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THE UNITED CHURCHES OF HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Pastor's Pulpit:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

(New International Version)

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

And I might add ... a time in South Dakota to get outside and do things ... and a time to settle in for the winter. We all know and live with the reality that winters here in our beloved town are long and summers are relatively short. For the most part, people do take advantage of the warm weather to get outside and go places.

As the writer of Ecclesiastes penned, there really is a time for everything. Being a Christian also includes various seasons in life: a time to toil and a time to rest; a time to be busy in church and a time to take a break; a time to pick up a new ministry and a time to lay one down. But, I might add, in the Christian faith, there really has never been a time to be faithful in going to church and a time to take off three or four months. It is a temptation, I know. Here in our neck of the woods, summers are so very short. And let's face it, lots of people travel and are gone for a lot of the summer months. It's just a reality.

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In your walk with Christ, have you considered the validity and demands of the Great Commission? Here it is in Matthew 28:18-20: *“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

“All authority” ... “Go and make” ... “I am with you always”? What’s interesting is the actual translation from the Greek into English. Bob Prall in his little Kindle book comments: “Most translations of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) render it as if we are commanded to go. In the original Greek, the imperative is to make disciples. The word go could be translated “as you are going.”

God may send you to a particular place to fulfill a special ministry. But, as a Christian, you have been called to witness for Jesus Christ wherever you are right now ... and for the rest of your life. So, wherever you are going, whenever you are going, and for whatever reason you are going, your assignment is always the same — *As You are Going — Make Disciples.* Pretty cool stuff. It’s not meant to dampen your summer fun or better yet, spoil your trip to your beloved relatives’ homes. It’s just a reminder of who and Whose you really are. And more, what in fact we are to be all about...as we are going.

The only problem is most of us feel so very unprepared in what to say and when to bring up ... “Jesus talk.” As such, we simply avoid the subject all together. And we come back home and feel poorly for not being the kind of witness for Christ, and about Christ, that down deep inside we long to be. If that’s you, then let’s consider a plan of action. Let’s just enjoy the summer: travel, be out and about, spend time with loved ones, and do as many things as possible. Then come September 4, at 11:15 am, let’s make the decision to come to the *Organizational Meeting for the Disciple to Disciple (D2D) Class* that Pastor and others offer.

Let’s consider spending the Fall, Winter and early Spring in the business of learning how to be about the Lord’s business as we are going. Let’s consider learning and developing the basics of spending time with the Lord in Bible study and prayer. Let’s consider sharpening our own stories of how and why we have to come to know that Jesus really is real. And then let’s also consider perfecting various ways of sharing the true Gospel message in a way that makes sense not only to others but to us as well ... as we are going. It’s called being a disciple. And I believe it’s what the Lord commanded and commissioned us to do, both as His church and His cherished Child.

There really is a time to play and there really is a time to work. But just as important, there is a time to be ministered to and there is a time to learn how to minister to others. D2D just gets us as a congregation on God’s page; doing what He wants and being who He is shaping us to become. There is a time to read articles and there is a time to put this one down and go have some fun.

Blessings,

Pastor David



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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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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 or call 745-5640.

THIS AND THAT

IN APPRECIATION

"Thank you all for uplifting me and my family during this past year in the loss of my/our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. From the Fellowship ladies, calls, cards, flowers on our Anniversary and at Christmas, prayers and thoughtful cards almost monthly from Jean Nachtigall, United Church Outreach. May God bless each and every one of you and Dr. Cook."C
Sharon (Sherry) Mower

THANK YOU

"Jean & Gene Nachtigall would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, concerns, telephone calls and cards, that she received since the recent heart valve replacement surgery on May 10th. Jean is recovering quite well and doing very good. Jean hopes to be back at 100% soon.
Thank you very much, *Gene & Jean Nachtigall.*"

BASIC NEEDS & BEARLY USED BOUTIQUES:

Boutiques will be open on SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH — 10:00 AM to 12 Noon.

FOOD PANTRY COUNTS:

Number of active clients: 270; Single: 129; Family: 161; Veterans (included in single/family count) 56; New Sign-Ups: 42; Average days each month: 16.

HELLO TO ALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEMBERS

Hello to all United Methodist Church members. Next month I will be attending the UMC Annual Conference being held in Bismarck, ND. This will be my first time attending the conference, and I am excited to learn new information to bring back to United Churches. Each conference takes an offering for a determined charity, and the **2022 Miracle Offering is: Wings for Wellness** which is a hope-bringing, spirit-fueled activity that will have a lasting impact on Native American youth. Our goal for the 2022 Miracle Offering is \$50,000 to be shared with the counseling department at Four Winds School, a partner with Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota, and the counseling department at Todd County Schools, a partner with Tree of Life Ministry Center in South Dakota. Bishop Deb invites all congregations to participate. "When you are in the valley, what do you need? 'Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff comfort me' (Psalm 23:4, NRSV). Friends, our Native American neighbors, especially the youth in North and South Dakota, need us to be like Jesus the Healer. If you would like to personally participate in this offering, please make a check out to: Dakotas UMC Conference and mail it to me at PO Box 377, Hot Springs. I will make sure the checks get to the Conference. Thank you for considering/participating. Look forward to my recap in July.

Marce Largent
United Methodist Lay Representative

WATER IS WORTH CELEBRATING

- Easy access to clean water can bring positive, holistic change to impoverished communities
- In a world where 748 million people live without access to clean water, Samaritan's Purse is actively digging wells, installing filters, and implementing life-saving water projects around the globe.
- Together, we can pour into the lives of others in a way that satisfies more than just physical thirst.
- The world's water needs are ongoing and you can continue to support our projects throughout the year.



"Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert," (Isaiah 35:6, NKJV).

JUNE MISSION EMPHASIS SAMARITAN'S PURSE WATER PROJECT

Our June Mission Emphasis will be Samaritan's Purse Water Project. Offering envelopes will have a line item designated for this fund and our Loose Change Offering will be received on Sunday, June 12th.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

The Youth Ministry Team held its first planning meeting on May 20, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall. It was attended by Lynn and Frank Mason, Garry Strauser, Gerald Collogan, Jerry Wyatt and Maris Smith. The team enthusiastically shared their past experiences in youth ministry. The goal of the meeting was to brainstorm what happened in the past and to bring up new ideas to reignite the passion for youth ministry. Using the SWOT analysis format, the team discussed resources available at the United Churches to further the Kingdom of God through youth ministry. The team agreed to "adopt" one child from the current Good News Club roster and be an "adopted grandparent". If you are interested in making a difference in one child (Prov. 22:6), please let Maris Smith know. Call 431-5480 or email ytsirams@gmail.com. The next meeting will be held on June 8 (Wednesday) at 12 Noon.



Linda McElroy has started a "**United Churches Orchestra**". We have all the instrumental parts for our Hymnal. If you have ever played an instrument, or someone in your home does, please consider joining us. We will be practicing on Wednesday evenings 5:30 to 6:30 PM (while the Choir is on summer hiatus). We plan on playing with the congregational hymns once or twice a month. All instruments are welcome, and all skill levels. We can adapt!!! Please contact Linda McElroy at (605) 440-0493.

JUNE SERMON SERIES:

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| 5 "Dead and Buried" | Mark 15:34-47 |
| 12 "Rightly Risen" | Mark 16:1-8 |
| 19 "Farewell for Now" | Mark 16:9-20 |
| 26 "A Roman Greeting" | Romans 1:1-7 |

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