

The Media

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Because of the tragedies in Tucson and Omaha a few weeks ago I have been thinking about the church's witness in the world. I am not blaming us for those awful events. I just wonder why we (the church) do not have more impact in the world than we do. Let's think about that for a few moments.

It might be because sometimes Christians do not live out what the Master taught. I remember a scene on an old TV show "All In The Family" in which Archie is arguing with "the meathead", his son-in-law, a professed agnostic. The son-in-law asks, "Archie, if there is a God, why is there so much suffering in the world?" There is a long awkward silence. Finally, Archie says, "Edith, would you get in here and help me? I'm having to defend God all by myself."

We all know that is absurd! God does not need our defense. But, sometimes the church does. Sometimes we forget what it is that God really requires of us. We are flawed human beings. It is a shame that our weaknesses mar the reflection to the One who gave his life for us. It is important that we separate Christian religion from the Gospel itself.

I understand that Gandhi once said that he would become a Christian if it were not for Christians. He was aware of that tragic separation between principle and practice. Having made this qualification let me make very clear that: **it is impossible to improve on the teachings of Jesus Christ.** This is not to say that other great thinkers have not helped people--they have. It is to say that there are no higher teachings than those that Christ gave us.

Remember the Great Commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind". And, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments, said Jesus, depend all the law and prophets. We need to remember what is central, fundamental, to the Christian Faith.

Remember Paul's words, "If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal?" I am convinced that the skeptical eye with which the world regards us could quickly be admiration and respect if we really live out the teachings of Jesus.

And, I think, the world is watching and waiting for the church to be the church and not just talk about what the church should be in the world. The world simply does not connect us with a man girded in a towel washing his disciples' feet or a man hanging on a cross between two thieves. And that is sad.

What we need today more than a revival or special event to bring more people into our church is a revival that would motivate us to take Christ's redemptive love out into the world. A world that is more and more divided needs people who follow Jesus to be a bridge not only to God but also to one another.



One cannot truly love another without ennobling oneself. Even when love is crucified on a cross, love is not in vain. Love is the very nature of God. Love is the foundation of our faith. Love really does make the world go round. There is no higher teaching in all the world that these two commandments: **"You shall love God. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Shalom,
Pastor Dick

“REEL” FAITH

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



On Sunday evening, February 13th, you are invited to a time of viewing a movie and talking about “reel” faith.

The Social Network is nominated for six Academy Awards this year. It sounds strange to me that a movie about the creation of *Facebook* could be 6 Academy Award compelling until I saw that the screen play is written by Aaron Sorkin. On a fall night in 2003, Harvard undergrad and computer programming genius Mark Zuckerberg sits down at his computer and heatedly begins working on a new idea. In a fury of blogging and programming, what begins in his dorm room soon becomes a global social network and a revolution in communication.

A mere six years and 500 million friends later, Mark Zuckerberg is the youngest billionaire in history... but for this entrepreneur, success leads to both personal and legal complications. The ads say that "The Social Network" proves you don't get to 500 million friends without making a few enemies. It's the story of really about the human-to-human social network that we're all a part of, with all its intricacies, its expectations, and its power to affect and condemn or praise behavior.

Join us for **"The Social Network"**

Sunday, February 13th at 6:30 pm ~ Fireplace Room ~ Pot Luck Snacks

“A Faithful Past A Faith-Filled Future It All Belongs to God”

*Stewardship update for
the 2011 budget year*



2011 Budget pledges - \$810,000

2010 Budget pledges - \$778,000

We asked the budget pledge to be the priority fund this year and the results were a \$32,000 increase over last year's pledges!

2011 Capital Fund pledges - \$47,250

2010 Capital Fund pledges - \$49,000

The capital fund was less of a priority but remains a vital fund that allows us to make major repairs without having to ask for donations when the need arises. Our congregation pledged only \$1,750 less to this fund this year.

74 Automatic Gift Withdrawals for 2011 resulting in \$17,000 per month.

55 Automatic Gift Withdrawals for 2010 resulting in \$11,000 per month.

Automatic Withdrawals are available anytime during the year – keep current with your commitment with no fuss – sign up for automatic withdrawal! For more information call the church office.

