

The MEDIA

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From the Pastor's Desk...

I was visiting with someone the other day in a counseling setting who said, "Why does everything always happen to me?" That person was not talking about being overwhelmed by good stuff. My guess is that all of us have said that at some time or another. We have a tendency to think that we are the only people who have ever failed, the only people who have ever been hurt, the only people who have experienced loss. The truth of the matter is that trouble is a big part of being human. Everybody strikes out sometimes. Everybody gets hurt sometimes. We need to keep our perspective about life and not cave in when life sends us unexpected curves.

Football is barely over, but I'm already thinking baseball. We are told that the great baseball player Babe Ruth had one of the greatest attitudes on life's ups and downs. We remember that he was baseball's greatest home run hitter for so many years. We forget that he also led the major leagues in strikeouts until just a few years ago. Grantland Rice once interviewed Babe Ruth.

"Babe," he asked, "what do you do when you get into a batting slump?" Babe replied: "I just keep goin' up there and keep swinging at 'em. I know the old law of averages will hold good for me the same as it does for anybody else, if I keep havin' my healthy swings. If I strike out two or three times in a game or fail to get a hit for a week, why should I worry? Let the pitchers worry! They're the guys who're gonna suffer later on."

I like that. Hang in there and keep swinging. The law of averages will start working for you. Everybody has slumps, but that doesn't mean that the game is over.

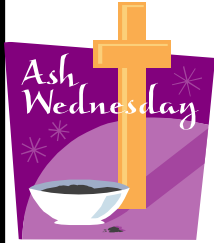
If you are convinced there is no hope for you, then probably there is not. If you are convinced that you are a failure, that you life is worthless, that you will never amount to anything...then you will probably live up to...or down to...your expectations. People usually do. If, on the other hand, you believe that God is with you...that you are God's child and that, therefore, all things are possible by God's grace, then good things are going to happen in your life.

"But this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:13b-14

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bill



Holy Week and Easter Worship Services



Ash Wednesday

6:45 p.m. Worship with imposition of the ashes and Communion

Lenten Study, March 16 through April 20
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Palm Sunday, April 17

Worship Services: 7:50, 9:05, & 11 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Combined United Methodist Church
Choir Cantata "In His Own Words" at Brandon
Celebration United Methodist Church



Holy Thursday, April 21

7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion



Good Friday, April 22

7:00 p.m. Worship Service; Drama:
The Longest Night

Easter Sunday, April 24

7:50 a.m. Youth-Led Worship Service
(with Holy Communion)
Hosanna 9:05 a.m. and Traditional 11
a.m. Worship Services (with
"Hallelujah Chorus" and brass)



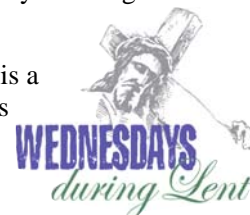
Lenten Services — Wesley Life Groups

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

We are organizing our Lenten Wesley Life Groups to engage in a six-week small group study of "five Practices of Fruitful Living," written by Bishop Robert Schnase. (\$10) The study will be introduced at the Ash Wednesday service on March 9th and books will be available for the first week's reading.

After that 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 services and Wesley Life Groups will be held from 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Wednesdays beginning March 16th through April 20th during Holy Week. We are also hoping to have at least one group meet on Sunday mornings during Lent.

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!





SPOTLIGHT ON CHILDREN'S NEWS

The 2 year old class will learn that Jesus calls us to follow him and practice telling their friends and family about Jesus in the unit called "Jesus Said Follow Me". The Bible verse is "Jesus said to them, Follow me." Mark 1:17. There are many hands on activities planned. The children will continue to bring home the picture cards to help continue the lessons at home.

The B.I.G. idea for LIVE B.I.G. classes (3 year olds & PreK) is "We believe that God promises to be with us always." The Bible Verse for March is "The Lord All-Powerful is with us." Psalm 46:7a.

They will learn more about the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Jacob's Ladder, Joseph Goes to Egypt and Psalm 23.

Bible Teachings will be the Power Xpress Unit for the Kindergarten through 3rd grade classes in March. The Bible Story References are



Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 5:1-12 and 22:37-39. The Bible Verse is: "Hear of Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:4-5. The Main idea is: "The Bible is the special

book of our faith and contains God's teachings that help us know how God wants us to live."

