

the Media

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February Office Closings

- Monday, February 20, due to the Presidents Day holiday.

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Lent calls on us to look at our 'Spiritual Health'

Within the Christian Church Lent is understood as a time of reflection and evaluation of ones spiritual life. I am glad we have a season in the church when we are called to look at our spiritual health. Our "Natural Church Development" challenge for the coming year is to continue our strengthening of our "Passionate Spirituality" individually and corporately.

I don't know about you, but I found myself asking, again, some questions about Passionate Spirituality. How is it defined? How do we interpret it? How do we know if we have it or not?

Now I think I have a fairly good grasp of the meaning of Spirituality, but when the word "passionate" is added to it, I am not as sure of the meaning. So I looked up "passionate" in the dictionary and this is part of what I found:

- *Capable of, affected by or expressing intense feelings. Enthusiasm.*
- *Level of excitement about a hobby, sports*



REV. DICK BOYD

Associate Pastor
First United Methodist Church

team, or activity.

As I write this, I think about the crowds at football games, yea Tebow, they are enthused. As for me, if you want to see enthusiasm just ask me about my grandchildren. Passion shows in those areas of life that excite us.

How does this apply to church? In one of NCD's pamphlets, they define a "Passionate Church" as: **"A church that lives its faith with passionate fervor."**

The church is all of us, therefore, part of the equation of a spiritually alive church is how it is with our individual spiritual lives. If we are tired and dreary and unenthused about our faith, that finds its way into this part of the Body of Christ known as First UMC in Sioux Falls, SD. But the op-

posite of this is also true. If we are excited about our faith and our church, that also is seen and felt within this part of Christ's body.

Our spirits are fed and nourished through worship, prayer, Bible Study, fellowship, etc. Then we live it out in our daily lives. When we really do this those around us can tell. This is simplistic, but when we live out of a "What would Jesus do?" mentality people really do notice. When this begins to happen, a church comes alive. We begin not only to be hearers of the word, but doers as well. (James 1:22)

As I think about our church, I already see "Passionate Spirituality" displayed in people's lives.



Lenten events help prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ

As the season of Lent prepares our hearts for the promise of resurrection and eternal life, we begin with Holy Communion.



The Ash Wednesday Communion Service will be at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary on February 22. Imposition of ashes will conclude the service.

Wednesday Evening Wesley Life Groups: Throughout the Lenten Season there will be Wesley Life Groups beginning in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m.

The study will be using the Bishop Robert Schnase study *Forty Days of Fruitful Living* and will be introduced at the Ash Wednesday service. Books will be available for the first week's reading.

Palm Sunday Cantata: First UMC will be hosting the 6th annual Palm Sunday

Cantata concert on April 1, at 4 p.m.

The event is presented by the combined choirs and an orchestra of the United Methodist Churches in the Sioux Falls area. The cantata, "We Were There" by Pepper Choplin, will be directed by Dr. Lisa Grevlos.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service: April 5, at 7 p.m. in Sanctuary.

Good Friday Service: April 6 at 7 p.m. in Sanctuary.

Lenten Wesley Life Groups study 'Forty Days of Fruitful Living' by Bishop Robert Schnase

One of First Church's continuing focuses in improving our Passionate Spirituality is to support and enrich our spiritual journeys by establishing deeper relationships with God and with each other.

Maybe you have not been part of one of Wesley Life Group experiences during the last few years. This is your chance to jump in.

We are organizing our Lenten Wesley Life Groups to engage in a five-week small group study of "*Forty Days of Fruitful Living*," written by Bishop Robert Schnase. (\$8) Based on *Five Practices of Fruitful Living which we used last Lent*, this is a Lenten study which guides us through daily readings designed to inspire and encourage. *Forty Days of Fruitful Living* will help

cultivate the essential practices of a life lived in grace - to receive God's love, to love God in return, to grow in Christ, to serve others, and to give back.

The study will be introduced at the Ash Wednesday service on February 22, and books will be available for the first week's reading.

The study will be presented in a format similar to what we enjoyed in previous Wesley Life Groups. Each week we will hear a short message from Pastor Bill introducing the topic from the book. Then we will break into small groups - Wesley Life Groups - to discuss that week's topic. The Ash Wednesday service and Wesley Life Groups will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning February 22, and going through

March 28. There will be no Wesley Life Group during Holy Week.

Sign-ups for the Wesley Life Groups will be available soon. This is a great opportunity for each of us to

strengthen existing relationships and make new ones with members of our church family.

