

# The Chamberlain View

## United Church of Christ Chamberlain, South Dakota

### November 2009

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~Ruby Wieczorek      ~Norma Allen      ~Frank Reniker  
~Milford Markus      ~Diane Philen      ~Boyd King  
~Those who in the last      ~Florence Sorensen      ~Gladys Kathan  
few months that have      ~Those in the      ~Lorna Bergner  
been ill or been in the      military      ~Our youth in  
hospital.      college

**After the verb "to love" ... "to help" is the most beautiful verb in the world.      ~Bertha von Suttner**

#### *November Suggested Scriptures*

***Nov. 1~ Ruth 1:1-8, Ps 146, Heb. 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34***

***Nov. 8~ Ruth 3:1-5, Ps 127, Ps 146, Heb. 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44***

***Nov. 15~ 1 Sam. 1:4-20, Daniel 12:1-3, Ps 16, Mark 13:1-8***

***Nov. 22~ 2 Sam. 23:1-7, Ps 93, Rev. 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37***

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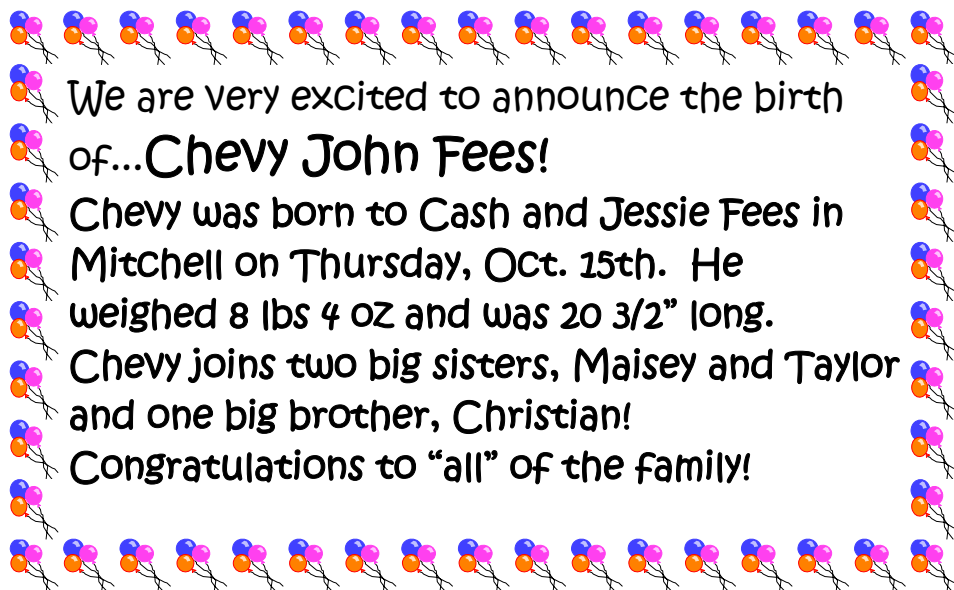
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We are very excited to announce the birth of...**Chevy John Fees!**

Chevy was born to Cash and Jessie Fees in Mitchell on Thursday, Oct. 15th. He weighed 8 lbs 4 oz and was 20 3/2" long.

Chevy joins two big sisters, Maisey and Taylor and one big brother, Christian!

Congratulations to "all" of the family!



# The Pastor's Column

## A GOD BLESSED THANKSGIVING

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, Bless His name.”  
Psalm 100:4 NRSV

The story is told of two old friends who bumped into one another on the street one day. One of them looked forlorn, almost on the verge of tears. His friend asked, "What has the world done to you, my old friend?" The sad fellow said, "Let me tell you, three weeks ago, an uncle died and left me forty thousand dollars." "That's a lot of money." "But, two weeks ago, a cousin I never even knew died, and left me eighty-five thousand free and clear." "Sounds like you've been blessed...." "You don't understand," he interrupted. "Last week my great-aunt passed away, I inherited almost a quarter of a million." Now he was really confused. "Then, why do you look so glum?" "This week... nothing!"

