

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

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

**Congratulations Confirmands!**

The 2023-2024 Confirmation class shared their statements of faith with Deacons and families on Saturday, March 23. Then on Sunday, March 24, they shared their statements of faith with the whole church and celebrated their confirmation and full membership into UCC (Congregational), Yankton, in worship with us.

Confirmands sharing Confirmation promises together left to right: Elyse Larson, Andrea Kuchta, Brayden Christ, Hannah Crisman, Isabelle Sheldon, Halle Schilousky, Raleigh Leshner.



Confirmands sharing Communion together left to right: Elyse Larson, Andrea Kuchta, Hannah Crisman, Brayden Christ, Isabelle Sheldon, Halle Schilousky, Raleigh Leshner.

## Jacqueline's Journey

I was about 30 when I set foot for the first time on a church camp ground. It was a week-long high school camp. I had no idea what I was in for. I had volunteered with our church's high school youth group for about 2 years and was asked if I would be interested in helping with summer camp.

It opened a whole new world for me. Our church youth group had done some high school weekend retreats at a nearby church camp from another denomination, which was a whole new experience also.

Including that first church camp, I have been to 10 different church camps. And they all have something in common. They are holy ground. Most of them have been church camps for decades and thousands of campers, young and old, have spent transformational time there. Encountering God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus in the natural environment, the people, the activities, the amenities, the stories told, and so much more...

The Dogwood blossoms with their scorched petals, will forever remind me that God brings resurrection of some kind out of death. The stillness of lakes will always connect me with the peace of Christ. The rushing of a creek invigorates me with the energy of the Holy Spirit inspiring me. The games connect me with the little girl inside of me and the conversation enrich my life with depth, meaning, and connections. Plus there is always so much laughter!

Our church camp, Placerville, is one of those Holy Grounds too. For over 100 years people have gathered at that beautiful place tucked in the Black Hills, with a creek running through it, to be still and know God. And you can sense that when you get there.

At any given time when you are at Placerville, it is highly likely that some random visitors will show up asking if they can look around camp, because they were there as a child, or their family had a special moment there, or any other connecting reason. If you are one of the pilgrims who have journeyed to Placerville for time with God and God's people, I hope you have similar experiences.

For me the transformation begins when I turn into the curvy road that leads to camp. For others it is when they open the car door and smell the pine trees. There is a peace that comes over me, even though most of the time I am there to work.

My soul has found healing over the last 26 years on church campgrounds, but also community, silliness, deep thoughts, connections, and all kinds of precious moments.

If you have never been, or not in a long time, I encourage you to consider going this year. There are youth camps, family camps, grand-parents/grand-children camps, and over Memorial Day weekend our church does a retreat there. Or you can come and help get the camp ready for summer use at Spring Work Weekend, April 25-28.

I am the Dean of women's camp this year, as well as the person putting together our church retreat, and I am planning to help part of the work weekend. Maybe we'll be together at Placerville, on holy ground, where lives are transformed...

Blessings,  
Jacqueline



## CORRECTION: FEBRUARY LOADS OF LOVE

Suzan Gass kindly pointed out to us that Michele Fleeer, Joyce Christensen, Lee Gass and Ross VanDerhule participated in the February 20 Loads of Love at EZ Duz It Laundromat. (We've learned our lesson — never trust a sign-up sheet!) Thanks for the correction, Suzan.

If you would like to help out with the Loads of Love laundry service, our church will be participating again on April 16. Check your email for sign-up info or watch for the clipboard in Pilgrim Hall.

## Sunday School Happenings...

### Final month of 2023-2024 Sunday School classes

**Sundays, April 7, 14, 21, 28**

9:00 am Sunday School, Children's Choir (PS - 5<sup>th</sup> grades) rehearsal 9-9:15am

**Sunday, April 28**

**Last Day of Sunday School/Recognition Sunday in Worship**

9:00 am Sunday School, Children's Choir (PS - 5<sup>th</sup> grades) rehearsal 9-9:15am

