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THE UNITED CHURCHES OF HOT SPRINGS SOUTH DAKOTA

Pastor's Pulpit:

1. *Golf Is An Excellent Way To Meet New People And Make New Friends.*
2. *Golf Is A Great Workout.*
3. *Golf Improves Concentration*
4. *Golf Is A Lifetime Sport.*
5. *Golf Teaches Patience.*
6. *Golfing Has Future Opportunities.*
7. *Golf Is Fun.*

Final Thoughts

Golf can be a challenging sport that takes a lot of practice to master. But once you get the hang of it, it can be tons of fun. Golf is more than a game; it's an experience you don't forget, a recreational activity that not only gives you a chance to relax but also teaches you a lot of things about yourself and the world around you.

Barbara R. Morrow, Blogger/ Writer

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Reasons
Why
Golf
Is
The
Best
Sport
For
Everyone

I know what some of you are thinking. Golf is boring! Golf is silly! Golf is hardly spiritual! Probably, but as I am adjusting to new meds, I have had to spend lots of time thinking about what are the true blessings in life. Anxiety is like that. It constantly demands that you reevaluate and remind yourself of all the good things God has allowed you to have in your life. And for me, Golf is something that has been a part of my life for more than 50 years. Thus my memories of playing go back to my childhood.

Here in the recesses of memory, are times of being on the course with brothers, my mom, and especially my stepfather. Louis was a passionate golfer; and growing up I was his caddy. We played in many tournaments and won a few. Although I could not see it at the time, Louis was introducing me to a passion that I would share with him all of our lives. There still are times even now that I can feel his presence out on the course. In my mind I'm still a kid ... grabbing the club for the next shot, lining up the putt ... wondering how much money he'll pay me this week. But more importantly, having to spend time with this person who would teach me so much.

Louis is long gone. Still, since then, I have come to realize that he and I also share a unique passion of another sort: Jesus Christ. About the time I was coming to know the Lord in a real way at age 24, Louis was actually being diagnosed with the cancer that would end his life. But, it was also the time when Louis would be born again after hearing the Gospel. We became brothers in the Lord the same year. Louis would spend the last three years of his life sharing what Christ had done for him. I have spent the last 40 doing the same.

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When I am on the course, I think a lot about the Lord. I think about His goodness to me, my service for Him, go over sermons in my mind, pray. I also consider the people who have played a large role in my life. It's just part of the learning things about yourself and the world business. So, the next time you're not feeling up to **par**, try hitting a bucket of balls. Next time you're bored just **puttering** around the house, make your way to a putting green. The next time you're **teed** off at someone, just get out on the course, and let your mind go back to your childhood and the things that have stayed with you and the people that were there. Golf ... Boring? No way. Golf...Silly? Hardly! But Golf ... Spiritual? You betcha. There really is a fairway to heaven!

Blessings,
Pastor David

PRAY FOR A CABIN

The Camp Judson Camp Committee is asking that your church pray for **Cabin #9** at Camp Judson this summer. The youth and adults who will be housed in this cabin this summer need our prayers that they will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and grow in Him.

Cabin #9 is named for **Chester Jump, Jr.** After seminary and serving a small church in Vermont, he and Margaret were appointed missionaries to the Belgian Congo (later named Zaire and Democratic Republic of the Congo) for 17 years. They were responsible for evangelistic and educational ministries. He later worked as a mission secretary out of Valley Forge.



Editor's Note: Cabin #9 is the cabin Pastor David & I stayed in during our mini-retreat earlier this year. What a blessed time of refreshing it was!



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



23 Owen & Jean Meadows

3 Linda Heath	18 Darren Diggs
8 Chris Kutz	18 Kallen Kutz
9 Terry Blume	20 Junibelle Gilbert
9 Pat Cerney	24 Anna Swift
13 Miguel Cantu	26 Molly Cape
13 Joyce Harper	29 Markus White Face

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

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone for the thoughtful cards, calls, visits, and prayers during my recent knee surgery. It is so good to back in the Sanctuary, worshiping with my church family, again! *Love in Christ, Pat Strauser.*

FRIDAY FAITH FELLOWSHIP:

YOU ARE INVITED! To join us for our **Friday Faith Fellowships**, with buttery popcorn at 6:00 PM ... followed by an inspirational movie at 6:30 PM. Feel free to bring a snack or a side to share!

