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# “Yucca Breeze”

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## P A S T O R ' S P U L P I T :

Brothers and Sisters:

I cannot convey to you all how very pleased Bernice and I are to be a part of the church family here at TUC. Hot springs has proven to be a great little town and South Dakota, in general, is much prettier than we had anticipated! We want to express our gratitude for the kindness and acceptance that we have experienced since our arrival and look forward to many years ahead.

With that said, let me personally invite you to a new Sunday Morning Learning Opportunity. This class is at the same pre-worship service time slot as Pastor John's: from 8:45 to 9:45. The class is entitled *The Parables of Jesus*. This is a 12 Week DVD-Based series that includes a work along study guide. The author is absolutely my favorite theologian of the past 50 years: R.C. Sproul. I cannot tell you how much Dr. Sproul's teaching has personally influenced my own understanding of the Christian Scriptures, Christian life as well as the Reformed tradition. So, if you have a hunger to grow deeper in your Spiritual walk and are thirsting for great, biblical teaching concerning 12 parables that our precious Lord shared throughout His ministry, please plan on joining myself and others on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> for our initial class.

In closing, let me again say, how glad we are to be here. And here is a bit of trivia you may find interesting. In the New Testament, we have the 4 Gospel books, followed by an account of the first Apostles. Next are the 13, Pauline Epistles written by, well...the Apostle Paul. The coffee book of Hebrews is followed by what we call the 7 General Epistles. The New Testament canon ends with the prophetic book of Revelation. 27 books. Let me ask you..., how are the Pauline Epistles arranged. Here are your choices: Alphabetically? Chronologically? In order of the early church's perception of importance? Length? Well, believe it or not, the letters of Paul are arranged in our bibles from longest (Romans) to shortest (Philemon). Humm, thought there would be a more spiritual explanation. Nope...Just a matter of length.

Blessings and Grace,

*Pastor David*

## \*\* News & Announcements \*\*

### The United Churches Board of Trustees is seeking a “Grant Writer”

If you or someone you know would possibly be interested in assisting with writing a grant, please contact one of the Board or let Pastor David or the Church Office know. Thank you very much!

### From the Mission Team: Support a Cause and Know Where Your Money is Going!

The gentleman that we adopted and supported through medical school is in need of a way to help sick and needy people in Haiti. William, our Christian doctor friend, is often called to help his people in emergencies. This vehicle will be used as an ambulance, as there is no “911” in Haiti. We are sending him home with a 2006 Mitsubishi pickup that he can use to transport people as well as supplies. As this pickup leaves Florida, we hope to have it packed with items that he needs to share with others. The pickup was \$3,300, and we still need to raise \$2,500. Please support purchasing the pickup by making a donation. This is a tremendous need and your check written to The United Churches is tax deductible.

Thanks so much for helping to support all those who need this transportation.

*Acts 2:44 “And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had.”*

**A Special Invitation:** Jill Evangelista invites you all to a special celebration in honor of her parents, Bob & Pat Holwell: Pat’s belated 90th and Bob’s early 95th Birthdays! Saturday, July 13th 2-4 pm at Legacy Terrace Iron Horse Saloon, 5700 Fremont St., Lincoln, NE. Cards may be sent to: Bob & Pat Holwell, 5700 Fremont St., Apt. #248, Lincoln, NE 68507. Questions? Call Jill at 605-745-5900 or Tricia Parker at 308-641-8610.



*Pat and I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers, and calls, cards, messages, and flowers received upon the passing of my mother, Iona, on May 23rd. At 96, she enjoyed a long, full life and was ready to go Home. We are blessed to have been able to share her love for so long and to be a part of our caring church family here at The United Churches.*

*Thank you,  
Garry Strauser*

*(card received)* “To the United Churches: Thank you so much for your assistance with the birthday reception for Donna. The venue was wonderful and we so appreciate all the kind thoughts and wishes — it made for a very special afternoon! —*The Donna Jenniges Family*”

*(card received)* “To the Board of Trustees and all the members of The United Churches, Thank you for the gift cards to Colonial House and to Darden Restaurants. We enjoy eating in all those places.

It has been a real joy to serve as your Interim Pastor “twice”. The congregation has life, enjoys being together, and hearing God’s word.

May God continue to surround and inspire you through the ministry of David Cook.

With Christ’s love,  
Pastor John Pehrson

## **JULY Birthdays:**

8 Chris Kutz  
9 Pat Cerney  
11 Kristin DeVries Frackowiak  
13 Joyce Harper  
14 Alex Mason  
17 Lois Emery  
18 Kallen Kutz  
24 Anna Swift  
26 Molly Cape



## **JULY Anniversaries:**

6 Dennis/Sherry Mower  
23 Owen/Jean Meadows



*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.*



### **THE HISTORIC "COMMUNITY ROOMS"**

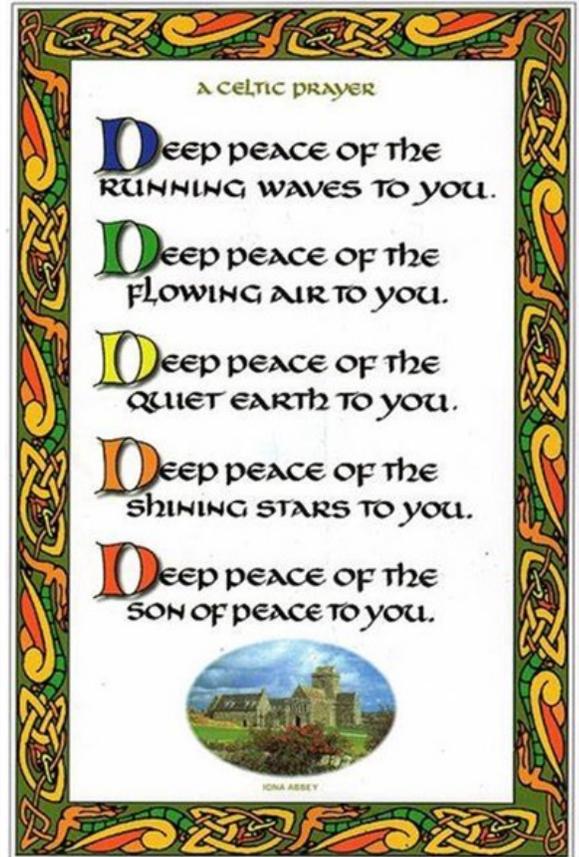
Looking ahead to The United Churches Centennial Celebration in 2020, we are beginning the process of planning the Centennial Celebration Booklet.

After the 1920 merger of three local churches – Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian – the Hot Springs religious community became stronger and more active.

Some of you have been attending The United Churches for many years and probably have lots of memories of activities, happenings and events. We would greatly appreciate your involvement in the Booklet, and you can do this by sharing anything that is special to you. Simply write down your thoughts/memories including an approximate date or year, names of those involved, etc., and take it to the Church Office marking it "Centennial Celebration Booklet". We feel this is an important way to preserve information for our congregation now and in the future.

Thank you so much for being a part of the Booklet preparation! To help with the overall planning (size, cost, etc.) we would appreciate receiving your input between now and November 1, 2019.

**SHARE YOUR MEMORIES!**



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