That's the trouble with receiving something on a regular basis. Even if it is a gift, we eventually come to expect it. A few suggestions for giving thanks:

Be thankful you don't already have everything you want. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, this gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. But a life of true fulfillment comes to us who are also thankful for the setbacks. As hard as it may be, find a way to be thankful for your troubles; by God's Grace they can become your blessings.

As we look around this land of plenty in which we live, it is my prayer that we will see through new eyes each day the ways God has blessed us and never take God or those blessings for granted. This year, even this day, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we each see God for who God really is and see ourselves as who we really are: People who have been blessed beyond measure and people who NEED to give thanks to the giver of all good gifts. We have been given the bread of life, even our Lord Jesus Christ. We know this bread and have had our only lasting hunger satisfied. May we now be truly thankful to the God who deserves our thanksgiving!

~Pastor Ellis

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Weddings:

The wedding of Rick Pearson and Cassie Tobin took place on Sept. 5th, 2009.

### Baptisms:

The baptism of Emberly Elizabeth Randall was held on Sunday, Oct. 11th, 2009. Emberly is the daughter of Bart and MaKaela Randall.

### Funerals:

The funeral for Wilber Powell of Pukwana was held on Sept. 25th, 2009 with Rev. Ron Pulscher officiating.

As you may know "The Observer" is no longer sent to our homes. You may now read it at our SD UCC web site, [www.sodakucc.org](http://www.sodakucc.org). I will also keep a copy on the bulletin board. The national UCC News edition is also available online. A weekly online newsletter can be received (free) by email at [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)

### Missouri Valley Crisis Center

The Woman's Fellowship will be starting collections for the MVCC, getting ready for the Holiday season. The woman challenge the church members, circles and youth to fill these needs by December! A full "need" list can be found on the bulletin board. Contact Diane Hieb with questions.

Thank you Ruth Blum for sewing the bags to hold the hearing devices and their extra parts. They were much needed and the bags look nice. Thanks again!

**Kind words do not cost much...Yet they accomplish much.**

Thank you goes out to Jack and Jo Dooley and Merrill and Karen Karlen for painting the "pie room" in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you also to all who helped clean it out, it really does look nice! Thanks also to the Woman's Fellowship for purchasing the paint. It is all appreciated and we thank you all!!

### Habitat For Humanity

Oct. 12, 2009

To the United Church of Christ,  
Just to let you know that we received your donation of \$500.00 and we wish to thank you for it. Your donation will help us complete our next house. We have completed the foundation and we will begin to build in the spring.  
God bless you for your generosity and for thinking about us!  
In Christian partnership, Sister Charles Palm

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ~Colossians 3:17 NRSV

**Missions update:**

Thanks to everyone who made extra gifts to our last special offering-"Strengthen the Church and Neighbors in Need." As a church, we are one of some 1200 nationwide who participate in all 5 of the UCC mission offerings.

We have also participated in some local mission efforts on the Crow Creek Reservation with gifts to Habitat for Humanity and also a gentleman who makes his home in a van. Special thanks to Eva Birchfield and the Hansen circle for coming up with most of this man's immediate needs.

Currently, we have been asked to help out the "Boy's and Girls Club" of Crow Creek. They are need of some sporting equipment, games or items that would benefit children between the ages of 6 thru 17 to stay occupied. They especially could use some chess sets, so please check your garages and basements for these type of items. This is a good way to get rid of old games, footballs etc. that are just laying around. You can leave the items in the box by the church office or contact Wes Schaub and he can make pick-up's.

Thanks again to everyone's efforts towards these projects.

Wes Scahub

### **Crow Creek Boy's & Girl's Club donation idea's...**

Kick balls, ping pong equipment, volley balls, Reg. & Jr. size footballs, orange cones, tether ball, basketballs, games for ages 6 and up, chess set. New or "gently" used is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

### ***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 November . . .***

#### **Coffee Fellowship and Carry-In Dinner**

Hostesses are members of the Working Circle.

