

The Media

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From the Pastor's Desk...

One of the goals for our Natural Church Development minimal factor passionate *spirituality* contained this piece:

We will establish and improve spiritual connections with visitors and members of the Church by...increasing visitor and member participation in the life of the Church. We will accomplish this by: (several other parts are not included here)

Each committee, team, study and group of the Church will have brought two new people into their committee, team, study or group by January 1, 2011. The new people can be existing or new members.

This Media issue talks about many of the programs and activities that begin this September at First UMChurch. As you participate in them, I hope you will take this Natural Church Development goal seriously; and you will very intentionally invite others to join you in the Bible Study you will be part of...or sing in choir with you...or participate in that mission project with you. When we sing and pray and study and work together, we build stronger bonds as the Body of Christ.

I would encourage elected committees and boards to think about new persons for your committees and feed those names to the Lay Leadership (nominations) Committee.

Improving spiritual connections between the members of this congregation is more than a goal adopted and worked at, it makes us one in Christ.

Yours in Christ's service,
Pastor Bill Bates



“REEL” FAITH

Want to see a movie and talk about it's values and theme from a Christian perspective?

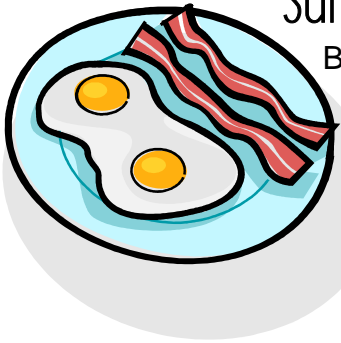


Who we are as a culture and society is, in part, reflected in and formed by the popular media. Many movies have overt religious themes which may or may not speak a Christian message...Bing Crosby's "Going My Way" or Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ" or Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ." Some movies have a more subtle theological twist like the recent movies "Avatar" or "The Blind Side."

On the second Sunday night of the month at 6:30 pm you are invited to a time of viewing a movie (sometimes old, sometimes a new movie) and talking about "reel" faith.

Pot Luck Snacks

(Bring something to share. The coffee pot will be on.)



Sunday Morning Breakfast Group

Breakfast on Sunday mornings is served from 8:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Exact dates will be announced in the bulletin and Media. More men are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up for each of the four or five Sundays per month. Please phone Will Archer, 310-0174, if you are interested in helping.



2010 BUS MINISTRY TRIP UPDATES

October 17 – 29: 12-day Southern Grace trip with Southwest Tours. This is a wonderful journey with memorable stops in Illinois for the Holocaust Museum; Tennessee Gospel Festival; Dollywood; Asheville, NC, to see the Biltmore House; Billy Graham Center in Columbia, SC; Savannah City Tour; Kissimmee, FL, for the Holy Land Experience; Upper Room Chapel and Museum in Nashville; and the list goes on and on. Call Southwest Tours 1-507-532-5536 to inquire and to make your reservation.

November 20: Sioux City Lamb Theater Production of "Nuncrackers: The Nonsense Christmas Musical." This play revisits the amazing Little Sisters of Hoboken as they present the annual Christmas program at Mount Saint Helens. It is hilarious! We will leave later in the afternoon on Saturday; arrive at the Green Gables to eat (on your own), and leave in time to be seated for the play that evening. The cost is \$35 (bus, play, driver tip) figured on 20 people, which is due November 7th. Just a short trip!

► And in the future we have a trip to Nora, SD, for a Christmas sing-a-long to music played on two restored pipe organs by Mike Pedersen. More later. And our annual trip to Pipestone for the Opland Singers' Christmas show on Saturday, December 11.

As always, these trips are open to all ages.
Details about the trips and the sign-up forms are all in the church office.

Unity Worship Service September 12

Be sure to put Sunday, September 12 – 9:05 am.

One service only. This is the time we all come together as one in Christ to Celebrate God in our worship and the beginning of our Fall season. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.



