



September 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,

Ever wonder how in the world we as three different denominations continue to get along? Me too!! But the one factor that I have found is the ability for folks to focus on the essentials... (Such as who Jesus is...Savior, Son of God; salvation qualifications, through Him alone and His shed blood; Heaven and Hell, eternal life with Him for believers, so on) and simply to agree to disagree on the non-essentials (church polity, baptismal procedure, bible translation, sacraments or ordinances...). It isn't that these “non-essentials aren't important, they are! However, folks can and do have different opinions and convictions. And frankly, we have just made the decision to agree to disagree and put OUR collective focus on the essential person of Christ and what He loves and wants to do in people's hearts and lives. Isn't that refreshing? Indeed it is. To give you an example. Let me share with you five different beliefs concerning what is “happening” at and during the Lords Supper: Let's consider the name of the view itself, Christ and the elements, and the significance of the view in and on the church.

### **Transubstantiation**

*(Roman Catholic & Catholic) (Orthodox Churches believe in this view, but emphasize it as a mystery)*  
The bread and wine literally change into body and blood of Christ. "Transubstantiation" comes from the Latin words "trans" (meaning beyond) and "substantia" (meaning substance). This view is that when the sacrament is consecrated, it goes "beyond substance", and ceases to be bread and wine in any way. It becomes fully the body and blood of Christ, and it only appears and tastes like bread and wine. A priest is the only one who can enact this miracle. This is seen as one of the seven sacraments. Recipients partake of the body and blood of Christ, who is being sacrificed in an un-bloody manner in the Mass to atone for sins. Upon reception, grace and forgiveness of sins are bestowed upon the recipient even without faith.

### **Consubstantiation**

*(Lutheran) (Anglican/Episcopal Churches believe in the "Real Presence" of Christ, which is compatible with Transubstantiation or Consubstantiation)*  
"Consubstantiation" comes from the Latin word "con", meaning "with". In this view, the presence of Christ is "with" the substance of bread and wine. The sacrament is fully the substance of bread and wine, and fully the substance of body and blood at the same time. The body and blood of Christ is somehow "with, in, and under" the elements of bread and wine. Thus Communion becomes fully bread and wine, and fully Christ, just as Christ Himself is fully human, and fully God, at the same time. Origins came from Martin Luther in church history. Seen as a sacrament. Recipients receive grace and confirmation of one's faith through partaking of the elements.

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### **Spiritual Presence**

*(Presbyterian & Reformed) (Methodist and Wesleyan Churches would fall into this category but leave it unclear as to how Christ is present)*

In this view, Christ's body and blood is not physically present in the elements, but rather He is spiritual present. Instead of Christ coming down to be "in" the sacrament, the Spirit raises us "up" to where Christ is. In the sacrament, the Spirit connects us with the risen Christ and His flesh and blood in heaven.

Origins came from John Calvin in church history. See as a sacrament. Recipients receive grace in some mysterious way through partaking of the elements but they must be received by faith.

### **Memorialism**

*(Baptist, Free, Mennonite, etc.) (Pentecostal Churches hold to this view, but also hold that the elements can bring healing)*

Christ is not physically present or spiritually present in any unique way in the elements themselves. The Lord's Supper is simply a commemoration of what Christ did for us at the cross. It is a holy and reverential time of solemn introspection and repentance. The focus is on remembrance, thanksgiving, proclamation and celebration.

Origins came from Ulrich Zwingli in church history. Seen as an ordinance. Recipients do not receive grace, but simply remember and commemorate the death and shed blood of Christ on the cross.

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### **Not for the Church**

*(Quakers, Salvation Army and Hyperdispensationalists)*

The partaking of the bread and wine was not intended to be a perpetual ordinance and therefore not to be taken in a ceremony in the church.

So, as you can see, if we as a church really wanted to be unbending and unwilling to let one another hold a slightly different view than we may hold, we would be a fragmented and not a unified group of believers in Christ. Thank the Lord for the ability to keep our focus on what, or should we say, WHO, is most essential!

Blessings and Grace,

*Pastor David*

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A big Thank You to the United Churches family for all your thoughts and prayers for my brother Randy Larson. Randy was injured in a vehicle accident last December. After being hospitalized for close to four months, he is now recuperating at home. He is still in physical therapy three times a week learning to walk again. All his doctors say Randy is a miracle being able to recover from this severe brain injury! Thank you again for your thoughts & prayers!

—Tom & JudyHofer

Judy & I want to thank everyone for their support, kind words, prayers, cards & food received upon the passing of my mother, Winnie Hofer on July 29th. Winnie was with us 92 years. She will be missed as a Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother. We feel so richly blessed to be a part of her life. God's blessing to all of the Church Family! —Tom Hofer

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**If anyone would like Community Concert tickets, please see Lynn Mason. The concert series hosts a great slate of performers with 4 concerts at the Mueller center and reciprocity to Newcastle, Belle Fourche and Rapid. \$45.00 for all this—more details in person.**

## SEPTEMBER Birthdays:

3 Virginia Anderson  
Sandy Swenson  
10 Mary Puffer  
24 Jerry Collogan  
29 Jean Brooks  
29 Garry Strauser



## SEPTEMBER Anniversaries:

1 Garry & Pat Strauser  
16 John & Carla Johnson



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*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](mailto:uc@gwtc.net) or call 745-5640.*