We look forward to you being a part of this experience!

PASTORS MEDITATION: Lent a time for reflection, growth

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I see it in our corporate life as we try new ways to reach beyond ourselves such as: Being intentional about inviting people in the neighborhood around the church to activities and events in the life of our church. I see it in the growth of our "mission mindedness." I see it in how we finished our year with all our obligations met.

To me, this new mini-

mal factor challenges us to continue to provide opportunities for individual growth and development as Disciples of Jesus Christ and opportunities for us to "serve." Actually, the Bible strongly suggests that serving others and spiritual health and growth are linked to each other.

My hope is that this season of reflection/evaluation will lead us to a fresh commitment to grow and to serve.

FEBRUARY 22
Ash Wednesday
Communion
Service, 6 p.m.

APRIL 1
Palm Sunday
Cantata, 4 p.m.

APRIL 5
Maundy Thursday
Communion
Service, 7 p.m.

APRIL 6
Good Friday
Service, 7 p.m.



• CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children learn God's way through Bible stories, hands on activities

2 Year Old Room: 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.

3 & 4 Year Old Rooms: Stories Jesus told is the B.I.G. theme for February and the Bible verse is: "Teach me your way O Lord." Psalm 27:11. The stories covered this month are The Talents, The Good Samaritan, Lost and Found and the Rich Fool. The DVD message will help make the lesson each come to life.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: Jesus and the Children is the Power Xpress



MARY JANE RICHARDSON

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unit for February. The children will have the opportunity to hear the story of Jesus welcoming the children and see that we are all, young or old, children of God. The Bible verse is: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14.

3rd Grade Room: We believe that the stories Jesus told help us know how to live is February's B.I.G. Idea. The 3rd graders are continuing to learn more about their Bibles as they explore the

stories of The Talents, The Good Samaritan, Lost and Found and The Rich Fool.

Covenant Club: The Power of Prayer will be the Covenant Club unit for February. They will gain an understanding of prayer through the science of electricity; realizing prayer is a two way connection with God. They will study examples of prayers from the Bible and explore several practical prayer models that will strengthen their faith.

Children's Church: Using the curriculum All in One Bible Fun, we will cover the

stories of Jesus' ministry including By the Sea, On the Hillside, Through the Roof and With His Friends. We have Children's Church for preschool and grade school children during the 11 a.m. worship service. The lessons for this are different from Sunday School which is held at 9:30 a.m.

Disciples in Training and Bible Zone Live: Our Wednesday night programming will continue for our preschoolers and the grade schoolers from 6-7:30 p.m. At Jesus' Feet is the curriculum that we will be using for these groups. The stories that will be explored in February are Shine Your Light, Forgiving Father and the Farmer and the Seed. We have age appropriate activities planned to help the children learn more about the teachings of Jesus.

• NEWS BRIEFS

Camp Sunday to take place on February 26

We are going to celebrate camping in the Dakota Conference on Sunday, February 26.

We will have information about camps for all ages that

day and will be encouraging people to register for camps.

Children's Choir, April 21

The Children's Choir will be presenting "The American Ideal" on Saturday, April 21, at 6 p.m. in the

Sanctuary. Watch for more information coming soon!

Scouting Sunday on February 12

We are celebrating Scouting Sunday this year on February 12. 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 by calling her at 336-3652 or at richardsonmj@sfumc.org.

FEBRUARY 12
Scouting Sunday,
Honoring Boy
and Girl Scouts
and adult leaders

FEBRUARY 26
Camp
Registration
Sunday

APRIL 21
Children's Choir
presents "The
American Ideal,"
6 p.m.



• CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Shake it Up Café Vacation Bible School, June 10-12

Circle the dates of June 10-14, 2012, on your calendar for Shake it Up Café Vacation Bible School. We will begin the afternoon of June 10, and conclude on June 14.

Again this year on Monday – Thursday, we will meet in the morning only, with a music camp for the grade school children in the afternoon. We will be learning the musical “God of This



City” and presenting it the evening of June 14.

The program on Thursday will be preceded by a picnic supper for children and families around 5 p.m.

As you begin to make your summer plans, please put these dates on your calendar.

Our next VBS planning meeting is February 29, at 7:15 p.m., we really need some more planning team members to make Shake it Up Café happen this year. There are also going to be a lot of short term opportunities for volunteers this year. Stay tuned for more information.