UNITED WOMEN'S GATHERING GROUP:

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19th at 1:30 PM. We are currently studying Psalms 51-60 in our books. This study group is flexible in that you do not to attend every meeting. We still have two books available if you would like to join us. Call Bernice at the church office if you are interested.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT-CLIENT PROFILE:

Number of Active Clients (*Visited the pantry in 2022*)=299: Single=144; Family=155; Veterans (included in single/family count)=61; New Sign Ups (since Jan 1, 2022)=58 (15 additions in May); Average Days Open Each Month=16.

JULY SERMON SERIES:

July 3	"Farewell for Now"	Mark 16:9-20
July 10	"A Roman Greeting"	Romans 1:1-7
July 17	"What About That Gospel?"	Romans 1:8-17
July 24	"What About That Wrath?"	Romans 1:18-25
July 31	Fifth Sunday Music Celebration / Followed by Potluck	

FORMER ABC DAKOTAS PASTOR PASSES AWAY:

We had word that Dr. Val Sauer passed away on May 29, 2022 in Colorado Springs, CO. He suffered a stroke and passed away shortly after. Val was a pastor of the FBC of Fargo, ND from 1989-1994; FBC of Watertown, SD from 1978-1986; and the now closed FBC of Mitchell from 1969-1973. If you would like to send condolences to his wife Connie, the address is: Connie Sauer; 6280 Prarie Hills View E104; Colorado Springs, CO 80923.

BASIC NEEDS & BEARLY USED BOUTIQUES:

Will be open **Saturday, July 9th from 10:00 AM—12 NOON.**

July Mission Emphasis

Ethnos 360 — Walter & Cheryl Spicer

Ethnos360 is a missionary organization that supports many missionaries working in various capacities. The United Churches' support of **Ethnos 360** goes specifically to **Walter and Cheryl Spicer**, who serve in the **Republic of the Philippines**.

The Spicer's have been missionaries with Ethnos360 (formerly called New Tribes Mission) for 31 years, teaching MK's (Missionary Kids) in the Philippines. They serve at Faith Academy (FA) where Cheryl is a school nurse and Walter has had several different ministries, including math teacher, NILD therapist (teaching children with learning differences), middle school counselor, vice-principal, and middle school principal. Their ministry is a vital part in advancing God's Kingdom in Southeast Asia. They finished their last home assignment in July 2019 and are presently serving at Faith Academy Cheryl as a school nurse and Walter as the Deputy Head of School (the assistant to the Head of School).

The importance of those who serve MK kids sometimes is overlooked. A close family friend of mine developed recognition in the field of MK kids through her thesis and book, when she worked with MKs in the college setting.

It is fantastic that we support Walter & Cheryl Spicer in their work on the mission field. Walter is the nephew of Pearl Risinger a member of United Churches who past away a few years ago. Walter and Cheryl continue to visit United Churches and were last here in 2019 during their home assignment.

Our Loose Change Offering for July will be received on Sunday, July 10th. Offering envelopes will have a line designated for this mission.



UPCOMING EVENT!!!

5TH SUNDAY MUSIC CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

SPECIAL MUSIC BY: SANDSTONE SINGERS

(WATCH FOR UPCOMING DETAILS)

**SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A
"PICNIC-STYLE" POTLUCK — IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Fried Chicken & Watermelon will be provided

Bring a side or a dessert!

I wish to extend a VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU" to everyone who had any part in making my Retirement Celebration so wonderful! The basket of beautiful cards: no two alike and many were hand-made! — contained so many heart-warming sentiments. I received sweet notes of thanks and appreciation, which I appreciate so very much.

I LOVED the Camper Cake, it was so yummy – April always makes the best cakes! Thank you to the Fellowship Team and all who brought food for the extra-special and bountiful potluck spread. And to the Personnel Committee for the gifts, especially the historic mug hand-painted with a picture of the church. A special thanks to Bernice and Pastor for pulling off the Big Secret Card Shower, and for the beautiful bouquet of flowers.

And lastly, THANK YOU to everyone at The United Churches who have made my seven years here *The Best Job I've Ever Had!* You've all been so thoughtful and kind to me as you welcomed me into your "family". Please do the same for my able replacement Krista Knapp as she learns all the ropes here.

God Bless you all!!!
~~ Love, Peg



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