#### **Ushers**

Sandi Knippling, Louie Bergner,  
Desiree Thompson, Roy Swanson

#### **Chancel Arrangements**

Dayle Chilson

### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

#### **Date**

#### **Attendance**

Oct. 4	118
Oct. 11	185
Oct. 18	75
Oct 25	98

#### **General Fund Collections & expenses**

#### **September: Year To Date**

Revenue: Pledges & Loose Offering	\$7,502.86	\$82,555.20
Expenses: General operating	\$10,990.36	\$91,259.75
Net cash flow	-\$3,487.50	-\$ 8,704.55

## Birthdays & Anniversary's of friends & family

### Birthdays

Nov. 2 Grant Christensen, Gladys Weiland  
 Nov. 5 Diane Philen, John Talich  
 Nov. 7 Bill Burkard, Avon Power  
 Nov. 9 Donna Hieb, Jayslee Petersen  
 Nov. 12 Alice Odens  
 Nov. 13 Phyllis Feltman, Bailey Mayer  
 Nov. 14 Sherry Meyer, Chesney Mutziger  
 Nov. 15 Ronda Schelske, Judy Steckelberg  
 Nov. 16 Dale Knippling, Scott Steckelberg  
 Nov. 18 Patty Juhnke, Haven Talich  
 Nov. 19 Derek Long, Carey Story  
 Nov. 20 Michelle Stone, Rebecca Swanson, Garry Winter  
 Nov. 21 Katie Juhnke, Frank Reniker  
 Nov. 23 Sevie Ashes, Velma Gilbert, Chad Gullickson  
 Nov. 24 Alice Hutmacher  
 Nov. 25 MacKenzie Mertz, Dwayne Shaffer, Thomas Stone  
 Nov. 28 Savanna Glaus  
 Nov. 29 Hazel Wipf  
 Nov. 30 Michelle Hieb, Don Steckelberg

### Anniversaries

Nov. 1 Dale and Michelle Schoenfelder  
 Nov. 2 Ervin and Donna Hieb  
 Nov. 19 Steve and Doris Dominiack  
 Nov. 25 Iden and Joan Myers  
 Nov. 26 Bob and Jean Fluke

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

**What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?**  
 ~George Eliot

## From the UCC Youth Group...

The Youth Group is pleased to announce their "1st Annual Silent Pie Auction!" This will be a fundraiser for the Youth Group and we hope a fun event!

The silent auction will be on Sunday, November 15th, 9:30 am thru noon, (bids will close about 12 noon.)

There will be sign up "pie list" on the bulletin board, and if you are willing to make a pie to donate to the pie auction, please sign up!

All we ask is that the pie be brought to the church by 9 am on Nov. 15th and it should also be in a throw-away pie pan, (unless you want to donate the pie pan,) so whoever buys it doesn't have to worry about returning it.

I know there are some great pie bakers amongst our church family and with the holidays coming this is a great way to get a delicious pie in your freezer, or share with a neighbor or shut in.

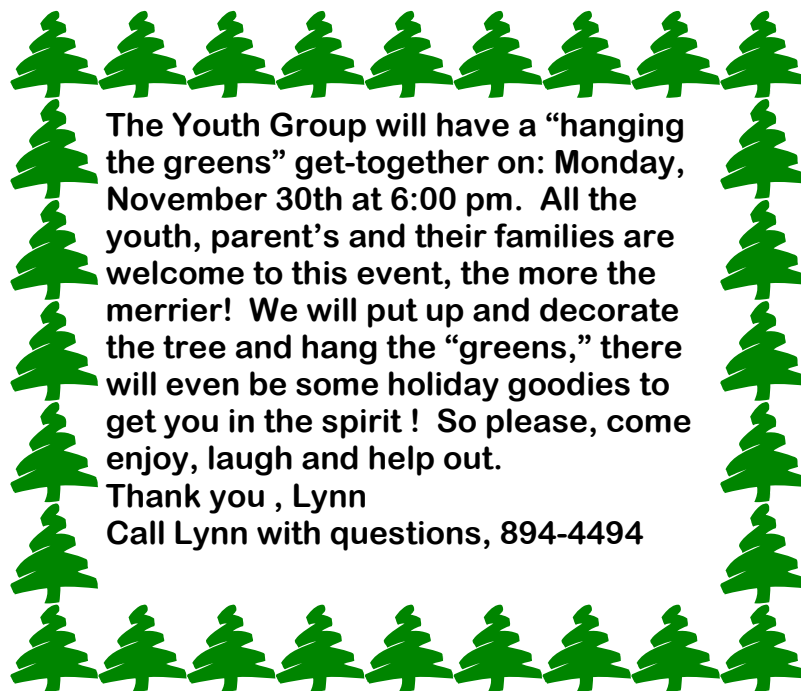
Please see the sign up list and talk to Lynn with any questions.

