

# First United Methodist Church First News February 2023



4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

Friends of First Church,

In the Fall of 2021, I began a year-long program called "Higher Ground." This is a program for UMC clergy in the Dakotas that is designed to create a time of renewal, refocus, and recharge (every 8 years). The name is from the idea of going to "higher ground" during a journey to get a clearer perspective of where you are, where you've been, and where you're going.

This program took the form of an hour or so each month to reflect on the importance of wholeness and health in areas of emotional, social, spiritual, financial, and physical well-being. In addition to meeting monthly (via Zoom) throughout the year, I also attend a one-week retreat with colleagues wherein we stepped away to reflect on what tools we have to best care for ourselves as faith leaders, who are too often focused on the important and life-giving work of caring for others (our congregations and communities) instead of ourselves.

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As a part of that ongoing reflection, I have been praying about what my long-term plan is for carrying these learnings from the past year into the future. What does it look like to be accountable to taking the kind of rest I am quick to encourage others to do? For example: one thing I am not good at doing, is taking a day of sabbath each week. The truth is: while I feel well and strong and love getting to be in ministry at First Church, this has taken a toll on me after a few years of not getting this needed rest.

That is why, starting Memorial Day weekend (May 28) through August 8, I will be taking a Spiritual Growth and Renewal leave to do exactly that. For these 11 weeks, I will spend time focusing on my relationship with God and other things that are life-giving and spirit-enriching such as traveling or being out in nature. I will also be putting energy and renewed investment into personal relationships that are important to me, but I too seldom give enough energy to. My greatest goal for this time is to lean into my wholistic health so that I might return recharged and refocused, ready for the next exciting season of ministry at First Church.

I am grateful to our District Superintendent Kris Mutzenberger for encouraging me to take this time, as well as Pastor Bryce, our Staff-Parish Committee, and our Leadership Team for affirming this decision. With their support, I am working hard to ensure First Church is properly cared for while I am away. Since summer is already a quieter season in the church, we are confident this is the right season for me to step away, and already have a tentative plan to ensure everything is covered. Once those pieces are all in place (a few months from now), I will send out a congregational letter to let you know what to expect and when.

I ask for your prayers for this time to be healing and rejuvenating... and want you to know that I will surely be praying for you all every day as well. I love getting to be in ministry here at First Church, and I want to bring my best self to our ministry in our present and future. I truly believe this will help me continue to do that as we look ahead to our bright future together.

In God's abundant grace, Pastor Jen Tyler



# FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Home Communion 9:00 am Morning Glories— Fellowship Hall * See Below for List of Wednesday Night Activities	2 10 am Women's Bible Study	3	4 7 am Back Room Boys Church Library 9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant 5:00 pm Worship
5 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship	6 5:30pm Women of Grace	7	8 * See Below for List of Wednesday Night Activities	9 10 am Women's Bible Study	10	<ul> <li>11</li> <li>7 am Back Room Boys Church Library</li> <li>9 am Late Risers Stone's Restaurant</li> <li>5:00 pm Worship</li> </ul>
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26 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship 5:30—7:00 pm Young Adult Group	27	28		<b>** Wednesday Night Schedule</b> 5:15 pm Community Meal 5:30 pm Bell Choir 6:00-7:30 pm First Kids (K-4th Grade) 6:00-7:30 pm First Squad (5th—6th Grade) 6:00-7:30 pm First Youth (7th—12th Grade) 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:45 pm Unity Band		

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#### Weekly at First Church

#### Wednesdays

5:15—5:45 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome 5:30 pm Bell Choir 6:00—7:30 pm First Kids– First Squad—First Youth 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:45 pm Unity Band

#### <u>Thursday</u>

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

#### <u>Friday</u>

Office Closed

#### <u>Saturday</u>

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library 9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Restaurant 3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal—Sanctuary 5:00 pm—Contemporary Worship

#### **Sunday**

8:30 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Blended Worship

#### **Monthly at First Church**

<u>1st Monday of the Month</u> 5:30 pm Women of Grace Bible Study—Lounge

#### 2nd Tuesday of the Month 5:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

#### **3rd Tuesday of the Month**

Lunch a Bunch Fellowship Group 11:30 am at Godfathers' Pizza

#### <u>1st Wednesday of the Month</u> Home Communion

#### 1st Wednesday of the Month

Morning Glories Women's Fellowship/Mission Group 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

#### **Monthly**

*(Time & Place to be Announced)* 30's/40's Group and 50's/60's Group

Please note that anyone is welcome at any time to drop in to any of the above noted groups.

