

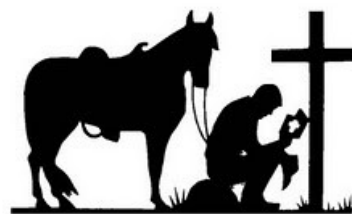


June 2018

“Yucca Breeze”

THE UNITED CHURCHES OF HOT SPRINGS
PASTOR'S PULPIT:

“COWBOY CHURCH” is coming to United Churches! Sunday, June 10th, 10:00 a.m. Our speaker will be Larry Schell, who is a recent graduate of Frontier Bible College in Lagrange, Wyoming. He is from a ranch background and will share some of his story with us. There will be a music group (yet to be determined). It will be a great time in the Lord!



Now here's a story from the recent Guideposts magazine, to remind us of God's provision.
“MYSTERIOUS WAYS”

My boss called me into her office. The company had taken a big downturn, she told me. *Are they going to let me go?* I wondered, trying my best to stay calm.

My husband, Rick, and I had just moved to the area. We loved skiing and had always wanted to live in Colorado. We'd finally gotten the chance when Rick was offered a high school teaching job there. The move from Oklahoma to a small town near Telluride drained our finances. We couldn't even afford to ski. I needed full-time work just to help cover our living expenses. Most jobs were seasonal. But I'd secured this one almost immediately. Was I now about to lose it?

“Just hang in there,” said my boss, to my surprise. “The company is on the verge of a turnaround.” I promised her that I would not resign.

I couldn't shake my worries, though. Back at my desk, I checked the newspaper. I found a listing for the perfect job. It was full-time. I was qualified. The office was near by, in Mountain village. The position would be filled if I didn't apply soon. But I had to honor my promise. *Lord, I prayed, all I can do is trust you.*

Then, three weeks later, I was laid off. When I got over the shock, I checked the newspaper. Sure enough, that earlier job listing was gone. There was nothing else full-time.

That Sunday at church, one of my friends said she'd just heard about a job opening. The employer had hired and trained someone for two weeks. Rejection letters had gone out to the other candidates. Then the new employee had a family emergency and quit. My friend didn't know what the position was, only that the company needed someone immediately. I was eager for any possibility. I asked for the number.

I called and was told to come in that week. The interview went so well, I was offered the job starting the following Monday!

I was walking to my car when it clicked. The job description. The Mountain village office. The position I'd just accepted was the same one I'd seen in the newspaper weeks earlier! The job was so competitive, I wouldn't have gotten an interview if I'd applied then. The best part? My new benefits included free ski passes for my husband and me.

— Joan Word, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

~~ INVITATION ~~



The United Churches Congregation is invited to a Bridal Shower for Molly Cape. This Celebration will take place on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:00 P.M. Please bring cards, gifts, and your presence to the Fellowship Hall. (*Molly is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and zola.com*)

It's CAMP TIME! Camp information is available for each of the denominations, Dakotas United Methodist Camps at Storm Mountain and Lake Poinsett, Pioneer and Rimrock Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center at Thunderhead Falls, and the Baptist Camp Judson. Please contact a Christian Education Team member or the church office for additional information.

Special Note: The Mission Team's "Loose Change" offering for May was for "Camps", and a generous amount of \$138.51 was collected.

FROM THE "BEARLY USED BOUTIQUE" –

Thank you to all who have worked and donated to the "Bearly Used Boutique" in 2017 and 2018. You are an important part of this Mission in our community.

The Boutique is closed for the rest of this Spring and Summer. Please do not leave clothing donations at the church during these months when we are closed. We will appreciate donations and workers when we open again this Fall. Bless you all! -- *Sally and Sheila*

Thank You From CE: The Christian Education Team extends appreciation to the volunteers who taught Children's Church over the 2017-2018 fall, winter, and spring seasons. The spring sessions concluded in May and the fall sessions will resume again in September. Thanks to the congregation for supporting the volunteers who are engaged in the children's ministry. Christian Education Team is looking forward to working with the volunteer teachers following the summer break. See you in September!



Community Church Service: You will notice on the June Calendar that **Sunday, June 24th** we will be having a "Community Church Service" at 9:00 a.m. in Centennial Park. This will be instead of our usual ten o'clock Worship Service. An invitation will go out to the entire community to join us, as part of the three-day Main Street Arts & Crafts Festival. More details to come.

The 100th Anniversary of the forming of the United Churches will be coming up soon. We are seeking your ideas on how we can celebrate this occasion. A memento of this event, a historical booklet, the invitation of past pastors of the church, pictorial booklet, banquet, etc. Also, a decision on a date for the event. Ground breakings and cornerstone layings were held in the winter time historically.

The combining of the congregations actually began almost two years earlier, in 1918. The Baptists were invited to join the Presbyterians to conserve both fuel and ministers. The pastor of the church at this time was the Reverend Oliver Johnson. In June of 1920, the two churches were invited to join with the Methodist church. The three churches decided to continue to worship together and chose to meet in the sandstone Presbyterian church building on Happy Hollow Street.

Maybe we could get each denomination to gather local information for a booklet. Our library has some great information in the Helen McGee Room.

Still looking for help and suggestions, so please call Gerald Collogan at 745-3684. Thank you.

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By Carol Posthumus

***On Sundays during the month of June, the bells will be set up in the sanctuary after church. You are welcome to stop by to try your hand at ringing--no commitment, just for fun. See you then!



If you recognize any of these items you may retrieve them by notifying the Church Office during business hours of 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. — *Thank You*

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