LAST CALL!!!! Laurie will record a CD the end of August and they will be available the fall of 2010. If you would like to order a CD(s), there is a sign-up at the Welcome Center, or you can call the church office 336-3652 to place an order. They will be \$10 each (due when CD's come in) and all proceeds will go to benefit 1st United

Methodist Church mission and outreach programs. The CD will be a mix of traditional and contemporary Christian songs including "Amazing Grace" – "I Can Only Imagine" – "Go Light Your World" (from sermon April 25) and more. What a great gift this would make for Christmas! The order deadline will be mid-September, so order yours now.

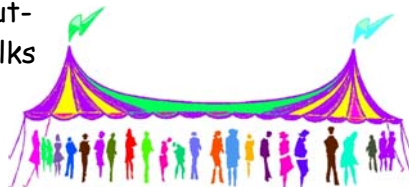


It has actually happened! Laurie Kidd received her Certificate of Completion with the Course of Study at Saint Paul's School of Theology the end of July. This was a prerequisite I needed to fill to keep my Local Pastor License in the

United Methodist Church. Thank you so much for your support and for keeping my schooling and traveling in your prayers these past five years.

MINISTRY FAIR SEPTEMBER 12

We will be having Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 12 after the 9:05 a.m. Unity worship service. Any ministries of the church are welcome to participate. If you would like a table (or $\frac{1}{2}$ table) to display your ministry/program, please contact Laurie Kidd at the church office by September 8. Set-up time will be Saturday, September 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tables will be provided - you are to decorate and fill the table however you want! Please specify if you need an outlet. This is your opportunity to tell folks about your program/ ministry and even get folks to sign up!





Worship, Music & Fine Arts Ministry Opportunities



1st United Methodist Church has opportunities for ALL ages to share their gifts from God. Check out the ministries below to see what area you would like to be a part of! **Music Ministry rehearsals** will begin the week of September 6 (Chancel Choir will begin 09/01). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the director listed below or Laurie Kidd (336-3652). Come join us as we celebrate God through music!

CHORAL GROUPS

Renewal Praise Band Fellowship Hall Sunday afternoons	Leader: TBA
Hosanna Praise Team (older youth/adults) Sanctuary Thursdays: 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Director: Laurie Kidd
Chancel Choir (adults) Choir Room Wednesdays: 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Director: Laurie Kidd
Joyful Accord (adults) Sanctuary Wednesdays: 6:15-7:00 p.m.	Director: David Mah
Choristers (6 th -8 th grade) Rm. 306 Wednesdays: 6:00-6:30 p.m.	Director: TBA
Joy Choir (3 rd -5 th grade) Rm. 306 Wednesdays: 7:00-7:30 p.m.	Director: Lynne Jones
Cherubs (K-2 nd grade) Rm ?? Wednesdays: 6:30-7:00 p.m.	Director: Lynne Jones
Joyful Noise (3-5 years old) Sunday School class Sundays: 10:00 a.m.	Director: Sonja Gourley

INSTRUMENTAL

Les Cloches (adult bell choir) Choir Room Thursdays 5:30-6:45 p.m.	Director: Bev Gunderson
Pianists/Organists (as needed)	Contact: Laurie Kidd

FINE ARTS (Drama & Dance Teams will meet as needed)

Drama Team (youth/adults)	Director: Laurie Kidd
Dance Team (youth/adults)	Contact: Lora Barthelman

WORSHIP

Liturgists (7:50 & 11) (Read Scripture, etc.)	Contact: Laurie Kidd
Ushers/Junior Ushers	Contact: Laurie Kidd
Multi-media Team (older youth/adult)	Contact: Laurie Kidd
Sound Operators (older youth/adults)	Contact: Rod Mader
Altar Guild/Flowers/Banners	Contact: June Shields
Communion Preparers	Contact: Lillian Hahn
Communion Servers	Contact: Laurie Kidd
Acolytes (3rd grade and older)	Contact: Mary Jane Richardson

BROKEN RESOLVE

1st UM Alternative Praise Band at Lifelight!
Spencer and Taylor Johnson, Jared Ribstein
and Nate Mittendorf will perform at 6pm on
the 360 stage Friday night September 3rd!
Come out and enjoy great fellowship and
awesome music Labor Day weekend.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday nights are going to be filled with activities this year for children, youth and adults. To make it easier for you to participate in these activities, we are planning Wednesday night suppers again this year. Our first Wednesday night supper will be September 8, 2010 in the Round Table Dining Room from 5:00 – 6:15 pm. A donation to cover the cost of the food will be taken.



