



**First United
Methodist
Church
First News
March 2025**



4 Second Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:4-7 CEB

Give It Up In Prayer

The reality of our world and of being human is that we don't know everything. We can't know everything, even if we try. We also can't control everything in our lives, despite our best intentions. This leaves us with the truth that we will, and regularly do, face a large amount of uncertainty. Uncertainty about the future. Uncertainty about God. Uncertainty about our finances. The list of things that we are uncertain about could go on and on. For each of us, what we are uncertain about might be different.

There is one thing that we can be certain about. We can be certain that we don't have it all figured out and we never will. Therefore, we have two options. Option one, falsely believe that we can control things outside of our control and eventually land on option two. Option two, accept that we will never control everything, lean into trust of God, and hand our life over to God.

Option two is terrifying because it is hard to do. It is hard to trust, especially a God that we can't always see. It is these acts of trust and surrender to God that open us up for God's work. In the moments that we lean into God, transformation of ourselves and our world occurs.

As we enter the season of Lent from Ash Wednesday on March 5th until Easter Sunday on April 20th, we are reminded of our own mortality and dependence on God. This year, as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross, let's give up to God our uncertainties in prayer. Let's look to the hope of God's transformative power when we hand things over.

This Lent, we encourage everyone to give uncertainty up to God in prayer. We will kick off our season of prayer by doing a congregational prayer walk on the weekend of March 8th and 9th. Come with your walking shoes ready to go!

Additionally, we will keep track of the miles spent in prayer and strive as a congregation to travel the distance between Watertown and Jerusalem (6,349 miles) by the time we celebrate Easter. Whether you ride bike, walk, run, or something in between, record your miles as we seek to cover our community in prayer. Look for more details on how to record your time spent in prayer, places to pray, prompts for each week, and ways to pray.

I look forward to all that the season of Lent, and this season of prayer, will bring to our lives!

-Pastor Bryce Blank

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March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center">** Wednesday Night Schedule</p> <p align="center">12:00 Lenten Lunches followed by Lunch—First Congregational Church 5:15 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome 5:30—6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal / 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:00-7:10pm First Kids (K-6th) - (5th-6th) - First Youth (7th-12th) 6:00 pm Lenten Study “Embracing the Uncertain” with Pastor Sara—Church Lounge 7:10—7:30 pm Family Worship in Fellowship Hall</p>						<p>1 Communion Family Worship Weekend</p> <p>7 am Back Room Boys Church Lounge 9 am Late Risers Stone’s Restaurant 3:00 pm Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship</p>
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Weekly at First Church

Mondays

1:15—3:15pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge

Wednesdays

5:15 pm Community Meal—Everyone Welcome
 5:30—6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30—7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 pm—Lenten Study—Lounge
 6:00—7:30 pm First Kids (K-6th Grade)
 6:00—7:30 pm First Youth (7th—12th Grade)
7:10—7:30 pm Family Worship in Fellowship Hall

Thursday Bible Study

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study

Friday—Office Closed

Saturday

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 Bible Study—Church Lounge
10:00 am Blended Worship
 11:20 am—Lenten Study—Lounge

Monthly at First Church

1st Monday of the Month

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

11:30 am Lunch-A-Bunch at Pizza Ranch

1st, 3rd, & 4th Wednesday of the Month

9:15 am Embracing God Study Group—Church Lounge

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Morning Glories Women’s Fellowship/Mission Group
 9:00 am in the Church Lounge

1st Thursday of the Month—Home Communion

Seasonal

30’s/40’s Group & “Young at Heart Group”

Please note that anyone is welcome at any ti During Lent we hope to collectively as a congregation, prayer



Chili Cook Off
March 2nd - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Groups or individuals are welcome to compete! Or just come for lunch, enjoy the meal & vote for your favorite chili.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship

Wednesday, March 5
Community Meal at 5:15 – 6:00 pm
Worship at 6:15 pm
No Regular Children or Youth Activities

LENTEN LUNCHES

Join Us: March 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd, 9th

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE AT NOON
FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH



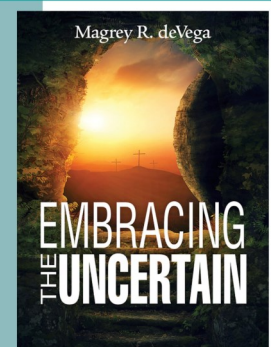
At First Congregational Church
 121 1st Ave SE, Watertown, SD 57201
 Contact FIRSTCHURCH Office with any questions. Thanks

EMBRACING THE UNCERTAIN
LENTEN BOOK STUDY

“FOLLOWING JESUS
 IN THE
 UNKNOWN OF LIFE”

Starting : Sunday March 9th
 and Wednesday March 12th

Contact the Church Office now to Sign
 up and Order a Book



Prayer Walk With Us
 (6,349 Miles)
 From Watertown
 to Jerusalem
 during Lent.



During Lent we hope to collectively as a congregation, prayer walk 6,349 miles around Watertown. We’ll kick this off on March 8-9 with a Prayer Walk around the church neighborhood. We’ll have prayer prompts, logs to keep track of your walks and other visuals available that weekend.

As you log your prayer walk miles, you can send them to office@watertownfirst.church or drop them off at the back of the church to be compiled. A tally of the total miles walked will be reported each week.

Please join us in this Prayer Walk as we shower Watertown with prayers and love during the Lenten Season.



March Mission of the Month is PACH

Monday, March 17th - 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm

All Church Pack night at the PACH Warehouse

Call the church office to sign up for this mission. 605-886-4427

Meet at the warehouse on the South side of the mall behind Dunhams. We'll pack the bags that will be distributed that week. Thank You!

- Watertown Area People Against Child Hunger (PACH) assists children and youth enrolled in a school within Codington county, who may not have enough food to eat at home, by providing them with easy-to-prepare weekend meals and snacks throughout the year.
- The PACH program served an average 574 children a week with a total of 20,679 bags for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Watertown Area PACH Program completes its mission with food donations, monetary donations and volunteer hours from the community.
- **NOTE: Since we are packing for PACH on March 17th (St. Patrick's day), feel free to wear Green when you come to pack!**

How Can I Donate?

- Make checks out to First UMC and note PACH in the memo line
- Cash donations welcome—On your offering envelope note PACH in the memo line
- Donate online at www.watertownfirst.church/giving—select Mission of the Month—Note PACH in the comments
- Donation of Food Items can be left at the back of the sanctuary—some ideas are: Spaghetti O's / Mac-N-Cheese / Individual Oatmeal Packets / Granola Bars / 100% Juice, Juice Boxes / Individual Applesauce or Fruit Cups / Ramen Noodles / other canned good items...
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MISSIONS AT FIRST CHURCH!**



It's not too early to think about Church Camp! There are camps for all ages! Find your summer church camp at: www.dakotasumc.org/camping
Or pick up a brochure at the back of the sanctuary.

Early Bird Deadline is April 30th.

Use church code **wtnfirst** to receive the Early Bird Discount.

First Church Finances

FUMC General Budget Financials - 2025

		Monthly Actual	YTD Cash Flow
4th Quarter	Income	\$ 123,843	\$ (52,653)
	Expense	\$ 121,797	
	Difference	\$ 2,046	
25-Jan	Income	\$ 45,036	\$ 1,848
	Expense	\$ (43,188)	
	Difference	\$ 1,848	

There are several methods available for giving. You can mail your tithe and offerings to the church at:

First United Methodist Church,
PO Box 1416, Watertown, SD 57201

or give online at:
watertownfirst.church/giving

Or use the QR Code to give online now!
Thank Your for your support of First Church!



NOTE: To meet our 2025 budget in full each month, we will need a monthly income of \$33,417. The chart above reflects our giving, actual expenditures, and YTD cash flow. Thank you for your generosity and support of First Church!

Leadership Team Minutes

FEBRUARY 11, 2025, 5:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: April Geffre, Josh Hartley, Stephanie Long, Sue Luken, Marcia Schneider, Sue Stern, Doug Wishard, Pastor Sara

ABSENT: Corrine Dahl, Adam Fox, Peggy Lindahl, Pastor Bryce

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER: Pastor Sara read devotions provided by Adam Fox. The devotions were based on selected verses from James. Faith works together with actions.

AGENDA:

Welcome Josh Hartley as a new member of Leadership.

