###### **Reminder**

#### First United Methodist Church, Yankton

**July 30, 2025**

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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.”*

**What do you need?**

**By Susan Thorson, Faith Community Nurse**

Many years ago I was involved in a workshop on wellness. As an icebreaker, the speaker wanted us to get to know each other better so we were to finish the following sentence: “What I really need in my life right now is more….. “ We filled out a work sheet with a variety of words to fit into the sentence. Some of the words covered physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs. In a small group, a participant I met shared her words with me which included faith, forgiveness, trust, purpose, caring, support, recognition, strength and security.

As I thought about her words, I had a feeling this person may not have a faith life or is not actively participating in a faith community. So, I gently asked if she had any resources to help her meet her needs. She was quiet for a few minutes and then she said she had not been involved in a church for some time for various reasons. I encouraged her to think about using the church as a resource for herself and to return to some of her own faith practices to receive some help. As we talked more, she was expressing the support she received at one time from her church and how they were so forgiving. As I thought about her words, I really felt her needs could be supported by the church.

If you know someone who seems to be struggling to meet their spiritual needs, why not ask them to think about returning to church or ask them to come to our church. We know that by practicing our faith activities like praying, attending church, participating in service to others, showing appreciation for acts of kindness, and forgiving others all provide us with purpose in our lives through God’s guidance. Reach out to others when your needs are not being met and be open to help in caring for yourselves and others. Peace be with you!

# August 10th Joint worship service with Trinity Lutheran Church

Mark your calendars to attend our annual Worship in the Park on ***Sunday, August 10th at 8:30 a.m.*** at Riverside Park in the amphitheater. A brunch catered by Counterfeit Catering will follow! The menu will include breakfast casseroles (biscuits & gravy, French toast, or a tater tot casserole), fresh fruit bowl with an orange glaze, donuts and pastries from Delight Donuts, plus orange juice and coffee. (Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks for the "Backpack Blessing" during worship.)

# You’re Invited!

**Welcome Back Brunch for Pastor Katie**

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**Immediately following the church service in Wesley Hall**

Please join us as we gather in fellowship to celebrate Pastor Katie’s return from her sabbatical! We are grateful for this time of rest and renewal she’s had , and we’re excited to welcome her back with a special brunch in her honor.

Come share food, joy, and a warm welcome as we begin this new season together. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet on the round table in the lounge to help with the brunch .

We hope to see you there!

# Upper Room

Starting with the Sept/Oct issue our cost of the Upper Room has increased. The new prices will be $2.00 for the small ones and $2.50 for the large print ones.

Coordinator of Children’s Ministry Position

This position is open as of July 13th. This is a paid part-time position of 5 to 10 hours per week (it can be a shared position). Salary will be based on experience. Applications and job descriptions are available on the church website or in the church office. If anyone is interested in talking  to someone about this position, contact Karen Miller, Tammi Downs or Michael Pietila.

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Parents & 605 Kids – plans are made for a fun year! We will have a meet/greet/registration on Wed Sept 3 @ 5:30pm. The official kickoff for 605 will be Wed Sept 10th with a meal, music, lessons & crafts. Teachers for all grades are in place, but we could use some help in a few other areas. If you are interested in helping with 605 please contact Karen Miller, Mikael Pietila, or Tammi Downs. Join us for the fun!

We are also in need of some supplies: Playdough, glue sticks, crayons, watercolors, colored construction paper, colored pencils and markers.

**Care Casseroles.**

Care Casseroles have been restocked. Offerings are Sloppy Joes with fruit, chips, and cookies and Ritz Cracker Chicken Casserole with vegetables.  We just hit the 1050 made mark with the latest offerings. If you or someone you know have favorites, please let the Care Casserole team know! Containers may be recycled. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

**CARE CASSEROLES: For First United Methodist Church Members Only!**

They are for a neighbor, a friend, family member, or for yourself. If you would like to help make them, shop for them, or donate money to them, please call the church office or put money in the offering plate in an envelope, marked CARE CASSEROLES. Thank you for showing you care and furthering the church mission.

