



October 2018

## “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

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Monday, September 24, 2018, I had the privilege of attending the memorial service for the Rev. Grace Huck. Grace was 102 at the time of her death in August. Grace had served as a pastor in North and South Dakota and at Harris Memorial College in the Philippines. Grace served when the thought of a woman pastor was unimaginable. Grace was a pioneer, as the first woman to be granted full clergy rights in the Methodist Church now the United Methodist Church in 1956. She touched many lives during her ministry. Grace was technically retired when I began my ministry 36 years ago, however, at that time she was still serving churches in her retirement. Grace actually retired from ministry about three times before she moved to Spearfish and stopped actively serving churches. Grace continued to be in ministry as a part of the Spearfish congregation leading Bible studies and prayer groups until the very end of her life. Grace embodied the very essence of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. She was willing to give up all she had to faithfully follow Jesus.

In his sermon, the Rev. Scott McKirdy, shared that Grace had given him very explicit instructions on what to say at her memorial service. Beginning with the story of Jesus coming to the disciples walking on the water, and Peter walking out to join him, until he became afraid and began to sink into the water (see Matthew 14:22-23). Scott shared three points from the story which were essential to Grace's life and really essential to the life of every follower of Jesus.

The first, listen for your name. Jesus calls us each and every day. There may have been a big moment in our lives when we heard our calls to serve. But really, God, calls us each day to share the good news of the Gospel for those to whom it can give life to.

Second, get out of the boat. Being a witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ requires that we go into the world. It is not always comfortable or easy to share the gospel, but if we stay where it is safe, who will hear the message, and whose life will be transformed by the love of God?

Third, keep your eyes on Jesus. When we lose focus, when we worry about our own needs and worries, we begin to sink into the waters like Peter did in the story. Keeping our focus on Jesus, reminds us that sharing the good news is not about ourselves but about reaching others.

As I reflect on my life, and as each of you hopefully reflect on your lives, I pray that we will continue to hear God's call each day, that we will get out of the boat and serve as a faithful disciple, and that we will always keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Grace touched my life and many others, I pray we may also touch many lives

Grace and Peace to you this day,  
*John McKnight, Jr*

## United Churches Community Outreach Ministries

**Spaghetti Supper Resumes!** — The weekly Spaghetti Suppers are set to begin on Thursday, October 18, 2018, from 4:30 - 6:00 pm in the church basement. We greatly appreciate those who have volunteered their time and talents in the past. All are invited to come to eat and fellowship with the community attendees!



If you are interested in helping with preparation and serving, please contact Delores Hickman at 745-5338. We can always use a few more hands, and it's FUN!



Remember, the **“Bearly Used Boutique”** is also open at the same time, 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

**A Special Thank You** to the “Early-Bird Good Neighbor” worker Jerry Collogan for clearing the large slope on my yard. I so appreciate it! ~~ *Jean Schuchardt*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ralph Sieg on being inducted into the Hot Springs Bison Athletic Hall of Fame!

**The Presbyterian Women’s Group** is still taking a break and will not be meeting the first Tuesday of this month. They are “regrouping” and considering how they can better meet the needs of today’s women. ***Please call the church office with your ideas and input.*** (745-5640) *Thank you!*



The church now has this lovely “50th Anniversary” serving set that is available to borrow in the event you are hosting a 50th Anniversary reception at any time. Check with the office or a member of the United Churches Fellowship Team.

### REMINDERS:

- 1) If you have an email address (or a NEW one) and you are *not* receiving the weekly “Reminders & News” emails from the church office, please let us know so we can add you to the Contacts list.
- 2) Remember to let the office know whenever your mailing address changes. This is especially important if you are one of our “snow birds” and you have two addresses on file with the United Churches. **THANKS SO MUCH!**

## OCTOBER Birthdays:

7 Bill Coffield  
8 Emily Mason  
10 Anne Zwetzig  
12 Frank Mason  
18 Marcella Sunding



## OCTOBER Anniversaries:

(None)

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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](mailto:uc@gwtc.net) or call 745-5640.

### **Address to send notes of encouragement:**

Max Erwin  
c/o Greg Erwin  
40135 223rd Street  
Woonsocket, SD 57385

**Praise Report:** Darlene Jackson is home now and continuing to heal.



### **"GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT"**

The Board of Trustees has designated **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** as the day for our Community Project effort.

We need the following:

- ♦ Projects that can be completed in one day, such as yard work, light home repair (inside or out)
- ♦ More ideas/suggestions of things we can do
- ♦ We plan to do visitations to shut-ins also
- ♦ **Volunteers to help us accomplish these projects**

Our emphasis will be on members of our congregation, but we want to do for others also.

Please contact Jerry Wyatt to sign up, or with questions...  
cell phone: 719-339-5573

Thank you!

### **SHOP IN HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE**

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.  
One day I saw a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store".

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,  
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere.

And one angel said, "Dear child, shop with care."

Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store. And all you couldn't carry you could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some *patience*, and *love* was in the same row.

Further down was *understanding*, we need that everywhere we go.

I got a box or two of *wisdom*, a bag or two of *faith*.

I just couldn't miss the *Holy Ghost* for He was all over the place.

I stopped to get some *strength* and *courage* to help me run the race.

By then my basket was getting full,

but I remembered I needed some *grace*.

I didn't forget *salvation*, for *salvation*—that was free!

So, I tried to get enough of that to save you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill.

For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw *prayer* and just had to put that in.

For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

*Peace* and *joy* were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.

*Songs* and *praises* were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then, I said, "Now how much do I owe?"

He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."

"How much do I *really* owe?"

Smiling still, he said,

"Child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

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