



Prayer List:

Government officials, World leaders and Local leaders.

Prayers for Brandon Rosenau (Marilyn's son) for a successful liver transplant, Tina Tilford (prayers for a treatable diagnosis). Grayson Chapeau, Pat Patterson (cancer), Adeline Kinney, Rhian Elmido, Clifford & Elsie Hanson, Mark Milton (inoperable cancer), Barb Howe, Mary Jo Beug, and Angie Riggs, struggling with cancer (friends of Lorie Umphrey), Larry Jebens cancer problem (Les and Karen's neighbor) and Connie Zimbleman.

Please let Marie know of any changes.

"Where There Is No Vision, People Perish"

We've been making progress as a congregation, and we need to celebrate! Last year (as a result of our planning) we established a new web page that Shirley Brost and her committee launched and are maintaining. We are averaging 3 visits daily, which is a great start! We started a new concert series that has been very successful on Sunday afternoons. Funds raised are going to the Cheyenne River Youth Project. We also planned two outreach programs. We are inviting the community to participate with us in a Grief Support Group for those who have experienced loss. Our first night, 15 people attended! And, we have a financial seminar called: Bible Based Budget that Kathy Johnston will teach in the Spring. These have all been great developments!

And now a look ahead. All of you have been asked to share what you've been hearing from God about our next logical steps. We had some good discussions at Placerville, and now we will continue to meditate on what is possible. The general observations suggested that we should continue to listen, and to wait on God. We also heard that we need to invite more people to be part of this congregation. See the list below for other ideas. The Council will establish priorities soon. **Pastor Randy**

Connect: This was the category with the most ideas. Here are some of the ideas:

- Continue inviting more guest musicians, encourage our musicians
- * Midweek worship (sermon and a song)
- Activity based fellowship, yoga, walking partners
- Outreach activities to visit shut ins, and others
- Continue internet presence
- Invite people to worship with us
- Connect with members unable to attend

***Grow**

- *Study Spiritual Gifts
- *More Bible Studies

***Serve**

Do more service projects in the community to those in need .

- *Continue programs that invite others in (Grief Support Group, Financial Seminar).

Pastor Randy's Sermon plans this month:

October 6 - World Communion Sunday - Guest Preacher. **October 13** - "The 100 Percent Rule" - Mark 10:17-21. **October 20** - "Wrestling with God" - Job 38:1-7, 34-41. **October 27** - "See More Clearly" - Mark 10:46-52. **November 3** - All Saints Sunday - "Key to Happiness" - Mark 12:28-34

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

Remembering Our Saints Special Worship - November 3, 2024

In the Church year, All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1st, and we have been holding an "All Saints Sunday" service to honor those who have passed. As we did a year ago, we'll light a candle for all those who have passed since last year, and then we'll have others follow (those who passed prior to November 2023 whose information we have). We encourage you to let us know (by stopping by or calling Marie in the office) by Monday, October 28 in order to have them listed in the bulletin. We will want to know the name of departed, date passed, relation to you, and who is submitting the name.

If you do not care about listing the name in the bulletin (or if you miss the deadline), there will be an opportunity to light candles for your loved one by simply filling out a slip as you go forward to the altar. May we commune with our "saints" at our worship service on this special Sunday, November 3rd! Grace and peace to you all this day!

Pastor Randy

PASTOR RANDY'S regularly scheduled office hours are **Monday: 9-11 a.m., Tuesday Mornings, 10:00 a.m. to 11a.m.** and **Wednesdays from 1 - 3 p.m.** If you would like to schedule a visit or need him, please call the office and let Marie know, or email him at: pastorandy1057@gmail.com

COFFEE TIME: Looking for a great small group? Our weekly coffee group is a social group with a purpose. We meet every week for an hour, and after some social time, we dig into the Word a bit. This group gets a preview of the scripture and discusses the topic and direction the sermon may be headed on Sunday. **Join our Tuesday group meeting at Burger King at 9 a.m.**

THE KING'S MEN will meet in the Fireside room **Sunday, October 6th** after worship.

DEACONS MEETING is on **Sunday, October 13th** in the Fireside room after Worship.

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING will be held on **October 15th at 10:00 a.m.**

MISSION NEWS

Missions will be sponsoring a **Chili/Soup Lunch on Sunday, October 20th right after the service.** A variety of chilis will be served as well as chicken soup for anyone not wanting to eat chili. We will also have a variety of breads. The Women's Fellowship circle for October will be providing the desserts. The proceeds of the "Free Will Offering" will go to our church's pew cushion fund. This is a wonderful opportunity for food and fellowship for a good cause.