#### FIRST CHURCH MISSION OF THE MONTH

#### February—Youth Mission Trip 2023 (see page 5)

Feb. 15th "A Night To Remember" Dinner & Movie



PACH Item for February Fruit Cups Donated items can be dropped off at the church. Thank You! Ash Wednesday—February 22 5:15 pm Community Meal 6:00 pm Worship No Regular Children or Youth Activities Please Join Us For Worship!

# **NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Are you facing a busy week at school or work, are you new to town and looking for community, do you need a couple hours to spend with adults your age? If you are 18-30 years old, and need a place to reset and relax, join us on Sunday, **February 26** from **5:30-7:00 pm** for food, fun activities, community, friendship and faith formation. We are still a new group and so our format may change depending on what you want and need. For now we will meet at First United Methodist Church here in Watertown. We would love for you to join us! Childcare is provided for those who need it.



#### **Roosevelt Outreach Mission**

First Church is happy to partner with Roosevelt School to help meet the needs of the children and teachers. Each month we'll post specific needs which will be collected

here at First Church and delivered to Roosevelt School. As always, monetary gifts are also welcome.

Here are some current needs:

- Magnetic Tape
- Small Glue Sticks
- Multiple Color (Expo Brand) Dry Erase Markers
- Round Beads—Various Colors
- Valentines (for students who may not bring some)
- Individually packed Soft Peppermints
- Snacks such as—Goldfish Crackers, Pretzels, Cheez-its, Animal Crackers, Bulk Cereal
- Kleenexes
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Lysol Spray
- 50x60 Soft Throw Blankets (2)
- Standard Size Pillows (2) with extra pillow cases

# Thank you so much for helping to support the kids and educators at Roosevelt Elementary School!



Delivering Meals to Senior Citizens and individuals with limited capabilities.

First Church will deliver Feb. 20 thru Feb. 24.

<u>Drivers needed.</u> Contact Debbie Engels if you are able to help out. 05-881-6672 Thank You.

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# **Children's Ministry Coordinator**

Are you passionate about children's ministry? Do you like working with kids? Do you know someone who has the gifts and abilities for children's ministry? If so, we encourage you to apply or share about the open position! Here is a bit about the position below:

Christian Education plays a key role in the mission of First United Methodist Church. With children and youth upheld as one of our greatest values, it is our goal to provide and promote a wide range of Christian Education opportunities for our community. The Children's Ministry Coordinator will lead this charge by bringing new energy and ideas to our programs, including:

- Creative, dynamic, age-appropriate faith-based activities for grades pre-K-6
- Expand and build upon existing programs on weekends (during worship on Saturday and Sunday) and on Wednesdays

This is a full-time position with compensation dependent upon qualifications.

Please apply on our church website. www.watertownfirst.church

# FIRST**KIDS** FIRST**SQUAD**

#### Key Happenings in November for First Kids & First Squad

- Feb 15— A Night to Remember—Youth Mission Event No Regular Programming for First Kids & First Squad
- Feb 22—Ash Wednesday
   5:15 pm Community Meal
   6:00 pm Worship
   No Reg. Children Activities,
   please join us for Worship!
- Mar 15— Spring Break– No Activities for Children or Youth
- Mar 29— Easter Party!

# WEEKEND FIRST KIDS SCHOOL TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

First Kids School on <u>Saturdays and Sundays</u> has been temporarily suspended until a new Children's Ministry Coordinator is hired. This decision comes in light of the high demand for volunteers and the standard to provide excellent and safe children's church on the weekends being unattainable at this time. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this time of transition. We look forward to being able to relaunch First Kids School in the future at First Church.

These changes are for the Weekends Only. All activities and programming on Wednesday nights will continue as usual.



## **Community Meal Menu for February**

Feb 1 = Spaghetti

Feb 8 = Pizza

**Feb 15** = "A Night To Remember" Youth Mission Fundraiser Event

**Feb 22**—Ash Wednesday 5:15 pm—Breakfast for Supper 6:00 pm Worship

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## **Confirmation Retreat** March 3rd and 4th



Experience connections with God and fellow

United Methodists as we come together for a confirmation retreat. Our learning, studying, and fun will revolve around United Methodist topics such as the sacraments, grace, the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, and the membership vows we take as we are confirmed and join our local church. All First Church Confirmands are highly encouraged to attend.

Campers must register individually on the Dakotas Camping Website: Confirmation Retreat

Contact Pastor Bryce for any questions or concerns.