Library sponsoring workshop on spiritual autobiography

Have you ever wished that you could write your own life story — or at least a small part of it? Would you like to be able to put your faith journey into words, and be part of a group of others who are trying to do the same thing?

The FUMC Library is sponsoring a four-session workshop on spiritual autobiography led by librarian Nancy Veglahn and based on the book *Telling Memories* by Robert Merriam. The group will meet on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-2:30 p.m., March 13-April 3. The number of participants will be limited, so let us know of your interest by signing up in the church office or the library.

“All theology, like all fiction, is at its heart autobiography ...”

— Frederick Buechner

It's another Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 21

The Chancel Choir invites you to come and fill yourself with pancakes (and various toppings), sausage, juice, and coffee on Tuesday, February 21. We will be serving from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be musical entertainment dur-

ing the serving hours.

Ticket costs are Adults: \$5.00; Children 4 to 12: \$3.00; and Children 3 and under: FREE! (We have not raised ticket prices.)

You may purchase tickets in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, 2/13

and 2/20. Tickets may also be purchased from a choir member, from the church office during the week, or at the door. Come and celebrate the season with us.

All proceeds go to the local Feeding South Dakota project.

Wednesday Night Suppers provide weekly fellowship opportunities for everyone

Wednesday night suppers continue to be a source of fun and fellowship as well as a meal. We serve supper in the Round Table Dining Room from 5-6:15 p.m. every Wednesday evening.

We invite you to join us before Wednesday night activities or just come for the food and fellowship! This is a great way to see people you might not see on Sunday mornings.

We have openings for groups or individuals to serve, so let Mary Jane know if you are interested. Please call the church office at 336-3652 or e-mail at richardsonmj@sfumc.org.

Due to the winter break for the Sioux Falls schools, we will not serve supper on February 15, but will resume on February 22, with our annual Baked Potato Bar prior to Ash Wednesday services.

FEBRUARY 21
Shrove Sunday
Pancake Supper,
4:30-6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 29
Vacation Bible
School Planning
Meeting,
7:15 p.m.

MARCH 13
Library begins
Spiritual
Autobiography
workshop

JUNE 10-12
Shake It Up Café
Vacation Bible
School



'Reel' Faith looks at racism and human kindness in 'The Help' on February 12

Please join us in watching "The Help" and talking about its values and themes from a Christian perspective on Sunday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room.

"The Help" takes us back to a time when racism was overt. Jackson, Mississippi, is a typical southern city of the

time. The white middle class households had maids. These maids cleaned, shopped, cooked, cared for the children, and most importantly, knew their place. The story revolves around two groups of women: the young white society women, and the maids who work at their

houses everyday. Those society ladies were likely raised by these same maids, now they employ them and treat them with disdain.

When one of the old society crowd, Skeeter (Emma Stone), a budding writer, comes home from college, she begins to interview the

maids about what it's like to have that job and becomes the catalyst for change.

Perhaps the best movie of last year, "The Help" is a timeless, universal and triumphant story about the ability to create change.

Feel free to bring pot luck snacks.

Registration now open for Lay Ministry Training and retreat in Black Hills, Feb. 17-19

The Rushmore Area Lay Ministry Team is offering Lay Ministry Courses and a RETREAT time with fellowship, rest, and fun on February 17-19 at the Storm Mountain Center in the Beautiful Black

Hills of South Dakota! Pastor John McKnight Jr. will lead the Basic Class. Pastor Paul Smith will lead the Advanced Course: "Go Preach" (qualifies as a preaching class) and Pastor

Doug Diehl will lead the Advanced Course: "Lay Pastoral Care."

For more information, contact Myrnaloy Smith at 605-342-0479 or msmail@rushmore.com or Bonnie

Carlson at 605-996-6552 or bonnie.carlson@dakota-sumc.org

Remember to bring a sleeping bag, towels and soap if you plan on staying overnight!

Please register me for the Lay Training Event to be held at the Storm Mountain Center:

BASIC ADVANCED (Go Preach) ADVANCED (Lay Pastoral Care)

NAME: _____

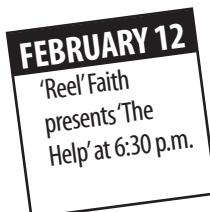
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE: _____ CHURCH _____

E-MAIL: _____

Registration Fee for all classes is	\$25.00	_____	plus one of the following for meals /lodging
Feb 17-19 Full Time	\$82.00	_____	2 nights & 5 meals
Feb 17-18 (Fri night & Sat day only)	\$46.00	_____	add supper total \$56.00
If staying for just meals Cost is	\$10.00	_____	each meal
Total:	\$	_____	

Return registration by **FEBRUARY 1** to: Bonnie Carlson, PO Box 460, Mitchell SD 57301
(Make checks payable to Dakotas Conference)





Health Forum: What is an AED (automated external defibrillator)?

