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THE UNITED CHURCHES, HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Pastor's Pulpit:

It's that time of year again: taxes are due, winter is winding down and spring is winding up. We will endure another April Fool's Day. The days of Advent and Lent; the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, are in both the rear view mirror and the windshield of our lives. So what's next? I mean, how are we to be living as believers in the "ordinary" times of our liturgical year? I actually shared this illustration not too long ago and I have found it to be a handy reminder that as Christians we are called to live out extraordinary lives even in the midst of the mundane and ordinary days. We are super privileged to live with a positive purpose for the Kingdom and for our King. Amen? Amen. Consider using the illustration as we traverse the rest of the year together! So here we go:



The Wheel Illustration

The Wheel diagram, created by Navigator founder Dawson Trotman in the 1930s, is a simple and effective way to visually explain the structure of a God-glorifying life. Sharing it can be as simple as drawing it on a napkin or notepad. The diagram challenges us to think deeply about how to be an obedient follower of Christ and each part represents a crucial component of a vibrant Christian life.

How You Relate to Yourself:

THE CENTER HUB AND OUTER RIM

Christ:

Total surrender to Christ's authority and lordship is not always a decision made right at conversion, but is a necessary act of will. For the believer, the "old life" has gone and the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17), and Christ has begun to dwell in us (Galatians 2:20). God creates within us the desire to do what He wants us to do in order to express His Lordship in our lives.

The Obedient Christian in Action:

Some acts of obedience to God are internal, such as attitudes, habits, motives, values and day-to-day thoughts. But even these eventually surface outwardly in our relationships with other people. Keeping His commands in obedience is our outward indication of inward health and love for Christ (John 14:21, Romans 12:1).

How You Relate to God THE VERTICAL SPOKES

The Word:

God uses His word to speak directly to us, revealing not only who He is, but how He calls us to live and interact with everyone around us (2 Timothy 3:16). This means an earnest personal intake of God's Word is essential for our spiritual health and growth (Joshua 1:8). As God speaks to us through the Scriptures, we learn how to obey Him and apply the gospel to every part of our lives. We also come to know Jesus personally and find He is worthy of our steadfast allegiance.

Prayer:

Prayer is the natural response to God as we hear Him speak through His Word. It is sharing our heart with the One who longs for our companionship and who cares about our concerns. Prayer not only trains our hearts and minds to know the power and glory of God, but also turns His ear towards action in our lives (John 15:7, Philippians 4:6-7).

How You Relate to Others THE HORIZONTAL SPOKES

Fellowship:

God has directed Christians to build each other up through interdependence and loving relationships with each other (Hebrews 10:24-25). Gathering together as the Body of Christ draws God close around us as we praise Him and encourage one another (Matthew 18:20).

Witnessing:

God has given believers the joy and responsibility of telling the world about the good news of Christ's work on Earth (Matthew 4:19). In fact, sharing about His amazing grace is the natural overflow of a rich, vibrant life in Christ (Romans 1:16).

Not really too hard to follow? It is an excellent resource to remind ourselves that we have been bought with a price, the precious blood of our living Lord. To be about His business is a wonderful and wondrous calling and life style. And it sure beats thinking about April tax season, April Fool's Day, winter winding down ... and so on.

Blessings, **Pastor David**



An Easter Cantata

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

Will be performed at the **Custer Community Church** on **Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 pm**. Also participating are a handbell choir, instrumentals and vocals, including Garry Strauser of The United Churches of Hot Springs. Musicians from five churches are participating in this celebration of Easter.



