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June 2021



## Summer Worship Services Schedule

### Starts Sunday, June 6

**8:30 a.m.** — Traditional Service (In-person in the Sanctuary and ONLINE\*)

**9:45 a.m.** — Unity Service (In-person in the Sanctuary and ONLINE\*)

**11 a.m.** — Outdoor Service at Leif Ericson Campground



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Sundays, June 27, July 25, August 29 at 12 p.m.**

Monthly Cookouts at Leif Ericson Camp

*\*[facebook.com/firstchurchSF](https://facebook.com/firstchurchSF) or [www.sfumc.org](http://www.sfumc.org)*



**Information is correct at publication.**

Please visit our website, [sfumc.org](http://sfumc.org), for further details and updates.

## Twenty Years Later *with Pastor Taylor Johnson*

Back in 2010, Disney made what I believe to be a gutsy choice of adding another Toy Story movie, the third in the series. Luckily, the film lived up to the hype with great use of the characters that had become a staple of the franchise as well as introducing new roles. As expected, there are twists, turns, and laughs, culminating in an absolutely gut-wrenching final scene of Andy leaving his beloved toys with Bonnie. At first Andy is hesitant about leaving Woody, but realizes it is ultimately what Woody was made for and transitions him to a new season of life. Everyone knew it was coming, but it still did not undermine the feelings of the moment.

In many ways right now, I resonate with that scene. We have been on great adventures together sharing laughs and tears, joys and struggles, and everything that life has to offer. It has been the privilege of a lifetime to share with you the most holy moments of life, as both a member of my home church and as a pastor, a unique gift not many get to have. Not only have I shared in your moments, but you have shared with me in mine. In my time here at First Church I've been confirmed, graduated, married, and had a son. All to say the adventures we have shared are too many to recall in one final writing, each one though holding a special place in my heart.

We can share in those memories of the past fondly, acknowledging the sadness of our goodbye, all the while

still honoring the excitement of our new seasons! This is what you as a church have prepared me for: pastoral ministry, serving the church however God is calling. It is a reminder God is still breathing new life into every one of us as well as God's Church! I cannot begin to describe my delight that Pastor Jordan will be joining you in the coming months, and all that he will provide in leadership and care.

While transitions have their challenges, they always have possibilities. I leave you with the powerful blessing from the book of Jude in verse 24 and 25, reminding us where we direct our praise and our life.

*"To the one who is able to protect you from falling, and to present you blameless and rejoicing before his glorious presence, to the only God our savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, belong glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time, now and forever. Amen."*

Pastor Taylor Johnson



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# Currently @ First Church

## Omaha Urban Plunge!

### Senior High Summer Mission Trip

Omaha, NE Urban Plunge

June 25-27, 2021 / Cost per person: \$125

The team will leave Sioux Falls by noon on 6/25 and return on 6/27 by 6 p.m. This will be a ministry filled couple of days serving at 6-10 different places of ministry doing a variety of things. Be in prayer for the team of adults and students going to Omaha!



## A Call to Mission

### Feeding SD Food Distribution

This team serves the first Wednesday of each month from 5:15-7:45 p.m. All ages are welcome.

### Nightwatch Food Truck

The Nightwatch team continues to serve the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at Hayward Elementary School from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Currently we are serving almost 100 meals to mostly children. Meals are served right out of the truck. Two or three volunteers is all it takes to bless so many hungry kids.



The May/June MOM is United Childcare and Preschool. We are raising money for a scholarship fund or you can donate a new toy by going to the church website @ www.sfumc.org.

## AMEN'S GOLF FELLOWSHIP

A Fundraiser for First Church Youth

Sunday, June 6, 2021  
Spring Creek Golf Course

### SCHEDULE

1:30 p.m. — Registration & Putting Contest  
2:02 p.m. — First Tee Time

### FORMAT

Four-Person "Texas" Scramble / Best Ball

### COST

\$50 each — Includes Cart, Green Fees and Meal After Golf

### MULLIGANS

\$10 per Mulligan  
Can be purchased for each player,  
no more than ONE mulligan per player.

