



March 2019

# “Yucca Breeze”

T H E U N I T E D C H U R C H E S O F H O T S P R I N G S

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

Dear Friends,

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6, a little later this year, with Easter not occurring until April 21. Regardless of its timing, Lent is a time to refocus and reset our priorities based on the faith we profess. Speaking of timing, however, the First Sunday in Lent is also when we set our clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time.

This year, the theme I have selected for our Lenten season is “Reflections on the Troubles of Life.” The Sunday themes will include: Disappointments, Regrets, Life-Changing Close Calls, Life’s Hurts, and Putting It All in Perspective. All of us have experienced and will continue to experience troubles in life. Things happen which cause hurt, anger, distress, and grief. Events happen which alter the direction of our lives. Sometimes we wonder where God is in all of this, and sometimes we know God is disappointed as well.

May our Lenten season be one where our faith grows as we discover ways to come to terms with the troubles of life which all of us experience at some point.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor John*

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

### March Adult Bible Study Class

Pastor John will be offering a *new* Adult Bible Study class during the month of March, but he has not revealed the name of the series as of the publishing of this Newsletter. The class will run from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, March 10, 17, and 31. No reservations or RSVPs required, just join us!

### Christian Education (CE) Team happenings, two items to update!

1. Beginning in March, the CE team plans to divide the children's church attendees into two groups, elementary and middle school age children. Additional volunteer teachers are welcome as two teachers per group are needed. If interested in the children's ministry, please contact a member of the CE team or the church office.
2. The 2019 denominational church camp information for all age groups has arrived. The CE team appreciates the congregation's support in pursuing this year's camp opportunities. —*Sharon Kalvels*

### New Things Going On...

Isn't it fabulous that God answers prayers?! We have been praying for more kids in Children's Church for a long time! Well, we got 'em!!

Along with all the kids comes more for each of us to do! We have divided the children into two groups—K through 5th Grade, and 6th Grade and up. We need teachers and helpers for each group... that is four (4) adults for each Sunday!! We are wanting to do one month at a time. You could do this. You can be the 2nd adult (or the teacher). Please prayerfully consider this. *We need you.*

We are also going to start feeding the kids breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Come down at 9:00 a.m. and help with that. Bring muffins! Let Annie know if you are bringing something.

We also need adults to sit with kids at the beginning of church, so we can split them up a bit. We will bring them up close to 10:00 a.m. If you are willing to sit by them and help them stand, sing, and all that, please let me know.

God is good, all the time...All the time, God is good!

Annie Zwetzig, on the CE Team  
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**Daylight Saving Time  
begins Sunday, March 10th.  
Set clocks FORWARD 1 hour  
before retiring Saturday night.**

**MARCH Birthdays:**

- 9 Carla Johnson
- 12 Joann Walker
- 13 Delores Hickman
- 17 Jim Hansen
- 24 Ruby Slater
- 25 Mary Jane Cape  
Kevin Cape  
Jim Zwetzig
- 27 Thor Swift
- 30 Carol Posthumus



**MARCH Anniversaries:**

- 16 Don/Sheila DeVries



*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.*



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Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Estelle Wainman. I am a Licensing Family Services Specialist for the South Dakota Department of Social Services for the Hot Springs area. One of my responsibilities is to recruit foster and adoptive families for abused and neglected children in the Fall River and Custer Counties.

Child abuse and neglect is a real and present danger in our community. Often times, these children need to be removed from their home for their protection. When a child is removed, foster families are needed to provide temporary care while the child's family receives therapeutic help or until other permanent plans are developed. Adoptive families are also needed to provide permanency to children whose parents lost their parental rights.

I am interested in working with you to spread awareness for the need of foster/adoptive families in the local area. Something small, such as an announcement in a church bulletin can help to spread the word. If you are interested in helping in this endeavor, please contact me at my number listed below.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and possibly helping in anyway. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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