Thank you to our good and faithful servants for their generosity in funding the ministries of our church this year. We continue to have requests for budget monies so letters and commitment cards will be sent to those who may not have taken the opportunity to make a pledge yet.



Music, Drama, & Worship Ministry Opportunities



DAKOTA WESLEYAN CHOIR WILL BE IN CONCERT AT 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 AT 7 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY. THERE IS NO ADMISSION CHARGE. COME AND BE A PART OF A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF MUSIC AND SUPPORT OUR OWN DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY!




Happy 95th Birthday Janie Kirstein!

Janie is one of First United Methodist's Saints having served in every leadership position possible, so when her daughter called to let us know Janie will be celebrating this special birthday on February 7, we felt the church family would want to take this opportunity to send card greetings and congratulations to our beloved Janie.

And, Janie, thank YOU for the many ways you served God through FUMC. Happy Birthday Janie!

Janie Kirstein
 Linwood Estates
 700 N. Linn
 Glenwood, IA 51534

Vacation Bible School Galactic Blast Needs You!



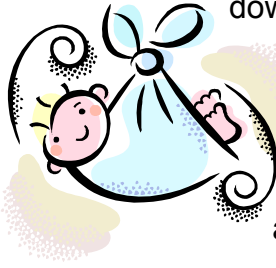
Included in this Media is a sign up sheet for volunteer opportunities for Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School, June 12-16, 2011. We have listed items that need to be done before VBS as well as during VBS, so there is a place for everyone! Please prayerfully consider where you might volunteer this year.

We will begin the afternoon of June 12th and conclude on June 16th. We are doing something different this year, Monday – Thursday we will meet in the morning only, with a music camp for the grade school children in the afternoon. The programs on Thursday will be preceded by a picnic supper for everyone around 5:00 pm. As you begin to make your summer plans, please put these dates on your calendar.

A Word About
GATHERING

Ingathering Baby Sweaters

We seem to be in the time of winter's long cold days and nights" and those who have a choice may not even want to get outside in the cold those days. This would be a perfect time to "honker down" and stay inside where it is warm and knit sweaters for our Ingathering layette kits. We can use the help in supplying babies in need a warm covering for their little bodies. For more information contact staff members Joyceann Kroger, Mary Jane Richardson or Carolyn Vollan at 336-3652.



SCOUTING SUNDAY

We are celebrating Scouting Sunday this year on February 13th. We will recognize Girl & Boy Scouts on this Sunday.



We would like to have Scouts and their adult leaders assist with the worship services that day. Please let Mary Jane Richardson know if you are a scout or an adult leader. Please contact Mary Jane at 336-3652 or at richardsonmj@sfumc.org.



Finance Update

The Administrative Board approved using the \$8,900 surplus funds available at the end of the 2010 budget year for restoring 2% of the 3% cut from regular staff salaries in 2010. Thank you for the faithfulness and generosity of our congregation for giving the gifts that made this possible! The staff is grateful.

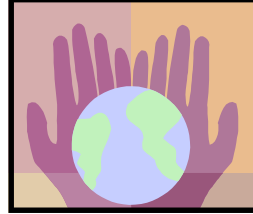
The Administrative Board approved a 2011 unbalanced budget of \$1,061,800 in income and \$1,081,800 in expenses, the difference of \$20,000. The approved budget includes restoring staff salaries to the level of January 2010 before cuts were made; budgeting for the differences proposed in the music ministry area; adjusting budgets submitted by the ministry teams to the 2010 budget level; requesting use of additional income by using reserve funds; and beginning in January paying the apportionment at 93% of the amount due each month with the plan to "catch up" in December as we did this year. We will keep you updated on the state of our finances each month as we work on a plan to balance the budget in the next few months.