We are looking for menu ideas; so if you have any suggestions, feel free to contact Mary Jane Richardson.

We are looking for servers for our Wednesday night suppers! We would like to challenge each group in the church to serve at least one Wednesday night meal. This is a great way to meet new people and have some wonderful fellowship time with people you may not see on Sunday morning. If your group would like to serve a Wednesday night supper, please contact Mary Jane Richardson at church at 336-3652 or email her at richardsonmj@sfumc.org. We use paper products, so there is limited clean up involved, we need about 4-5 people to serve each night. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Jane. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

ACOLYTE PROGRAM

The Acolyte program will begin again this fall. The Acolytes assist with the worship service by lighting the candles at the beginning of each service and also helping with communion. Youth in grades 3 and older are encouraged to prayerfully consider this important ministry. This is an important commitment you could make in your church life. It is a commitment that should be taken seriously.

We need at least 2 acolytes at each service—7:50 a.m., 9:05 a.m. and 11 a.m. We would like to make this ministry a success again this year and with your help we know we can do this.



Training for all new acolytes and any returning acolytes that would like to attend is scheduled for September 11th at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. At this training session, the youth will be shown the responsibilities of an acolyte.

Please call the church office, 336-3652, if you are interested in being an acolyte and if you are going to be able to attend on September 11th. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call Laurie Kidd or Mary Jane Richardson at 336-3652 (church).

Fall Bible Studies

Amen's Group:

September 8 ~ 7-8 am ~ Memorial Room

Higgin's Men's Group:

September 14 ~ 8-9 am ~ Fireplace Room

Monday Women's Bible Study:

September 13 ~ 9:00 am ~ Fireplace Room

Wednesday Women's Bible Study:

September 15 ~ 9:30 am ~ Fireplace Room



Safe Sanctuary and Church Evacuation Training

The General Conference of United Methodist Church has adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child abuse in the church and has encouraged local churches to develop their own policy. Our policies are in place; which includes an annual required training on these policies for all of our volunteers.

The annual brief training for all volunteers who work with our children and youth will be on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm in the Round Table Dining Room. During this training we will review the policies and why they were developed. Copies of the policies will be available for anyone who does not have a copy. If a volunteer has not already completed a volunteer application form, they will be available.

A task force has been working this summer updating the Church Evacuation plan, so this plan will also be addressed during this training. Copies of this plan will be distributed to all volunteers.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Jane Richardson or Mark or Lisa Johnsen at 336-3652.



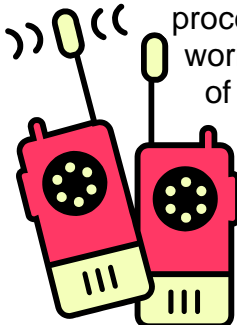
NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

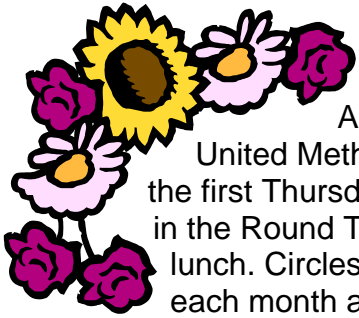
One of the goals we set to improve our passionate spirituality is, by Easter 2011, to have had at least 120 members have hands-on participation in a mission project in which they have not previously participated. We have heard from lots of members who have tried a new ministry already. But, we want to hear from you too!

Everyone is encouraged to sign-up and participate in a mission project in which you have not previously been involved. There are lots of ministry opportunities at First Church, keep reading the bulletins and Media to learn more. Also, if you lead a group in a mission project, please report to Jennifer Larsen the names of the new people who are involved.



