

From Pastor Jason's desk

Late summer, the kids are back in school and the college kids have left for their fall classes. I love fall and the crisp feel of the air. I am looking forward to the fall colors and the changing of the seasons.

With fall comes memories of being on the ranch and the cutting of hay and the harvest from the spring planting. You and I as Christians, in our world today, are called to be planting good seeds for the kingdom of God so that those seeds can grow and mature into the people and the disciples that God has called each of us to be. One of the most difficult things, I think, for us as Christians is that we are not always there for the harvest, we are often called just to prepare the ground or clear the stumps and the fruits of our labors are often seen by someone other than us.



Photo by Amy Beers,
Howard Beach UMC, Howard, SD

Where are you and I planting seeds in our daily lives, are we sowing seeds in ground that can produce a good crop and later a bountiful harvest? Or are we sowing seeds on bad ground or on rocks where the winds can carry them away and not produce the harvest for God we are called to produce.

Jesus told this parable in Matthew chapter thirteen verses three through nine.

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seeds fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

As your pastor, I hope and pray all of us has an opportunity to plant good seeds for the kingdom of God so that lives may be transformed. This will not just happen; you and I have to make a conscious effort to ensure that we are planting good seeds and those seeds are planted in good fertile soil. I believe, that to be the Christians Jesus expects us to be, we must be actively seeking opportunities to plant the seeds of the kingdom and make sure we are doing all we can to help those that do not know Jesus.

You have heard me say this before, at some point in time you and I have to face Jesus and he is going to ask what we have done to plant seeds for His kingdom to make a difference here on this earth. I want all of us to be able to say I planted seeds for your kingdom and I did all I could to prepare the ground for a harvest that is worthy of bearing your name. We have a crop to plant, one that we may or may not get to harvest, our children and grandchildren will be the harvesters we owe it to them to sow good seeds in fertile ground. Our loved ones are important to us. Isn't their salvation worth a little hard work now?

Lets go out and plant some seeds for Jesus.
Pastor Jason

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**The Administrative Council/Finance Meeting
will be held on August 31st at 5:30 pm in the CMC,
so there were no minutes to report
for August at the time of printing.**

Missions Ministry

MISSIONS & OUTREACH: Sue Holloway 605-920-7788

As we get into the fall and holiday season, you will have several opportunities to participate in our church events that are outreaches to our community. These events will allow us to provide services to the community and hopefully provide incentives to joining us in worship and fellowship.

ADOPT-A-PLATOON: Cards will be assembled on Thursday, September 7th at 10:30. This is sandwiched between the coffee Bible Study and the United Women in Faith meeting at 12:30. In the last newsletter, you read a letter from the mother of one of the recipients of our letters. I have since heard from Raquel and have a box going to her group of pharmacists who are fulltime army. I am also sending a box to Kate and her unit of nine who are Emergency Managers. Our cards and letter are making a difference! Last Christmas, we sent 820 cards. This year, I am hoping for 1000!!! I already have 200 cards completed by my Canadian Ladies during Rally. Please look through your drawers and closets for leftover cards and save all those cards that come through the mail. We didn't buy any last year and possibly will not need too this year if everyone helps this year. "Many hands make for light work!"

MEALS ON WHEELS: Our September week will begin on the 25th. We are still in need of a couple more teams. If you are concerned about the weather, meals are cancelled when the weather becomes too dangerous for us to deliver. Also, we don't deliver on National holidays. It does take about 1 1/2 hours. It is a fun way to serve our community by providing nutrition and personal contact to our shut-ins.

HALLOWEENIE: On Tuesday, October 31st, little ghosts and goblins will invade the CMC for our annual Safe Halloween event. Please consider helping either physically, financially, or by donation of candy, small gifts or food. Please contact Sue with how you are thinking of assisting.

SD LARGEST HOME PARTY AND CRAFT SHOW: This fundraiser is for the Travel Fund of "Send Hope" in Honduras. Set aside Saturday, November 4th at the CMC from 10 to 3. There will be 20+ vendors to help you start your holiday shopping. Catalogue vendors and high-quality crafters will be in both rooms and there will be tables where you can enjoy a soup lunch. Many thanks to the United Women in Faith for their assistance in putting on the event and providing a bake sale.

