



**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (Congregational) of Yankton is Open and Affirming**

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**VISION STATEMENT: Serving God Through Mission and Ministry**

**DAKOTA PRAIRIE CONCERTS RETURN**  
**Doane Choir Performs Thursday, Feb. 8**

Our church's new series of free Dakota Prairie Concerts is starting up again this month!

Please plan to come hear the Doane Choir, Doublewide (a men's ensemble), and Jazz Unlimited – all from the UCC-related Doane University in Crete, Nebraska – sing in our sanctuary on Thursday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. And invite and bring family and friends!

The choir's conductor, Dr. Kurt Runestad, has promised "there will be something for everyone!" in terms of the music to be performed. And he should know what we like in this part of the country, as he was born in northeast Nebraska and his father was born in Menno.

The Doane Choir has performed throughout the United States and in 14 countries on four continents under Dr. Runestad's direction. Now they will be singing for a Yankton and area audience on the second stop of a tour taking them to five states.

They will also be volunteering with The Banquet while here and staying in our members' and friends' homes, so this concert will offer some opportunities to get to know these students, too.

The performance will be free of charge; freewill offerings will be accepted. The majority of the funding for our Dakota Prairie Concert Series will be provided by the money raised when members and friends of our church purchase Hy-Vee cards from our Music Ministry Team.

Please plan to be here the evening of Thursday, February 8, and also put the rest of our concerts on your 2024 calendar if you haven't already:

- \* Rawlins Piano Trio, Sunday, March 17, 3 p.m.
- \* Plymouth Choir, Lincoln, Nebraska, with conductor and organist Tom Trenney, Saturday, April 13, 7 p.m.
- \* The Wildwoods, folk-Americana trio, Lincoln, Nebraska, Friday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.



**Thanks to all who have volunteered to provide housing for our guests  
from Doane University!**

## Jacqueline's Journey

This year Valentine's Day, the day we celebrate love, is also Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, the time in the church calendar year that we prepare ourselves for the gift of Resurrection and unconditional love at Easter.

We are joining forces again with First United Methodist Church for **Ash Wednesday worship opportunities**. During the day, you can show up at any time **between 11:00 am and 5:15 pm** and you will find Rev. Katie and/or me at First UMC welcoming you to a journey of **self-guided prayer stations** to start Lent in a meaningful way. How long it will take you to go through all the stations, of course depends mostly on you. Then at **5:30 pm First UMC will serve a meal** for all in their fellowship hall, followed by a **short Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 pm**. I hope to see you there to start Lent in the spirit of cooperation and neighborly fellowship.

The book **Untangling Our Faith** by **Amberly Neese** will be our guiding literature for Lent. Starting just before Lent on **Monday February 12 through March 25, the 7:00 pm** online Bible Study will become a **book study** of this book. If you need help ordering the book, please contact the office or look for the sign-up sheet.

Then on **Sundays, starting on February 18 at 4:30 pm**, we will have an **intergenerational faith conversation** around the series **The Chosen (rated PG)**. We will watch an episode together and then over pizza dinner have conversations about what we watched. This will be another way for us to gather together with meaningful unscripted conversations about our faith. We will have childcare available in the nursery also.

Several opportunities for you to engage your faith individually and in community. I look forward to seeing you at one of them.

Blessings,  
Jacqueline



### Angel Ornaments for Sale

Pastor Jacqueline took the broken glass from our elevator entrance doors and crafted them into special angel Christmas ornaments. The angels come in two varieties: rainbow and butterfly, with a variety of color options for the butterflies.

They are available to purchase in the church office for **\$20 per angel**. Proceeds will go towards the office fund.