February is American Heart Month. We would like for you to gain the skills and knowledge for you to be comfortable with handling and using an AED. An AED is a life saving tool that delivers a shock to someone who has a sudden cardiac arrest, or collapses.

On **Sunday, February 12**, in the **Fellowship Hall, from 8:45-11 a.m.**, we will have a demo AED machine that we borrowed from Sanford Health for you to stop by to look at it, touch it, and “play” with it to become familiar and comfortable.

We have our own AED here in the building located near the church office in the East hall. It is in a white box with a sign hanging above it that says “AED” in red letters. The teens through the elder age should know how



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to use it.

You can do no harm with an AED, and so we want you to feel comfortable should you need to use it someday on a stranger or a loved one. A shock from a defibrillator is the only effective way to restart a heart. You can't predict when sudden cardiac arrest will strike, but you can be ready. Today these simple to operate automated devices are being used in airports, schools, softball fields, and places of worship. AED's have, in many cases, significantly increased survival.

The American Heart Association states that for every minute that passes following the onset of cardiac arrest, a patient's chance of survival decreases by 10 percent. A shock from an AED can help make all the difference.

Also, please mark you calendars for re-certification of AED and CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) that will be held here on Tuesday, April 24, at 10:30 a.m. for staff and those who cannot make it to the evening class. The evening class will be held on Thursday, April

26, at 6:30 p.m. This is a free service to all members of the First United Methodist Church.

Blood Pressures will be taken Sunday, February 12, from 8:45-11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Manna Meals: The manna meal freezer is full again thanks to Judy Hoff and a group of volunteers who put the casseroles together.

What are Manna Meals? They are frozen casseroles for you to distribute to members or non-members of the church who have had a baby, illness or death, or just a “down in the dumps” situation.

The casserole has the cooking directions on it, listing of ingredients, and a prayer for the recipient. Every member has the opportunity to take part in this neat ministry.

S.A.G.E.S. Feb. 8 program to focus on Black History in South Dakota

The S.A.G.E.S. will meet on Wednesday February 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Round Table Dining Room.

“Black History in S.D.” will be presented by Carl Teer, President of the S.D. African-American History

Museum. Laurie Iseminger will lead us in devotions.

Please Note that the \$5 meal reservation deadline is Monday, February 6, at 4 p.m. Please call the church office at 336-3652.

Please feel free to invite a friend.

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FEBRUARY 8

S.A.G.E.S. meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12

AED Health Demonstration, 8:45 a.m.

FEBRUARY 12

Blood Pressures being taken from 8:45-11 a.m.



Ingathering chosen as February Mission of the Month

The Ingathering team is continuing its ongoing efforts to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, which is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the larger United Methodist Church.

UMCOR is currently present in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Its mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering, whether caused by war or conflict, or natural disasters, with open hearts and minds to all people. Ingathering is the Dakotas Conference event held annually every autumn to collect UMCOR disaster

kits and monies for mission causes, including hunger.

Our FUMC Ingathering group will be serving the Ash Wednesday night supper on February 22, 2012 in the Round Table Dining Room, with a free will donation for Ingathering fundraising. Watch for more details in the upcoming bulletin announcements.

Other ways you can continue to support the work of Ingathering, include purchasing and donating items listed on the UMCOR lists (in the information kiosk on the north side of the Welcome Center), knitting or crocheting baby sweaters for the layettes, looking for sturdy fabric to donate,

and/or making cloth school bags for the school kits, or shopping and/or cutting/hemming flannel for the layettes' receiving blankets. We can always use more donations of hand towels and sturdy combs for the health kits, and more cloth diapers and sleepers for the baby layettes. Occasionally, there are school kit items on sale this time of the year with seasonal tax preparation promotions.

We always welcome more people to be involved with the group to help assemble kits, and help in many ways with our fund-raising activities, and other organizational details. If interested, please call Jeri at the church

office at 336-3652.