### REGISTRATION

Register at the Information Center or  
Contact Steve Quincy or Pam Knuth

## The Banquet

Serving:

1. The Downtown (breakfast) location  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
5:30 a.m. cooks/6:30-8:30 a.m. servers  
To sign up, please contact Gary Healy: ghealy6@sio.midco.net
2. The Banquet West (supper)  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
2-4 p.m. cooks/5:15-8 p.m. servers  
To sign up, please contact Marilyn Clem: marilynclm@icloud.com



## Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat Team meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. Contact Doug Cleveringa to join this amazing building team: dougandamy@alliancecom.net



# Congregational Care

## Sending Out 150 Care Cards!

The Care First Team is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church by sending out 150 Care Cards!

- We sent **43 cards to our KidStop Kids** telling them how blessed we are to have them as part of our church.
- We sent **66 cards to the teachers at Lowell and at Hawthorne** thanking them for the positivity and encouragement they have given their students all year.
- We also sent **41 cards to our First Church members who live at a nursing home or adult care facility.**

Pastor Ron Olson and the Care First Team said a blessing over the cards before they were mailed out. Our hope is to spread joy as we celebrate and honor our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



*Psalm 100:5 – For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

This wonderful team is hoping to grow as we make plans for the summer months! Come and join us at our next Care First meeting on June 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. We have lots of fun caring for our church family and friends!

Any questions or ideas can be directed to Pam Knuth: knuthp@sfumc.org

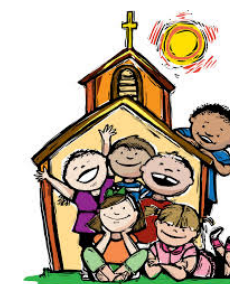
## Happy Father's Day!

*Fathers have a special role in each young child's life,  
To mold and shape them to become a follower of Christ.  
To show them the Father's heart and help them understand,  
How God's love can be their guide as they take him by the hand.*

## CHURCH FAMILY

### PRAYER LIST

- Jaeden (grandson of Carli Steffes)
- Sandy Brende (daughter of Eleanora Austin)
- Don Ditmanson
- Jan Semmler (mother of April (Ryan) Lovrien)
- Joel Longa



### DEATHS

- Don Vollan (brother of Clare (Carolyn) Vollan)
- Paula Adam Burchill (wife of Tom Burchill)
- James Colwill
- Kathleen Norton
- Marcia Mitchell (sister-in-law of Connie Colwill, niece of Shirley Miller)

### ATTENDANCE

- April 25: Total 833 — YTD 804
- May 02: Total 700 — YTD 798
- May 09: Total 637 — YTD 790



## "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

## Al-Anon Family Groups

### "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

If you would like to join any of these teams or would just like more information, please call the church office at (605) 336-3652.



# Discipleship and Fellowship

## United Methodist Women News

As always, UMW would like to remind everyone that grocery store gift cards are available to purchase on Sunday mornings in the church library, and in the church office other days of the week. A percentage of all sales goes to support the many UMW mission projects.

While you are in the library take a look at the UMW Reading Program materials. Each year a variety of books are selected covering a wide range of topics central to the UMW global missions. You should be able to find books from this year and previous years, as well as information on participating in the program.

**After so many months apart, it is finally time to get together!**

UMW invites all women of the church to meet in the Wesley Dining Hall, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. for a movie night. We will be showing one of the movies that count as a book for the UMW Reading Program this year. This event is for all women of the church. You do not need to be a member of UMW. Please mark your calendars, watch for announcements regarding the title of the movie selected, and plan to attend.

## Pictorial Directory/Cookbook

As part of our church's 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

Recipes for the cookbook can also be submitted through the Gmail account.