## **\*\* News & Announcements \*\*** (see more on the Page 4 insert)

**“Good Neighbor” Project Workday is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14th, starting with Breakfast for workers at 8:00 am.** The deadline to nominate someone for a project to be done is TUESDAY, SEPT. 10TH. We also need WORKERS to sign up NOW to help on that day, and let us know what TOOLS you can bring. Contact Wayne Hageman (745-3802) or Jerry Wyatt (424-2633) if you have questions about this outreach project. **THANK YOU!**

### **HOME VISITATIONS**

***1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*** The Apostle Paul encourages those of us who belong to Christ to be in the business of encouraging one another. I love being in that business! One of the very best ways that I feel I can be encouraging and also be encouraged is to visit as many of our church family as possible. I shared this goal with the Board of Trustees and they have been gracious and agreed to be available to help me in getting out seeing as many of you as possible this Fall/ Winter. Starting in October through mid-November we will be making appointments to come by folk’s homes. We will try to keep the visits brief. And really, it’s just a good opportunity to spent time with each other as Christian brothers and sisters. You really are valuable in Christ’s eyes and it certainly behooves me to get out and meet the people whom God has called to be a part of our beloved congregation!

So, please be thinking of a good day....Wednesday, Thursday, or sparingly on Friday; a good time....Morning (9-12a.m.), Afternoon (1-4p.m.), or Evening (6-8p.m.); and a good place...your home or perhaps a coffee shop or local restaurant if it would be easier for everyone. If you would, please fill out one of the ½ sheet announcements that we will be providing in September. Thanks in advance and keep in mind that God really does love you and so do I! — *Blessings and Grace, Pastor David*

### **Mission News**

We are excited to announce that plans for the “Basic Needs Boutique” (BNB) are being finalized! The United churches is hosting the Boutique, along with assistance from other area churches, to provide basic essentials and emergency items for members of our community. The BNB will be open during Spaghetti Suppers and on an as-needed basis.

As we work to get this Mission implemented, we will gladly accept your donated items. They can be left in the tote at the back of the church anytime the church is open, or you can call Pat (440-2739) or Annie (890-0108) to arrange for pickup.

Items we can accept are: toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, sanitary supplies, lice shampoo, dishes, glasses, silverware, pots and pans, towels, sheets, *small* kitchen appliances.

Due to limited space, we cannot accept furniture, any appliances larger than a small microwave, home décor items, or any other larger items.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations to assist with this local mission!

And thanks to everyone, Dr. William’s “ambulance pickup” is paid for and is now in his possession in Haiti, and is now being used! Praise the Lord!!

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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME**

**From Delores Hickman:** Women's Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, September 17th, in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m.! We will explore ten attributes of God and understand some of who God wants us to be, using the book, "In His Image" by Jen Wilkin in a 5-week study. All are welcome to attend for a time of fellowship and study!

[\*\*Can We Reserve a Seat for You?\*\*](#)

We have developed a new resource to help all of us in our efforts to invite folks to our church. In the foyer you will find a healthy supply of "reserved seating" tickets. They have a beautiful picture of our Sanctuary Stained Glass window on the front. And on the back, there is the reserved seat invitation. Of course, this is more or less, a tongue in cheek way to say, "Hey, we'd love to have you come to one, or hopefully a lot, of our Sunday morning services!" Take as many as you think you can give away!!

**The United Churches' Organists to Perform in Custer:**

Both Tracy Bastian and Sharon Hansen will join Custer organists at a celebration concert at the Custer Community Church on Sunday, September 22, at 2:00 p.m.

Trumpet, a vocal quartet, and piano/organ duets will also be part of the varied program. Tracy will be playing both the 1881 pump organ and the Allen organ. This antique organ survived a devastating fire that had destroyed the Community Church in 1950.

All are invited to hear the rich sounds of the recently repaired organ at this free concert! Call Sharon Hansen with any questions at 605-890-0580.

**A Friendly Reminder from the Church Office:** Please remember to let the office know whenever your mailing address changes... This is especially important if you are a "snowbird" with two addresses on file with the church. We want you to receive your "Yucca Breeze" in a timely manner, and the Post Office does not forward bulk mail but returns it to us to re-send, causing unnecessary delays. *Thank you!*

**2019 Stewardship Series**

Date	Title	Text
Sept 1	"The ABC's of Stewardship—Attitude"	Luke 10:25-37
Sept. 8	"The ABC's of stewardship—Blessing"	1 Chron. 29: 10-16
Sept. 15	"The ABC's of Stewardship—Consecration"	Mark 10: 17-23
Sept. 23	"The ABC's of Stewardship—Devotion"	Luke 6:27-37
Sept.30	Praise and Potluck Sunday	

**Fall 2019 Sermon Series: Finding Christ in the Old Testament**

Date	Title	Old Testament Character	Text
Oct.6	"The Adam Bomb"	Adam	Romans 5:12-17
Oct.13	"I No-ah guy"	Noah	2 Peter 3:1-9
Oct.20	"Abra-Ham and Cheese"	Abraham	Genesis 22:1-8
Oct.27	"Mel's Diner"	Melchizedek	Hebrews 8: 8-13
Nov.3	"Hey Jo, where ya Goin?"	Joseph	Genesis 39:13-20
Nov.10	"Mo Love, Mo Power"	Moses	Numbers 20:1-13
Nov.17	"You're Josh-in Me!"	Joshua	Ephesians 1:11-14
Nov. 24	"Samuel Emanuel"	Samuel	1 Samuel 2:26

Next Sunday Morning Bible Study "Discovering My Spiritual Gifts" Chip Ingram