

THE UNITED CHURCHES OF HOT SPRINGS SOUTH DAKOTA

Pastor's Pulpit:

It certainly seems that slowly but surely we are getting our collective feet back under us as we as a Nation and a people recover from, and begin to move past, the pandemic that has kept us all captive for the past year and a half. It feels good to see some light at the end of the tunnel! Attitudes are improving, fear is retreating, and hope is returning.

With that said, I don't want us to lose this opportunity to truly stop and be thankful for all that we have and all that we have endured.

Thank You, Lord ... for helping us through this time.

Thank You, Jesus ..

for being with us and walking close beside us as a people and a church.

Thank You, Jesus ... >> thank You for Your faithfulness in keeping us faithful.

Speaking of such, as I was looking over some paperwork the other day, I came across a list of people who donated the original twenty-four stained glass windows that adorn our Sanctuary. As you can see, many gave in memory of or in honor of a specific person, family, group, or organization. In a way, what they were really doing was displaying (in both word and deed) a true gesture of: heartfelt gratitude; a lasting note of thankfulness; a permanent placard; and an appreciation of a life lived or service rendered. They took the time to remember. More than that, they determined not to forget.

And so must we. Nothing stirs developing a heart of thankfulness more than to put yourself in another person shoes and trying to imagine some of the reasons why that person felt the way they did at the time.

Read the names on the list. Walk slowly through our Sanctuary. Consider the ones listed and the ones who honored them. And then take a good look around. Go home and look around. We have endured. We have survived. We have so much to truly be thankful for and about. Let's not forget.

Blessings, Pastor David

The memorial list on the next page was taken from: The United Churches Dedication Booklet, April 15, 1956,

the twenty-five stained glass windows are memorials and gifts as follows:

- 1 Given in memory of MRS. W. P. PHILLIPS, a charter member of the Baptist Church, by her children.
- 2 Given by Edith W. Martens and Clifford A. Wilson in memory of their parents, STEPHEN EUGENE and LUCY ALLEN WILSON, charter members of the Methodist Church; and in memory of their aunt, MATTIE C. ALLEN, a charter member of the Presbyterian Church.
- 2 Given by Merial M. Olsson in memory of her father, CHARLES W. BENSON, and of her mother, NELLIE W. BENSON.
- 2 Given by Frances C. Rasmussen in memory of her father, MARTIN BIER-WIRTH, and her mother, FANNIE BIERWIRTH.
- 1 Given by Mary A. Deischer in memory of her husband, HOWARD E. DEISCH-ER, father of Merle C. Deischer.
- 1 Given by Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Dickinson in memory of their son, ELGIN DICK-INSON.
- 1 Given in memory of THE REVEREND ROBERT H. DOLLIVER and his wife, ELLE B. DOLLIVER by their children, Mary, Barrett, Garrett, James and Robert
- 2 Given by Marie F. Battersby in memory of her parents, MARGARET E. and OR-LANDO FERGUSON; and in memory of her sister and husband, OLLA F. and LARRY E. HIGHLEY.
- 1 Given by Mary C. Johnson in memory of her brother and wife, SOLOMON R. and LILLIAN M. GLATTLY.
- 1 Given by Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Larive and Paul in memory of their son and brother, THEODORE A. LARIVE, JR.
- 1 Given by John E. Mueller in honor of his mother, BERTHA W. MUELLER and in memory of his father, JOHN MUELLER.
- 1 Given by the 1946 Choir in memory of ELTON R. PHILIPS
- 1 Given by the 1945 Christian Endeavor in memory of GLENN G. STROM.
- 1 Given by friends in memory of IDA STROUSE.
- 1 Presented by the BAPTIST LADIES' AID,
- 1 Presented by the METHODIST WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SER-VICE.
- 1 Presented by the PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.
- 1 Presented by ELLA A. and EDWARD R. PHILIPS.
- 1 Presented by FRANCES C. RASMUSSEN.
- 1 Presented by MR. and MRS. GORDON STEELE and CORALE
- 1 Presented by FLOYD A. and FRANCES TRUMBULL.



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



23 Owen & Jean Meadows

- 3 Linda Heath
- 3 Maggie May
- 8 Chris Kutz
- 9 Terry Blume 9 Pat Cerney
- 20 Junibelle Gilbert 24 Anna Swift

18 Darren Diggs

18 Kallen Kutz

- 13 Miguel Cantu
- 26 Molly Cape
- 29 Markus White Face
- 13 Joyce Harper
- 17 Lois Emerv

THIS & THAT:

JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER:

Please submit any UPDATES or NEW "Joy and Concerns" you would like prayers/praises for in the month of JULY. Contact the church office at 745-5640; or email uc@gwtc.net. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY REPORT-CLIENT PROFILE:

Number of Active Clients (Visited the pantry in 2021): 258: Single (137); Family (121); New Sign-Ups since Jan 1, 2021 (43); Average Days Open Each Month (16).

JULY SERMON SERIES:

Mark 6:45-56 July 4th July11th Mark 7:1-8 Mark 7:9-23 July 18th July 25th Mark 7:24-30

"Walk on Water" "Holy Hypocrisy!" "Closing the Loopholes" "Not so Crummy, Crumbs"

SUNDAY, JULY 4TH - WORSHIP AT THE UNITED CHURCHES 10:00 - 10:45 AM



Come and join with us for this special patriotic-themed Worship Service. We will dismiss early in order to give folk time to enjoy the 4th of July Parade, which is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM.

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.

JULY MISSION EMPHASIS - HAITI MISSION

God is so good ... all the time!

We have already gotten over 500 pairs of brand-new shoes for Haiti! We will get these to Florida and they will be shipped to Haiti in time for children to wear to school.

Our Loose Change Offering for July will be for Project Funds for our 2022 Haiti Trip. We will be building an apartment above the "Annie Zwetzig Clinic" for Dr. William, his wife, Dr. Natalie and son Nathan. It will be so convenient for them, a nice place to live, and is also very much needed.

During our trip, we will also have Bible School for the children. We will feed them every day. I am sure there will be about 50 to 100 kids!



Our **Haiti Trip** is being planned for **January 2022**. If you would like to go with us, there will be an **informational meeting** on **Tuesday**, **July 6**, **2021** — **9:00 AM** in the **Fellowship Hall**. You could "choose" where you would like to serve: construction, Bible School, School, Clinic, and other things. We will be staying in a place with showers and electricity unlike the first times we went.

We will need project funds for the building, and to buy food/supplies for Bible School. The building is estimated at about \$6,000, before the roof. *We have already made* \$1100 *toward this fund at our last rummage sale!*

Pray about it. God will let you know! Annie Zwetzig



CHURCH OF HOPE QUILT RAFFLE "Star of Hope" Quilt 67" x 84" Crafted by Kate Ulmer

The Church of Hope is an American Baptist Church gathering within the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre.

This quilt raffle is one of the Church of Hope's main fundraisers for the year. Each year, the Church of Hope Steering Committee is responsible for raising all necessary funds to financially support the mission of the church including the pastor's salary, bible studies, bibles, exit bags and miscellaneous church and office expenses.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this beautiful quilt, please contact Jeanne Wyatt.