# 2023-2024 Children & Youth ~ *Here's what's happening...*

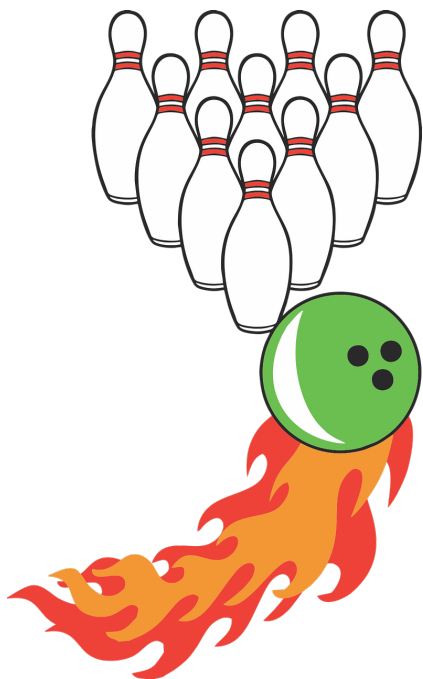
## Sunday School – Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grades

**Sundays 9:00-9:45am**

***Please join us — you are always welcome!***

PS-5<sup>th</sup> grades meet in the Choir Room  
(1<sup>st</sup> floor RE Wing)

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades meet in your classroom  
(2<sup>nd</sup> floor RE Wing)



## **Middle School Youth Bowling Event**

Sunday, February 4, 2:30 pm  
Yankton Bowl

Join middle school youth from First United Methodist Church and Trinity Lutheran Church for a fun afternoon of bowling and fellowship. Let us know you're coming by completing and submitting this form.

<https://uccyankton.breezechms.com/form/ef87391>

## **Email & Text Notifications – Did you know?**

We have a church membership software that allows us the ability to email and text groups in bulk to let you know about Church/Sunday School/youth group/etc related things.

**When we send bulk texts**, they come from 87447 and as much as possible, we try to remember to start the text with UCC so you know it's coming from church. The number of characters we can use in a text is limited, so sometimes we include a link to a document with more information.

**When we send bulk emails**, they appear as though they come from our regular email address but are going through the software and, while the technology is wonderful, it's not always perfect. If you feel like you aren't receiving emails from us about things you think/know you should be, check your junk or spam email folders. For reasons unknown to us, sometimes emails sent from our church membership software end up there. Hopefully the answer is just that simple.



# Placerville Camp Summer 2024

**It's never too early to start planning to go to camp this summer –  
mark your calendars now!**

## **Women's Camp – June 2-6, 2024**

Join us for a time of fellowship, faith-building and fun. Enjoy crafts, spiritual renewal, singing, praying, great food, exercise, quiet time -- all in the company of some great women! Bring along your children from babies to 3rd grade. ***Babysitting will be supplied for children up to the 1st grade.***

## **Shining Stars – June 2-6, 2024**

**Children who have completed grades 2-3.** Young children are invited to accompany their mothers or grandmothers to camp. They will have their own cabin and activities, but will be close enough to mom to transition into camping at Placerville without having to take the plunge alone. Faith stories, crafts, hikes, games, singing and helping with the daily chores are all part of the Shining Stars experience!

## **NEW! Family Getaway – June 6-9, 2024**

Busy summer but still need your camp fix? Family Getaway is a new camp being offered this year and is a condensed version of Family Camp. There will be shared time for recreation, worship, and singing along with separate learning times for adults and children. Take a few days to say goodbye to your busy schedule and hello to relaxation and camp memories made with your family.

## **Seekers – June 9-14, 2024**

**Youth who have completed grades 4-5.** Celebrate faith and fun in God's creation as we come together to worship, play games, do crafts, hike, learn about Christian faith and grow together in Christian community. Make new friends, strengthen your friendship with God and enjoy living in the midst of the beautiful Black Hills with others your age.

## **Faith Explorers – June 16-21, 2024**

**Youth who have completed grades 6-8.** As you grow older, faith in God becomes a more personal thing. Explore how God works in your life and in the world. Experience a week in Christian fellowship with talk around the campfire, hikes, games, crafts, worship and other activities. See how your relationship with God takes shape when you are an active faith explorer.

## **Grand Camp – June 21-23, 2024**

Do you like to spend time with your grandkids? This camp is designed to get the grandparents and grandchildren out into nature to enjoy God's beauty together. This weekend is full of fellowship, scripture, crafts and activities. Come and enjoy some wonderful bonding time with your grandkids!