BIKER BREAKFAST: The Biker Breakfast was successful as an outreach to our returning friends and new friends. This is the new purpose of the event. With decreasing numbers of bikers overall, we had decreased numbers that ate with us. Another contributing factor is the glut of vacation rentals being used rather than hotel/motel rooms. We did serve 618 meals not counting all the workers. We had 24 that participated in the free/1/2 price meals and 5 free meals for our first responders. Tips for the Lord's Cupboard equaled \$931 and donations amounted to 1,100. Gross income from the meals equaled 5,532. Lynn's bill has not been received so we don't know the gross amount. We did spend +300 for coffee and a small bill for the 250 "credit card" used for the decreased meals.

Trustee Meeting Minutes August 17, 2023

Pastor Jason opened the meeting with a prayer.

In Attendance was Bob McNeill, Ron Pray, Larry Howell, Mike Darling, John Hauge, Wayne Holdcroft, Pastor Jason Christensen and Lee Ann Paananen

The minutes from the July 20, 2023 meeting were read and approved by unanimous vote. Larry/Mike

Parsonage updates and projects

Garage side door needs repair

Front bricks need a seal coat

Window trim still needs touchup paint.

Basement lights need to be replaced

Kitchen window needs to be repaired or replaced. A new mechanism is on order and will be installed when it arrives.

Snow blowers need to be tuned up. Larry

Walk through needs to be done in September

Church Building - Update of Projects & Maintenance

Sprinkler heads - New owner of the Sprinkler company came and replaced 10 nozzles and straightened 2 heads at a cost of \$160. The system is working very well.

Vacuum in the church isn't working as well as it used to. Bob will check on it.

Membrane on the roof of the church is no longer leaking in the entry but the bricks in the chimney needs to be sealed. A brick sealer has not been located yet.

Entry ceiling needs another coat of paint.

Bob replaced the broken clock in the sanctuary.

CMC Building – Update of Projects & Maintenance

All the dining room chairs were shampooed professionally.

Floor needs to be tested for moisture in the concrete to ascertain if moisture is the reason for the floor tiles lifting. The results will determine how to proceed with solving the problem.

Donnie Rogers put a sealer around the base of the building on the outside to make sure that water doesn't get in.

The book shelves for the library need to be anchored to the wall using green locktite.

Excavator company that hit the CMC wants to contact a contractor to get an estimate to replace the broken window in Pastor's office.

General Maintenance

Bob talked to the City manager about the gravel coming down the alley into the parking lot. No solution has been determined.

Jim wants to re-stripe the parking lot. This needs to be done before the end of September.

Biker breakfast went well, although attendance was lower than before.

Thermostats need to be replaced in the CMC - John will replace all 3 so they are all the same.

Fall Maintenance will be scheduled for late September.

For Welcome back Sunday, we will put together a display to explain what the Trustee Board members do.

The meeting was closed by Bob. Next Meeting Date: September 28th.



TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
12:30 CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CENTER
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Trinity United Women in Faith (UWF) will uphold our 150 year legacy of “showing up and getting things done”. For those who are able to come at 10:30, we will be preparing Adopt a Platoon cards again. Kathy Wanhanen is our hostess for the 12:30 meeting and Shelli DeVries will be presenting a program. We will also welcome our District UWF Shepherdess, LaRee Mays, for our meeting.

On Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9, our Southwest District UWF Annual meeting will be held at Pierre First UMC beginning with registration at 4:00. Those of us who have attended in past years have always found it to be an enjoyable and inspirational gathering. The cost is \$30 for three meals. Rooms can be reserved at Country Inn and Suites, 605-609-0660. Contact Judy Lindskov 605-431-0400, jkilindskov@gmail.com to report that you can attend.

Something new, and there is always something new, at www.uwfaith.org is Move4Mission. That is also the title of the latest podcast “Faith Talks” which you can soon find at the uwfaith website and where you can learn more about Move4Mission. We all know that being active is good for us physically, mentally, and emotionally. Being active together adds socially and spiritually to the benefits for each of us. Make that be another reason to be a part of Trinity United Women in Faith! As posted on the opening page of the uwfaith website “We Believe Love in Action Can Change the

AED FUNDING

Hello all. Let’s face it, we are all getting older! As a result, we are more prone to developing severe heart health issues such as heart attack, heart rhythm problems, and heart stoppage.

