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THE UNITED CHURCHES OF HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Pastor's Pulpit:

I love June! Can you believe that the year is already half over? June is usually just right temperature-wise and wondrously green as the summer heat has not yet turned everything South Dakota brown. Best of all ... it's my birthday month. I can't believe that I am ... well ... getting a little older, let's just say. When I started thinking about my birthday, my thoughts went back through the years and I realized how very good and kind the Lord has been to me and for a very long time. Let's play a game. I am going to list nine gifts God has given me throughout the years (in some way they will give you a hint into how old I am turning). You'll have to pay close attention ... so let's go!

The first gift ... Salvation.

I knew about Jesus growing up, but in my 24th year, the Lord revealed Himself to me in a way that I have never forgotten. He changed me from the inside out, and He still has lots and lots of work to do. But, His Gift, His Present, was actually Himself. Paul put it well in Colossians 1:27, "To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

The second gift ... Inheritance.

Think about these words carefully. In Peter's first letter, chapter 1, verses 3 and 4, he penned a marvelous truth: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, reserved in heaven for you." In other words, there is a future because there is a Heaven. Jesus did say he's preparing a place for those whom the Father has given him. Usually, one must wait till another dies and then find out what they left as an inheritance. Not here. Jesus said, you must die ... then the inheritance will be yours. Wow. Just to *know* that is life itself.

The third gift ... X.

I'm afraid this one is too personal to share. But praise God for this particular gift!

The fourth gift ... Time.

Time seems to speed up as one gets older. But it really doesn't. God has stated in Psalm 139, "**15My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all my days were written in Your book and ordained for me before one of them came to be. 17How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God, how vast is their sum!**" As time has passed, I have come to appreciate every day that the Lord allows me to be with family and friends. Every year in His service is a privilege. Every month is a joy. To understand time considering a Biblical concept of Sovereignty allows us to live our lives in security and peace ... knowing that our last breath here will someday, when God decides, be our next breath in Heaven.

The Fifth Gift ... Yesterdays.

I am particularly grateful for this gift because it's about perspective ... about all my yesterdays. I cannot go back and undo anything. I can only remember good times and good people. Gosh, I miss so many ... my mom, my Nana and grandad, my other grandparents, my dad, my cousins, lots of friends. So many have exited the eternal escalator before me. And the older I get, the more I realize that I, too, will soon depart. But it's my memories, all my yesteryears, that keep all who have gone on before "alive" in my heart and mind. I am ever grateful for all my yesterdays.

The last four gifts are a big part of the clue to my age ...

The Sixth Gift ... Never Alone.

This is the assurance and the knowledge that I have counted on many, many times ... I am Never Alone. Think about it, the writer of Hebrews states, "**keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'**" Jesus in John 14 said, **If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,^[f] to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be^[g] in you. ¹⁸ 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'**" The absolute wonder of this gift has left me in tears on many occasions. We try so hard to have God come when we think we need Him. We know it in our hearts, but wouldn't it be nice to hear Him say out loud at least once "*I am always here.*"

The Seventh Gift ... Insight Concerning Life.

The Eighth Gift ... Now.

Ever wonder why the present is called the present? Could it be because it is?

The Ninth Gift ... Eternal Life.

My final gift that God has given me in my _____ years of life is ... **Eternal Life**. I did not choose Him. I was dead in my trespasses and sins. But for some reason, for some purpose, He claimed me and gave me new birth and a new hope, and every year that I get to celebrate, I celebrate in light of His goodness and gifts. Think about this in closing, and then consider the fact, am I understanding the greatness of His gift to me? John 15, ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other."

Blessings and Peace, *Pastor David*



**JOYS ...
CONCERNS ...
PRAYER REQUESTS ...
NEEDS ...
AT THE UNITED CHURCHES**

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If you have a joy you wish to share, a concern, a prayer request, or a need, please contact **US** and let us be joyful with you, pray for your concerns and prayer requests, or help you with your needs (i.e. yard work, moving furniture, ride to church, etc.)

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JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Hot Springs Club



We Give Children
FUN & FRIENDSHIP
GREAT FUTURES START HERE

Boys & Girls Club is the place to be either after school or all day during the Summer — when school is out, the Club is IN! That means all day Fridays for our Hot Springs School District kids. Look for hands-on science programs, nutrition education, field trips, and serious FUN.

Our loose change offering for June will be gathered on Sunday, June 8th. If using one of our giving envelopes, please write BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB on the line designated for missions.

The Boys & Girls club of Hot Springs is currently raising funds to build a fence around the play area for safety.

And ... they can always use volunteers!!!