Covenant Club (4th & 5th grades) will explore the Rock Solid lessons focusing on The Road to Jerusalem including stories about Raising of Lazarus, Blind Bartimaeus, Jesus' Feet Anointed and Palm Sunday. The hands on activities and worksheets help to emphasize this unit. They have been busy making items for the Youth to take to Haiti.

During Lent Bible Zone Live will complete lessons from the 5 Practices for Children; this is the companion book to Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, which is being used in the Wesley Life groups. I was excited to find this book geared to children to provide a complete look at the 5 practices of Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development and Risk-Taking Mission and Service.

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. Look for the camping article in this Media.

As we move into Lent, it can be a time to become more intentional about our Spiritual Disciplines and helping our children in their Spiritual Formation. Instead of giving up something for Lent, maybe this year Lent might be a time to begin the habit of one of the Spiritual Disciplines.



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

1st UM Youth Ministries Engage!

YOUTH GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAYS—ENGAGE!



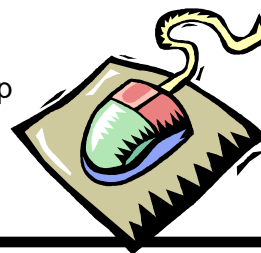
1ST UMC YOUTH CALENDAR

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 4-5: Acquire the Fire Conference in DesMoines.
- 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



You are invited to a SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
serving from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall of 1st United Methodist Church
401 South Spring Ave. - Sioux Falls, SD - (605) 336-3652

ADULTS: \$5; KIDS 4-12: \$3; KIDS 3 & UNDER: FREE

You may purchase tickets Sunday morning, 02/27 and
03/06, at the door, or at the main church office
during the week beginning 02/28.

(Prices have NOT been raised!)

Musical entertainment provided during serving hours.



U.M.W. Unit Meeting!

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

Hostesses: Anna Circle

Program: School of Missions Study-Sudan

Executive Board Meeting @ 10:30 in Memorial Rm

“REEL” FAITH

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



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

"Conviction" is the inspirational true story of a sister's unwavering devotion to her brother. When Betty Anne Waters' (two-time Academy® Award winner Hilary Swank) older brother Kenny (Sam Rockwell) is arrested for murder and sentenced to life in 1983, Betty Anne, a Massachusetts wife and mother of two, dedicates her life to overturning the murder conviction. It's a story of unconditional love and the pursuit of the truth.

Join us for "**Conviction**"

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



2011 BUS MINISTRY TRIP UPDATES

The March 6 bus ministry trip to see "THE ODD COUPLE" in Sioux Falls has been cancelled.

Sunday, April 10, Pipestone, MN: The spring concert by the Opland Singers. We will attend the 3:00 PM matinee that day followed by dinner at the Calumet Inn across the street. This performance by the Opland Singers has become a tradition for so many of us. Those of you who have never attended one of their concerts, join us and we will make a believer out of you, too. The cost is dependent upon how many sign up to attend. The fees covers the bus, the show, the driver's tip, and the meal. We will leave the church at 1:30 PM. Deadline to register is March 27 – then we can figure out the cost.

Thursday, May 19, Worthing, SD: Olde Towne Dinner Theatre "The Foreigner." This play is not only wildly funny but it also glows with good-hearted innocence. It demonstrates what can happen when a group of devious characters must deal with a stranger who (they think) knows no English. It will be a delightful evening at the theater and including the delicious dinner served prior to the show. The cost is \$32. per person and we will carpool – leaving the church at 5:45 PM. The deadline to pay is May 12th.

Tuesday-Friday, May 3-6, Pella, IA: Attend the Annual Tulip Festival traveling with Southwest Tour and Travel. If you wish to join with others and journey to Pella, call Connie Vander Poel of SWT&T at 1-800-669-1309 and she will tell you everything you want to know.

June: We have some calls out for information about attending a play at the Okoboji Summer Playhouse. Keep watch for more news about this adventure.

Sunday, July 17, Minneapolis, MN: The Twins vs. Kansas City—baseball at it's best! This trip is already filled—with a waiting list! Please let us know if you still want to attend as we may try to get another group going if there is enough interest.

As always, these trips are open to all ages.

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

Our Church Family



Our Sympathy to the families of:

Helen Fabert, Kelli Manz, Donald Morris, Darlene Peters, Erling Thompson, Jodean Trudy, Rev. James Vos

Births:

Addison Christine, daughter of Elizabeth Linder and Brian Johnson.

Baptism:

Ainsley Elizabeth Olson, daughter of Drake and Colleen Olson.

