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August 2021

Dear Members and Friends of First Church,

As you know, 2021 is a big year in the life of our church. While our physical locations have moved and changed, our congregation – God’s people – have been worshipping, serving, caring, and growing for 150 years! And that is really something to celebrate! As we move into the last days of summer and on to fall, we have some specific all-church events we want you to not only know about, but to be a part of!

We will be celebrating the people who have shaped our first 150 years of ministry and those who will continue God’s work through First Church for the next 150 years. The schedule outlines 3 special Sundays that will give us the opportunity to celebrate, reconnect and fellowship together.

Our culminating, catered, All-Church Banquet on Sunday, September 26, is something you will not want to miss, and we want to make sure we save you a seat. Please RSVP to

the church office by September 13. First United Methodist Church would not exist without its people. We look forward to coming together as the Body of Christ to celebrate God’s work in our own lives and in our community serving and celebrating together.

Carol Flynn and Lynne Jones
Co-chairs 150th Planning Team

150th Anniversary Planning Team
Linda Baker, Dave Eiesland, Doug Erickson, Jack Hinrichs,
Pam Knuth, Cynthia McConnel, Katie Muckenhirn,
Pastor Sara Nelson, Mary Jane Richardson, Dean Sorenson



CELEBRATING



Upcoming Events for First Church's 150th Celebration!

Heritage Sunday — August 29, 2021

- ◆ Please wear your 150th Anniversary T-Shirt
- ◆ Tom Roberts will be our Circuit Rider Speaker at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11 a.m. services
- ◆ 50-year members will be recognized during 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. services
- ◆ Former Pastors and Staff will be recognized during 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. services
- ◆ Sons and Daughters of the Church who went into ministry will be recognized during the 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. services
- ◆ 11 a.m. – Brunch for Members who are 90+ Years Young
- ◆ 11 a.m. – Brunch for Former Pastors, Retired Pastors and Former Staff
- ◆ 12 p.m. – All Church Picnic at Leif Ericson Day Camp
- ◆ 1 p.m. – Organ Recital

Homecoming Sunday — September 12, 2021

- ◆ Celebrating National Grandparents Day at 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. services
- ◆ 11 a.m. – Party with Food Trucks and Bouncy House in the Church Parking Lot

Celebration Sunday — September 26, 2021

- ◆ Please wear your 150th Anniversary T-Shirt
- ◆ 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. – **Special Worship Services featuring:**
 - Commissioned anthem sung by Chancel Choir
 - Unveiling of artwork from Artist Paul Boerboom
 - A special greeting from Bishop Haller
 - Congregational Photo
- ◆ 11 a.m. – **All Church Banquet featuring:**
 - Emcee Dean Sorenson
 - Music by our Talented Trio – Boyd, Kelby, & Dan
 - Catered Meal – RSVP to the Church Office by September 13
 - Dessert by Vicki Hausvik

Congregational Care

Interested in Becoming a Member of First Church?

This fall we will be offering a **new membership class!** It will be a six-week class, starting Sunday, September 19 at 11 a.m. right after the 9:45 a.m. Unity worship service. We will discuss together The Walk by Adam Hamilton (First Church will provide you with a copy of the book), have discussion around what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church, and dialogue about the ways in which we see ourselves living out our faith as a member of this congregation. There will also be an opportunity to be baptized if you have not been yet and/or take part in a baptismal remembrance during worship one Sunday during the duration of the course.

At the end we will welcome you into the church as new members on Sunday, October 31, with one final session following worship. Some of you have been attending and are already plugged into the life of the church. Some of you may have only been here a few weeks. All are welcome as you take this next step in commitment in being a dynamic part of this congregation through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

To register for class please contact Pastor Jordan, Director of Congregational Care Pam Knuth, or the church office. More information will be coming soon!

Care @ First

There is a wonderful energy in the air here at First Church! So many exciting things are happening!

We hope you are planning to attend and be a part of the celebrations of our 150th Anniversary and honoring our heritage.

Our Care First Team is reconnecting and we would love to have you join us! The Care First Team enjoys guiding the care of the congregation, visitors and guests of First Church. Our next meeting is August 10 at 5:30 p.m. We would love to have you join the Team!

Any questions, please contact Pam Knuth.