ACCESSIBILITY TEAM UPDATE: Pastor Sara shared the architect's drawings. The team will meet on February 20.

SECURITY SYSTEM UPDATE: In January, the decision was made to purchase the security system from 3D Security Inc. We discussed the need for battery back-up.

PASTOR UPDATES:

Pastor Bryce: Pastor Bryce is attending Clergy Leadership Academy. The youth are busy preparing for "A Night to Remember" which is a fundraiser for the summer mission trip.

Pastor Sara: Pastor Sara has been working on things with the accessibility plans. Pastoral care is an important area that takes pastor time. There are 11 in the new member class. There is an upcoming fun event; a chili cook-off is planned for Sunday, March 2 at 11:30. The thought is to have a church wide fun event each quarter.

We still need a treasurer. VRS does most of the work. The role of the treasurer is oversight. The treasurer also helps with the budget in the fall.

LEADERSHIP TEAM GROUP UPDATES:

Building & Grounds: Pastor Sara received a 2nd bid for cleaning the bell tower.

Projects that need to be addressed are: paint the western stairwell and the east entry. The door handle on the east side near the choir loft needs to be fixed. Do we need a railing next to the ramp at the door on the east side?

Inventory: We need an overall coordinator for the inventory. The purpose of the inventory is for both insurance reasons and ministry planning.

Finance: Audit: The Conference has a guide for church audits.

We need another person to sign checks. Motion by Stephanie; 2nd by Marcia to have Sue Luken be another person authorized to sign checks. Motion passed.

SPR: We are 2 members short on Leadership Team. Those who have served on Leadership Team and have been off Leadership for a few years can serve again. It was suggested that information be written telling the role of this team including information about the subgroups. We are in need of a treasurer.

Ministry: April Mission of the Month will be Diaper GiveAway with the next give away being scheduled for May 7 from 4 – 6 p.m. There will be a prayer walk during Lent. It is 6349 miles from Jerusalem to Watertown. The congregation will be challenged to collectively as a congregation walk and pray that many miles. An Easter Outreach Spring Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from 10 – Noon. The Mid-Week Ecumenical Lent Services will be held at the Congregational Church.

Meeting concluded with the *Breakthrough Prayer*.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be March 11, 2025 at 5:30. Devotions will be by Stephanie.

Respectfully submitted
Sue Luken, substitute recording secretary

FIRSTKIDS K—6th Grade

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wednesday	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
						March 1 Family Worship Weekend
March 2 Family Worship Weekend			March 5—Ash Wednesday—No First Kids <i>Please join us for:</i> 5:15 pm Community Meal & 6:15 pm Worship			March 8 Regular Children's Church
March 9—Prayer Walk Regular Children's Church			March 12—Prayer Walk Regular First Kids Night			March 15—Prayer Walk Regular Children's Church
March 16 Regular Children's Church			March 19 Spring Break—No First Kids			March 22 Spring Break No First Kids
March 23 Spring Break No First Kids			March 26 Regular First Kids Night			March 29 Regular Children's Church
March 30 Regular Children's Church						

What have we been up to?

- We continue to visit our friends at Jenkins twice a month. K-3rd grade visit the first Wednesday of the month and 4-6th grade visit the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The children and Jenkins residents enjoy their time together playing games or getting to know each other.
- K-6th continue in our series Armor of God with lessons and games and an occasional opportunity to act out the bible story we are studying.
- On the weekends we will not only be tying in the Children's Message but also Children's Church Lesson with the Sermon, so watch for your kids to be quizzing you on what you are learning during the service.

We continue to need volunteers for the Children's Church on weekends and in the nursery on weekends. Please reach out if you are interested in helping out with Children's Ministry. Contact Lori Jurgens at lori@watertownfirst.church Or call the church office 605-886-4427 Thank you!

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:15-5:50 Community Meal
 5:50-5:55 Round Up and Get Ready to Head to Classrooms
 6:00-7:05 Cook Hall K-3 Grade Room off Cook Hall 4-6 Grade
 7:10-7:30 Worship in Fellowship Hall - Families are welcome to come & join.

Ash Wednesday...

We invite all of you to join us for a meal on Ash Wednesday and then worship together as a family during the Ash Wednesday Service.