Our church sanctuary and the Christian Ministry Center desperately need AED’s (Automatic External Defibrillators). If someone’s heart stops, or goes into an abnormal rhythm, AED’s can not only shock someone’s heart back into a normal rhythm but also give spoken instructions and monitor how effective the CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) is that the bystanders or “first responders” give.

We need these not only for our congregation, but also for the many groups of all ages that use our facilities.

These devices cost money, of course and lots of it. The AED cost, through a program courtesy of Avera Hospital system, is 1900 dollars per unit plus a few hundred for a cabinet to keep them in plain sight on a wall. This is a bargain.

The first step is to get the funding for the AED’s. We are asking that the congregation donate any amount they are able toward this very worthwhile project. Donations can be dropped off at the office, or we’ll have a basket at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays.

If you have questions, please contact to Carol Holdcroft (720-270-7331)
Thank you!



**Please remember our homebound members
by sending them a greeting card**



Doris Adamson
52 Dunlap Ave.
Deadwood, SD 57732

Orrin Aldrich
921 Addie
Lead, SD 57754

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Church Library Notes

Two new books by Richard Foster are now in our library:

Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth

Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of the Christian Faith.

Starting in October, Pastor Jason will be preaching a sermon series on "The Celebration of Discipline."

Try to read this book before or during the series.

Both of these books are available on "Libby", the library app that allows users to download free books. The books are also available from Amazon and are on Kindle.

If you have questions, contact Carol Holdcroft

Ladies:

You are invited to:

Coffee Break
Women's Bible Study
Fellowship Social

Thursday
September 7, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Social will be held in
the CMC front room

Join Us!

GOT MUSIC?

Are you looking to provide special music during worship service? We would enjoy hearing you sing, playing your instruments, sharing your musical talents, please contact the office.

Are you wanting to help with worship through song? Come practice with the praise team on Sundays at 8:00 am

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalms 104:33

Contact Information for
Pastor Jason Christensen
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Pastor Jason will be holding coffee hours at Lotus Up on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Please stop by for a visit.

He will honor the Sabbath on Fridays.

Worship Help Needed

It takes a village to have the church services go smoothly! We all have talents we can use to help make that happen, as an usher, praise team singer, furnishing flowers, media or fellowship provider. Please prayerfully consider helping. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or you can call the office (584-1328) to volunteer. You could sign-up online at leadtumc.com (under the worship tab).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Sept. 1-Robert Phillips
Sept. 2-Norman Mason
Sept. 4-Gerald Rogers
Sept. 6-Cameran Stoflet
Sept. 9-Holly Heisinger
Sept. 9-Jan Peppmeir
Sept. 16-Charles Ferris
Sept. 20-Audrey Lemke
Sept. 22-Benjie Stoflet
Sept. 24-Cara Pat Phillips
Sept. 27-Theo Rogers
Sept. 28-Deidra Larson
Sept. 28-Jane Hallberg
Sept. 29-Peggy Cleveland
Sept. 30-Danielle Reller

Anniversaries:

Sept. 4-Wayne & Carol Holdcroft
Sept. 5-Alvin & Sherry Yost
Sept. 14-John & Terri Keene
Sept. 16-Robert & Cara Pat Phillips
Sept. 18-Kevin & Faunille Cummings

SERMON SERIES:

PARABLE STORIES WITH PURPOSE

09/03 Parable of the Sower
09/10 Parable of the Valuable Pearl
09/17 Parable of the Landowners Sovereignty
09/24 Parable of the Dangers of Wealth
10/01 Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 10, 2023

We'll be giving bibles to our 3rd graders during worship services.

Please call the office at 584-1328 if you know a 3rd grader who would like to receive a bible.



Coffee Break Women's Bible Study

The new ministry season of Coffee Break Bible Study is set to begin. "Our Kick-Off Brunch Social" will be held on Thursday, September 7 in the front room of the CMC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We welcome all ladies of TUMC and our community to attend.

After recently completing our second summer series of Christian Ethics with the Women's Bible study, we are now ready to return to our regular "Coffee Break" Women's Bible Study program. We start each meeting formally at 9:30 am with coffee, goodies and a short prayer, followed by the Bible Study which typically lasts about an hour. This is where we read passages of the Bible together (based on a topic) and answer/discuss/share responses to the lesson questions. We end our meeting with prayer and prayer requests.