# Mission Moments by Carla Hummel

\*Thank you to all that donated to the Foster Closet!  We received a thank you for all of the items that we donated.  They noted that we currently have 16 foster families in Yankton and that will have support because of our donations.  So once again – thank you for your generosity.

\*We also received a thank you from UMCOR – Midwest Mission.  We ended up donating 5 disaster buckets, 19 personal dignity kits, a couple bags of receiving blankets, and a laundry basket full of onesies, undies, and flannel fabric.  The prayer cards that the kids colored were a bonus and provided for a great blessing to be added to kits when they are handed out!  There were also some monetary donations – your generosity came through in a strong message of great support!  Thank you!

\*Pathways was also one of our more current focuses – thank you to all that filled jars with change and/or donated on the 5th Sunday.  It all helps and it shows that we care and support when and where we can.  Yet another thank you for all of your great works!

# What is coming up in Missions?????

**> Healthy Yankton Garden** – Please sign up to help!  We need you!  This is a great project for everyone to get involved with.  The watering has been made easy – special thanks to Elwoods and Schaefers!  The gardens are a mission of the church so please find time to be a part of the great things growing!

***\** Loads of Love** – Please sign up!  Once again – its easy!  Easy to serve people in such a meaningful way.  We ran out of funds this last time – luckily at the very end.  Its as easy as putting coins in the machine and being there for conversations and just a heart to serve.  Thank you to the volunteers in July – Elwoods, Bob Thue, and Parrs.  There are openings through the rest of the year – please check out the sign up sheets on the Mission table!  September 16, September 30, November 18, and December 30.

**\*** August 31st – **Buckett Sunday Offering** for the Boys ad Girls Club of Yankton.

***\**** September 18th – **Banquet**.  Put it on your calendar!  We are back on the banquet calendar.  This a great way to serve in our community.  And we can do so much through this opportunity.

***\**** Note: I have contacted **Tree of Life** with interest in a mission trip.  Pending leadership approval, we could be looking at putting together a team to serve in a different capacity. They are in need of electrical, plumbing, and renovation type improvements.  This is definitely going to pull on some of the members that have that type of training and knowledge.  So lets start talking – can we do this?????

Having heard a lot of great sermons lately – some about being good servants and some about being good communicators.  What are you doing to be a good servant, a true follower, not only a believer, but one with a testimony served out through actions.  Hopefully we are giving you plenty of opportunities to be active in our mission to inspire all people to seek God, grow in their faith, discover their purpose, and serve others to make a difference. What are our action steps to fulfill this mission?  What is your part in serving others and making a difference?  Its continuous….its ongoing…..but it’s a part of being a disciple and its part of helping others become disciples.  Thank you for your commitment to Missions!

# **Wanted**

The Women’s Bible Study Group is looking for a small table (end table/TV tray) for their Sunday School Room. No larger than 24 X 24 inches. Contact Laurie Baily if you have one you are willing to donate.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Mary Alice Halverson, Jan (Marilyn Elwood’s sister), Russell & Mary Peirce, Sue Strasburg, Caitlin Jensen, Dawn Kabella, Connie Pruitt (Shirley Root's sister)

Church family serving in the military: all men & women serving in the military and their families.

# August Birthdays

2 - Mikael Pietila

 - Ben Ricke

3 - Jill Sage

5 - Miya Noecker

7 - Ruth Gravholt

 - Mary Alice Halverson

9 - Dan Swihart

 - Collins Den Herder

10 - Mary Johnson

 - Burklynn Novak

11 - Chris Hathaway

 - Dan Johnson

12 - Tyler Irwin

 - Kim Berndt

14 - Peggy Doering

 - Gary Johnson

16 - Liza Larson

18 - Hannah Irwin

20 - Kalyn (Peterka) Schafer

 - Laura Slowey

21 - Derek Moderegger

22 - Jody Brady

23 - Susan Thorson

24 - Rose Nedved

24 - Cole Sawatzke

26 - Dan Slowey

27 - Sue Frick

28 - Brett Sime

 - Rob Taylor

29 - Rhonda Arens

 - Micah James