Take Note...

We will only meet 2 Wednesday's this month due to Ash Wednesday and Spring Break but will be still be getting together 3 of the five weekends for Children's Church.

Please Join Us...

You are welcome to join us Wednesday nights at 7:10 for worship time.

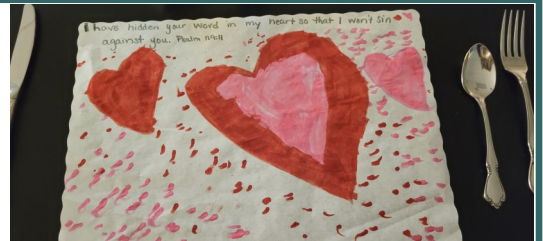
Summer Camp...

You still have time to sign up for camp. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out and we will help you get signed up. Camp is a fun time for all ages and a time for families to hang out and make memories.

If you have any question about our Children's Ministry Program, please contact Lori Jurgens lori@watertownfirst.church

FIRST YOUTH

A Night to Remember Recap



Upcoming Events!

- March 5— Ash Wednesday/ Mentor Night
- March 12— PACH Night
- March 19— No Youth (Spring Break)
- April 2— Mentor Night
- April 13— Mission Trip Pancake Feed and Bake Sale
- April 16— Holy Week Stations
- April 30— Beacon Center (Confirmation)
- May 3/4— Confirmation Weekend
- May 7— Beacon Center (Youth Group)

THANK YOU to all who supported our youth mission team through the “A Night to Remember” event on February 12th. The youth had a great time serving as waiters and waitresses for the delicious meal.

It means a lot for our congregation to show so much support for our team. We raised **\$2052.75** for our trip! Again, thank you!

Register: To ensure the safety of our students as we start, please take a moment to fill out a registration form for each student. This must be done again each year. The form can be found on the website. www.watertownfirst.church/first-youth.

First Youth Snapshot: February was a very busy month for our First Church youth group. We had fun at our first Saturday Night Social event where we played large group games around the church. Mission Trip members hosted the “A Night to Remember” fundraising event down in Fellowship Hall which was a huge success. We also had a fun night at the City Auditorium where we played dodgeball games.

At the end of the month, our confirmands attended Confirmation Camp at Lake Poinsett along with 85+ other students! The weekend consisted of worship, games, fellowship, and a rotation of classes covering Creeds/Affirmations of Faith, Grace, Communion, Baptism, and the Vows for Membership in The United Methodist Church.



LEFT: Our Saturday Night Social group after a night of playing games!

BELOW: Youth getting all their energy out with some dodgeball.





Our prayers and deepest sympathy go out to:

Carol Kannegieter and other family and friends of Michael L. Kenney who passed away on January 12, 2025. Michael is Carol's son.

Stephen & Sue Bachmann and other family and friends of Harlin Bachmann who passed away on January 23, 2025. Harlin is Stephen's father.

Dixie & Don Jellis and other family and friends of Orville "Brownie" Jorgenson who passed away on January 29, 2025. Orville is Dixie's father.

Family and friends of Verna Eberhart who passed away on February 1, 2025. Verna is the spouse of the late Rev. Gideon Eberhart who was an elder in the Dak. Conference.

Family and friends of Richard A. Kosier who passed away on February 10, 2025.

Doug and Cindy Wishard and other family and friends of Karyl Wishard who passed away on February 18, 2025. Karyl is Doug's mother.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES	
Edgewood Assisted Living 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Audrey Rhodes #416—Wes Larson #411 Bonnie Lien #105—Karen Ostrander #424
Edgewood Memory Care 901 14th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Tom Baxter
HSC Spruce 1 PO Box 7600—Yankton, SD 57078	Ordean Stern
Jenkins Living Center 215 S. Maple—Watertown, SD 57201	Adelia Thorn #225—Lillian VanDykhurst #363 Alice Johnson #419
Stoney Brook Assisted Living 500 16th Ave NE—Watertown, SD 57201	Margie Gertsen #33—Betty Mohror #34 Jean Bevers #26—Janice Pavli #49 Dorothy Irwin #59
The Village of Harmony Hill 2533 Prairie Park Trail SE—Watertown SD 57201	Wayne Leiner #211
Wilmot Care Center 501 4th St—Wilmot SD 57279	LaVonne Nelson
Roetell Senior Housing 108 S Smith—Clark SD 57225	Marilyn Vogt #4

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

March 5, 2025

"Losing a Loved One" by Sara Foust, LCSW Director, Codington County Community Services and Delrita Hopper, Prairie Lakes Hospice Nurse.