## **Crossroads – June 23-29, 2024**

**This camp is for youth who have completed 9th-12th grades.** Come to Crossroads to discover how God is working in your life. Through large and small group activities, explore what it means to be a Christian teenager. Spend time in renewal, hiking, crafting, planning worship, visiting with friends old and new, and just experiencing God's presence. Live for a week in intense Christian fellowship and see how it strengthens your relationship with God and changes your life!

## **Family Camp – July 21-27, 2024**

Come enjoy time with your family at Placerville! There will be separate learning times for adults and children and shared times for recreation, work, worship and singing. Come be a part of a wonderful week your family will always cherish, time spent together.



Dear UCC Church,

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of personal hygiene items and food to the Yankton Contact Center. Your thoughtful contribution to our mission is deeply appreciated. Basic human needs do extend past just basic food so we are very thankful that your congregation sees the need and provides for our clients. Thank you!

Rebecca Meier, Executive Director  
Yankton Contact Center

Members of United Church of Christ

We wanted to reach out and thank you for your donation of toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, bags and more. Our agency appreciates every donation and we are grateful you were willing to help. We hope to continue serving community members as well as others through donations. Thank you for thinking of us and we look forward to hopefully working with you in the future!

—River City Domestic Violence Center Staff

Thank you to ALL of my church family who sent me cards when I was in the hospital or recuperating at home. Thank you for coming up to see me, in the hospital or just to be with me. Some of you gave me HyVee cards and others made and gave me food or took me someplace, etc. There were many prayers that were made to God both during and after my surgery. It was ALL appreciated very much!

God's love & peace,  
Shelly Lambert :)

Dear UCC Members,

We at the Yankton Area Banquet wish to thank you for serving our guests on Dec. 21.

The generosity in sharing of your time and talents was appreciated very much!

In God's Peace,  
Julie C. Stevens

Thanks to all who contributed time, talents or appetites to the 2023 Christmas Pie & Coffee. The event was a success — 313 tickets were collected, and approximately \$5,600 was raised. Many thanks to the amazing Christmas Pie & Coffee leadership team and all the helpers.

Would you like to an opportunity to review the Sunday service later in the week? Contact the church office, and we will send you the most complete copy we have available of the Sunday text to you via mail or email.



### **BEAUTIFUL BEGONIA**

When it comes to our special Christmas and Easter flowers, we wonder if any of you have been as successful at keeping them alive as Carol Winter. She sent us this photo of last year's Easter begonia, which was clearly thriving. Thank you to the Deacons for coordinating our special holiday flower opportunities!

**YANKTON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)**  
**MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**TO REVIEW AND APPROVE 2024 CHURCH BUDGET**

**January 7, 2024**

**Opening Items:**

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Dennis Evans at 8:30 Am. Opening prayer was given by Suzan. Self-introductions were made followed by Dennis reading the Healthy Conversation Covenant.

Present: Dennis Evans, Suzan Gass, Dawn Henseler, Don Kettering, Pam Kettering, Chris Nelson, Pat Nelson, Sylvia Selgestad, Mary Lee Stewart, Arlene Stoebner, and Val Torstenson. Staff: Jacqueline Hickox-Morgan. Absent: Sara Crisman and Melissa Schilousky.

Agenda: Review and approve 2024 Budget

- M/S by Don and Dennis to increase Pastor Jacqueline's 2023 salary by 7.0%. Motion was approved.
- M/S by Dawn and Dennis to increase Michelle's and Laura's 2023 salary by 8.0%. Motion was approved with abstention by Val.
- M/S by Pat and Arlene to total Substitutes – Pulpit Fill at \$2,000.00. Motion was approved.
- By consensus the 2024 budget for OCWM is \$15,000.00 and Seminary is \$6,000.00 was approved.
- M/S by Don and Dennis to add \$2,000.00 to Teams-Mission-Other. Motion was approved with 7 ayes, two nays, and Pat and Mary Lee abstaining.
- M/S by Don and Sylvia to total Teams – Council – Leader Development to \$5,000.00. Motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kettering, Clerk

**CHURCH STAFF**

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FACEBOOK: type United Church of Christ-Congregational into the Facebook search field.