We are all charged with being good stewards of the gifts given to us and dealing with "downsizing" has been a challenge for both the Staff Parish and Finance Committees. Our hope is that this challenge will encourage us to continue making wise choices in spending as we explore the many possibilities before us. We will strive to be the best we can be for God and look forward to an exciting future for First United Methodist Church.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Ingathering

Mission of the Month for February is the Ingathering. The Ingathering is a nearly 30-year-old Dakotas Annual Conference event that was started in Mitchell with the leadership of Bishop Ed Boulton. It was meant as a “gathering-in” of gifts for United Methodist missions. While the day of Ingathering continues to evolve, the efforts remain focused on missions, including great efforts to contribute United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) relief kits, and contributions for world hunger needs.



At the grassroots level of this church, FUMC, our committee works diligently on the UMCOR kits, including health, school, sewing, birthing kits, and infant layettes. A group of men have worked faithfully to annually put together over 20 flood buckets for the past few years, which have been used in the Midwest-Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Individuals and groups have created beautiful quilts and silent auction handcrafted items for auctioning at the Ingathering. Funds raised locally through being selected as a mission of the month, (or through such events as the July Ice Cream Social or the Noisy Offering) help with the purchase of fabric for the making of flannel receiving blankets or school kit bags, or items to finish complete kits, or for the world hunger projects of the larger UMC. A portion of the hunger contributions is distributed within the Conference, and stays in South or North Dakota for local hunger efforts, such as The Banquet in Sioux Falls. The UMCOR kits go to a United Methodist “depot,” ours usually the facility at Sager-Brown, in Baldwin, LA, where the relief kits are distributed where requested, both in the USA and around the world. Specific relief kit items are listed on information sheets at the kiosk/literature rack near the Friendship Room.



Your contributions, large or small, will help to buy items to complete the UMCOR kits, or a simple meal for one or one hundred. Your generosity makes a difference for God’s children, young and old, locally and globally. Thank you for your past and future support of Ingathering projects.

Administrative Board Highlights

December 2010: Ad Board did not meet in December.

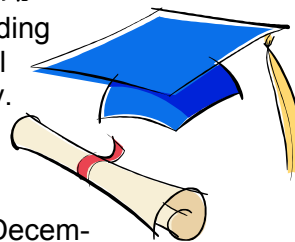


Birthday Reception for Marv Stadum’s 80th

Fellowship Hall, January 30, 2:00-4:00 pm
Sponsored by the Stadum Daughters

Memorial/Scholarship Committee News

The Memorial/Scholarship Committee will be sending out applications for scholarship awards to high school seniors in our congregation the latter part of February. If your family with a high school senior does not receive one, please pick one up in the main church office after February 27.



The Committee visited several area churches in December to find out how other Memorial Committees fulfill their ministry responsibility. An idea gleaned from one of the churches was to have a Memory Book placed at the Welcome Center. In it would be pictures of items and in whose memory they were given and no longer attaching memorial



plates to pictures, furniture, etc. Instead, all information would be recorded in the Memory Book which would be available for viewing at all times. Let us know what you think of this idea! Memorial Committee members are Sharon Lovrien, Karla Archer, Linda Baker, Thelma Moberly and Darlene Harris.

Library Gifts

Recently the church library has acquired several books to help children cope with experiences of illness, death, and grieving. These include two given by Mark and Lisa Johnsen in memory of Julie Byre: *Lifetimes*, by Bryan Mellanie and *Water Bugs and Dragonflies*, by Stickney.

Other new acquisitions include *Duke It Out*, by Sioux Falls businessman Roy Nyberg, assisted by Jill Callison, who donated a copy to us, and the 5-volume set, *A Cultural History of Childhood*, which traces humans' changing ideas about children. This set was given by Rod and Doris Gist. *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters*, by Barack Obama, was given by Marilyn Moorlach.



We appreciate these and other gifts to the church library!



2011 BUS MINISTRY TRIP UPDATES

Sunday, February 13, Pipestone, MN: The Calumet Players present "Glorious," a hilarious comedy in 1940's New York about the worst singer in the world. Based on a true story, Florence Foster Jenkins was an enthusiastic soprano whose pitch was far from perfect.