Mina Corine Salmen, daughter of Brandon and Latanda Salmen.

Hidden Saints:

- † Thank you to Brian Jans and Sean Ervin for helping on the new nursery.
- † Thank you to Bill Schepeler for building shelves for the new nursery.
- † Thank you to Dayne Schott, Bob Harmon, Steve Stauffacher, Thad Schetnan, Andy Schoeberl, Arden and June Shields for working on building projects.
- † Thank you to Dennis Green and Arden Shields for work on a pew.
- † Thank you to Al Arndt and Nyle Heesch for donating file cabinets for the Kidstop program.
- † Thank you to Jim Weixel for spraying de-icer fluid on the parking lots.
- † Thank you to Gene and Nicole Lebahn for painting the bookcases and other shelving units that were moved to the new nursery. They look entirely different with a fresh coat of paint.
- † Thank you to the Nursery Team of Paula Dean, Stacey Jans and Nicole Lebahn for their work on designing the new nursery.

Hospitalized

Sanford-USD Medical Center

Charles Benson
Gary Colwill
Alice Ehrisman
Roberta Engel
Edith Evans
Bev Halbritter

Sydney Heins
Sandra Lauck
Donald Lehman
Robert Rae
Nancy Veglahn

Avera McKennan

Phyllis Ambroz
Elizabeth Linder
Cleo Nichol
Dennis Smith
Warren Walsh
Keith Williamson

Avera Heart Hospital: Warren Walsh

Rochester Mayo; St. Mary's Hospital: Donnell Rosenberg

Rochester Mayo; Rochester Methodist Hospital: Nancy Veglahn





SECOND ANNUAL PASSIONATE PANCAKE EVENT APRIL 9, 2011

Put our big budget fundraising event on your calendars NOW and come for a menu of pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee; come for fellowship; and come for the big silent auction on **Saturday morning, April 9, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$6 for adults, children 5 and under free. The Finance and Stewardship Committees are organizing the event and all church members are being called upon to become involved and support the effort by working a shift, selling or purchasing tickets, and bringing or purchasing goods for the silent auction. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Ministry areas will again be able to raise extra funds for their favorite programs by writing their ministry on the back of the tickets. Half the amount will go back into the named ministry and the other half will go into the church budget. We're all winners!!! Chef Tominique (Tom Stritecky) will be present so invite your friends and relatives so we can make this event even bigger and better than last year!

Vacation Bible School Galactic Blast Needs You!



On January 24th the Vacation Bible School Team issued a challenge to all work areas, ministry teams and other interested people to design and install decorations for Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School. The group that comes up with the best decorations will win a trophy and we will bring treats to your next meeting. The good news is that we have 2 groups that have taken us up on the challenge, but there is room for plenty more groups. We have ideas, but this is your opportunity to get those creative juices flowing! If you are interested in helping with the decorations, please see Mary Jane and we will get you entered into our decorating challenge.

Included in this Media is an updated 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 program 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**

It's cold and snowy outside, but inside there are mission minded people already thinking and doing projects for the In-gathering efforts. Lots of flannel blankets have been made for the layette kits and the birthing kits. Some shopping has been done, especially for assorted items for health and layette kits.



A big thanks to everyone's generosity for the Mission of the Month effort in February for Ingathering endeavors. Coming up soon, on Wednesday evening, March 9, 2011 will be our annual Ash Wednesday supper in the Round Table Dining Room before the Ash Wednesday service. We will serve a hot meal from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. so that you will be able to attend the service in the sanctuary at 6:45p.m. Cost will be a free-will donation. Mark your calendars and then come for a delicious meal and fellowship, and to start your Lenten season with worship, and become a part of small study groups, as well.

If any members/friends of First United Methodist Church would like to be part of the Ingathering committee, please contact Joyceann Kroger. We would love to have additional, mission-minded people to volunteer their help with planning and organizational and coordinating needs of this group. You don't need to cook/bake or sew/knit/crochet, although those skills are needed, too. Can you write short articles for the Media or the bulletin to spread the word? Can you make posters for events like the Ice Cream Social in July? Can you help organize and/or work at the Ice Cream Social? Can you help organize/prepare/work at the annual December Bake Sale? Can you help serve a Wednesday night supper or two during the year? Would you like to look for bargains and shop for kit items? There's lots of opportunity to actively help with this wonderful effort to serve our brothers and sisters in need, and many hands make light work.