We are [@yanktonucc](#) on Instagram and our social media hashtag is [#yanktonucc](#)

Watch for texts from **87447** — that's us!

**HyVee Card Sales Help Make Our Music Ministry Possible!**

Every Sunday, you'll see someone in the narthex or in Pilgrim Hall selling Hy-Vee cards. Why? Because those sales make it possible for our church to provide the kind of music ministry it does, including bringing in professional guest musicians and offering special musical events like the Dakota Prairie Concerts.

You can buy the cards in any of three denominations – \$25, \$50, and \$100 – and, when you do, that's exactly how much you'll get in groceries at the store. For every \$100 in cards sold, Hy-Vee gives us \$5.





*Jesus, may your healing power be upon them.*

Eternal God, we would come close to You in our need, and we would earnestly unite our hearts in prayer for Your servant \_\_\_\_\_, whom we love.

Surround (him/her) with Your light and Your love. May (he/she) know that you are near to bless and to keep.

We thank you for doctors and nurses and hospitals, and we ask You to grant to all who are caring for \_\_\_\_\_ for wisdom and patience.

We pray that our prayers may help provide strength and encouragement to \_\_\_\_\_ and comfort to (his/her) family.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

## **IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING TOUCH**

**IN OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:** World Peace; United Church of Christ-Congregational, all its members and its ministries; Jazmin Hitshe; the South Dakota Legislature; Dave & Kay Farrar's friend, Craig Redding; Wanda Schaeffer; the Opsahl family; Elizabeth Dannen; Mary Lou Vietor; Bob Ryken; Ruth Bicknel Dean; Shelly Lambert; Lelia Elder and family; Jo Marso, grandmother of Georgia Powell; Kate Hanson; Elise Haarsager; Don Kettering; Linda Eckstrom; Diane Reese; Lonnie Herrboldt; April Kootman; Edie Broadbent in her process to ordination; Darlene Schaeffer; Lia Azeal-Davis; Laurie Teeslink; Matt Kirschenman; Tyler Lanphear and family; Jane Rames; Kathy Grow's nephew Sean McConnell; Carsten Svatos and all his family; Eileen's friend, Ivy Lung; farmers; military members including Joseph Malsom (US Navy); YSD staff, students, and families; first responders, locally and beyond.

### **Prayer Requests & Condolences**

Condolences were sent on January 19 to Michelle, Harry, Trey and Tristan Redman. Michelle's mother, Laurel Diane "Dee" Leach, died that morning at the age of 84.

Prayers were requested on Jan. 18 for Jazmin Hitshe, who was having surgery in Sioux Falls the next day.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY CHANGE:**

**Our responsibility for delivering Meals on Wheels has changed. We deliver only the second and third Wednesdays each month due to additional volunteers wanting to help out.** Please let The Center and the church office know who is covering the two Wednesdays.

**Refer to page 5 in the Service in Faith handbook for additional information.**

Have a question or concern? It can be taken to the minister, the appropriate team, the person responsible, or a Member at Large.

If you make donations to the church through your brokerage, please let the office know it's coming so we know who it's from. We want to be sure it gets properly attributed to your giving record!

### **Worship Leaders Needed**

Lend your voice to Sunday services by signing up to lead worship. Contact the church office for details.

# Happy Birthday!

Roger List	Feb. 1
Zane Becker	Feb. 2
Melissa Schilousky	Feb. 2
Phyllis Smith	Feb. 3
Genevieve Andrews	Feb. 4
Isabelle Sheldon	Feb. 6
Lonnie Herrboldt	Feb. 9
Linda Eckstrom	Feb. 10
John Herrboldt	Feb. 11
Kerry Evans	Feb. 11
Chloe Caton	Feb. 13
Roger Willcut	Feb. 14
MaryBeth Herrboldt	Feb. 14
Owen Phillips	Feb. 14
Denny Fleer	Feb. 15
Marley Ann Opsahl	Feb. 15
Tracelyn Gesteland	Feb. 15
Robert Ray	Feb. 16
Ginger Leshner	Feb. 17
Bob Welker	Feb. 17
Jane Brown	Feb. 18
Melissa Pratt	Feb. 18
Lloyd Brunick	Feb. 19
Jill Sternquist	Feb. 19
Kathy Sheldon	Feb. 19
Callen Schilousky	Feb. 19
Xaden French	Feb. 19
Harper Orr	Feb. 22
Trey Redman	Feb. 23
Branch McNinch	Feb. 23
Arlene Stoeber	Feb. 25
Andrew Kuchta	Feb. 27
Kit Westling	Feb. 28