She was known as the 'first lady of the sliding scale' as she screeched and warbled her way from charity recitals to extravagant balls and her triumphal appearance at Carnegie Hall. Based upon 30 people, the cost of \$ 39 per person includes a comfortable bus, dining at the Calumet Hotel after the show, and the show itself. The deadline date for paying is February 1, 2011. Bus will leave the church at 12:30 PM.

Sunday, March 6, Sioux Falls: The Community Theater presents the comedy "The Odd Couple." This is a 2:00 PM matinee preceded by a 12:15 PM lunch for anyone wishing to join together at the Whisk and Chop on Minnesota Avenue (pay on your own). The cost of the play tickets for 10 or more reservations is \$14 and is payable to the church by February 21st. This rambunctious comedy is a story of two divorced men who decide to live together even though their personalities clash – one a fun-loving slob and the other a neurotic neat freak—a must-see play!

As always, these trips are open to all ages.

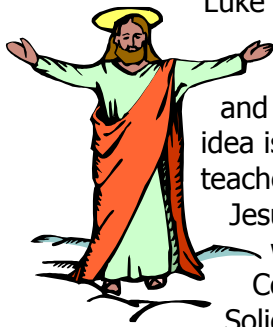
Details about the trips and the sign-up forms are all in the church office.



SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN'S NEWS

In February, the 2-year-old class will learn that Jesus loves children with the unit called Jesus Loves the Children. The Bible verse is "Jesus said, Let the children come to me." Matthew 19:14. There are many "hands on" activities planned to help the children learn they are important to Jesus and that Jesus is their friend.

The B.I.G. idea for LIVE B.I.G. classes (3 year olds & PreK) is "We believe that the Bible helps us discover what God wants us to be and do." The Bible Verse for February is "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:5.



The Good Samaritan will be the Power Xpress Unit for the Kindergarten – 3rd grade classes in February. The Bible Story Reference is Luke 10:25-37. The Bible Verse is: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Mark 1:17-18. The Main idea is: "Through the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches us to love God and other people. When we follow Jesus' teachings, we show God's love to other people, whether they live close to us or far away."

Covenant Club (4th & 5th grades) will explore the Rock Solid lessons focusing on Jesus and the Disciples with stories of Feeding the 5,000, Peter's Declaration, The Great Commission and the Transfiguration. The hands on activities and worksheets help to emphasize this unit.

Plans are well underway for Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School, June 12-16, 2011. Please circle the dates on your calendar and plan to attend. There is an article in the Media about ways you can volunteer.

The United Methodist Camp Brochures are out, so it is time to begin thinking about camping experiences for all ages.

Thinking about these two warm weather events should help us all get through these cold days!



Peace be with you,
Mary Jane Richardson
Minister of Children's Christian Education

Have you been affected by the most recent job lay-offs, or previous ones?

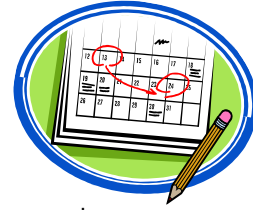
A recently retired member of our church has volunteered her services to help individuals in job/career transitions with resume' building and interview tips. Her



resume' is on file at the church; she had a long career in education, staff/organizational development, career transition, and related topics. It is not job placement. She would be glad to meet on an individual basis here at the church with interested persons. Please talk to Pastor Bill, Pastor Dick, Pastor Laurie, or Joyceann if you would like more information.

1st UMC Youth Ministries Engage!

RENEWAL WORSHIP 5:30 pm Sunday use Duluth entrance.
YOUTH GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAYS—ENGAGE!



1ST UMC YOUTH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

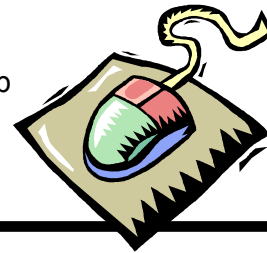
- Feb 2: MS open gym 6:00-6:30 pm. MS meets 6:30-7:30 pm. HS small groups in homes 8:00-9:00 pm (East side HS group meets at the home of Jenna and Cooper Baltzer – 3312 S. Daniel Dr.) (South/West side HS group meets at the home of Austin and Ellie Benson – 6212 S. Doral Tr.)
- Feb 4-5: Revolve Tour retreat for girls in Kansas City. Leave at noon on the 4th. Return late on the 5th. See email for packing list and further info.
- Feb 6: Souper Bowl fundraiser for KIDS AGAINST HUNGER
- Feb 9: MS and HS service night at The Banquet (5:15pm-8pm)
- Feb 16: MS and HS movie night 7:00-??? (no school Thur. & Fri.—more info. to come)
- Feb 23: Speaker night. MS and HS 7:00-8:00 pm. Roosevelt senior Morgan Haffield will share about her mission experience in Africa.