Monetary gifts to the Mission of the Month for February, will be used for purchasing UMCOR kit supplies to complete total kits, and/or also will be used for the hunger projects of the Dakotas Conference of the UMC, including United Methodist Advance Specials for various hunger needs, and hunger projects in our own area, such as The Banquet in Sioux Falls, and other local projects in places such as Pierre, Rapid City, and Bismarck. As always, this should be your second-mile giving; and is in addition to your giving to fulfill your pledge to the general budget of FUMC.

February 2 U.M.W. Unit Meeting to focus on Goal Setting

The U.M.W. Unit Meeting will be held on February 2, at 11:45 a.m. in the Round Table Dining Room.

The meeting will be hosted by the Deborah Circle.

The program will be led by Karla Archer and Ardeth Rang and will focus on Goal Setting. Also Church Librarian, Nancy Veglahn, will talk about

the Library and the U.M.W. Reading Program.

The Executive Board will

meet prior to the meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Memorial Room.

February 16 Circle Meetings		
Anna	Marion Manning	9:30 a.m.
Rachel	Jan Fode	9:30 a.m.
Sarah	Friendship Room	9:30 a.m.
Deborah	Friendship Room	1 p.m.
Nan(cy)	Friendship Room	6:30 p.m.
Rebecca	Fireplace Room	7 p.m.

All February Media Articles Are Due By **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22.**

The Media Will Be Mailed On **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29.**

FEBRUARY 2
U.M.W. Unit meeting,
11:45 a.m.

FEBRUARY 16
Circles Meet

FEBRUARY 22
Media Articles Due



2011 Shoebox Christmas was a great success, delivered 4,561 gifts

Shoebbox Christmas 2011 was a great success. A total of 4,562 gifts were delivered to five reservations in the Dakotas. The children of these reservations were very grateful for the gifts they received from the loving people from all across the United States. Mike Flowers, Co-Director of Spirit Lake Center states, "Libby and I would like to thank you for your support of this VERY worthwhile program."

Here is a thank you note from Social Services on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation.

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I want to thank you and your group once again for making so many families in our area happy and hopeful during this Christmas season. I wish you could see the faces of the families that were helped when they came into our office to receive gifts for their children.

A grandfather, who just received custody of his four grandchildren and didn't have the money to buy them gifts as he receives a small disability check, was stunned when we offered him a gift for each one of his grandchildren. He was so grateful that he sent a Christmas card to our office expressing his



gratitude and offering prayers to all who helped him and his grandchildren. He lives in a simple two-bedroom house, but he made room for his grandchildren, he sleeps on a small sofa in his little living room. He says he doesn't mind because he loves his grandchildren and wants to keep them so they do not end up with strangers. He prays every day for his son and his daughter in law both lost to drugs and alcohol to find strength and courage to find the path back to their children. But until that happens he gladly accepts the responsibility to keep them safe and loved in his home.

Young women who were sanctioned from their Welfare and did not have any money to even purchase Pampers for their babies, came in and were grateful for

the gifts they received. They each took articles of clothing from the many bags that were donated for their children and themselves. They were so thankful and many left with tears in their eyes and warm smiles, as they said "There are angels living among us. Tell them thank you for all that they have done."

The coats were brought to our elders at the retirement home. So many of them live on fixed budgets and so many of them in need of warm coats. We placed them on tables in the common area. People came out of their little apartments to see what was happening. Many elders with smiles and gleaming eyes looked over the coats and selected one for themselves and for others who were in need of a warm coat this winter. They thanked us

as we left.

A young father came in who is a seasonal worker, had been taking care of his children and came in to ask for presents for his three young ones. He told me that he was living in an old trailer but he had patched it up for the winter. He hadn't worked since the construction season was over and he was waiting for his unemployment check and he was worried it wouldn't make it in time for Christmas. The mother of the children passed away last summer from cancer. He told me that his mother helps him with his children, but they wanted a place of their own. So he bought the old trailer house from a cousin and began fixing it up so it was warm before the children could come and live with him. He was just getting started all over again. He was a victim of the Minot flood and lost his rental house.

All the shoebbox gifts were given out. Thank you for your generosity and all that you have done to lift some of the burden off our families during such a joyous time but also a time when people are in need.

May God Bless all of you.
— Social Services Turtle Mountain Chippewa





• OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sympathy to the families of: Monica Krenz, Dr. Curtis Mark, Bill Meyer, Eileen Miller, Sylvin "Syl" Schetnan

Marriage: Allison (Koenig) and Ryan Quincey

Baptisms: Beckett William Costello (son of Jeff and Emily Costello), Bryson Howard Schroeder (son of Brock and Becky Schroeder)

Hidden Saints:

- Thanks to all who helped make the Live Nativity/Streets of Bethlehem such a great success. Over 500 people visited the various activities throughout the evening, the majority of which were not from our congregation. From those who did prep work, helped set up and tear down the marketplace, donated desserts and bread and worked the event, we couldn't have done it without the congregation's support and participation. Special thanks to our Marketing Committee for the great publicity!