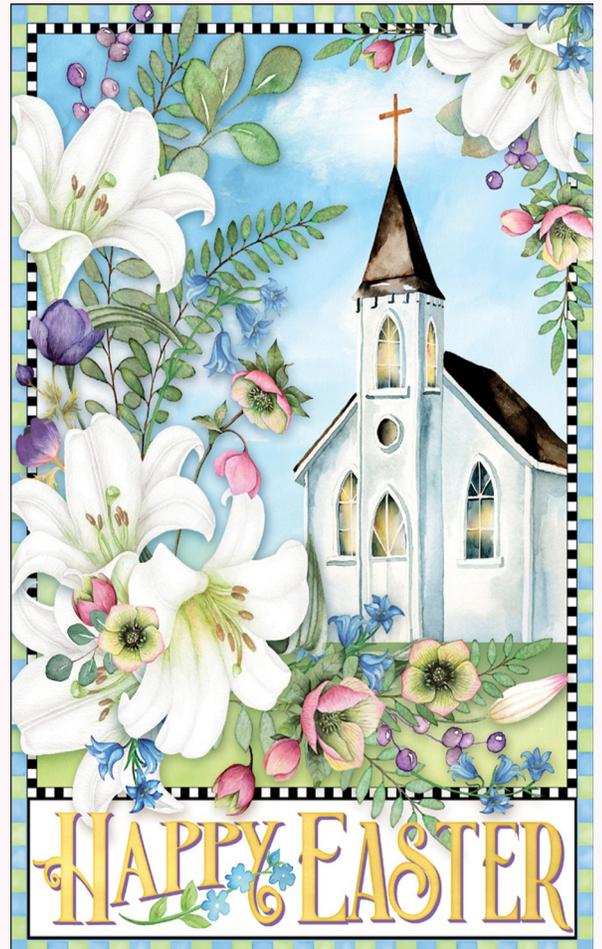
Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday Morning
6:30 am
Centennial Park
Conducted by the:
Hot Springs
Ministerial Association

Bring a chair and share in the fellowship.
In the event of inclement weather, we will move to
The United Churches Fellowship Hall.
Coffee and rolls will be served after the service.
www.hsministerial.org

Easter Sunday
at
The United Churches

10:00 am
Easter Sunday Worship Service
Church Sanctuary

11:15 am
Easter Ham Luncheon
Ham provided
If you did not sign up, just
bring a salad,
side or dessert to share.



April Mission Emphasis

Dr. William Hyppolite

Haiti Mission

"Medical Clinic Annie Zwetzig is greeting you in the Name of Jesus Christ our Brother and Redeemer.

We want to take this special opportunity to thank all of the integrated members of The United Churches for your continued support as we minister to our people here in Haiti."

With Love, Dr. William Hyppolite



Our loose change offering for missions will be gathered on Sunday, April 14th, and will be designated for Haiti Mission. If using an offering envelope, write "Dr. William" on the line designated for missions.

AN UPDATE ON DR. WILLIAM FROM ANNIE

- Things in Haiti are really bad right now. People are starving.
- The situation in Port of Prince is bad. Children are running around all over the place, their homes are being fire bombed by gangs.
- Dr. William's family is in the United States visiting his wife Natalie's family, so they are safe.
- Dr. William is not able to leave Haiti at this time.
- He is able to access the funds we send him, which are mostly being used for food and medical care.

HOEDOWN SHOWDOWN FELLOWSHIP

AT THE UNITED CHURCHES

Saturday Evening / April 20th — 6:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

**Menu: Brisket, Beans and Cole Slaw
with Angel Food Cake, Ice Cream and
Strawberries for Dessert**

Reservations Needed by April 15th

**Please call the church office or email Bernice Cook at
ucassist@gwtc.net**

**We have a church full of talented
people. So if you have a talent you
would like to showcase, now is the
time! Maybe you have a hidden
talent and you are ready to display it
to the world!**

**Please let Jeanne or Bernice know
what you would like to do!**



**Entertainment
provided by . . .
YOU!**

Information on the cost of the dinner will be sent out soon!

**COMING SOON
TO THE UNITED CHURCHES!!!!**



**THE CHOSEN
SEASON FOUR**

FRIDAY EVENINGS

BEGINNING MAY 10TH, 2024 / 6:00 PM

(If you have any questions, see Jan Speirs)

Silent Auction

THE UNITED CHURCHES BASIC NEEDS BOUTIQUE

Will have a Mother's Day Silent Auction
In the Fireside Room

April 21st to May 5, 2024

**To raise funds to replenish supplies
in our Basic Needs Boutique.**

- ◆ Baskets will be displayed in the Fireside Room for bidding on, with many baskets suitable for Mother's Day gifts.
- ◆ Bidding will begin on Sunday, April 21st and will end on Sunday, May 5th. This will allow three Sundays for people to examine baskets and place bids.
- ◆ The bid winners will be announced at Noon on Sunday, May 5th in order for baskets to be picked up/delivered by Mother's Day.
- ◆ Anyone may bid on baskets: from those within our congregation or any guests in our church.

