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Mission Statement

First United Methodist Church of Yankton:

*“Our mission is to inspire all people to seek God, grow in their faith, discover their purpose, and serve others to make a difference.”*

# From the Pastor’s Desk

*There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven. - Ecclesiastes 3:1*

 May is a season of transition. From a young age, we look forward to May as the end of the school year and the transition into summer vacation. As we get older, we look to May as the season of graduations and transition to the next steps or phases of our lives. In South Dakota, it seems that May is also the month of transition finally from winter and maybe spring into the summer months. It is also a season of transition within the church - as we move from our school year programming to our summer programming and schedule.

 This year there are a few additional transitions that we have to look forward to starting in May. The first has already begun and will wrap up on May 3rd and that is the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. This is the first General Conference we have had in 5 years (normally General Conference convenes every 4 years, but the pandemic changed that). It remains to be seen how this gathering of delegates of United Methodists from across the world will affect us here at First UMC. But the time has come for the United Methodist Church to have difficult conversations and move forward to be the church that God has continued to call us to be.

 We also look ahead to this summer and the transition of our beloved Tiffany Beste out of her full-time position at the church to her part-time position at the church. Tiffany will continue to work with the middle school and high school youth in a part-time role and we will be looking for people to fill in the other roles that she held (Technology Coordinator, Children’s Ministry Coordinator, and Kids Hope Director). Again, it is time for the people of our church to prayerfully consider whether or not God might be calling them into these particular ministries at this time. We are so grateful for the work that Tiffany has done and look forward to the next person/people who will step in and make these positions their own in the future.

 This summer brings with it many other opportunities within the church and without to continue to build up your own discipleship as well as extend the kingdom of God. Many of our students will start heading to camp along with adult chaperones. Our Men’s Night Out and Women’s Night Out groups will continue to meet throughout the summer. Pastor Katie will offer a Bible Study on Tuesdays and so much more!

 So, as we enter a new season, let us remember the gifts that this season brings. Let us remember the blessings of First UMC in our lives and may we seek to serve God in all we do!

Pastor Katie

# Confirmation Sunday

 On May 5th, we will be blessed to confirm three incredible students who have been dedicated to confirmation the last two years. Alyssa Herrman, Jade Jere and Sam Slowey have completed their coursework, memorized scripture and finished projects on behalf of the church and are ready to accept new life in Christ through the church. Please be in prayer for these amazing young leaders of the church and come on Confirmation Sunday to support them!

# Summer Giving

 Just a friendly reminder to set up automatic giving during the summer months! Automatic giving helps to balance out the dip in giving over the summer months that is typically for all churches. Even if you aren’t in worship, you can continue to contribute to the mission and ministry of the church in this way. You can go to www.firstumcyankton.org to sign up via Vanco under the giving tab or you can contact the church office for instructions on how to set up direct deposit through your banking institution. Your faithfulness is what makes the church so effective in our ministry to the community and the world!

# Pentecost Sunday

 We will be celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, May 19th. Please wear red (if you have it) to worship that day as a part of the celebration. If you don’t have red, any color representing fire would be appropriate.

Summer Bible Study - Books of the Bible This summer we will be completing our read through the entire Bible that started with our New Testament Summer Challenge in the summer of 2021! Each summer we have committed to reading a new chunk of scripture and we will finish up this summer with *Books of the Bible: The Writings.* Even if you haven’t been with us in this series previously, you are welcome to join us as we explore the Psalms, Lamentations, Song of Songs, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job and more! If you would like to join us, please contact the church office to order your book today! Dates will be available in the next Reminder and via announcements. Study to start on May 21st at Noon.

# Sunday Morning Pastor Study

 The Sunday morning class with Pastor Katie will be taking a hiatus over the summer months and return in the fall. If you have ideas that you would like to have covered during this time or study recommendations, please contact Pastor Katie.

# Raise the Roof Fundraiser

 As of the end of April, First UMC has raised over $80,000 of the $100,000 goal to cover the cost of the roof repairs. This is amazing! Let’s finish strong and meet our goal this summer. If you haven’t given or pledged your gift yet, there is still time. You can also pledge to give toward this project in the future as well by filling out a pledge card at the church. Continue to watch in worship for the updated totals each week (especially after the rummage sale). Again, thank you for your support with this much needed repair project!

# United Women of Faith (UMW)

 Please come join us for the United Women of Faith meeting Monday, May 6th at 1:30pm. Our program will be Marilyn Elwood a portrayal of the woman healed touching Jesus’s robe. A short business meeting and a lite lunch. We will be on a summer break until September 9th to start up in the fall. Everyone is welcome!