Hospitalized:

Avera McKennan

Mary Fitzlaff
Emerita McEvoy

Sanford

Jon Grann
Brayden Huffer

Pam Lingo

Eleanor Ream
Cynette Wipf

Jordan Hospital

Delores Dawley

Jessica Kramer
Tracy Lemme

Congratulations to Donald Jensen!

On Saturday, January 14, Don was installed as Potentate of the El Riad Shrine. What this means is that after an 8-9 year process of going through various offices within the El Riad Shrine, Donald will now become the President (Leader) of over 1,700+ El Riad Shriners for the next year. This is a huge, well-deserved honor for Donald and we congratulate you on this accomplishment!

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• ATTENDANCE REPORT

1/1/12 - 202 (only one service) 1/15/12 - 475
1/8/12 - 454 1/22/12 - 378

2012 Year to Date Average: 377

• FINANCIAL REPORT

Income Received Through 1/23/12..... \$61,975
Expenses through 1/23/12 \$59,985
Balance as of 1/23/12 \$1,990
Ministry Income received through 1/23/12 \$50,718
Capital Income received through 1/23/12 \$3,780

*We ended the 2011 calendar year with an extra \$25,293 to carry over to the 2012 budget year.

• FEBRUARY GREETERS

February 5, 2012

8:00 a.m. Office Door Veryl and Kathy Altman
Sanctuary Door Marilyn Moorlach
Duluth Door George Niimi
9:30 a.m. Office Door Sandy Nance
Sanctuary Door Craig and Sheryl Sletten
11:00 a.m. Office Door Jill Callison
Sanctuary Door Don Veglahn

February 12, 2012

8:00 a.m. Office Door Veryl and Kathy Altman
Sanctuary Door Bev Getzin
Duluth Door George Niimi
9:30 a.m. Office Door Sandy Nance
Sanctuary Door Craig and Sheryl Sletten
11:00 a.m. Office Door Marilyn Moorlach
Sanctuary Door Don Veglahn

February 19, 2012

8:00 a.m. Office Door Arlene Kersnak
Sanctuary Door Bev Getzin
Duluth Door George Niimi
9:30 a.m. Office Door Jeff and Rachele Stricherz
Sanctuary Door Brian and Patti Moberly
11:00 a.m. Office Door Jim and Michelle Olivier
Sanctuary Door Don Veglahn

February 26, 2012

8:00 a.m. Office Door Marilyn Moorlach
Sanctuary Door Bev Getzin
Duluth Door George Niimi
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Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir to perform at FUMC, Feb. 11, 12

On Saturday, February 11, and Sunday, February 12, First United Methodist Church will have as our guests the University Choir from Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The choir will be on the final stretch of an extended tour which has performances in Nebraska, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

On Friday February 10, the University Choir will be featured at the American Choral Directors Association regional convention held in Madison, Wisconsin. Performance at this convention is by invitation. Choirs submit audition tapes and the application

process is extensive with the finest choirs from the North Central region being invited to perform.

The choir is under the direction of William A. Wyman.

The choir will perform a concert in our sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, and will participate in our church services on Sunday, February 12. They will return home to Nebraska Wesleyan University following their participation in the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday services.

There is no charge for the Saturday evening concert, but a free-will offering will be collected during the intermission. After each service (9:30 and 11 a.m.) choir members will be at

Nebraska Wesleyan Choir – Host Sign Up

I would be willing to host singers from the Nebraska Wesleyan Choir on Saturday evening February 11.

Responsibilities:

- Following the Saturday evening concert meet students and take them home for the night.
- Provide room, bed, bathroom access.
- Give the students a light breakfast in the morning and return them to the church for participation in Sunday services. (9:30 and 11:00)
- One bed for two students

If you are interested in hosting singers, please e-mail Kelby Fode at kjfode@knology.net. Include your name and contact number as well as the number of students you could host.

the back of the church to collect a love offering.

There will be a need to provide guest rooms for the singers on the evening of February 11. Information concerning

host responsibilities will be available with a sign up form.

Put the date on your calendar. You won't want to miss this wonderful choral performance.