**If you have any questions, or would like more information,
please contact Pat Collogan.**



**Thanks to all who bring us their
Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts
[Store, Pharmacy, Gas]
PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING!!**



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 Jerry & Jaime Cantu
22 Richard & Margaret Bershon
29 Brad & Summer Humbracht



4 Ryan Nichols	14 Sergio Cantu
6 Steve Keller	16 Ed Coates
8 Barb Melstad	18 Bernice Cook
8 Sheila DeVries	20 Carey Callens
9 Brad Humbracht	24 Julian Cantu
12 Angela Puffer	25 Megan Wynia
12 Darlene Jackson	

If your name is not included on the Birthdays and Anniversaries list and you would like it to be added, please contact the church office by email: uc@gwtc.net or call 745-5640.

THIS AND THAT

FOOD PANTRY CLIENT PROFILE:

Number of active clients (visited the pantry in 2023): **170**; Single: **80**; Family: **90**; New Sign-Ups (since January 24: **19**; Average days open each month: **16**.

UNITED WOMEN:

The United Women will meet on **Tuesday, April 16th at 1:30 pm** in the Fireside Room. We are continuing our study of **The Great Disappearance by Dr. David Jeremiah**. *If you are interested in joining us, please contact Bernice at ucassist@gwtc.net so she can get you a copy of the next lesson.*

BASIC NEEDS & BEARLY USED BOUTIQUES — SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 11	10:00 am—12 Noon
Saturday, June 8th	10:00 am—12 Noon
Saturday, July 13th	10:00 am—12 Noon
Saturday, August 10th	10:00 am—12 Noon
Saturday, September 14th	10:00 am—12 Noon

PLEASE NOTE!!!

These are the ONLY dates the boutiques will be open!

If anyone is unable to attend any of these dates, they may send a note with a friend, a family member, etc. to pick up the basics for them.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH
IS THE LAST DAY FOR SPAGHETTI SUPPERS
AND THE BOUTIQUES FOR THIS WINTER.**

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS
WHO WORKED HARD TO MAKE THIS SEASON A SUCCESS.
MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU ...
AND ALL THE FAMILIES WHO SHARED
THE SPAGHETTI MEALS WITH US!**



.....Have Sandals will Travel.....

***Come join us for a women's retreat to
Celebrate the amazing love
between Naomi & Ruth
and fellowship, with other strong women***

Friday, May 3, 2024, 5:00-8:00 PM

4:30-5:00 registration & payment of \$10 cash

5:00-8:00 – Retreat, generous snacks & drinks

United Churches

342 Garden Street-South/East Entrance

Contact to pre-register (by April 28 if possible):

Call- 719-640-6414

Email- marcelargent@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE SPICERS

Spicer's Profile 2024

THEIR MINISTRY

The Spicers have been missionaries with Ethnos360 (formerly called New Tribes Mission) for 35 years, teaching MK's in the Philippines. They serve at Faith Academy (FA) where Cheryl is a school nurse and Walter has had several different ministries, including math teacher, NILD therapist (teaching children with learning differences), middle school counselor, vice-principal, middle school principal, and currently the Deputy Head of School (the assistant to the Head of School). Their ministry is a vital part in advancing God's Kingdom in SE Asia.

It takes a team of people to evangelize an unreached people group, translate the Scriptures into that distinct language, and ultimately, plant churches in that people group. With support missionaries in place, the church planters and translators can stay focused on what God has called them to accomplish. This is why the Spicers' ministry, the care and education of missionaries' children, is so important.

Walter and Cheryl finished their last term in December 2023 and are currently on home assignment until July 2024 when they will return to FA: Cheryl as the head nurse and Walter as the Deputy Head of School.

CONNECTION

Walter is the son of Lyle and Ruth Spicer, former members of the United Churches. Plus he is the nephew of Pearl Risinger and June Wood. The Spicers have spent a few of their home assignments, living in Hot Springs and attending the United Churches, so he has shared several times at the United Churches.

Author Unknown

Walter & Cheryl Spicer, Philippine Field, Serving at Faith Academy

Walter & Cheryl Spicer

Will be visiting The United Churches

On Sunday, April 28th

**They will be with us for our 10:00 am Worship Service
and for Fellowship afterwards.**