The Fire, Emergency and Evacuation Plan task force is in the process of updating our policies. As we have been working on the plans, we discovered we are in need of some 2-way radios with chargers. If you would like to give a monetary donation to help us purchase some radios, please leave your donation in the church office in the envelopes provided. Thank you.





United Methodist Women

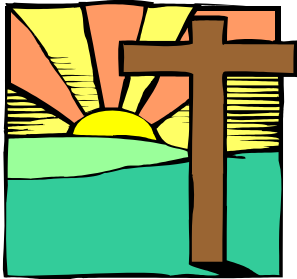
All women are invited to be part of the local United Methodist Women here at First Church. We meet the first Thursday of most months for the unit meeting held in the Round Table Dining Room at 11:45 am for a light lunch. Circles (smaller groups) meet the third Thursday of each month at the church or in a member's home at various times of the day or evening. The exact times and places are found in the Sunday bulletin and the monthly Media. *The UMW purpose is to offer fellowship, encourage study, and to promote mission opportunities.* We are the group that sells the grocery cards to raise funds for local and world-wide missions. Come join us on Thursdays. ALL ages are welcome!

As the church is a connectional system, so is the United Methodist Women group. There are District, Conference, and World-Wide opportunities for those interested beyond the local church.



Monday & Wednesday Morning

Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study begins on Monday, September 13th, at 9:00 am and on Wednesday, September 15th, at 9:30 am. Any and all women are welcome as these groups work through one book of the Bible at a time...usually one chapter per week. Pastors Dick and Bill lead this Bible Study.

ATTENTION ALL MEN

The Men's Season Opener will be held Wednesday evening August 25th from 5-8 pm. at Lower Tuthill Park. Our menu this year will feature an 8oz Rib-eye steak grilled by our best Chef's. We will again have Montana Golf and Bean Bag games and lots of conversation. The featured speaker will be one of our own, Rich Greeno, Coach, teacher and best of all, friend to us all. The cost is \$6 and we need your reservation by the 23rd. You may call Don Ditmanson, 331-0512 or e-mail don.ditmanson@sio.midco.net or Bill Hoff, Dave Eiesland, Will Archer.



WOMEN~MEN~YOUTH



YOU are invited to participate in a supportive, caring group to visit our shut-ins. About 25 persons are needed to reach those that are home bound or are in care facilities. Visitation times can be flexible. (Rod Gist, Joyceann Kroger, or Nancy Cutshall) will coordinate this project—including an informational meeting to begin and then an occasional follow-up. Please call one of the staff mentioned 336-3652 or Karla Leach at 371-0458 for more information and/or to volunteer. Thanks for considering this invitation.



SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN'S NEWS

We are excited to have you check out all of the ways you can be involved this year in Children's Ministries! We have some fun things planned for Celebration Sunday this year, so you won't want to miss it. Please join us on September 12th for the Sunday School Open House and registration following the 9:05 am Celebration Worship Service. The Sunday School Registration Forms are on the church Website (www.sfumc.org) and will be available in the church office beginning August 15th as well as in the classrooms during the Open House. Our teachers will be in the classrooms, so children will be able to see their classroom and meet their teachers. We will have a scavenger hunt connected with the open house this year and after you tour the classrooms, join us in the west parking lot by the church for a carnival!



Our first Sunday of Sunday School is September 19th from 10:00 –10:50 am. We are offering a variety of educational experiences for our children this year on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening to help our children with their journey in the Christian faith.

2-Year-Old Room

- † The 2-Year-Old room is the beginning of a formal faith education for our children. We will use the curriculum called Rock a Bye for Toddlers and Twos.
- † The theme for September is "God Made the Earth" and the main idea is "God's children thank God for creation". The Bible verse is "God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:25.
- † The children will bring home a picture card with a Bible based story each week to help the parents share their faith with their child.
- † A variety of age appropriate activities will be planned each week.