Finance Update

We've adopted an unbalanced budget that has \$20,000 more in expenses than income. The Finance Committee is continuing to work on raising income to cover this discrepancy. At the end of January we had expenses of \$4,768 greater than income.

You can help support our budget by keeping pledged gifts current as we move through the year. Are there any of you who have intended to make a commitment to financially support FUMC ministries and have just not returned your pledge card? We still accept completed pledge cards! Have you considered gifting by automatic withdrawal? Forms are available in the church office. Do you have or need offering envelopes? Just call the office and they will be sent to you.

Working/serving together through our ministries and having faith and confidence in God's guidance we look forward to a meaningful ministry year and a successful financial year!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Bolivia Mission

Almost 21 years ago, Gordan and Ardell Graner left their homes in North Dakota for their first assignment as missionaries. The couple began a demonstration farm at Thiu Rancho, near Cochabamba, Bolivia. Since then, a program designed to enhance agricultural practices for Bolivian farmers has expanded into a center that promotes the quality of life with educational opportunities and vocations for women. It has become both a center and a retreat. First United Methodist Church has made a covenant to support the Graners, sending them \$2,500 annually so their work may continue.

The Graner's are scheduled to return to the United States in 2011 and will visit us on Sunday March 13. They will be speaking at all three services and a Pot-Luck will be at noon. Please sign-Welcome Center. Gordan and mission work in Bolivia is the March Mission of the Month. Your contribution will help the Graners work continue.



up at the
Ardell Graner's



Reminder: Scholarship application letters have been mailed to high school seniors and are also available in the church office.

Administrative Board Highlights

January 2011:

- Election of Chairperson—Jo Harris, Vice Chairperson—Dwight Seigenthaler, and Secretary—Cheryl Finney.
- 2% of the 3% staff salary cuts will be restored from funds left at the end of 2010.
- \$25,500 is left in our Bequest Fund. \$25,000 was approved to fund the Parish Nurse program with the remaining \$500 to go to Memorials.
- An unbalanced budget (unbalanced at this point by \$20,000) reducing apportionments by \$17,000 with the understanding total will be paid if available was approved.
- Confirmation of Task Group to Study Organization for Ministry. Sheri Meister will head this group.
- Confirmation of Task Group to Review/Revise Membership Preparation Process.

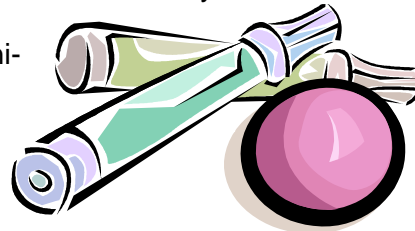


A Tribute to Betty Erwin

Betty is another of our saints who has gone quietly about her volunteer role of helping count the offerings each week for the past 22 years. Less than a week after she retired from her long career at J.C. Pennys she began working in this position and continued through the end of 2010. Betty has been very accurate and accepted the privacy responsibility this work requires. She went about her work faithfully and cheerfully as she has with all the volunteer roles she has filled during her lifetime at FUMC. Betty was baptized, confirmed, married, raised her family in this church and buried her parents, son-in-law, and husband from here. Betty will continue to serve by preparing the Upper Room devotional booklets for distribution (as she has done for over 22 years). Thank you, Betty, for your exceptional job in helping with the offering these many years and for the example you are of living your faith through Christian service.

Library Collecting Items to Help Others

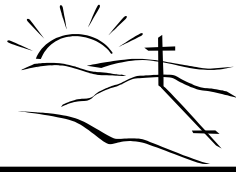
A recent Oprah show honored military families, and featured a family from right here in South Dakota. The point of the show was to raise awareness and challenge each of us to make sure we are doing our part to support military families. Connie Culey, a member of the library board, was asked by her son-in-law, who is stationed in Afghanistan, to send supplies to hand out to the children who congregate around the troops. Ball point pens, little rubber balls, stickers, note pads and markers are the types of items that enthrall the children and are easy for military members to carry around. The SFUMC Library board has decided to place a collection box in the library for church members to add any of the above items they wish to donate. Items will be mailed to Afghanistan at the end of March. Thank you for your support of this project to bring a smile to children and help honor the work of our military family members.



The First United Methodist Church Foundation and the Stewardship Committee invite you to consider end of life gifts to the Church or to the Foundation through wills, life insurance policies, IRAs, 401 Ks or Charitable Gift Annuities. Need more information? Call the church

office and we can enlist someone to meet with you.