MARCH

- Mar 2: MS open gym 6:00-6:30 pm. MS meet 6:30-7:30 pm. HS small groups in homes 8:00-9:00 pm (locations TBD)
- Mar 4-6: Acquire the Fire Conference in DesMoines. (Deadline to register is Feb. 3rd)
- Mar 9: Service night at Kids Against Hunger. MS serves 6:30-7:30 pm. HS serves 7:30-8:30 pm. **NO OPEN GYM!**
- Mar 11-13: Middle School Rally in Jamestown
- Mar 16: MS open gym 6:00-6:30 pm. MS meets 6:30-7:30 pm. HS open gym 7:30-8:00 pm. HS meets 8:00-9:00 pm.
- Mar 23: Speaker night MS and HS meet together 7:00-8:00 pm. (TBD)
- Mar 30: MS open gym 6:00-6:30 pm. MS meets 6:30-7:30 pm. HS small groups in homes 8:00-9:00 pm (locations TBD)

Stay Connected!

For all the latest news & updates join our facebook group
Search FUMC YOUTH SIOUX FALLS
Contact Mark and Lisa for more information
johnsens@sfumc.org



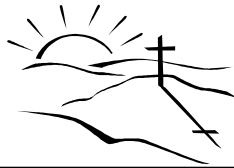
Middle School Rally! The Crossing

Vanilla or Strawberry? Sports or Fine Arts? Math or English?
Right or Wrong? Shades of Gray?

Life in Middle School is filled with so many choices, so many paths to choose from. Join together with Youth from across the Dakotas as we struggle with all of the Crossings before us. The Crossing is not meant to be a super-in-depth faith experience (though for some it becomes one), but rather a positive Christian environment with messages from a speaker, worship, small group experiences for discussion, and plenty of time for fellowship and fun with other youth and adults. Middle School (Grades 6-8)

The Crossing: Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
March 11-13, 2011

**Our church will sponsor 1st UMC Youth, but registration is due Feb. 3rd.
Contact Mark or Lisa!**



Faith, Health & Caring Ministries



GENERIC MEDICATIONS, HERBALS, OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS...

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? ARE THEY SAFE?

There will be a **Health Forum** Sunday, **March 20th** in the Round Table Dining Room from 10am to 11am. Our presenter will be Registered Pharmacist **Bill Ludwig**, Vice President of Lewis Drug Stores. He will address questions such as:

- Are generic prescription medications as good as the brand name prescription medications, and what are the differences?
- Is it important for my physician to know what over-the-counter the drugs or herbals I am taking? Will it interact with my prescription med?
- Does the FDA monitor over-the-counter supplements, vitamins and herbals?
- How do we know if something is made in China?
- If the bottle says it is "natural" does that mean it is safe?
- Are there herbal/over-the-counter medications that are bad for you?
- Are there certain medications that should never be mixed together?
- Does it make a difference what time of the day I should take my medications?
- If you are to take a medication on an empty stomach, is it ok to have coffee or juice?
- What is the difference between: Aspirin, Motrin (ibuprofen) and Tylenol (acetaminophen) and which one should I take?
- Is Vitamin D and Calcium worthwhile taking, and how much?
- Does Vitamin C help colds, or is that a myth?

There will be a question and answer at the end of his presentation for other questions that you may have. We are very fortunate to be able to bend his ear in his very busy practice and have him come to help answer some of the **mysteries of medications**. Mark your calendar now for this great opportunity!