James: Faith At Work (7 lessons) is our first series for this fall season. This study will be followed by Discover Mark (10 lessons), which covers the first eight chapters of the book of Mark. In the spring, our studies will take us to Discover Comfort: A God of Compassion where we will explore God's response to the honest questions we face when experiencing pain or hardship.

Our group has grown in the last six years that we have been meeting with each other as a Bible Study. As we study God's word together and apply its teaching to our lives, our connection to each other has become deep and meaningful as we support and encourage one another in our faith and lives. We are sisters-in-Christ! Ladies, if you are looking for this type of group, please feel welcome to join us.

Submitted by Shelli DeVries

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 10th. The curriculum is based on the stories of Jesus. All children are welcome to participate in Sunday School. If you are interested in helping with our sweet young children, please contact the office at 584-1328.

Men's Bible Study meets throughout the year. This study is held on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the CMC. This is a dedicated group of men that welcome anyone who wants to attend. They will hold their first meeting on Saturday, September 23rd and continue their study of Sermon on the Mount. For information, please contact the office or Syd DeVries at 510-910-3594.

Rochford Chapel Women's Retreat

Saturday, September 30, 2023

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Rochford Community Hall

Pat Eidsness will lead this retreat on the topic, "Elders Rising", which is based on a book of the same title by Roland D. Martinson. This book begins with an investigation of aging in the U.S. and then moves on to biblical and theological understandings of elders and their roles in the church and society." Those of you who have heard Pat preach and lead retreats, know her to be dynamic and uplifting.

A \$20 registration fee will be collected the day of the retreat and will cover the cost of the noon meal, snacks and materials. It's optional if you would like to acquire the book by Martinson and read it before the retreat. Please preregister by September 21, by texting or calling 605-584-3827.

Church Directory Update & Request

The new church directory is ready to go to print and we expect to have them by late October. Everyone who had their picture taken will receive a complimentary directory. If you wish to order any additional books, contact the office with your request by Sept. 11th. We would also like to provide directories in each of the pews and for our office. To do that, we will need to order an additional 60 directories at \$20 each.

We appreciate any donation you are willing to give to help offset the costs of purchasing the directories.

Media Training

We are looking for individuals who would be interested in helping run the media during Sunday worship service.

We will be offering training on Sunday, Sept. 24th after church for anyone wanting to hear and learn about helping with media.

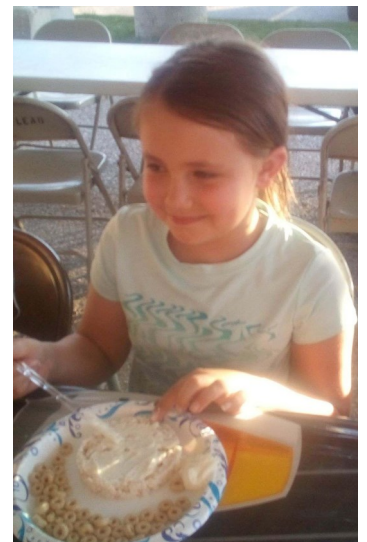
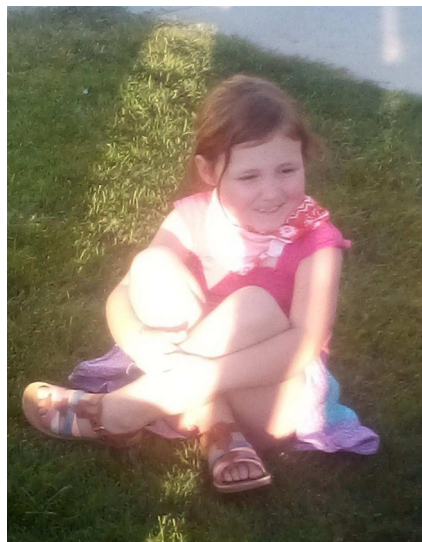
Community Blood Drive

Vitalant will be hosting a blood drive for the Lead-Deadwood areas on Friday, Sept. 22nd from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Christian Ministry Center. Please schedule your blood donation appointment with Shelley Dragoo at 605-920-2237.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Monument Health is seeking individuals interested in volunteering with patients and families on their hospice service. Volunteers will spend their time providing respite for patient caregivers, providing office support, providing pet therapy services, providing therapeutic music and the list goes on. Volunteers are given training and support for these services. If you would like to hear more about how you may be able to help, you can contact Debra Hanna, Volunteer Coordinator, Monument Health Hospice at 605-755-7739 or dhanna1@monument.health