**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.

The **July Here @ First** newsletter information and articles are due by **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 22.** The July newsletter will be mailed on **Wednesday, June 30.** Please email your information to Jill Johnson at [johnsonj@sfumc.org](mailto:johnsonj@sfumc.org)

## Men's Ministry

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another"*  
~Proverbs 27:17.

Various topics have been discussed in the early zoom but now face to face meetings over the last 9 months. In addition to the typical issues of life, some of the topics have included forgiveness, joy, patience, fear, Daniel, hope and others.

Besides God's never ending love for us, one of the things that comes through in all areas is the strength and comfort that comes from listening and sharing our thoughts and support for each other.

Regardless if it is through a small group, or just a call to someone, if any man wants or needs more strength or hope (which we all need) please join us or reach out to one of us at the church.

## Guys Night Out Update - August 18

The date has been set for the next Guys Night Out at Leif Ericson Park for Wednesday, August 18. Please save this date on your calendar and plan to get your tickets as soon as they are available!

The great news is that our speaker planned for last year (before we had to cancel) has graciously agreed to be our program for 2021. We are confident that Tom Henderson will be a great speaker with much to share with our group.

We need an excellent turnout this year! Hoping to see you all very soon.



## What Can You Do In Your Library?

- You can start** ... a chess club
- ... a book club
- ... a knit or crochet club
- ... preschool story hour
- or —
- You could bring in**
- ...a fascinating speaker for a lunch hour
- ...a lunch and learn

**Contact Lori at [ericksonl@sfumc.org](mailto:ericksonl@sfumc.org)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>All Sunday Services are offered online at <a href="http://sfumc.org">sfumc.org</a> and on Facebook Live</i>						
<b>6</b> Sunday Worship w/Communion: In Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp) <b>Amer's Golf Tournament:</b> 2pm (Spring Creek Golf Course)	<b>7</b> SPRC Meeting: 5:30pm (Zoom)	<b>8</b> Serve the Downtown Banquet: 5:30am Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am Carefirst Meeting: 5:30pm	<b>9</b> 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team Meeting: 6pm UMW Movie Night: 6pm	<b>10</b> Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Annual Conference Facebook: FYI Friday 11am	<b>12</b> Annual Conference Men of Integrity: 7:30am Habitat for Humanity Team Build: 8:30am
<b>13</b> Sunday Worship: In Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp) VBS Sports: 1pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Serve the Downtown Banquet: 5:30am Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am Kidstop Board Meeting: 5:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Facebook: FYI Friday 11am	<b>19</b> Men of Integrity: 7:30am
<b>20</b> Celebrate Kelly & Jan Fode's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 8am-12pm (Lewis Friendship Room) Sunday Worship: In Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp)	<b>21</b> United Childcare & Preschool Board Meeting: 5:30pm Finance Meeting: 5:30pm	<b>22</b> Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am Serve Banquet West: 4:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Facebook: Throwback Thursday 11am Praise Band Rehearsal: 6:30pm	<b>25</b> Facebook: FYI Friday 11am HS Mission Trip to Omaha	<b>26</b> Men of Integrity: 7:30am HS Mission Trip to Omaha
<b>27</b> Sunday Worship: In Person & Online 8:30am (Sanctuary) 9:45am (Sanctuary) 11:00am (Leif Ericson Camp) 12:00pm (Church Cookout @ Leif Ericson Camp) HS Mission Trip to Omaha	<b>28</b> Foundation Meeting: 4pm Nightwatch at Hayward: 5pm	<b>29</b> Facebook: Take 5 Tuesday 11am	<b>30</b>			

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 Sioux Falls, July 18-22

Make an **IMPACT** – Intentional Ministry Promoting Active Community Transformation! Sioux Falls mission and serving opportunities for all ages able to work and serve. If younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### Cost for the whole week?

~\$95/person and includes a t-shirt, journal, food, places of service, and fun activities (see below). Cost will be adjusted depending on involvement.