March 17th Circle Meetings		
Anna	Donna White's	9:30 am
Rachel	Joanie Keuser	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



Faith, Health & Caring Ministries

HEALTH FORUM SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH:



Generic Medications, Herbs, Over the Counter Medications...

What's The Difference? Are They Safe?

This health forum will be held in the Round Table Dining Room from 10am to 11am. Our presenter will be Registered Pharmacist **Bill Ladwig**, 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 herbs I am taking? Will it interact with my prescription med?
- Does the FDA monitor over-the-counter supplements, vitamins and herbs?
- 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 in 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. 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 generic, herbs and over the counter medications**. Mark your calendar now for this great educational opportunity!

BE "SCENTS-ITIVE" TO OTHERS



Please remember to be sensitive to those members who have an allergy/sensitivity to fragrances such as cologne, body spray, perfume, shaving lotion or other scented products. Thinking "I only have a little bit on" can still cause severe symptoms. Please refrain from wearing such products when a large gathering occurs such as church to help those who can be sickened by breathing in the scents. Thank You!

DON'T FORGET MANNA MEALS!

The freezer is stocked with these ready made casseroles for you to give to someone who has had a baby, hospitalization, death in the family, or illness.

There are 2 kinds to choose from; Pork Stuffing and Manicotti (cheese filled pasta with spaghetti sauce). They can be given as an **outreach** of the church to your friends or a person that has a need. The person does not have to be a member of the church. Stop in the church office to pick one up and deliver. Any member of the church can give these out! What a gift!



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



Dakotas United Methodist Camps

"Experience God's Love & Grace"

Let's Go Camping!

It is time to make plans! "Got Spirit? Finding God in the Everyday" is the theme for the 2011 Dakotas United Methodist Camp Season. Camp experiences give us an opportunity to explore and deepen our special relationship with God.

The new camp booklets are in the display rack by the Welcome Center and in the Church Office.

There are camps for all ages, beginning with a 24-hour Sonshine Camp for children entering grades 1st & 2nd this fall. Dayspring camp is a 48-hour camp for incoming 3rd & 4th graders. We will pick one camp for each age group to promote and coordinate rides. For these 2 camps the church needs to provide a shepherd for each 5 campers that attend. Both of these camps are at Lake Poinsett, which is close to us. We already have some children and parents that are interested in attending these camps.

Several camps are available for older elementary students. They are longer and have varied themes. We encourage the older elementary students to study the options and let us know which one they are considering. We will try to pick one camp to promote and assist with transportation.

Middle School and High School students have opportunities to develop strong, lasting friendships at camp. Mark and Lisa will be deaning a white-water rafting trip to Colorado this summer and may serve as counselors for the Sand, Surf and Son camp at Lake Poinsett. Many students site camp as the number one event in their lives that led them to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Don't let this summer pass you by! If you need help deciding on which camp is right for you please call us! We are glad to help.

About 12% of the camp offerings for 2011 are for adults. Some are family camps, some are camps built around special interests such as golfing or skiing.

Others offer spiritual growth for single adults who may not feel attracted to family camps. For instance, there is a camp featuring an outing in the Black Hills involving a Buffalo Round-up and one that features Hiking in the Hills using Storm Mountain as a base. Our camps have been made user friendly for adults with age appropriate furnishings, plumbing, diets and worship centers. No matter what your age, you never outgrow your need for God-centered worship and nurturing communities. We are living longer these days! Adult camping opportunities offer a chance to live more fully.



Early bird registration is **May 5th** and the full payment is due at that time to receive the Early bird discount. The conference is encouraging people to register online. If you register online, please print a copy of the registration form and turn it in at the Church Office so we know who is attending camps. If you do not have access to online registration, there are registration blanks available in the Church Office.

We have camperships available for half or the entire camp registration fee for those families who may need financial assistance with the cost of the camp. Please talk to Mary Jane Richardson about elementary camperships and Mark or Lisa Johnsen for information on camperships for youth.

We hope to have record numbers of members attend camps this year!



Children's Ministry Rummage Sale

The Children's Ministry Program is sponsoring a Rummage Sale on April 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. As you are doing your spring cleaning, you can donate any "treasures" for our rummage sale and bring them to the church by March 30th so it can be priced and organized. Any items that are left after the sale will be donated.

Proceeds from this sale will help defray the expenses of Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School. If you have any questions, contact Mary Jane at richardsonmj@sfumc.org or by calling the church office at 336-3652. Thank you for supporting this project!