3 & 4 Year Old Rooms

- † LIVE B.I.G. (Belief in God) is the curriculum for this age group. Every LIVE B.I.G. lesson is based on 3 big truths: God is a great big God, God loves us with a great big love and we are part of God's great big world.
- † The children will be introduced to the Bible story each week on a DVD featuring Mr. Zach and his Bible verse-announcing sidekick Bongo the Bird.
- † The September theme is "God Chooses Us" and the September Bible Verse is "And God said, "I will be with you." Exodus 3:12. The children will experience stories about David, Matthew the tax collector and how Jesus invites ordinary people to follow him.
- † Additional "hands on" activities are planned to interact with the DVD segment.
- † We will combine the 3 & 4 year olds for about 10 minutes at the beginning of class each Sunday as Sonja Gourley will be there to do Joyful Noise choir. The choir will sing at a worship service periodically. We are excited to have Sonja in our classrooms each Sunday!



BiBle Bucks Program

- † We are continuing a motivational reward system called Bible Bucks for Kindergarten through 5th grade. The children will have the opportunity to earn Bible Bucks each week and the Bible Bucks will be spent at the Bible Bucks store.
- † The children are able to "purchase" items for themselves and family members and we also give them an opportunity to "purchase" nonperishable food items to be given to the Food Pantry. This is another opportunity for our children to begin to learn to give to other people who are less fortunate.





Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

- + Power Xpress High Voltage Bible Experience Stations is the curriculum for this age group.
- + Each unit will be taught for multiple weeks so the children are able to experience the Bible story/unit in different ways in each station. The more ways children explore the story, the more it is reinforced in their memories.
- + The children will spend time in their homerooms each Sunday and then will experience a different station each week, which will keep interest high throughout the unit.
- + The stations, which are very interactive, involving many of the senses, are: Art, Bible Games, Cooking/Science, Drama/Storytelling and Music.
- + The first unit will be Noah's Ark. During this unit the children will explore the concepts: "God loves and cares for all living things, Noah obeyed God and completed a difficult job, Noah worshipped God, and God made a covenant with Noah that a flood will never again destroy all living things, sending the rainbow as a sign of that covenant." The Bible Verse for this unit is: "I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:13

Tween Ministry Program

- + Our Tween Ministry Program was a hit last year as the 4th -6th graders participated in a variety of fun activities. We are planning some more activities this year on a quarterly basis to help build a sense of community to make the transition into the middle school youth program easier.
- + Covenant Club is the Sunday School class for the 4th & 5th graders. We will use Rock Solid curriculum this year.
- + Rock Solid guides Tweens during this important transition time with Bible stories that relate to real life and opportunities for visualizing and understanding the scope of the entire Bible.



Bible Zone Live

- + Bible Zone Live is our Wednesday night program for elementary children, which will begin at 6:00 pm, alternating with children's choirs and continuing until about 7:30 pm. This will enable our parents to attend adult education opportunities that will be offered on Wednesday evenings.
- + We will begin our year with some favorite Bible stories such as Jacob's ladder, Joseph, Ruth and Hannah and Samuel.
- + The sessions include a variety of activities and are totally different from Sunday mornings.

Disciples in Training

- + We are introducing a new Wednesday night program for our 3-year-old—PreK children. This is for the children who are too old for the nursery, but not quite old enough for children's choirs.
- + Their session will begin at 6:00 pm and last until about 7:30 pm.
- + This will give our preschool children something planned for their age group while older siblings have their programming and/or parents who are attending adult education opportunities on Wednesday nights.
- + We will be using a variety of DVD based stories and activities and free playtime to meet the needs of this age group.
- + We are excited to offer this new opportunity for this age group to complete the activities for all members of a family on Wednesday night.



1st UM Youth Ministries Engage!

- To ENGAGE the world around us, to be attentive to and involved in the lives of others (Matthew 25)
- To be ENGAGED in faith, like a lifelong commitment, for better or worse (1Corinthians 13:7)
- To ENGAGE each other and build each other up (Ephesians 4)
- To ENGAGE the enemy (Ephesians 6:10-18)

Our goal is to have a Christ Centered ministry that includes a healthy balance of worship, service, fellowship and study of God's Word. The curriculum and meetings are planned with three things in mind.

*Students will know who God is and how much He dearly loves them (cognitive).