10:00am Sunday School recognition during worship, Children's Choir sings

## Graduates, request for information...

**Sunday, May 5 - Honoring Graduates during Worship 10:00am**

**Send us your graduate's details!**

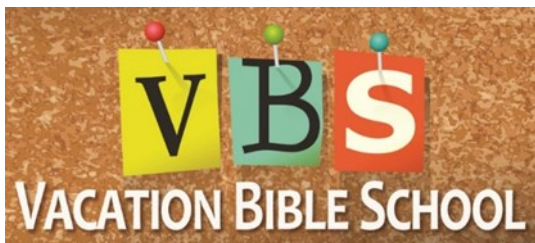
During worship on Sunday, May 5, we will recognize Class of 2024 graduates as they transition into the next phase of their lives. If you have a 2024 graduate of high school or higher education, please email [michelle@yanktonucc.org](mailto:michelle@yanktonucc.org) their name, picture, and pertinent info which may include school graduating from, next phase if known (where going to school, work, travel,...), major, degree graduating higher education with, and relationship to you.

**CLASS OF  
2024**

**Save the Date – Thursday-Sunday, August 8-11, 2024**

**Vacation Bible School with UCC, FUMC, & TLC**

**“God's Love is Everywhere”**



Thursday-Saturday, August 8-10 @ Riverside Park Shelter #3

Thursday-Friday 5:30-8:30pm

Saturday 8:30-11:30am

Sunday, August 9, 10:00am VBS Worship & Potluck



### CASA COLLECTION

So excited and so appreciative of the generosity of our congregation. In total we collected nearly 2,000 diapers (to be precise, 1,987 diapers were collected) for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). They estimate if they keep clients at the current number, each child in need will be covered, literally and figuratively, for two months.

They are deeply grateful as are the members of the missions team.

—Emma French Laird, Missions Team chair



# Placerville Camp Summer 2024

**Registration is open for summer camping season 2024, get registered for summer camping fun! *Registrations due by May 1<sup>st</sup>***

As you're making plans for the summer, consider adding camp to your calendar. Camps are available for all ages! Online registration is available at [placervillecamp.net](http://placervillecamp.net); brochures and paper registration forms are available in the Narthex and RE Wing.

## **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.

# **YANKTON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)**

## **MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

**March 17, 2024**

### **OPENING ITEMS**

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Val Torstenson at 8:35 am. Self-introductions were made followed by Arlene reading the Healthy Conversation Covenant. Opening prayer, Other Serenity Prayer, was read by Val. The Council Meeting Agenda was approved.

**Council Present:** Julie Brunick, Dennis Evans, Kerry Evans, Kay Farrar, Suzan Gass, Dan Johnson, Don Kettering, Pam Kettering, Emma French Laird, Chris Nelson, Pat Nelson, Sylvia Selgestad, Mary Lee Stewart, Arlene Stoebner, and Val Torstenson

**Council Absent:** Melissa Schilousky

**Staff Present:** Jacqueline Hickox-Morgan and Ted Powell. Also attending: Lonnie Herrbolt (Parking Lot Task Force Member) and Dawn Henseler (Member in Discernment Team for Jerry Webber)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- M/S by Arlene and Mary Lee and Sylvia to approve the February 18, 2024 Minutes. Motion approved.
- Review Open Action Items:
  - Each member to consider and think about what a Vision Statement might include. Leverage existing Vision Statement(s) to “prime the pump” at the next meeting session.
  - Four Council members (Kerry, Suzan, Sylvia, and Val) are scheduled to meet on 4/2/24 to begin work on the Church Ministry Teams roles and responsibilities assessment (aka RASCI).
  - All members consider and propose ideas for a “fun” aspect into how we proceed through this work throughout the year!