NEW HOURS

I have new work hours, which are now Tuesday and Thursdays from 8am to 5pm. If you need to reach me in between that time, please leave a message at the church office or on my phone. Thank You! Nancy Cutshall, Parish Nurse

MANNA MEALS NEEDS A COORDINATOR

We are looking for a person who feels called to take over this ministry. The coordinator lines up the volunteers for the cooking day in which there is a ready-made list. He or she also does the shopping the day before or gets a volunteer, which takes about 2 ½ hours. We cook the same thing each time so it is easy to shop. The coordinator also helps on the day of the cooking to coordinate the "prep team" and "assemble team". It has averaged out that the meals made are used up about every six months, so this would involve coordination about twice a year. If you have any questions, please contact, Nancy Cutshall, Parish Nurse.



BLOOD PRESSURES: Sunday, February 13 in the Fellowship Hall:
8:45 am to 10:45 am.

YOUTH



Acquire The Fire's "Collision—Mend The Broken" tour is confronting life's collisions head on with a message of hope and restoration to this young generation.

Collisions.

They happen all the time. It's part of our human experience. At some point we all run into something that devastates us. Countless people live in broken families with broken hearts. Everywhere people are used, abused, ridiculed, rejected, ignored, and abandoned. This generation is bombarded with pornography, sex, depression, cutting, suicide and helplessness. These injuries leave permanent scars—*scars that you may never see.*

Restoration.

Young people from coast to coast will hear that God wants to comfort, heal, and put them back together. Although the enemy continues to steal, kill, and destroy, Jesus binds up the broken-hearted, proclaims freedom to the captives, and releases prisoners from the darkness.

We'll address these collisions—pornography, cutting, depression, and brokenness—and *God will restore it!*

Will you be made whole? ***Join us for a trip to Des Moines March 4-5 (leaving at noon on the 4th).***

Our church will sponsor 1st UMC Youth, but registration is due February 3 Contact Mark or Lisa!



U.M.W. Unit Meeting!

Date: February 3 at 11:45 am in the RTD

Hostess: Deborah Circle

Program: Prayer and Self Denial. Please bring your offering to support this mission of love.

Financial Peace University

More info: DaveRamsey.com, ask Mike & Cynthia McConniel or Jo Wahle.

When: **Starting Sunday, Feb. 13th from 6:30-9:00 pm in Room 107**
(Youth Room on lower level).

This is a 13-week commitment, and you must attend (or make up) at least 12 classes to graduate.

Cost:

\$99 per person (married couples may share) – includes kit and lifetime membership plus access to extra online resources during the course of the class. The first class is free, so if you would like to wait to commit, you can pay at the end of that class. We won't order your kit until we have your payment, but we can print the lessons for the first two weeks if need be and you'll get the other cool stuff when it comes in. ***(Scholarships are available if needed).***

Child care will be available at no charge if there are at least two children needing child care.



facebook.

Do you have friends or relatives on Facebook?

Are you wishing you could find your way around Facebook a little better?

Do you know how to keep your computer and your personal information safe?

Jo Wahle will lead two classes to help those who would like to get started using Facebook:

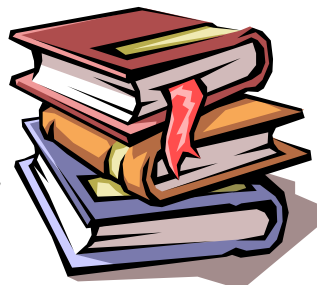
- Facebook 101: Sunday, February 27, 11:00 in the Chapel
- Facebook 102: Sunday, March 6, 11:00 in the Chapel

The first week, we will cover basics of what you can do in Facebook, terminology, and what the various screens are. The second week, we will go into more detail on customizing notifications and privacy settings.

NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Healing Prayer on Holy Ground: A Cardiologist Discovers God's Presence in the Lives of His Patients, by Mark W. Sheehan.

Dr. Sheehan practices medicine in Denver. This book includes patient's stories as well as thoughts on the caring and healing professions. It is a gift item from Arden and June Shields. Visit the library Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, or Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to see this and many other books of interest to those with health concerns.