Some of our church youngster enjoying the Vacation Bible School activities held in July



All are welcome to join in the
**Community Cleanup
and Spaghetti Feed**

September 23, 2023
Christian Ministry Center

Highway Cleanup

3:00-5:00

Meet at the CMC at 3:00



FREE Spaghetti Feed

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Serving Spaghetti with Marinara/
Meatless/Alfredo, Bread,
Salad, and Dessert



This event is sponsored through the
Church, Youth and Community Project



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CHRISTIAN CHUCKLES

Noah's Ark Jokes

Q: Did all the animals on the ark come in pairs?

A: No the worms came in apples.

Q: Which animal on Noah's Ark had the highest level of intelligence?

A: The giraffe.

Q: How do we know the horses aboard the ark were pessimistic?

A: They said "neigh" to everything.

Q: Where did Noah keep the bees?

A: In the Ark Hives

Q: Which animals were the last to leave the ark?

A: The elephants. It took some time for them to pack their trunks.

Hymn Dinger Handbell Choir



TUMC's handbell choir "Hymn Dingers" will once again be active this ministry season. Our choir consists of 11 bell ringers, a few substitute ringers and a director.

Ten of our 11 ringers are returning, and of these 11 players, 7 have participated in the choir for more than 10 years. On average, we practice twice a week for one hour, usually the first two Tuesdays of the month, beginning at 4 pm.





Our handbell choir would like to thank the trustees team for installing shelves in the balcony handbell closet. These shelving units have allowed the closet to be much more functional and organized as we have a lot of items necessity for our choir to store, including foam padding, table cloths, music stands, binders, bells, bell cases, and lots of sheet music. Thanks so much for helping us in area, Bob McNeill and team!

As a choir, we are grateful that our bells were recently (last fall) refurbished, tuned, handles tightened, cleaned and polished. Our bells are now considered "like new". None of us remember a cleaning of this nature, so this servicing was long overdue, as our bells were manufactured in 1986. We are thankful to church leadership and especially the Memorial Fund Committee for supporting us in this endeavor. A generous monetary gift was given in memory of Dick Tinker by Mona Tinker, Cindy Specht and the extended family, as Dick (and Mona) really enjoyed listening to the bell choir play. The rest of the financing came from two individuals as well from the undesignated Memorial Fund. Thank-you!

Those of us who are a part of the handbell choir are blessed by our participation in this ministry and we hope that you as a congregation are too. Our choir enjoys working together to praise and glorify the Lord as we play our bells, Our practice times often feel like a praise and worship session, which is a very uplifting experience. We are looking forward to beginning again this month after our summer break. Anyone of the congregation who would like to be included as a substitute ringer, please contact the church office or the Handbell director.

Submitted by Shelli De Vries, Handbell Director

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday 14th Sunday After Pentecost	 4 LABOR DAY Office Closed No L/D School	 5 Handbell Practice 4:00		 7 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Platoon Cards 10:30 UWF 12:30	1	2 CMC Funeral Rental, 10-2
10 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Welcome Back Sunday 3rd Grade Bible Pres. 15th Sunday After Pentecost	11 Pastor PCL 11-2 SC Potluck Noon Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	12 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Handbell Practice 4:00	13 Staff Meeting 10:30 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am	14 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 SC Cards 1-4 pm Amer Aux 6-8 pm	15	16
17 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Community Fellowship, Lead Park 2:00 pm 16th Sunday After Pentecost	18 Pastor PCL 11-2 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm	19 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up L-PEO 11-5:00		21 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Ad Coun./Finance Meeting 5:30	22 Community Blood Drive in CMC, 11:30-5:30	23 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am CMC Rental 7-1 CYC- Cleanup & Spaghetti Feed 3-6:30, CMC
24 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 17th Sunday After Pentecost	25 Pastor PCL 11-2 Mahjong 12:00 pm Kiwanis 5:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	26 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up	27	28 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm Trustees Meeting 4:30	29	30 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am
Meals on Wheels September 25-29						

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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.