Thank you very much for your support!

~The Youth Group

**I am only one, but still I am one; I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do!**

~Edward E. Hale



The Youth Group will have a "hanging the greens" get-together on: **Monday, November 30th at 6:00 pm.** All the youth, parent's and their families are welcome to this event, the more the merrier! We will put up and decorate the tree and hang the "greens," there will even be some holiday goodies to get you in the spirit! So please, come enjoy, laugh and help out.

Thank you, Lynn

Call Lynn with questions, 894-4494

# October Trustee Meeting and September bill list

October Trustees Meeting Oct. 7, 2009

Present: Roger Burfeindt, Jeff Tichy, Gary Biskeborn, Barry Swanson

Absent: Pastor Ellis, Sally Reimer, Ronda Schelske, Lawrence Pickner and Doug Johnson

The meeting was opened with a verse (from "52 Devotions for church leaders") read by Gary and Barry made the motion to approve the minutes for the Sept. 9th, 2009 meeting minutes. Jeff seconded. Carried. Roger motioned to approve the Sept. '09 bill list. Seconded by: Barry. Carried. Old Business: Two cigarette butt receptacles were purchased from Office Products, one is by each church door. Tim Johnson cleaned out the "pie room" and some volunteers painted it. Four "Loud-N-Clears" were purchased from Radio Shack by the church and four were donated to the church from the Woman's Fellowship. New business: Barry made a motion to donate \$600.00 to the "Chicago United Eden (Cue) Seminaries." Seconded by Roger, carried. A check for \$800.00 was received in the mail from Iberdrola Renewables (the wind tower company,) it will be deposited into the "Music Fund." It was decided that the interest from The Glaus cd would be deposited into the "building fund." MarJean Warren called about using the Fellowship Hall for a baby shower on Sun. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 4 pm (for Jessie Fees.) It was approved. It was asked if Lynn could check into DVD Bible study rental companies. The next meeting was set for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:30 pm. in the Fireside Room. Gary made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry seconded. Carried. Lynn Miller, secretary

NO.	PAYEE	GENERAL	BUILDING	MUSIC	MEMORIAL	TOTAL
8957	pastor Ellis Carr 9/15/200	1,691.82				1,691.82
8958	pastor Ellis Carr 9/31/2009	1,691.82				1,691.82
8960	pastor Ellis Carr professional	419.52				419.52
8960	pastor Ellis Carr medical	50.00				50.00
8960	pastor Ellis Carr internet	33.91				33.91
8960	pastor Ellis Carr mileage	226.40				226.40
8961	Rick and Cassie Pearson reimb.	150.00				150.00
8962	Tim Johnson- monthly custodial	385.00				385.00
8962	Tim Johnson-1 wedding/1 funeral	125.00				125.00
8963	Jane Cameron organist			216.26		216.26
8964	Lynn Miller secretary	657.99				657.99
8965	Post Office- 2 rolls of stamps	88.00				88.00
8966	Reis Spraying - spray weeds on CRP ground			635.52		635.52
8967	Schmitt Music music			333.80		333.80
8968	Servall church rug maintenance	43.01				43.01
8969	Office Products- contract/2 receptacles	279.63				279.63
8970	Cokesbury Bibles	374.91				374.91
8971	Christian Book Distributors -Bibles	82.45				82.45
8972	Dakota Milestones- labor/mailling	57.54				57.54
8973	Variety Plus 4 hearing devices/supplies	132.00				132.00
8974	Northwestern Energy utilities	708.56				708.56
8975	Steckelberg & Steckelberg utilities	38.59				38.59
8976	Midstate Communications utilities	138.98				138.98
8977	UCC Resources bulletin inserts	35.00				35.00
8977	UCC Resources 5 calendars	78.00				78.00
8959	Zurich workers comp. renewal	887.00				887.00
8978	UCCIB Insurance Board renewal	1,222.50				1,222.50
8979	Burke Oil Company propane	198.75				198.75
8981	HFHumanity Dacotah Tipis	75.00				75.00
8980	SD Conference OCWM	1,000.00				1,000.00
8980	SD Conference Placerville	50.00				50.00
8980	SD Conference NIN offering	138.00				138.00
8982	Wells Fargo payroll tax	143.98		47.48		191.46
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>11,203.36</b>		<b>1,233.06</b>		<b>12,436.42</b>

## LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

1. Be thankful when you are referred to as “Pastor” and not “Reverend”. Only one is Reverend, Holy and awesome (Psalm 111:9). Nowhere, absolutely nowhere does scripture say any human person is Reverend, Holy and Awesome.
2. How many times have you heard, “Jesus was the atonement?” Strange but God doesn’t say that. Seventy-four (74) Times in the old covenant atonement was offered to satisfy God - but it only lasted for a year. Of course the high priest had to go in and make the temporary offering every year. Jesus said, “It is finished.” He is the propitiation and reconciliation who once and for all satisfied the Justice of a righteous, holy, and awesome God.
3. “Ask Jesus into your heart” to get saved. My heart was a sewer before I came to believe and know that Jesus Died for my sins, and rose again from the dead – that’s the real true Gospel; just doesn’t sound as cute - but God could have put that cute phrase in His book but He didn’t (He didn’t put “ask Jesus into your heart” anywhere). He was clear about the heart in Jeremiah 17:9 and He told us of our own condition in Ecclesiastes 7:20 and Romans 3:12.
4. Another is “all the work we have to do for God.” Only recently have I learned God was doing fine without me, before I became one of his adopted family members, one of his children! What does John 6: 28, 29 teach? When the disciples asked Jesus, “What must we do to perform the works of God? Jesus was very clear in his answer. A fun bible study: count the times in the Gospel of John Jesus was directed to say “Believe.”
5. Here’s another fun study: Try to find the four words “repent of your sins” anywhere in God’s word. How many times do you hear another say – “you need to repent of your sins?” What we need to do according to scripture is to “confess our sins.” (1 John 1:9)

**Conclusion: Oh, the simplicity of the Gospel – “BELIEVE IN THE Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.” ~Acts 16:31 NRSV**

### Woman’s Fellowship Notes and upcoming events

The Women’s Fellowship just completed another successful Harvest Festival with 303 adult tickets sold and 15 children. Our numbers were slightly up this year from last. Our ticket sale brought in \$2487.16, bake sale \$344.25 and \$322.78 from donations. We do have expenses but not all bills are in, so this isn’t all clear profit. THANK YOU to all women who eagerly help in many areas. The men who help set up tables to the couples who jumped at the chance to paint the pie room!!! There are numerous angels who help behind the scenes. Thank you all.

Women’s Fall Rally was held in Pierre on Sept 26<sup>th</sup> with 5 ladies attending from our church. The theme was on “hospitality in our churches”. Amazing speakers from the Hospice shared the meaning of Hospice, what services they provide. They have very moving chapter in Pierre.

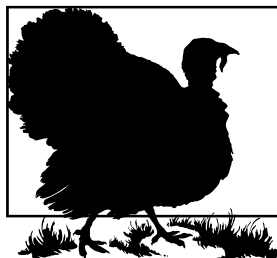
We are currently working on getting a Beth Moore Bible Study going soon, so be watching for dates.

Remember ladies, ALL women from UCC are invited to attend Women Fellowship, are next meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall at 7:30 pm. We would love to see new faces and new ideas.