# Happy Anniversary!

David & Chrissy Leshner Feb. 2 — 22 years  
 Roger & Judy Willcut Feb. 18 — 31 years  
 Jane & Jerry Rames Feb. 25 — 59 years  
 Caiti & Taylor Ziegenbein Feb. 26 — 2 years

## PEOPLE OF THE MONTH:

**Deacon: Kay Farrar**

**(605) 660-2011**

**Buildings & Grounds: Allen Stoeber**

**Finance: Gregg Stewart**

## FEBRUARY USHER SCHEDULE

February 4: Jim & Kathryn Reimler  
 February 11: Carol Broadbent and Joyce Christensen  
 February 18: Lloyd & Julie Brunick  
 February 25: Aaron & Sara Crisman



# February 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				<b>1</b> 6 pm Banquet	<b>2</b> 12pm Men's Lunch @ Fryn' Pan	<b>3</b>
<b>4 New Member &amp; Leadership Sunday</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Chili Cookoff 2:30 pm Middle School	<b>5</b> 9 am Lectio Divina Prayer Group 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Knitting & More 7 pm Zoom Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am Coffee Chat 5 pm UCC Does Sack Pack 6:30 pm AA @ AME 6:45 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 6 pm Banquet 7:30 pm Dakota Prairie Concerts: Doane College Choir	<b>9</b> 12pm Men's Lunch @ Fryn' Pan	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Leadership Breakfast</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	<b>12</b> 9 am Lectio Divina Prayer Group 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Knitting & More 7 pm Zoom Book Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Ash Wednesday activities at FUMC</b> 10 am Coffee Chat 6:30 pm ACA @ AME 6:45 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>15</b> 11:30 am Ladies Lunch 6 pm Banquet	<b>16</b> 12pm Men's Lunch @ Fryn' Pan	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 4:30 pm <i>The Chosen</i> inter-generational faith conversation	<b>19</b> 9 am Lectio Divina Prayer Group 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Knitting & More 7 pm Zoom Book Study	<b>20</b> 4-6 pm Loads of Love at EZ Duz It Laundromat	<b>21</b> 10 am Coffee Chat 6:30 pm AA @ AME 6:45 pm Confirmation 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 6 pm Banquet	<b>23</b> 12pm Men's Lunch @ Fryn' Pan	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship <b>Annual Meeting</b> 4:30 pm <i>The Chosen</i>	<b>26</b> 9 am Lectio Divina Prayer Group 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Knitting & More 7 pm Zoom Book Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 am Coffee Chat 6 pm Confirmation volunteers @ Clothing Closet 6:30 pm ACA @ AME 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>29</b> 6 pm Banquet		

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## WORSHIP

**Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.**

YouTube

Cable channel 3 or 98  
Thursdays at 6:30 pm

**CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS? PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE: 605-665-7320**



## CHILI COOKOFF

**February 4 after worship**

Come and sample some of our church's most delicious chili  
and vote for your favorite!



**Leadership Breakfast and Ministry Team Reorganization**

**February 11 before worship**



**ASH WEDNESDAY with First United Methodist**

**Wednesday, February 14**

See Jacqueline's Journey on page 2 for details.

## SERVICE IN FAITH ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, February 25**

The Service in Faith (formerly Women's Fellowship), which now includes ALL members of the church, will hold its annual meeting Sunday, February 25, 2024, in Pilgrim Hall following worship.

We have important items on the agenda. Grab your beverage of choice and join us. Thank you.

Co-chairs: Kay Farrar and Arlene Stoebner