*They will desire to learn more about God and develop a desire to serve Him with their whole heart (affective).

*Their lives would reflect what they have learned (behavioral).

Our desire is to help students understand the Christian Faith and live it out in their lives, following the example of Jesus and engaging the world around them for Christ.

Students & Parents are invited to find out about the upcoming year 7 pm Sept 15!

ENGAGE!

Middle School Youth and High School Youth and Parents are encouraged to attend.

This fall we will start a 4 week rotation.

- Week 1 – Both MS and HS students meet at 1st UM – for regular youth group.
- Week 2 – Service – MS and HS students serve with various outreach opportunities.
- Week 3 – MS students meet at 1st UM for youth group. HS meet in homes for ****small group****
- Week 4 – Speaker. We all have a story to tell! Various people have been invited to share their “God Stories!”

****Small Group!** Something new for High School Students! Starting with “Remembering the Forgotten God.” A life changing message about the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives by Francis Chan, author of Crazy Love.

1ST UMC YOUTH CALENDAR

Renewal Worship 5:30 pm Sunday, use Duluth Entrance

SEPTEMBER

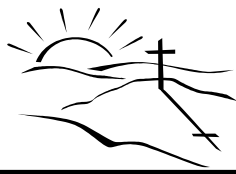
- Sept 3: LifeLight! 1st UMC Youth gather for Friday afternoon and evening concerts. Group 1 Crew, Broken Resolve, Everfound and David Crowder!! Call for more info.
- Sept 11: Sidewalk Arts Festival Parking Lot Fund Raiser! 9am-1pm.
- Sept 12: Celebration Sunday! Sunday School Registration, Confirmation meeting and Ministry Fair.
- Sept 12: ****Youth serve the hungry in downtown Sioux Falls w/UMC Canteen. 4pm-630pm.****
- Sept 15: Student/Parent info meeting about ENGAGE! (Youth Fellowship) 7pm in Fellowship Hall.
- Sept 19: Sunday School Resumes, 10am.



Stay connected! Join our facebook group.
Search FUMC YOUTH SIOUX FALLS.

Contact Mark and Lisa for more information
johnsens@sfumc.org





Faith, Health & Caring Ministries



TOOLS FOR POSITIVE BEHAVIOR CHANGE

This parenting class is a 6-week course based on the work of Dr. Glenn Latham, author of the highly acclaimed book "The Power of Positive Parenting" and will begin Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Parents and professionals who want to understand how to foster appropriate behavior and maintain a positive encouraging relationship with their children should consider participating in this valuable series. The course, Tools for Positive Behavior Change, is being taught by Lora Barthelman, MS, NICU MT-BC in partnership with the Faith, Health, and Caring Ministry. The class is free but the book and materials cost \$20. The class is limited to 15 people. This 6-week class begins at 6pm to 7:30pm in the Fireplace Room. We need you to pre-register by September 28th; by phoning the church office at 336-3652; there will be childcare available.



FLU SHOT CLINIC will be held Oct 13th 10am to noon in the Friendship Room.

GRIEF ENCOUNTER GROUP will be starting October 18th thru November 22nd on Monday's 10:30am to 11:30am in the Fellowship Room. Pastor Dick Boyd will again lead the 6-week course. This is targeted for someone who has lost a loved one. As there are different seasons of the year, so too there are seasons of grief. It doesn't have to be a recent loss to participate. It is free and open to all. Please join us in this time with "When Mourning Dawns, Living Your Way Fully Through the Seasons of Your Grief." Please phone 336-3652 to sign up so we have an accurate number of books.



BLESSINGS OF HANDS will be held Sunday morning Oct. 17th. The Faith, Health, and Caring Board would like to show appreciation and bless the hands of all who volunteer their time and talent in the church.

BLOOD PRESSURES will again be offered the 2nd Sunday of each month, 8:45 to 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. High blood pressure is one of the most common chronic conditions in adults; however, people with high blood pressure usually don't have symptoms so they often don't know that they have it until it is measured. If you are a health professional and would like to help volunteer with the Parish Nurse on Sunday morning, contact Nancy Cutshall RN at 336-3652.