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lonnie Herrbolt brought a drawing of the proposed parking lot. Since 2002, which was approved by the city, two additional drawings have been developed. After Lonnie’s presentation, the Parking Lot Task Force shared they would come back to the Church Council by the Council’s next monthly (April) meeting with a next steps timeline. The timeline will include the time and resources necessary to validate the three (3) parking lot designs; identify and prioritize the (3-4) key criteria that will be used to compare each alternative design against each other; develop the pros and cons for each design (based on that criteria); and develop their preliminary recommendation to the Church Council.
- Dan reported the Personnel Committee met last month and shared the Committee members will read the book, When Better Isn’t Enough—Evaluation Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church by Jan Hudson, to better understand their members’ role in decision making.
- Dawn (a member of Jerry Weber’s Members in Discernment Team) read the letter written by that Team and requested the Council to approve Val (Council Moderator) to sign the letter and send to South Dakota Committee on Ministry. M/S by Emma and Don to approve. Motion approved.
- Council members decided the best Council Meeting option is to meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Pilgrim Hall at 8:30 am.
- A Contact List of Council Members including phone and emails is needed for all members to possess. Laura will be asked if she can help with this.
- Annual “Mama Kathy Award” was an idea presented by Val. This award was presented annually at her previous church to a member for their service. Council members are to consider this opportunity.
- Val shared some highlights she gleaned from her previous Church’s Transition experience that was completed this Spring. There were fourteen (14) house meetings, with 90 people involved. Each house meeting answered the same five (5) questions. 75% of that Church’s members were involved in one or more volunteer engagements. In addition, highlights included sharing some statistics they learned from the largest national survey of church congregations ever conducted. As an example, median attendance in 2000 was 137 people per Sunday – in 2020, average at-

tendance was 65 people per Sunday. This example, however, also included statistics of the increase in online attendance. Overall, the study found that overall attendance including onsite and online had still declined a little over 20% in that time period.

- Val distributed to the Council a short sort of cheat sheet that listed and defined key aspects of the key deliverables from any type of strategic planning exercise. The only intent would be for the Council to have as background and another quick reference, as the Council works together throughout the coming year on agree priority items.
- M/S by Emma and Mary Lee to approve Ministry Team reports. Motion approved.
- M/S by Pat and Dennis to approve the January 31, 2024 and February 29, 2024 Treasurer Reports. Motion approved with Sylvia abstaining.

### MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting was adjourned by Val

Respectfully submitted by Pam Kettering, Clerk

### MARCH STAFF AND TEAM REPORTS

#### **Pastor Jacqueline Hickox-Morgan**

- The new church year has started with a bang. The Council is working hard looking at better communication, organization, and our vision.
- The choir and several men of our church are working hard putting together the Living Last Supper.
- The confirmands are working hard on getting ready for Confirmation Sunday.
- The Deacons are working hard getting ready for Holy Week and all that comes with it.
- The prayer group is working hard on listening to what God is speaking into our lives.
- This Lent we have been studying the book Untangling Faith and examining our personal faith closer to see where and how we can grow. This Easter season we will look at resurrection stories and see how we can unlock ours.
- Kay Farrar and I are getting close to having the new church T-shirts ready for ordering.
- **Class update:** My project is starting to take shape. It will be called The Love Project. It will be a small group project. The goal in the small group is for individuals to get in touch with their own stories; be affirmed in their story; learn about stories of others; and figure out how and where they can serve for justice.

#### **Director of Faith Formation - Michelle Redman**

- Sunday School Children's Choir is practicing to sing in worship on Palm Sunday, 3/24.
- There will be no Sunday School on Easter 3/31. High School Youth are meeting tonight for a Random Acts of Kindness evening. An event for middle school youth with First United Methodist Church & Trinity Lutheran Church is planned on Mon, 4/15, 1:00pm (an in-service day at school) to go hiking together.
- Putting together worship activity boxes on Sunday mornings with children's worship bulletins and other worshipful activities to go along with the scripture of the week, current theme or season.
- Placerville Camp registration is open. We are currently holding a March Madness Bracket Fundraiser for Placerville Camperships. Brackets will be out tonight for people who have donated to the fundraiser.
- Been meeting with FUMC & TLC to plan VBS – August 8-11, 5:30-8:30pm Thurs/Fri evenings & 8:30-11:30am Sat morning at Riverside Park and combined worship Sun 8/11 @ 10am with potluck.

#### **Directors of Music Report – Ted and Jennifer Powell**

- It seems like the music department has been busy all year with all the concerts and appearances. It's a great problem to deal with.
- The Young Kids Choir is going to sing on Palm Sunday. It has been tough this year getting children there with many, many conflicts outside of the church. But the children we have are great to work with. It should be a good experience.
- The Bell choir has played twice and its always great to hear them up in the balcony.