April 2, 2025

"Finding the Best Option for Facility Living" by Jill Opdahl, Social Worker with Prairie Lakes Healthcare System

PLEASE NOTE: 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 cl.memory.group@gmail.com.



Birthday	Happy Birthday To...	Birthday	Happy Birthday To...
1-Mar	Dana Stern	17-Mar	Meranda Reis
2-Mar	Kristi Davis	17-Mar	Reagan Smith
2-Mar	Stephanie Muller	18-Mar	Laurie Conley
3-Mar	A J Shultz	19-Mar	Finnegan Murphy
4-Mar	Shane Wirkus	19-Mar	Lea Ann Alwin
4-Mar	Dacey Veflin	21-Mar	Lincoln Schutt
4-Mar	Messiah Maskovich	21-Mar	Ed Togel
5-Mar	Jordan Chandler	21-Mar	Wendy Meek
7-Mar	Kaelee Ward	21-Mar	Colette Krueger
7-Mar	Noah Hiedeman	21-Mar	Paul Klose
7-Mar	Angie Anderson	23-Mar	Judy Miller
8-Mar	Harper Mortenson	24-Mar	Tawny Engels
8-Mar	Margie Gertsen	24-Mar	Alan Luckhurst
9-Mar	Ruth Feeney	25-Mar	Michelle Erlandson-Mohling
9-Mar	Peggy Lindahl	26-Mar	Alex Cady
10-Mar	Mason Heggelund	26-Mar	Madison Enstad
10-Mar	Ethan Riley	26-Mar	Marty Harmel
10-Mar	Angela Boughton	26-Mar	Haevyn Jones
10-Mar	Oliver Marek	27-Mar	Dan Oslund
11-Mar	John Dahl	28-Mar	Clark McElhany
12-Mar	Karen Miller	29-Mar	Zander Wight
12-Mar	Nicole Ford	29-Mar	Aidan Wegner
12-Mar	Teddy McManus	29-Mar	James Halvorson
13-Mar	Josh Delgado	30-Mar	Cortlyn Paulson
13-Mar	Shelby Blair	30-Mar	Marcus Heggelund
13-Mar	Sadie Arnold	30-Mar	Matthew Hoffman
14-Mar	Davee Buechler	30-Mar	Kevin Berner
14-Mar	Raven Smith	31-Mar	Howard Meyer
15-Mar	Journi Jurgens	31-Mar	Austin McBride
16-Mar	Macey Ward		
16-Mar	Luke Muller		
16-Mar	Lacy Maskovich		
16-Mar	Tracy Stavick		

Anniversary	Bride & Groom
3-Mar	Matthew & Bobbie Hoffman
8-Mar	Wayne & Carol Leiner
21-Mar	Stephen & Susan Bachmann
27-Mar	Chuck & Beth Decker
29-Mar	Bruce & Cheri Erlandson
31-Mar	Dale & Diane Kludt

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RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

March 2025 FIRST NEWS

MEET THE STAFF

- Senior Pastor**
Rev. Sara McManus
- Associate Pastor**
Rev. Bryce Blank
- Office Manager**
Pearl Geffre
- On-Call Pastor**
Rev. Elmer Brinkman
- Children's Minister**
Lori Jurgens
- Director of Worship & Discipleship**
Alayna Nelson
- Nursery Care**
Meaghan Wharton
- Organists**
Blair Titze
Lesa Dahl
- Bell Choir Director**
Rena Mack
- Music & Chancel Choir Director**
Blair Titze
- Custodian**
Beth Schutt
- Wedding Coordinator**
Kathy Mielitz

Worship Hours
 Saturdays at 5:00 pm—Contemporary Worship
 Sunday at 8:30 am—Traditional Worship
 Sunday at 10:00 am—Blended Worship

Ash Wednesday
 March 5
 5:15 pm Community Meal
 6:15 pm Worship

