe you could "drop her a line" and tell her you saw it.

Southridge Health Care Center Assisted Living
3600 S. Norton Ave.
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Remember to keep Diane in your prayers!

Events Coming Up

Tonic Sol Fa benefit concert. Will be held on Feb. 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls. Ticket sales will go into the Gift of Hope Endowment.

Dr. Alan Wolfelt will be at the Sioux Falls convention center. April 8th is the public presentation at 7:00 pm, and April 9th is an all day workshop for social workers, clergy, nurses and educators. Dr. Wolfelt is internationally known and has over 20 books on the subject of grief. He has appeared on Larry King and Oprah.

Please see the bulletin board for complete information.

The Christian music group "Casting Crowns" will be in Sioux Falls on April 10th. You can call 651-631-5000 for info.

OAHE ASSOCIATION CHURCHES

The spring meeting will be held on March 28th, 2010. Times and detailed agenda will be announced at a later date.

Kerry Steever, Placerville Camp will be in charge of the program, it will be about youth activities and involvement in the UCC. Youth, youth groups and Confirmation classes are encouraged to attend. Youth reps from our own UCC in Chamberlain would be great! Lynn will plan on going with a van load, so parents please mark your calendar.

be now our vision

SD Conference UCC 140th Annual meeting will be June 11-13th, 2010 in Watertown, SD.

All churches are encouraged to have a part in the long process of "visioning." Placerville Camp will also celebrate it's 90th anniversary.

Some speaker's for the meeting include: Kathryn Timpany, author of *Behold!* Rosemary McCombs Maxey, Martha Cruz and Jack Batten.

Any resolutions or business items for the meeting need to be submitted by March 12, 2010 so the board of directors can review them before hand.

It is not who is right, but what is right, that is of importance. ~Thomas Huxley

In the presence of love, miracles happen. ~Robert Schuller