- The choir is full speed on the March 28 Maundy Thursday service along with our guests The First Methodist Church joining our service. Jennifer is directing and using 13 disciples from our church as well as 6 musicians from the area with narrators and the choir and people running the power point. It should be a great Pre-Easter Experience. I hope that our own church members will come to experience everyone's work.
- Easter Sunday will feature Ioana Galu playing Violin adding to our service again this year. Her talent and also her enthusiasm inspires us. Lots of good stuff happening in the next few weeks.

#### **Building and Grounds Team – Chris Nelson**

- The Building and Grounds team trimmed the trees around the church in order to comply with a request from the city to comply with city regulations of minimum street clearances.
- Building and Grounds is also creating a plan to grade or concrete a low area in the courtyard to prevent rainwater from entering the Pilgrim Hall area.

#### **Faith Formation Ministry Team – Kerry Evans**

- Last day of Sunday School for 2023-24 is coming up April 28 and Graduate/Transition Sunday is coming up May 5. Planning for some special recognition for each during worship.
- Placerville Camp registration is open, holding a March Madness fundraiser currently and a special offering will happen on Easter for camperships.
- In April we are planning to promote camp highlighting different camps each week; early registrations are due by May 1.

#### **Fellowship Team- Pat Nelson**

- The team voted to give the freewill donations from the Chili Cook off in the amount of \$308.75 to the Angel Program, Child Nutrition Services, Yankton School District. This program helps families who don't qualify for the reduced or free lunch program but have need due to loss or other difficulty.
- **Thanks to Carol Broadbent for the cake honoring St. Patrick's Day.**
- The Fellowship team will host an Easter Egg hunt for our youngest members on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, following the service. The team asked members to fill plastic eggs with wrapped candy, stickers, and Easter messages appropriate for children. Volunteers to help with this are welcome.
- The team sent out a survey to gauge interest in Senior outings and events of interest.
- A Spring Prom with music and dancing for all is in the works for May.

### UCC SERVICE IN FAITH ANNUAL MEETING

March 10, 2024 – Pilgrim Hall

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Arlene Stoebner. Co-Chair Kay Farrar led us in prayer.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Kathryn French made a motion, seconded by Pam Kettering, to accept them as presented. Motion passed.

Suzan Gass presented the treasurer's report. Kathy Seldon made a motion, seconded by Dusty Geiger, to accept it as presented. Motion passed.

Suzan suggested two changes in our finances.

(1) Close the savings account at Wells Fargo Bank and open a new savings account at First Dakota under the name United Church of Christ – Service in Faith, which would require authorization to make the change. Authorized signers on the new account would be Suzan Gass, Arlene Stoebner and Kay Farrar.

(2) Change the name of our checking account to United Church of Christ - Service in Faith. This title change will require a new signature card. Suzan proposed the same new signers as listed in item (1). Laura Andrews continue to have information only access.

Ernest (Bud) Kratz made a motion, seconded by Dusty Geiger, to make the changes to our finances.

Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

SIF handbook changes: We now deliver Meals on Wheels only on the second and third Wednesdays of each month. Another co-chair is needed for the December committee.

A form was circulated to allow members to sign up for various responsibilities in SIF.

Bob and Shelly Lambert were thanked for doing the dishes after coffee most Sundays. Moderator Val Torstenson thanked all who helped with coffee the past year.

We will continue to use Regal Housekeeping for quarterly cleaning of the kitchen and dishwasher room. Arlene announced we will do an annual deep cleaning of cupboards, etc. in April, date to be announced.

Val Torstenson made a motion, seconded by Kim Christiansen, to retain Top Notch Window Cleaning to wash windows biannually. Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dusty Geiger made a motion, seconded by Jane Brown, for all participating in potlucks to be given the option to provide their own tableware for the meal or using the church's. Guests are asked to take their own cookware home to clean. This puts less burden on the dishroom volunteers. Motion passed.

Don Kettering made a motion, seconded by Mary Lee Stewart, to check with Custom Cleaning about not stripping wax from floor in Pilgrim Hall since some of the tiles can no longer be stripped. Motion passed.

Dusty Geiger made a motion, seconded by Kim Christiansen, that we keep the same slate of officers as last year. Motion passed.