Don’t forget the Christmas Cookie Sale on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Dust off those cookbooks and try some new recipes for this exciting event.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them. Amen

Women’s Fellowship Chairperson,  
Diane Hieb



# November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 am confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee fellowship Daylight savings time!!	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> *trustees meet at 5:30 pm  *choir 7:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am worship 11:30 am coffee fellowship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> *Missions meet at 5:30 pm *Choir 7:30 Veterans Day	<b>12</b>  rehearsal...	<b>13</b> Rosenburger -Witte wedding 5:00 pm 	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9-10 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship- 11:30 am Carry-in fellowship youth group pie auction 9:30 am—12 noon	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> *Powers circle 5:30 Fireside  *choir 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am coffee fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  *choir 7:30 pm	<b>26</b> Happy Thanksgiving!	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Confirmation 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee fellowship 1st Sunday of Advent	<b>30</b> *Youth group <b>6:00 pm</b> ~hanging the greens!	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>  *choir 7:30 pm	<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>  <b>Cookie sale</b> 8:30—11:00 am

We all know the Christian children's song "Jesus Loves Me," here is a version for the seniors!

### Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(chorus)

Yes, Jesus loves me...

Yes, Jesus loves me...

Yes, Jesus loves me...

For the Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh so slow,

With my hand in His I'll go

On through life, let come what may,

He'll be there to lead the way.

(chorus)

When the nights are dark and long,

In my heart He puts a song...

Telling me in words so clear,

"Have no fear, for I am near."

(chorus)

When my work on earth is done,

And life's victories have been won.

He will take me home above,

Then I'll understand His love.

(chorus)

I love Jesus, does he know?

Have I ever told him so?

Jesus loves to hear me say,

That I love him everyday.

(chorus)

Women's Fellowship booklet...

(correction)

Under the heading, "Fellowship Potluck Dinners and Coffee" please cross out the 3rd sentence, beginning with, "Your circle will have..." this is on page 6. Sorry for any misunderstands this may have caused.

-Lynn, secretary

When deeds speak, words are nothing.

-African Proverb

## **AN OPEN LETTER: SHE SAID, "NO ONE CARES ABOUT ME"**

Dear Fellow Christians,

This is exactly what happened when she finally decided to hang herself. No one looked for her for 3 days and she hung herself in a tree in the backyard!

I've known for years of the numerous suicides on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation in South Dakota. But until my friend was called to work on the Rosebud Reservation for a couple of weeks, I did not realize Crow Creek's suicide rate was not a high Rosebud's.

It has become an epidemic on the Rosebud reservation and to quote my friend, "It's like a back cloud hangs over the Rosebud Reservation."

After Emily spoke to me about the appalling suicide rate I spoke to my Pastor about this. He passed on my concerns to the congregation and asked that we keep the Rosebud Reservation in our prayers. We have done that but is it enough???

I went through a terrible depression after my last child was born. I felt as if I was down a deep black hole and even though I knew it was daylight, I couldn't see a light above, I was that far down. So each time I hear of someone that has committed suicide, my heart cries for them as I think of the mental anguish they must have gone through - and with no one there to help them!

One idea shared with me was to send a letter to Christian schools asking for their prayers and possible mission involvement: perhaps a school or several schools working together could find a way's to provide meaningful long term help on reservations. This would go beyond just plopping down a mental health office, hanging a sign on the door and hoping the ones needing help would come through the doors.

My prayer is that this letter reaches someone with the compassion, knowledge, abilities and capabilities to help all of us become an answered prayer.

Jane Cameron, member Chamberlain UCC

*Spread Love everywhere you go: First of all in your own house...let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.*

*~Mother Theresa*

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**Remember our Veteran's**  
**November 11th, 2009**



**Pray for our women who and are currently serving our country. We should also say a prayer for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom!**

**men and have served**

**“Silent Pie Auction”**

**Who?** The UCC youth group

**When?** Sunday, Nov. 15th from 9:30 thru noon

**What?** This a fundraiser for the youth group

See more information about this fundraiser inside the newsletter.