Feb. 11th – Youth Led Worship Feb. 15th— A Night to Remember Fundraiser Event

Feb. 22nd— No Youth (Ash Wednesday) Join us for Worship

March 3rd—4th— Confirmation Retreat @ Lake Poinsett

March 8—Minute-to-Win-It Night

# "A Night to Remember"—Youth Fundraiser Meal

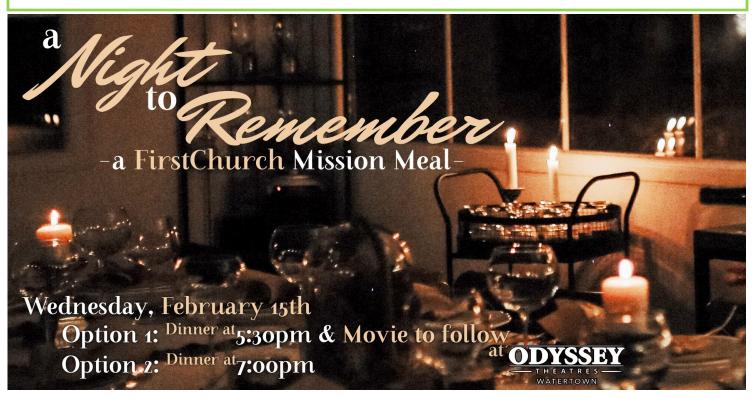
On Wednesday, February 15th we will host a dinner at First Church as a fundraiser for our youth mission trip to Florida this summer.

Guests can choose between a 5:30pm meal with the option of adding a movie or a 7:00pm meal time. Youth and volunteers will provide childcare for the event as well as help as serve for the meal.

The meal will include a three course meal with the option to choose between two different entrees; chicken or beef tips.

Prices are \$25 per person for the meal or \$35 per person for the meal and a movie.

To sign up for this dinner event, click HERE or call the church office at 605-886-4427 OR Visit our booth at the back of the sanctuary. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 8th.





## Foundation Update

First Church's Foundation completed another active year in 2022 as the Board continues to try and be a more visible, vibrant component of the mission and ministry of First Church. Since its inception in 1994, the Foundation has paid out nearly \$300,000 in grants with \$41,000 of that disbursed in 2022. The asset balance as of the end of the year was \$876,000. The Foundation is allowed to pay out 5% of the previous year's asset balance for "special non-budgeted" projects of the congregation or the wider church. Often times the full 5% is not utilized and remains as an asset of the foundation. The Board is working closely with the Leadership Team to better determine what the needs are of our church and how the Foundation can "plug in" to help meet those needs within the framework laid out by the founders of the Foundation. If you have any thoughts as to where these funds could be utilized in the future, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Board below, a member of the Leadership Team or church staff. The founders of the Foundation had a dream in 1994 to make this church and world a better place; let's continue to carry out this mission!!

Glen Vilhauer, President	Beth Schutt, Secretary	Jamie Veeder
Rich Schmidt, Vice-President	John Redlinger, Treasurer	Barb Brinkman

#### **Alternative Gift Fair Recap:**

The Alternative Gift Fair held during 2022 Advent was a big success. Thank you for your generous support.

The following is a list of the projects and donations collected.

Heifer Project International helps families around the world. Total donations - \$1,110.00 Share of Heifer - \$250; Share of Water Buffalo - \$125; Share of Alpaca - \$85; Share of Sheep - \$60; Share of Goat - \$70; Share of Pig - \$60; Honey Bees - \$120; Flock of Chicks, Geese, Ducks - \$340.

Local Projects: Sleep in Heavenly Peace raised \$1,031 and Humane Society raised \$1460.

Fair Trade products were sold to support the youth mission trip. \$1,593 was donated. Jewelry by Samantha Bruns raised \$66 which also supported the Youth Mission Trip.

A total of \$5,364 was donated for this Alternative Gift Fair event. Thank you for your support of missions.