Mary Lee Stewart made a motion, seconded by Pat Nelson to adjourn.

Submitted by Marilyn Kratz, SIF Secretary

### DAKOTA PRAIRIE CONCERT UPDATE

This coming month, our church's Dakota Prairie Concert Series has its final two events of the year. And, as our own Ted Powell noted, "The only thing these two groups have in common is that they're both from Lincoln, Nebraska . . . and they're both terrific."

The Plymouth Choir from First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln will present an evening of choral music and hymn singing, entitled "Sing Glory to the Name of God," at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 13. This much-lauded group has performed everywhere from Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center to the Nebraska State Penitentiary.

Something extra-special: those of us who remember Eugene Brinkmeyer from his long membership in our church and his decades of being our minister of music will be pleased to know that the First-Plymouth organist, Tom Trenney – mostly retired from his many years as an organ recitalist – has agreed, as part of this concert, to play several pieces in recognition of Gene and his life and service here.

Then, on Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m., the church will host The Wildwoods, a folk/Americana trio featuring guitar, violin, and bass. Named "Best Band" in the *Lincoln Journal Star* Lincoln's Choice Awards, they are known as performers both in this country and in Europe and are also award-winning songwriters. Those who have heard them are ecstatic they are coming here.

Please plan to attend both concerts, and invite your family and friends. And, remember, all concert series events are free of charge, though freewill offerings will be accepted.

*REMINDER: The Dakota Prairie Concert series and other special musical events are made possible by sales of HyVee gift cards. Look for a member of the Music Ministry Team after church on Sunday, or visit the office to purchase a card. 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; Jane Rames; Kevin Opsahl; Jazmin Hitshe; Dave & Kay Farrar's friend, Craig Redding; Wanda Schaeffer; the Opsahl family; Elizabeth Dannen; Shelly Lambert; Lelia Elder and family; Jo Marso, grandmother of Georgia Powell; Kate Hanson; Elise Haarsager; Linda Eckstrom; Diane Reese; Lonnie Herrboldt; April Kootman; Edie Broadbent in her process to ordination; Jerry Webber 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

A prayer request was sent on March 11 for Jane Rames, who was in Sacred Heart Hospital.

Condolences were sent on March 1 to Bob & Tammy Welker on the death of Bob's sister Kim. Kim died at the age of 59.

Kathy Grow recently alerted us to the fact the Rev. Timothy Fugman died on December 6, 2023 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen. He and his wife, Donanne Mangold Fugman, were part of our church many years ago. Others of you may have known them from Placerville Camp.

### **DEACON OF THE MONTH: Roger Willcut (605) 660-0715**

#### 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.**

#### **Worship Leaders Needed**

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

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

# Happy Birthday!

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|------------------|----------|
| Sam Huber        | April 2  |
| Tammy Knuth      | April 2  |
| Mary Hacecky     | April 4  |
| Faith Suing      | April 5  |
| Ian Powell       | April 6  |
| Adam Gesteland   | April 7  |
| Gregg Stewart    | April 7  |
| Hayley VanEssen  | April 8  |
| Tristan Redman   | April 8  |
| Ethan Powell     | April 9  |
| Lola Waldner     | April 13 |
| Georgia Powell   | April 16 |
| Luke Evans       | April 18 |
| Dennis Evans     | April 18 |
| Jim Payne        | April 19 |
| Matt Kirschenman | April 20 |
| Dusty Geiger     | April 20 |
| Natalie Arens    | April 21 |
| Jeannine List    | April 21 |
| Emerson Larson   | April 22 |
| Steve Pier       | April 22 |
| Edie Broadbent   | April 23 |
| Dan Somsen       | April 23 |
| Brian Huber      | April 24 |
| Olivia Rolston   | April 27 |
| Charlie Evans    | April 29 |
| Robin Rolson     | April 30 |