The **Sept. Here @ First** newsletter information and articles are due by **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 17.** The Sept. newsletter will be mailed on **Wednesday, Aug. 25.** Please email your information to Jill Johnson at johnsonj@sfumc.org

CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER LIST

- Virginia LaFortune (family of Charlotte Evans)
- Don Jones Sr. (Father of Don Jones)
- Lora Barthelman
- Don Ditmanson
- Roberta Callaghan
- Mike McConniel (husband of Cynthia, father of Anastasia, Jadon & Alex Kieffer)
- Linda Coombs (mother of Nate (Heather) Coombs)
- Mary Goddis
- Heidi Stricherz Geranen

DEATHS

- Lil Stauffacher
- Sandi McConniel (mother of Mike (Cynthia) McConniel)

MARRIAGE

- Ross Leonhardt (son of Rob and Jane Leonhardt) and Kendra Kooiker
- Madison Barthelman (daughter of Roger and Lora Barthelman) and Justin Hals

ATTENDANCE

- Jun 20: Total 420 - YTD 719
- Jun 27: Total 454 - YTD 709
- Jul 04: Total 4-7 - YTD 698



"The Bag Ladies" AA Women's Only Group Meeting

Bring your "brown bag" lunch
Wednesdays, 12 - 1 p.m.

Fireplace Room
First United Methodist Church



"3C's" Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

Thursdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. , Fireplace Room
First United Methodist Church

To request Zoom link send email to:
SDAAnonOutreach@gmail.com

www.al-anon.org / www.sdal-anon-alateen.org
Sioux Falls Hotline / meeting information: 605-679-5497
Rapid City Hotline / meeting information: 605-390-6432

Discipleship and Fellowship

United Methodist Women News

UMW is a women's organization with a focus on missions. We support a number of mission projects geared toward women and children at all levels of the United Methodist Church. The selling of grocery store gift cards is our main fundraiser throughout the year, but the decrease in sales during the months of the pandemic has significantly impacted our budget. Please continue to support UMW mission projects by purchasing gift cards for local grocery stores. All cards are good as cash in participating stores, and a percentage of all sales goes directly to UMW and are available for purchase Sunday mornings in the church library, and throughout the week in the church office.

Our last UMW movie night was a success, so we are doing it again! Please join us **Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room** for a showing of the movie *The Hate You Give*, which takes a look at growing up as a person of color here in the USA. This selection is also included on the UMW Reading list this year. All women of the church and their friends are welcome. It is not limited to UMW members. Please enter by the west door on Duluth and someone will let you in. We will be serving popcorn and there is a pop machine in the building.

Wedded Band / S.A.G.E.S.

Thank you for trusting us with your donations to the Veteran's Project as we celebrate our church's 150 years in ministry. We are overjoyed as our goal for gifts was \$500 and your response has been so generous that we now have the privilege of supplying our mission project with over \$1,300 of items that will be used for assisting homeless veterans. *"Well done good and faithful servants."*

We are busily shopping for priority quality items at bargain prices...t-shirts, socks, backpacks, personal health care items and supplies to be used at the center. While it would be easy to turn in the dollar donation to the center, several of us are choosing to shop as our hearts and minds embrace and thank veterans in need. Thank YOU again for being a part of this project as we celebrate the life and ministries of First Church.



Is there a copy of a wonderful Christian Book you'd like to see in the Library? Please let us know the name and author and we will try to get a copy into the Library as soon as we can for you to enjoy. We are looking for suggestions for all age groups.

Guys Night Out Update - August 18

We are just weeks away from our big event sharing steak dinners in the park with our excellent speaker Tom Henderson. The tickets remain on sale for \$10 for a limited time. Go to the church office or online to get yours right away. We need at least 50 tickets sold by August 8, or we won't be able to hold the event!

You will enjoy Tom's message about bridging generations with faith. This is also a great chance for the men of our church to reconnect with one another and renew our involvement in our church's mission. Come join us and get you tickets right away, if you don't already have them. We are looking forward to it!

Pictorial Directory/Cookbook

As part of our church's 150th anniversary celebration we are creating a church pictorial directory and cookbook.

Church members are asked to email a high resolution jpeg or png photo to a Gmail account that has been set up for this use. Photos can be formal or casual, in your home, backyard, local park, or even from a vacation trip. If you don't have a picture to upload, we will have photo booth opportunities at the church in the near future.

All members that submit a photo, or have their photo taken at the church photo booth, will receive a directory.

**Please email your photo and recipes to:
firstumc150th@gmail.com**

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Richardson at maryjane@sio.midco.net.