Please see the list of supplies needed on the next page.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2 Pastor David Cook
4 Donna Jenniges
11 Richard Nelson
13 Ed Cerney
14 Cheryl Keller

15 Cora Reid
20 Jean Schuchardt
27 Nancy Cape
28 Mark Tupper

10 Dean & Nancy Cape
Sean & Molly Cape
17 Bill & Pat Coffield
21 Linda & Adam Heath
23 Frank & Lynn Mason

THIS AND THAT

UNITED WOMEN:

Will meet on Tuesday, June 17th at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room. We are continuing our study of *The Great Disappearance* by David Jeremiah.

FOOD PANTRY COUNTS:

Number of Active Clients (visited the pantry in 2025): 276; **Single:** 139; **Family:** 137; **Veterans** (included in sgl/fam count): 59; **New Sign Ups** (since Jan 1, 2025): 61; **Average Days Open Each Month:** 16; **Feeding SD Total:** May: 225 (Hot Springs); 125 (Edgemont); 180 (Custer).

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SUPPLIES NEEDED

We can also help the Boys and Girls Club with supplies! Below is a list of supplies they are in need of
A donation bin is located on the Mission Table in the Bethany Room.

*Pencils
*Markers
*Colored Pencils
*Construction Paper
*Notebook Paper
*Paper Towels
*Lysol Wipes
*Lysol Spray
*Sunscreen

*Tissues
*Spoons & Forks
*Play Doh
*Water Bottles
*Gardening Soil & Gardening Pots
*Cake Mixes
*Icing
*Pudding
*Jello

FIFTH SUNDAY MUSIC CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 29th

10:00 am / Church Sanctuary
Special Music Guest: Lois Wells

FOLLOWED BY:

ALL CHURCH
POTLUCK

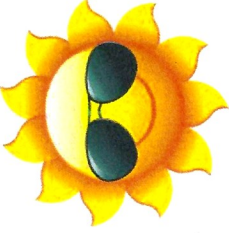



After the service, you are invited to
join us in the **Fellowship Hall** for
great food and great fellowship.

Bring an entre, side-dish, salad or
dessert to share.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

The United Churches — June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship Service 11:30 am Bell Choir 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Game Nite	2 1:00 pm D2D3	3 12:30 pm Tuesday Lunch Bunch	4 7:15 Personnel Committee	5 10:00 am – Mary/Martha Bible Study 3:00 pm – Music/Worship Team meeting	6 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	7 <i>No Church Activities</i>
8 MISSIONS SUNDAY <i>"Loose Change Offering"</i> 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship Service 11:30 am Bell Choir 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Game Nite	9 1:00 pm D2D3 Receipts & Reimbursements Due	10 1:30 pm Tuesday Lunch Bunch 6:00 PM-BOT Meeting	11 <i>No Church Activities</i>	12 10:00 am – Mary/Martha Bible Study	13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	14 Bearly Used Boutique Open 10 am to Noon
15 BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Youth Bible Study 10 am Worship Service 11:30 am Bell Choir 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch 6:00 pm Game Nite	16 1:00 pm D2D3 Yucca Breeze Articles Due	17 12:30 pm Tuesday Lunch Bunch 1:30 pm United Women	18 10:00 am HSMA Mtg	19 Nineteenth Day 10:00 am – Mary/Martha Bible Study	20 1st Day of Summer <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i> 	21 <i>No Church Activities</i>
22 FRIEND SUNDAY 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Youth Bible Study 10 am Worship Service 11:30 am Bell Choir 6:00 pm Game Nite	23 Receipts & Reimbursements Due	24 12:30 pm Tuesday Lunch Bunch	25 <i>No Church Activities</i>	26 10:00 am – Mary/Martha Bible Study	27 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	28 <i>No Church Activities</i>
29 MUSIC SUNDAY 8:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Youth Bible Study 10 am Worship Service 11:30 am Bell Choir 6:00 pm Game Nite	30 <i>No Church Activities</i>	MISSION EMPHASIS:  BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE BLACK HILLS		JUNE's Gift to God: Joy This one is just between the Lord and me... or better yet the Lord and you. This month I (we) choose to lift up a daily expression of joy and praise. Sometime during each day, I will come before You in joy and with joy, not just for all that You have done for and in me, but just for You being You. The wonder of Your presence. The greatness of Your love. O Lord, help me to do this three times each day that it will remind me that praising You is just as important as taking in each meal. Lord, I give You my Joy in June— <i>Pastor Dr. David A. Cook</i>		

June's Colors:

- Light Purple/Lilac/Lavender: Represents elegance & ability to create a calming & romantic vibe.
- Pearl: Birthstone of June naturally lends itself to soft, elegant color palette.
- Pale Orange: Associated with the warmer months, & the beginning of summer.

Summer