## Happy Anniversary!

Courtney & Skyler Russenberger April 8 — 7 years

**Dusty Geiger & Val Torstenson**

**April 13 — 5 years**

Dave & Kay Farrar April 18 — 26 years

### APRIL USHER SCHEDULE

Apr. 7: Jim & Tracey Grotenhuis and Dan & Judy Lucht

Apr. 14: Keenan & Dawn Henseler and Diane Rolston

Apr. 21: John & MaryBeth Herrboldt and Dawn & Keenan Henseler

Apr. 28: Dan & Kacie Johnson and Lee & Suzan Gass

**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.

# April 2024

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|   | <b>1</b><br>Office Closed<br>No activities scheduled   | <b>2</b><br>7 pm RASCI Task Force  | <b>3</b><br>10 am Coffee Chat<br>6:30 pm AA @ AME<br>7 pm Choir Practice  | <b>4</b><br>6 pm Banquet   | <b>5</b><br>12 pm Men's Lunch @ Fryn' Pan  | <b>6</b><br>9 am Visioning Task Force   |
| <b>7</b><br>8:30 am BGM<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Worship<br>2 pm Just Cuz & Dixie @ AME<br>4:30 pm The Chosen     | <b>8</b><br>9 am Lectio Divina<br>10 am Staff Meeting<br>2 pm Knitting & More<br>4:30 pm Banquet Board<br>5 pm Fellowship<br>7 pm Zoom Bible Study | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b><br>10 am Coffee Chat<br>10:45 am Meals on Wheels<br>6:30 pm ACA @ AME<br>7 pm Choir Practice                            | <b>11</b><br>6 pm Banquet  | <b>12</b><br>12 pm Men's Lunch @ Fryn' Pan   | <b>13</b><br>7 pm Dakota Prairie Concerts: Tom Trenney and Plymouth UCC Choir |
| <b>14</b><br>8:30 am Deacons<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Worship<br>11:15 am Missions Team<br>4:30 pm The Chosen     | <b>15</b><br>9 am Lectio Divina<br>10 am Staff Meeting<br>2 pm Knitting & More<br>7 pm Zoom Bible Study  | <b>16</b><br>4-6 pm Loads of Love @ EZ Duz It Laundromat<br>5:30 pm Finance Team | <b>17</b><br>10 am Coffee Chat<br>10:45 am Meals on Wheels<br>5:45 pm Ministerial Care<br>6:30 pm AA @ AME<br>7 pm Choir Practice | <b>18</b><br>11:30 am Ladies Lunch @ RB Grillhouse<br>6 pm Banquet | <b>19</b><br>12 pm Men's Lunch @ Fryn' Pan   | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>21</b><br>8:30 am Council<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Worship<br>11:30 am Faith Formation<br>4:30 pm The Chosen   | <b>22</b><br>9 am Lectio Divina<br>10 am Staff Meeting<br>2 pm Knitting & More<br>7 pm Zoom Bible Study  | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br>10 am Coffee Chat<br>5:30 pm Foundation Board<br>6:30 pm ACA @ AME<br>7 pm Choir Practice                            | <b>25</b><br>6 pm Banquet  | <b>26</b><br>12 pm Men's Lunch @ Fryn' Pan<br>7:30 pm Dakota Prairie Concerts: The Wildwoods | <b>27</b>   |
| <b>28</b><br>Recognition Sunday/Last Day of Sunday School<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Worship<br>11:30 am Music Team | <b>29</b><br>9 am Lectio Divina<br>10 am Staff Meeting<br>2 pm Knitting & More<br>7 pm Zoom Bible Study  | <b>30</b>  |   | Apr. 25-28: Placerville Work Weekend                               |  |   |

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### **New Church T-Shirts For Sale Soon!**

Iyana Becker's winning design will soon be available on t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, and hoodies in a variety of colors for adults and youth. The front will be emblazoned with the design at left, and the back will sport the familiar words "Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." Order forms will be available in the narthex and online soon.

### **UCC Garden Season Is Upon Us!**

It's that time again! Before we know it, the UCC Garden, located behind the AME Church, will be ready for planting. If you're interested in using a portion of the garden for yourself and your family, contact the church office.

We'll be trying something new this year, and will dedicate one section of the garden to growing food for the Contact Center, Banquet and other local causes. If you are willing to help plant, water and weed this truly community garden, let us know! Email [secretary@yanktonucc.org](mailto:secretary@yanktonucc.org) or call the church office at 605-665-7320.