REMEMBRANCE/BLUE SUNDAY will be held Sunday December 5th at 3pm. This is a special service for all members who have lost a loved one the past year. In the holiday season, it is sometimes more difficult to pass through the season and it's a way of remembering of our loved one.

BLOOD MOBILE will be here November 7th so you are able to donate your gift of life.



MASSAGE with Carol Ann Schroeder LMT is held the first Monday of the month 1:30pm to 5:00pm in the Fireplace Room. If you are interested, phone (605) 543-5532 for more information.

HIGGINS MENS' BIBLE STUDY

We buried Bob Higgins this summer. Or did we? Come September 14, 2010 and every other Tuesday through May of 2011, Higgins Mens' Bible Study will meet from 8:00 to 9:00 am in the Fireplace Room at FUMC. Why is it called Higgins Mens' Bible Study? Ask some of the guys who come to it and they will tell you Bob Higgins, through the years that he belonged to our church, was a major nuisance after every worship service button-holing every man who would listen to him to come to Tuesday morning Bible study. He believed that Bible study was essential to growth in Christian Discipleship and wasn't bashful about inviting men to join him in that endeavor. Even preachers, or probably especially preachers, were fair game for his weekly hunt down after church.

Come to think of it, the Bible is full of stories about people who were a major nuisance in the lives of the peoples of this world. Take Pharaoh, for instance. He didn't care much for Moses! And King Ahab considered Elijah public enemy number one. All the prophets of Israel were pretty much a "hair in a biscuit" (a term I learned from Joe Foss, former governor of S.D. and former member of FUMC) when they confronted those who ran the world the way they thought it ought to be run.

You might want to be warned, however, that any really serious study of the scriptures is apt to get in the way of living your life any way you please. It is a chance you have to take. But if you're interested, call the church office for more information. *Rod Gist*



BOOKIES READING LISTS

Summer Reading Suggestions:

- Rolvaag, Ole. "Peder Victorious; Their Fathers' God"
- Stockett, Kathryn. "The Help"
- Feiler, Bruce. "The Place Where God Was Born"
- Norris, Kathleen. "Acedia And Me; Amazing Grace"
- Hassler, Jon. "Dear James"
- Lewis, Sinclair. "Main Street"

Tentative list for next year:

- Stein, Garth. "The Art Of Racing In The Rain"
- Coles, Robert. "The Call Of Stories"
- Tyler, Anne. "Dinner At The Homesick Restaurant"
- Sneve, Virginia. "Completing The Circle"
- Devries, Peter. "The Blood Of The Lamb"
- Kalish, Mildred. "Little Heathens"



1st UMC Confirmation

Information meeting September 12th 10am in Chapel

Once again we will have 2 Confirmation Classes running simultaneously. 9th grade Students will be in their second year of a two year program. 8th grade students are invited to start September 19th and go through the spring of 2011. Retreats, Sunday Morning Classes, Worship, Mentors, Outreach and Youth Group are all integral parts of the learning process.

Confirmation Students and parents are invited to join us at 10am, Sept. 12th in the Chapel to find out more about the experience.

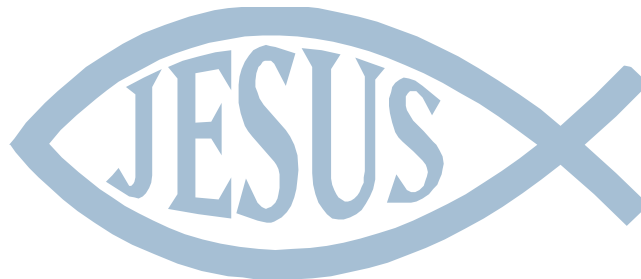


sunday school resumes sept. 19th at 10am.

6th & 7th Grade Students: Sunday Morning Spiritual Formation with FAITH IN MOTION. Find out how your faith can help you get through and enjoy everyday life! Meet downstairs in the youth room.