Two line drawings of pies. On the left is a whole pie with a lattice crust. On the right is a single slice of pie with a lattice crust, showing a filling of fruit.

## Blum Circle...

The Blum circle met in the Fireside Room on October 28th with 16 members present. The members answered roll call with a Bible verse. Wanda Swanson and Jean Cozine were the hostesses'.

We discussed the Harvest Festival, the numbers were up with 302 adult tickets sold and 15 children's tickets, the bake sale was also up.

New business: The cookie sale will be on Dec. 5th. Fellowship is on Dec. 9th with the Blum circle as hostesses'. The Blum circle will also have coffee and carry-in for December. Members signed cards for Savannah Glaus and Norma Allen. The circle members looked over a list of "needed items" for the Crisis Center to donate in December. Lynn Miller asked for pie donations for a "silent auction" that the Youth Group is going to have on Nov. 15th from 9:30—noon.

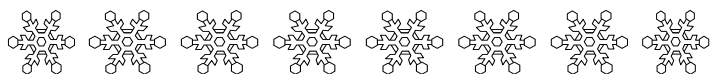
Ruth Blum led a lesson titled "Dear God, we need to talk." God always listens, easy and important, and he will always answer our prayers. Psalms 6:9 Ruth also gave a lesson about frogs, (Fully Rely on God) This was written by Arline Bee, from "Guideposts." The lesson tries to booster your faith in God. Arline gave many of these "frogs" in hospitals, airports and nursing homes, and where needed. Ruth made a frog ("fully rely on God") on a card for each of the members to pass out.

We closed the meeting by saying "The Lord's Prayer."

~Bev Feltman,  
secretary and reporter

**Blessed are those that can give without remembering and take without forgetting.**

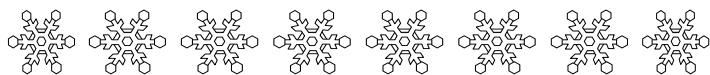
**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world, indeed it's the only thing that ever has.**



### Cold Hands

I was cleaning out the pockets of my 6 year old winter coat, when I found a pair of mittens in each pocket. Thinking that one pair must not be enough to keep her hands warm, I asked her why she was carrying two pairs of mittens in her coat. She replied, "I've been doing that for a long time, mom. You see, some kids come to school without mittens and if I carry another pair, I can share with them and their hands won't get cold."

~Joyce Andresen



**Thanksgiving Day  
November 26th, 2009**

**Now thank we all our God!  
Have a Blessed  
Thanksgiving!**

## Religious Education Meeting Notes

The Re members met at the church on Oct. 7th with 3 members present. Connie Priebe, Melanie Adcock and Janeen Story.

Thank you to the family of Arla Neeman for the \$500.00 donation to the Sunday school program in memory of "Arla Neeman."

The Sunday school curriculum is turning out to be a success. The children and teachers seem very pleased with it. We are excited about the fall/Christmas stories and lessons that will be included in the next session.. Melanie will order some Christmas crafts to go with the lessons.

The Sunday school Christmas program was discussed, dates and time will be decided at a later date.

~Melanie Adcock, secretary

The RE members met at the church on Oct. 28th with 4 members present, Connie Priebe, Karla Burke, Janeen Story and Melanie Adcock. A special guest, Pastor Ellis, also attended the meeting.

It was decided that the children's Christmas program will be Sunday, Dec. 20th during the worship service at 10:30 am.

On November 22nd the RE board members will show a movie and serve popcorn to the Sunday school children (during Sunday school at 9:30 am.)

Janeen will go through the fall/Christmas curriculum and pass out to the Sunday school teachers.

~Melanie Adcock, secretary

### **Important dates to mark on your calendars!**

**Nov. 22nd**~ Thanksgiving movie and popcorn during Sunday school.

**Nov. 29th**~ No Sunday school, Happy Thanksgiving!

**Dec. 20th**~ Sunday school Christmas program at 10:30 am during worship.

**Dec. 27th and Jan. 3rd**~ No Sunday school, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good; for his steadfast love  
endures forever.**

~Psalm 106:1

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There is always  
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can do.  
~Carla Gorrell**