March Greeters

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

March 6

7:50 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Vernon and Donna Arends Donna White
9:05 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door Duluth Door	Kira Kimball Brian and Patti Moberly Beckie Kaufmann
11:00 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Lee Knowlton Sherrey and Chuck Kellogg

March 13

7:50 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Vernon and Donna Arends Bev Getzin
9:05 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door Duluth Door	Thelma Moberly Vince and Beth Weber John and Janice Pierson
11:00 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Sherrey and Chuck Kellogg

March 20

7:50 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Vernon and Donna Arends Bev Getzin
9:05 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door Duluth Door	Jo Wahle and Kiersten Warkenthien Carmen Graber and Matthew Rehurek Beckie Kaufmann
11:00 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Garry and Gloria Scott

March 27

7:50 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Marilyn Moorlach Bev Getzin
9:05 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door Duluth Door	Thelma Moberly Brian and Patti Moberly Vince and Beth Weber
11:00 am	Office Door Sanctuary Door	Garry and Gloria Scott

**RADIO AND ARGUS SPONSORSHIPS ARE POSTED ON
THE BULLETIN BOARD NEAR OFFICE 204**

Dates available for sponsorship are listed below. Please consider signing up to sponsor one of them. You may wish to honor a person or celebrate a special date; honor the memory of a loved one; or it can be just that you wish to support our outreach ministry of inviting shut-ins to worship through our radio broadcasts or letting new persons know the times of our services and the sermon title through our Argus Leader ad. We hope you will become a part of this vital outreach/hospitality ministry.

Opportunities for Radio Broadcasts

Radio Broadcasts – Sponsorship \$91

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 10, 17, 24

May 1, 15

June 5, 26

July 3, 17, 24

August 14, 21

September 18

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December sponsorships filled

Opportunities for Argus Ads

Argus Ads – Sponsorship \$70

February 26

March 5, 19

April 2, 16, 23, 30

May sponsorships filled

June 11, 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

August 6, 13, 20, 27

September 3, 17, 24

October 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19, 26

December 3





2010 STORYBOOKS

Storybooks are now available!
This is a recap of our church activities and committee work for 2010. You can pick yours up at the Welcome Center.

2011 Lenten Devotional Books

Lenten Devotionals will be available starting Sunday, March 6th at the Welcome Center. This year's book is dedicated in memory of Dean Johnson who was a member of the Evangelism Committee and passed away this past year.

LENTEN Devotional





FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

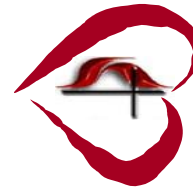
Worship Services

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, March 9, 11:30-1:00, in the Round Table Dining Room. The program will be A Man, his Guitar and his Music by Pastor Bill Bates. Russ Tarver will lead us in devotions. **Please note:** The \$5.00 meal reservation deadline is Monday, March 7, at 4:00 pm. Please call the church office at 336-3652.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**The April Media will be mailed March 30th.
The deadline to have something included is March 24th.**



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Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School June 12-16-2011

Volunteer Opportunities

It takes the whole church to make Vacation Bible School successful. Listed below are some volunteer opportunities, please prayerfully consider where you might find your place with VBS. Please complete the form and drop it off in the office. Thanks

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Prep Before VBS	Volunteer Opportunities During VBS
<input type="checkbox"/> Join VBS Planning Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Rocket Rec Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan Rocket Rec	<input type="checkbox"/> Astro Bistro Leader
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan Free play time	<input type="checkbox"/> Child care for infants
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan lunch time for kids staying for Music Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pilot 3 yr olds
<input type="checkbox"/> Donate money to help defray costs	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pilot PreK
<input type="checkbox"/> Help Shop for Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pilot Kindergarten
<input type="checkbox"/> Design/Plan Food Donation Place/Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pilot 1st & 2nd Grades
<input type="checkbox"/> Build/Decorate Food Donation Place/Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pilot 3rd Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> Design group signs	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Pilot 4th & 5th Grades
<input type="checkbox"/> Do bulletin board for VBS	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Play Helpers
<input type="checkbox"/> Design cutout for children to stand behind for pictures	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Helpers
<input type="checkbox"/> Build/decorate cutout for children to stand behind for pictures	<input type="checkbox"/> Supper Helpers
<input type="checkbox"/> I want to help, let me know where you need me	<input type="checkbox"/> Donate money to help defray the costs
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