- Wild Water West (*weather permitting*) 7/19 from 4-8 p.m.
- Canaries game 7/21, 7:05 p.m. game.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 3 Sunday afternoons, 1-4 p.m. Meet in the east parking lot at the church.

- **June 13 – “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”**  
Sports themed afternoon full of games, activities, crafts, snack and Bible lessons. Wear your tennis shoes for this afternoon of fun!
- **July 18 – “Suit Up! Putting On The Armor of God”**  
Medieval themed afternoon – think knights, castles, and dragons...come and have a royally good time!
- **August 15 – Come and get “Wild, Wacky and Wet!”**  
Be prepared for an afternoon of water themed games, activities and Bible lessons. Also, Pastor Sara just might be in a dunk tank as part of the fun!

Bring some friends and come for these 3 great afternoons this summer! Also, if you are interested in helping with any or all of these afternoons contact Pastor Andrea at [johnsona@sfumc.org](mailto:johnsona@sfumc.org).



We were able to bring Wednesday night Ignite and Sunday morning Kid's Connection kids together for the sending song, *Light of the World*, in Worship. Looking forward to the fall!



by **Kathy Martens, Executive Director**

## Summer Program Begins!

Kidstop just started our summer program. We have 32 kids enrolled for the summer and hope to add even more.

We have lot's of fun summer plans including helping with the Impact Sioux Falls Mission and VBS as well as a variety of other fun and educational field trips we plan to stay active going to area parks and enjoying some exercise.

Pictured right is one of our recent Kindergarden Graduates with the Kidstop pet Mr. Carrots. The kids love to feed him, give him water and he is spoiled with lot's of cuddles.



by **Anelis Coscioni, Executive Director**

## Bright News — Record numbers!

Yes, same title as last month. We now had 319 toy boxes checked out/renewed in March 2021! We are all very excited with the increased circulation. Our new goal is 400 and we will share when that happen.

To keep up with the demand, we need more toys, more volunteers and more funds. With those goals, we are organizing a toy/book collection and free will donation garage sale for May (please check our webpage/social media for the place/date). If you have anything you would like to donate, please let me know.

We will also continue our search for awesome volunteers to join our group. If you have free time, come visit and learn about all the wonderful opportunities. You can even volunteer from home.

If you have little ones, you can bring them to play while you volunteer, like the two ones in the picture below.

**Thanks for all the support! Cheers!**



## Nursery is Open!

The nursery is open on Sunday mornings again! We will have the space open for use throughout the summer. It will be staffed when fall programming begins.



by **LuAnn Berkhof, Executive Director**

## Gearing Up for Summer

United Childcare and Preschool is gearing up for summer and we could not be more excited!

Teacher's and children alike were so disappointed that we were not able to do most of the activities that we usually wait all winter to do. This summer we are very hopeful that we will be able to return to the pools, the parks and many other popular summer hang outs that make summers memorable for us all.

It is wonderful to see so many of our families returning after health and safety regulations prevented them from attending last summer. Gratefully, we have seen enrollments trickle back up to our usual numbers. We will be back to full capacity at the Asbury location, and we are close to filling our First location as well.

We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week during the month of May. I asked the families to share their child's responses to some questions about their teachers. I will share just a few with you as, to me, they were an indication of just how important our teachers are to the families we serve.

- My teacher is best at... “knowing popcorn is my favorite snack. She makes it for me.”
- My teacher helped me learn... “to be nice and respectful.”
- I think my teacher is best at... “dancing with me!”
- My teacher's favorite thing to do at home is... “take a nap.” (I must admit there are few teachers who are NOT tempted to take a nap when they leave work!)

We at UCP are excited as we watch the toys being selected off our Amazon Wishlist. We thank you for choosing the “150 Toys” campaign as one of the ways you celebrate 150 years of worshipping together.

**Happy Anniversary!!**