



June 2019

“Yucca Breeze”

T H E U N I T E D C H U R C H E S
O F H O T S P R I N G S

P A S T O R ' S P U L P I T :

Dear Friends,

Once again, I want to say what a joy it has been to serve as Interim Pastor at the United Churches. Both Judy and I have enjoyed your fellowship, hospitality, and worshipping with you. We will miss seeing all of you on a regular basis. I want to also offer a special thanks to everyone who faithfully works to make worship and all the other activities at The United Churches happen. Thank you to the Board of Trustees, the music personnel, the people who faithfully greet and usher, those who serve as worship assistants, liturgists, or provide the children's message, those who teach the children's classes, the children who now serve as acolytes, and many more people who faithfully serve this congregation in many other ways. Your service is most appreciated.

At the same time, I know you are excited to “finally” be getting a new full-time pastor. There is no doubt in my mind that you will welcome David and Bernice with the same love and care you have shown us. We pray that his ministry among you will be long and fruitful. The next steps in the process will be planning the Installation Service in coordination with the Presbytery in order to fulfill the requirements for an installed pastor. This special occasion will involve various people from the Presbytery and perhaps other invited guests as approved by the Presbytery. Pastor David Cook will be communicating with me as the Presbytery liaison to coordinate this service.

In this “Yucca Breeze” you will also find a short informational article about A Christian Ministry in the National Parks. During the last two summers Judy and I worked with and supported the college students at Mt. Rushmore. The students whom we worked with were dedicated and faithful servants of Christ.

The United Churches is a very unique and special place – three denominations worshipping and working together to build up the body of Christ. May this wonderful ministry continue into the future. We hope you have a glorious centennial celebration in 2020!

Yours with Christ's love,

Pastor John

** News & Announcements **

New Members Received

The following people have been received as new members into the fellowship of The United Churches: Larry and Sarah Bourne, by letter of transfer from Enon Baptist Church, Chester, TX (as Baptists); Carol Giesler, by letter of transfer from Jasper UMC, Jasper, MN, Jay Koumbia and Edie Hooper, by letter of transfer from First UMC, Rapid City (all as United Methodists), Adair Speer, by letter of transfer from First Christian Church, Alliance, NE; and Jeff Ecker by Affirmation of Faith, (both as Presbyterians).

We welcome these new people into the ministry, mission, and fellowship of The United Churches! May our fellowship bless their lives as their presence blesses our congregation.

C.E. Team News

From the Christian Education Team, and on behalf of the children, a HUGE “thank you” to the congregation for their Camp Scholarship support!

Nearly \$2,700 has been raised through the luncheon fundraiser, loose change collections, and special tithes donated to enhance the scholarship funds. Most camps are still open to register.

Camp information is available in the Bethany Room display. Please contact a member of the CE team or church office for additional information. —*Sharon Kalvels*

Worship Services in the Parks this Summer

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks is a national organization that trains and provides college students with the opportunities to lead worship services and to minister to workers and visitors at the national and state parks. The students hold half-hour Sunday morning worship services from late May through early August at the following locations:

Mt. Rushmore Service at 8:30 A.M.

Sylvan Lake Service at 9:00 A.M.

Blue Bell Service at 9:30 A.M.

State Game Lodge Service at 9:00 A.M.

If you are enjoying any of these places on a Sunday this summer, please consider attending one of the services. Please check with park officials or employees or people at the registration desk to find out the exact location at each site. In addition, if you are visiting any national parks, please check to see when they offer their worship services.

Children's Sermon & Kids with Choir 5/19



JUNE Birthdays:

13 Ed Cerney
14 Cheryl Keller
15 Morris Nelson
20 Jean Schuchardt
22 Lucille Mower
26 Dick Sewright
27 Nancy Cape



JUNE Anniversaries:

8 Paul & Sandy Swenson
9 Chris & Jennifer Kutz
10 Dean & Nancy Cape
10 Sean & Molly (Cape) Dillon
17 Bill & Pat Coffield
23 Frank & Lynn Mason



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.

A LITTLE CHURCH HISTORY

The Historic "Community Rooms". Many Hot Springs and United Churches meetings took place in this building in the 1930's-1950's. It was built before 1910 and was originally the Methodist Church. Location was where our Fellowship Hall is now.

The Centennial Committee is working on a historic booklet for the celebration next year. If you have any suggestions on church programs and events that the committee could research for the booklet, could you let Gerald Collogan, Carol Nelson, or Jeanne Wyatt know? Thank you. — *Gerald Collogan*



The Methodist Episcopal Church was the first church building constructed in Hot Springs. The first service held in this church was on Sunday, August 7, 1887.

The building was called the "Community Rooms" after the Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians united.

It was torn down in February 1954.

"ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" News

The United Churches raised \$1,121.00 in April 2019 for the One Great Hour of Sharing! This will be split & mailed to the three denominations.

The United Churches
342 N. Garden St.
Hot Springs, SD 57747
605-745-5640
Email: uc@gwtc.net
www.unitedchurcheshotspring

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit #84
(Return service requested)

UNITED CHURCHES



HOT SPRINGS, SD