8th Grade Students: Find out more about your Christian Heritage, John Wesley – the founder of the Methodist movement, and what it means to CLAIM THE NAME of Jesus Christ! Meet in 8th grade room downstairs.

9th-12th Grade Students: FAITH ALIVE – Spiritual Formation class. We will start a new video based learning series that will inspire you and bring you closer to Christ. It's all about relationship! You don't want to miss it! Meet in Chapel.



Renewal Worship

5:30pm Sunday Evenings ~ Outside when weather permits
*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone,
the new has come! 2Corinthians 5:17*

This youth led worship service is reaching out to people that live in our neighborhood and people looking for an alternative worship service. Renewal does not follow the regular lectionary schedule; instead messages are given by volunteers who share testimonies of faith and life stories.

The church needs hosts and hostesses to help with hospitality, prayer warriors to pray with individuals, speakers to share the message, and hands and feet to help set up and take down tables and chairs.

You can be a part of this amazing transformational worship service!
To become a part of the Renewal Worship Team please contact the church office or stop by the Renewal booth at the Ministry Fair September 12th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLE Bible Study emphasizes disciplined reading of Scripture. It results in biblically grounded persons committed to live as disciples.

DISCIPLE classes grow to become a group of friends who support one another with prayer and caring, and participants gain new biblical and life-lesson insights as God's word comes alive. Even if you have taken DISCIPLE 1 or 2 previously, you could benefit from the study and fellowship a second time.

DISCIPLE classes consist of 12-15 members and a leader and meet weekly for 2 to 2 ½ hours for a period of 34 or 32 weeks (9 months). Each participant makes a commitment to daily preparation (30 to 45 minutes per day) and weekly attendance at and participation in the group study sessions. DISCIPLE aims *at transformation, not just information*. It calls on persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's word, and to be changed by God's word.

Both DISCIPLE 1 and 2 are being offered beginning this September. *Please note that DISCIPLE 1 is a prerequisite for DISCIPLE 2.*



DISCIPLE 1


Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study: During the course of 34 weeks, DISCIPLE 1 classes move through the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. All DISCIPLE 1 Bible Study participants will read more than 70% of the Bible. The Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical story.

DISCIPLE 2

Into the Word Into the World: DISCIPLE 2 lasts 32 weeks and centers on Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. It also has daily work and weekly group studies with video and discussion.

Disciple 1 taught by Pastor Dick will be on Wednesday or Thursday evening or during the day at a mutually agreeable time. Disciple 2 will be on Thursday evenings taught by Pastor Bill. We will need a minimum of 12 members with a commitment to miss no more than 4 sessions for a new DISCIPLE 1 or 2 group to form.

Consider this to be your invitation to read and study the Bible in a small, committed group and be challenged in your discipleship. If you are interested in Disciple 1 or 2, please fill out the interest form and bring or send it to the church office...or call in your reservation for DISCIPLE 1 or 2.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY FORM	
	Name: _____
	Address: _____ _____
	Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____
	Phone: (work) _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am interested in being in a DISCIPLE 1 Study Group... Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study. Wednesday evening____ Thursday evening____ Daytime class____ <i>(time to be negotiated)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am interested in being in a DISCIPLE 2 Study Group... Into the Word into the World.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am interested in being in a DISCIPLE 2 Study Group...but I would like to take DISCIPLE 1 again if there is not enough for a DISCIPLE 2 class.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like more information about DISCIPLE .



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Services

7:50 and 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary
9:05 a.m.—Hosanna Contemporary Service
5:30 p.m.—Renewal Praise Service-Fellowship Hall
KELO 1320 AM Radio Broadcast 9:05-9:55



FUMC SNOWBIRDS

A reminder to those of you who travel to warmer climates during the winter months, to please leave your winter address with us as well as the time frame that you are going to be gone. We will forward your church Media and other mailings to you during this time.

FALL CHURCH CALENDAR

This is a reminder to everyone to please contact the church office to book your fall activities on the church calendar for your various groups. It is important that you do this as soon as possible to assure that your room and time is secured.



**The September Media will be mailed August 25th.
The deadline to have something included is August 19th.**