**First Church Finances** 

	General Budget	Mor	nthly Actual	YTD Cash Flow		There are several methods available for giving.		
1-+	Income	\$	122,788			You can mail your tithe and offerings to the church at:		
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Quarter	Difference	\$	7,012			First United Methodist Church,		
Jud	Income	\$	126,007	\$ 15,178		PO Box 1416, Watertown, SD 57201		
2nd Quarter	Expense	\$	117,841					
Quarter	Difference	\$	8,166			or give online at: 回訳派告表演告诉法师回		
3rd	Income	\$	111,966		0	watertownfirst.church/giving		
Quarter	Expense	\$	125,265	\$ 1,879				
Quarter	Difference	\$	(13,299)			Or use the QR Code to give online		
Oct	Income	\$	46,505			now!		
Oct. 2022	Expense	\$	42,589	\$	5,795			
2022	Difference	\$	3,916			Thank Your for your support of		
Nev	Income	\$	57,035			First Church!		
Nov. 2022	Expense	\$	45,893	\$	16,937			
2022	Difference	\$	11,142			NOTE: To meet our 2023 budget in full each month, we need		
Dec	Income	\$	56,711		\$ 27,848	a monthly income of \$41,600.00. The chart above reflects our giving, actual expenditures, and YTD cash flow. Thank		
Dec. 2022	Expense	\$	45,800	\$				
2022	Difference	\$	10,911			you for your generosity and support of First Church!		

For a more detailed copy of the budget, please contact the church office.



#### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING • JANUARY 10, 2023 • 5:30 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Lea Ann Alwin, Ronda Boughton, Barb Brinkman, Sarah Caron, Corrine Dahl, Debbie Engels, April Geffre, Sue Luken, Lee Rycraft, Doug Wishard, Pastor Jen, Pastor Bryce, Guest: Glen Vilhauer

Devotions: Accordion Prayers led by Pastor Jen

Welcome Prayer: Pastor Jen

#### AGENDA:

**Freedom's Haven (Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement):** Glen Vilhauer reported on efforts in Watertown with Ukrainian Refugees. Estimates are up to 10,000 refugees could resettle in South Dakota and up to 1,000 in Watertown. There are humanitarian concerns. Some refugees could be arriving in SD in early February. How can we as individuals and as a church be involved? This will be explored further with opportunities for the congregation to learn more with an informational meeting. This will be scheduled in early February. As Methodists we are called to "Do all the good you can..."

**Elevator Issues and Options:** The elevator is currently working. It is not ADA compliant. Sarah Caron has been exploring options for a new elevator. The first step is to form a committee.

**Denominational Update:** There are no new updates. We are now the only United Methodist Church in Water-town.

**Haiti Alive – Women's Village Home:** Because of our churches support for Haiti Alive, Bruce Bloomer would like our church to name one of the houses. Our recommendation is to name the house – Pelican House. Pastor Bryce will be writing an article about the significance of pelicans.

**Children's Ministry (Hiring a director and First Kids options):** Volunteers are needed to sustain the ministry. Wednesday night First Kids activities have adequate volunteers. Until a Children's Ministry Director is hired, Children's Church during weekend worship services will be suspended.

Easter Egg-Stravaganza: We will not have this event this spring.

Summer Party: Tabled until February

**Potential Leadership Members:** Two members are needed. Some current Leadership Team Members will be interviewed with the videos to be played during announcements at worship. Corrine will now be on the Building & Grounds Team.

**Pastor Updates:** Pastor Bryce reported that the kick-off events for the new Young Adults group will be the end of January.

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM GROUP UPDATES:

**Building & Grounds:** Chad emailed a report earlier this month.

Finance: The year ended on a positive note.

**SPR:** They are working on the job description for Children's Ministry Coordinator.

**Ministry:** A summary of November / December activities was handed out. The Alternate Giving Fair was successful. A total of \$5364 was donated.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Sarah; 2<sup>nd</sup> by LeaAnn to enter Executive Session at 7:40. Motion Passed. Lee declared out of Executive Session at 7:59.

Motion by Sarah; 2<sup>nd</sup> by April to approve Renewal Leave for Pastor Jen from May 24 – August 8.

**Meeting concluded** with the *Breakthrough Prayer*.

**Next meeting:** Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Please note change of date.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Luken, recording secretary



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Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to the following families:

Family and friends of Maxine Nordseth who passed away on January 7, 2023.

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES

Avantara Watertown 415 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Watertown, SD 57201	Mary Snyder—Ethel DeWald—Mildred Smith			
Avantara Clark 201 8th Ave Clark, SD 57225	Jean Nogelmeier—Judy Schumacher			
Edgewood Assisted Living 901 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Mildred Drake #424 Warren Berger #310			
Edgewood Independent Living 901 14th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Dorothy Iverson #202 Audrey Rhodes #210—Lorraine Amy #213			
HSC Spruce 1 PO Box 7600 Yankton, SD 57078	Ordean Stern			
Jenkins Living Center 215 S. Maple Watertown, SD 57201	Adelia Thorn #225—Carol Redwing #256 Ken Ragels #274—Lillian VanDykhorst #363—Dorothy Brugman #376 Alice Johnson #419—Violetta Severson #437			
Stoney Brook Assisted Living 500 16th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201	Margie Gertsen #33—Jeanette Nelson #62			
Wilmot Care Center 501 4th St Wilmot SD 57279	LaVonne Nelson			