Neighbors in Need (**NIN**) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. **The NIN Special offering takes place on Sunday, October 6, 2024.** This year's NIN theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!" This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. More information is available on the back table next to the collection jar. If you would like to participate in this year's NIN special offering, a collection jar will be on the table in the back of the church to receive your donations.

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If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to Spearfish UCC with NIN in the memo line. You can also make a check payable directly to **Neighbors in Need**.

The food provided at the Good Shepherd Clinic has changed. **Sandwiches will no longer be served at the GS Clinic, therefore we will no longer need volunteers to make sandwiches.**

We **WILL** continue to provide fruits and veggies on the 3rd Monday of the month. A new set of sign up sheets are now on the glass counter. There is now one sign up sheet for fruits and another sign up sheet for veggies. Any questions, please contact Marcie Nuenke @min21711@icloud.com or at 605-717-7808 (home) or 605-639-9719 (cell).

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated food for the Spearfish or BHSU Student Food Pantry. Your donations were very much appreciated. What a wonderful way to help those in need in our community.

We received two very nice **Thank You cards from West and Creekside Elementary Schools**. They were VERY appreciative of the school supplies that were donated by our congregation. They are on our bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Who is the Holy Spirit and what gifts does He have for you? Our Monday morning Bible study will begin on **October 14th** and continue on the **21st, 28th** and for **November: 4th, 18th and 25th**. **PLEASE NOTE: November 11th - NO CLASS. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room.** There is a sign up sheet in the hall outside the sanctuary. For more information contact Sally Levengood 605-642-2329 or -

sally.levengood@gmail.com



Dear members and friends in Christ Worship Trial period

We continue our trial period of Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. this month and until the Council meets again in October. Fellowship hour will be at 10 a.m. Council and Deacons then will gather feedback from you during the next few weeks and will determine at their next meeting how to continue.

Shirley Jenssen

~ OCTOBER 2024 Calendar ~

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| Tues. | 10/01 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |
| Wed. | 10/02 | 10:00 a.m. | Chapel at Edgewood |
| Sunday | 10/06 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship/Communion Fellowship NIN Collection Fireside Rm. |
| | | | Men's Group Mtg. |
| Tues. | 10/08 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |
| Sunday | 10/13 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship/Fellowship Fireside Rm. |
| | | 4:00 p.m. | JJ Kent Classic Country & Native American Flute Concert |
| Mon. | 10/14 | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| <u>Mon. 10/14 - Indigenous People's Day & Christopher Columbus Day - OFFICE CLOSED</u> | | | |
| Tues. | 10/15 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Council Mtg. |
| Wed. | 10/16 | 1:00 p.m. | Women's Fellowship |
| Sunday | 10/20 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship/Fellowship/ Chili Soup Lunch |
| Mon. | 10/21 | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| Tues. | 10/22 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |
| Sunday | 10/27 | 9:00 a.m. | Worship/Fellowship |
| Mon. | 10/28 | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| Tues. | 10/29 | 9:00 a.m. | Coffee @ BK |



Marie's Office Hours:
M,T,W,T: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed Fridays

**October Altar & Tables
Committee**
Shirley Aman-Altar
Shirley Jenssen-Tables

October Birthdays

19th: Darlene Plunkett
20th: Paula Cottrill
JC Pluimer
21st: Darren Turgeon
25th: Lisa Proffrock
26th: Corey Zehfus
29th: Isabella Digioia
30th: Matthew Crawford

Happy Birthday!

October Anniversaries

10/3: Gary & Connie Zimbleman
10/12: Jason & Holly Johnston

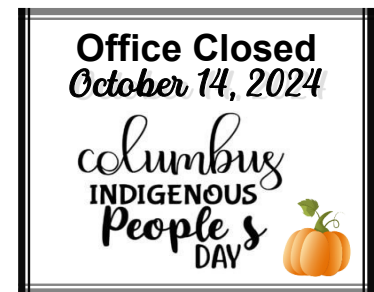
Happy Anniversary!

October Liturgists

6th: Jim Hood
13th: Brian Eberhard
20th:
27th:

October Ushers & Greeters

6th: Katie Hood
13th: Lynne Quissell
20th: Katie Hood
27th:



September Attendance & Facebook Viewers

Sept: 1st: 45 / Viewers: 3
Sept: 8th: 55 / Viewers: N/A
Sept: 15th: 49 / Viewers: N/A
Sept: 22nd: 53 / Viewers: 2
Sept: 29th: 41 / Viewers: N/A

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