February Greeters

Listed below are the greeters for February. If you are not able to greet on your assigned date and time please contact the church office to let us know.

February 6

7:50 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Veryl and Kathy Altman Marilyn Moorlach
9:05 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Alan and Marsha Peterson Craig and Sheryl Sletten
11:00 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Lil Stauffacher and Sandy Scholten Keith and Wanda Williamson

February 13

7:50 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Veryl and Kathy Altman Bev Getzin
9:05 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Alan and Marsha Peterson Craig and Sheryl Sletten
11:00 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Dale and Darlene Harris Keith and Wanda Williamson

February 20

7:50 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Veryl and Kathy Altman Bev Getzin
9:05 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Craig and Julie Arends Steve and Mary Johnson
11:00 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Dale and Darlene Harris Sandy Scholten

February 27

7:50 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Veryl and Kathy Altman Bev Getzin
9:05 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Craig and Julie Arends Steve and Mary Johnson
11:00 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Marilyn Moorlach Doug and Shirley Erickson

Our Church Family



Our Sympathy to the families of:

William Baker, Andrew Brenden, Willis Duncan, Kenneth Early, Esther Frier, Morris Gran, Clayton Haak, Edith Herber, Betty Nielsen, Wilma Norton, Darlene Peters, Wilmer Schoenfelder

Marriage:

Rebecca Bennett and Brett Kollars; January 8, 2011

Birth:

Spencer Russell King, son of Josh and Lindsay King

Baptism:

Grant Oliver Geppert, son of Ryan and Gina Geppert

Charlotte Jane Hyde, daughter of David and Stephanie Hyde

Hidden Saints:

- + Thank you to JoElle Benson for her donation for equipment.
- + Thank you to George Niimi for his donation of a carpet shampooer.
- + Thank you to Anna Circle for putting together 20 Birthing Kits for the Ingathering Mission Project.
- + Thank you to the Radio Room/Video Operators and Bus Drivers who volunteer their time and expertise each Sunday morning.

Hospitalized

Sanford-USD Medical Center

Shirley Anderson	Stacey Nelson
Karen Breit	Lorna Poe
Jacqueline Ebright	Andy Schoeberl
Alice Ehrisman	James Tomlinson
Jon Grann	Jane Tomlinson
Marlys Hink	

Avera McKennan

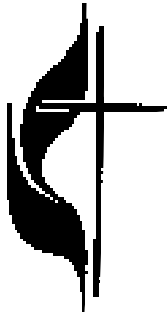
Donna Arends
Verlo Brown
Donna Johnson
Gary Kerf
Jewell Morrow
Marge Seiler
Marilyn Skogstad

VA Medical Center: Vern Kock

Sioux Falls Surgical Hospital: Jan Fode

February 17th Circle Meetings

Anna	Doris Gist	9:30 am
Rachel	Stacey Nelson	9:30 am
Sarah	Friendship Rm	9:30 am
Deborah	Friendship Rm	1:00 pm
Nan(cy)	Friendship Rm	7:00 pm
Rebecca	Fireplace Rm	7:00 pm



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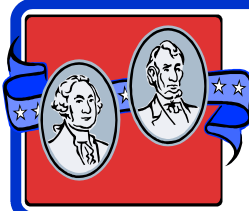
Worship Services

7:50 and 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary
9:05 a.m.—Hosanna Contemporary Service
KELO 1320 AM Radio Broadcast 9:05-9:55

The **S.A.G.E.S.** will meet on Wednesday, February 9, 11:30-1:00, in the Round Table Dining Room. The program will be Homeless and Housing Needs presented by County Human Services. Laurice Iseminger will lead us in devotions. **Please note:** The \$5.00 meal reservation deadline is Monday, Feb. 7, at 4:00 p.m. Please call the church office at 336-3652. *The best sermons are lived, not preached.*



**Wedded Band: February 16 at 1:30 pm
in the Fireplace Room**



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Presidents Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 21 due to the Presidents Day holiday. Committee meetings will be held that evening.

**The March Media will be mailed February 23rd.
The deadline to have something included is February 10th.**