   *Lydia Giziewski*

# 605 and Youth Group

 Wednesday, May 8th will be the last evening of 605 activities and youth group!!

 Sunday, May 12th - Graduation Sunday - 10:00am. Please let us know if your high school or college grad will be joining us!!

**Youth Group Outing Dates**

(Mark Your Calendars)

Thursday, June 6th

Monday, June 17th

Tuesday, July 9th

Monday, July 22nd

Thu-Sat, Aug 8-10 - Vacation Bible School

# Mark Your Calendars.....

# VBS: August 8th-11th

**'God's Love is EVERYWHERE!!**

**Register using the QR Code**



#  Mission Moments

 April was a great month to celebrate Volunteers!  The church could not accomplish what we do without YOU (the church) as a team of volunteers!  Thank You!  As I type this it makes me think of the little rhyme about…. “Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all of the people”.

 We have recognized some needs and brought in cereal boxes for the contact center, camp first aid needs, and just around the corner is a loads of love night and the rummage sale.  Once again, none of these things would be possible without volunteers.

 Loads of Love for April 30th is being covered by God Winks (bible study) members.  Our next opening is May 21st.  We still have a couple of spots still available to help with that night.  See the sign-up sheets on the Mission Table in the church lobby.

 May Day Baskets – This is a fun little activity that we do to invite our neighbors to church.  May Day is on a Wednesday this year.  Please consider being a part of assembly and/or distribution.  We will be using up the last of the coffee mugs and filling them with some goodies.  Please contact Carla Hummel for more information.

 Thanks again for all you do for the church, for the community, and most importantly - in God’s name!

# Church Rummage Sale

 May 2nd – 4th. Thursday, 10-5pm, Friday, 8-5pm, Saturday, 8-2pm. Half price Saturday at Noon. Large and small items, Bobcat, Farmall Cub Tractor, tractor manuals, hot tub, antiques, doctor’s buggy, horse items, furniture, clothing, 8x16 garage door, smoked meat by the pound. See Facebook for photos.

 Items can be dropped off starting Thursday, April 25th 9-noon, 1-4. Use main doors for larger items and south door by the dumpster for smaller items. Don’t forget to sign up to help. Proceeds will go towards the new roof.

# Thank You

 We would like to Thank You all for the 60th Anniversary cards, phone calls, and wishes. They were all very much appreciated Thank You All!

 *Kenny and Peggy Doering.*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

 Bernita Geiman

 Connie Pruitt (Shirley Root's sister)

 Prayers for Doug Baily, Caitlin Jensen, Dawn Kabella

# May Birthdays

1 - Pat White

2 - Mike Lawrence, Dominic Kabella

3 - Tanner Dykstra, Gerrit Dykstra

4 - Mary Milroy, Sam Irwin

5 - Janni Guthmiller

9 - Cohan Pietz

11 - Warren Haas

12 - Samuel Hummel, Todd Rodig

13 - Jan Kollars, Nyxxen Garvey

14 - Kathy Lawrence, Eleanor Flannery;

 Allison Spak

15 - Doug Bailey, Philah & Porting Hathaway

16 - Tina Gobel, Dan Dolejsi

18 - Leyna Hoebelheinrich

19 - Nick Kisch, Madason Tessier

20 - Phyllis Dingman, Vivian Van Essen,

 Bexxley Garvey, Laiken Crisman

21 - Kevin Doby, Katheryn Hickey

23 - Bruce Fiscus, Esther Kisch

25 - Carolyn Golden, Dan Elwood

27 - Tracy Kisch, Isabellah Daugherty,

 Page Frahm

29 - Lyla Gukeisen

30 - Mindy Reining

31 - Donna Mraz, Robbie Flannery

# FUMC Financials

by Diane Kisch (Financial Assistant)

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| 2024 Income | Cash Flow |
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| Month | Income | Expenses | Amount |  |
| January | $92,753.11  | $48,655.44  | $44,097.67  |  |
| February | $34,684.48  | $35,275.03  | ($590.55) |  |
| March | $25,409.24  | $34,311.20  | ($8,901.96) |  |
| Totals | $152,846.83  | $118,241.67  | $34,605.16  |  |
|  Projected 2024 Expenses are $438966.00\* Income for January is generally higher than other months as we have some members that give their annual pledge in one month.   |  |
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