**We will take pictures at church beginning August 29 from 9 -11 a.m.
We will take pictures each Sunday until September 26.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday Worship: In Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp)	2 SPRC Meeting: 5:30pm	3 Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday: 11am	4 Feeding SD Food Distribution: 5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm	5 Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am	6 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am	7 Men of Integrity: 7:30am Leadership Summit: 9am
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15 Sunday Worship In Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp) VBS "Wild, Wacky and Wet!": 1pm	16 United Childcare & Preschool Board Meeting: 5:30pm Finance Meeting: 5:30pm	17 Serve the Downtown Banquet: 5:30am Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am	18 Guy's Night Out: 4pm (Leif Ericson Camp) UMW Movie Night: 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm	19 Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am	20 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am	21 Men of Integrity: 7:30am Samaritan's Feet: 9am
22 Sunday Worship: In Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp)	23 Nightwatch at Hayward: 5pm Trustees Meeting: 5:30pm Church Council: 7pm	24 Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am Serve Banquet West: 4:30pm	25 Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm	26 Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am	27 Facebook: FYI Friday 11am	28 Men of Integrity: 7:30am
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All Sunday Services are offered online at sfumc.org and on Facebook Live



Just call the front office @ (605) 336-3652 to request a copy and we can either email, mail, or you can stop by in person to receive yours.

Did you know that you could get a copy of Pastor Sara's Sunday sermons?

Next Generation News

IMPACT @ First Church!

We had a great week making an IMPACT in Sioux Falls, July 18-22, 2021.

Did you know IMPACT stands for **Intentional Ministry Promoting Active Community Transformation** — and that is just what we were all about!

Throughout the course of the week we served in a variety of ways and places including: Feeding SD, LifeScape for a fun kickball game at Miracle Field, Hope Haven International, The Banquet, Church on the Street, neighborhood clean-up and prayer walk, Project Warm-Up tie-blanket making, and rock painting to celebrate the 150th, among other projects.

It was a full week in so many ways! My phone noted an average of 5.8 miles walked a day! A rough count has us at 458 hours of service and outreach for the week!!!

Thanks to all who served- you were all the hands and feet of Jesus! Way to go First Church!!! We serve an Awesome God!!!

Pastor Andrea Johnson



by Kathy Martens, Kidstop Executive Director

New School Year Coming!

The kids and staff at Kidstop have had a fun summer and we can't believe it's almost time for school again!

We have been busy collecting and packing school supplies into new backpacks as the children and families receive assistance with back to school supplies.

Our School Year Program starts August 26. If you know any family needing afterschool care please have them contact Constance or myself at 338-9472. We would be glad to discuss options with them. We pick up from Lowell and Garfield Elementary as well as Edison and McGovern Middle Schools.



by LuAnn Berkhof, Program Director

Gearing Up For Fall!

We would LOVE to have your family join us!

We are enrolling at First (12th and Spring) and at Asbury (33rd and Western)

- Both locations have a solid preschool curriculum with seasoned and professionally trained teachers
- Both locations offer care for school age children
- Our ratios are often below the state standard!
- Our tuition is based on an income sliding fee and below the average rate for care in the Sioux Falls area
- Our mission is to express a ministry of faith through care, nurturing, learning and support for families.

For More Information

Office: 605.332.5940

Email LuAnn: director@unitedchildcareandpreschool.org

Website: www.unitedchildcareandpreschool.org

Or visit us on Facebook!



by Anelis Coscioni, Toy Lending Library Director

Play. Learn. Grow.

310 in May and 301 in June. Those are toy boxes checked out/renewed from the Toy Lending Library of SD's office and from the other 8 locations. It's amazing!

Another great thing that happened is that we got hundreds of books for children 1, 2 and 3 years old with beautiful stories and milestones. The books will help families learn about their children's development and, if they need help, they will also learn where to get the help they need.

Did you know that our toy boxes contain more than toys? They do, they have a toy or more, a book (we learned that when children play and read at the same time, they have a more complete learning experience) and they also have informational materials for the families. The milestone books will also be added now. Caregivers will be able to keep the books or share them with someone they know.

Do you know anyone that could benefit from learning about child development? If yes, send them our way! We have lots of free resources for them. Or, you can stop by our office and get a copy to give to them.

Cheers!



Leave a Lasting Impact Through a Gift to the Foundation

Often as we go about our daily activities, we don't stop to think about how we can impact other peoples' lives, especially their spiritual life. The First Church Foundation has a tremendous impact on not only individuals, but on many organizations across our community.

When you look at all of the things our Foundation does and all of the things we help support, it gives you a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. The need is great and there is so much more we could do. If you do not currently or have not supported our Foundation in the past, please consider an investment that will change peoples lives.

For more information, simply contact one of our Board members or Jill Johnson, Foundation Assistant.