#### Watertown Memory Care Support Group (formerly the Alzheimer's Support Group)

#### <u>January 4, 2023</u>

Topic—"Keep Sharp" Speakers—Bill and Cathy Zubke

#### February 1, 2023

Topic—"Speech-Language Therapy and Memory Care" By Kristen Titze Blackwell, MS CCC-SLP PLNCS

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> The Watertown Memory Care Support Group continues to meet at the Watertown Event Center for their meetings. Please enter through the Event Center doors. Thank you! We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information contact Connie Lake at <u>cl.memory.group@gmail.com</u>





Birthday	Name	Birthday	Name
1-Feb	Kendalyn Swanson	16-Feb	Justyn Jones
1-Feb	David Todd	16-Feb	Jerry Willett
2-Feb	Dorothy Delgado	16-Feb	Justin Chandler
3-Feb	Gabe Jurgens	16-Feb	Adelaide Green
4-Feb	Alayna Carlson	17-Feb	Sue Luken
4-Feb	Jayda VanSickle	17-Feb	Michele Palm
4-Feb	Robert Bruns	18-Feb	Becky Fiebelkorn
5-Feb	Dylan Meek	18-Feb	Karyl Wishard
5-Feb	Jayse Johnson	18-Feb	Paul Foust
6-Feb	Pyper Edwards	19-Feb	Merlaine Perry
7-Feb	Tammy Becking	19-Feb	Susan Davey
7-Feb	Betty Mohror	20-Feb	Donna Cook
7-Feb	Aubrey Maifield	20-Feb	Tim Riley
9-Feb	Don LeVake	21-Feb	Dayton Ford
10-Feb	Ava Fiebelkorn	21-Feb	Darla Vilhauer
10-Feb	Parker Meek	21-Feb	Ava Rycraft
11-Feb	Tom Baxter	22-Feb	Conner Gilbertson
11-Feb	Andrew Meek	22-Feb	Kacee Hoffman
11-Feb	Sabrina Blair	22-Feb	Dick Lien
12-Feb	Karen Mee	22-Feb	Jaxon Solberg
12-Feb	Jasmine Odegard	22-Feb	Nora Solberg
12-Feb	Raylie Raasch	22-Feb	Kora Julius
12-Feb	Maliya Mikkelson	23-Feb	Wayne Fiebelkorn
12-Feb	Korbyn Boughton	23-Feb	Lois Kruse
13-Feb	Crystal Jurgens	24-Feb	Patricia Bucaro
13-Feb	Knox Halvorson	25-Feb	Julia Schaaf
13-Feb	Madisyn Meek	26-Feb	David Alwin
14-Feb	Greg Smith	26-Feb	Katherine Wegner
14-Feb	Staci Smunk	26-Feb	Robby Poore
14-Feb	Jim Carter	27-Feb	Jordan Remmers
14-Feb	Allen Ekern	27-Feb	Knox Reis
15-Feb	Annie Olerud	27-Feb	Michael Linngren
15-Feb	Daniel Luken	27-Feb	Christine Peterson
15-Feb	Lisa Meier	28-Feb	Marc Leadabrand
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# Join us on February 15th for "A Night to Remember"

Dinner & Movie Fundraiser for the Youth 2023 Mission Trip See pg 5 for details—Deadline to sign up is Feb. 8th



Anniversary	Bride & Groom
1-Feb	A J & Kari Shultz
2-Feb	George & Tami Eberle
7-Feb	Elmer & Barb Brinkman
14-Feb	Pat & Janet Workman
19-Feb	James & Emily Halvorson
27-Feb	Larry & Dixie Schnoor

#### Leadership Team Openings

We want to say Thank You to our Leadership Team for their dedication to First Church.

We have two openings on our Leadership Team.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the Leadership Team, please let Pastor Jen know. You can pick up an application at the Welcome Center.

Prayerfully consider how you can make a difference in the life of First Church by becoming a member of the Leadership Team.

#### A HUGE shout out of THANKS to our Farmers Group!

Did you know that we have a group of folks that invest in the process of planting and caring for farm land crops? They then, in turn, harvest and sell the grain and a portion of their proceeds are donated to the church? These funds have helped fund programs for children such as Church Camp & Wednesday Night Meals.

We want to say THANK YOU to these farmers who have taken a vested interest in the future of First Church!



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