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NEWSLETTER

March 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Together Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday – March 3

March 2-3 is our Together Capital Campaign Commitment weekend. We will have a training for volunteers on Saturday and invite the whole church to join us for worship Sunday, and to stay afterwards for fellowship and to complete their pledge card. There are so many volunteers who have already made our Together Capital Campaign a great success, but there is still a chance to get involved for this special weekend to make sure we achieve our minimum goal of \$1,000,000. Our volunteers and leaders have already pledged and given more than \$660,000, and our CLC/Narthex loan debt is already down to about \$260,000. If you'd like to help strengthen the church and put us on a firm financial foundation for years to come, please email Penny Eliason (together@brookingsmethodist.org) or call our Community Gifts Chairs, Lynn & Brian Darnall (605-695-1291). Your few hours of work this weekend and/or in the next 3 weeks until Celebration Sunday could help the church and its ministries for years to come!

I hope you will join us for this very special weekend. During our Sunday worship services there will be a prayer vigil to pray over the dozens of ministries of our church and for the success of the campaign. Then after special worship services, volunteers will work with church members to go over the goals of the campaign and help answer questions about how to fill out the pledge card. We truly hope you will join us to support Brookings FUMC's ministries Together "At the Corner of Church and Community" and make our campaign a huge success! Your gift will make a difference.

Blessings, *Pastor Wade*



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays

- 9:00am **'The Well' Worship**
Located in the Community Life Center
- 9:30am **Radio Broadcast**
(KBRK 1430AM)
- 10:00am **Sunday School (2yr-HS)**
- 11:00am **Traditional Worship**
Located in the Sanctuary

*Missed the Sunday sermon? Find recent messages on our website:
www.brookingsmethodist.org/worship*

Wednesdays

- 6:00pm **Manna in the Middle Worship**
Located in the Community Life Center

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MANNA in the MIDDLE

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 3:00pm WAM! (Wednesday Afternoon Music)
- 4:00pm Wednesday Afternoon Childcare
- 4:00pm Chiming Children
- 5:00pm Youth Bells
- 5:00pm Manna Meal
- 6:00pm "Manna in the Middle" Worship
- 6:45pm Men's Study
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45pm College Age Ministry
- 6:45pm Confirmation
- 6:45pm High School Youth Group
- 6:45pm Wednesday School (1st-5th graders)

CONNECT WITH US

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:30 pm,
Fridays 8:30am-Noon

Need prayer? Email

prayer@brookingsmethodist.org
and one of the pastors will pray with you.

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Susan's Saga

A remarkable bill has been unanimously passed by the South Dakota State Senate: an initiative to recognize the official indigenous language of the state. The proposal is that the language of the Seven Council Fires, also known by treaty as the Great Sioux Nation which is comprised of three dialects including Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota, be designated as the official indigenous language of the state.

If signed into law, South Dakota would be the first state in the lower 48 to identify a native language. The bill would not change anything in terms of what language is used or made available on state forms or elsewhere. Nonetheless, it reaffirms the traditional territory and roots of the state that bears the name of Dakota.

This initiative is very much in tune with the momentum of 2019, which has been declared as the International Year of Indigenous Languages. This observance "aims to raise awareness of the consequences of the endangerment of indigenous languages across the world, with an aim to establish a link between language, development, peace, and reconciliation. Despite their immense value, languages around the world continue to disappear at an alarming rate. With this in mind, the United Nations made this declaration to highlight the important contribution languages make to our world's rich cultural diversity."

In keeping with this movement, we are also endeavoring to document and promote the use of an endangered language in Oaxaca, Mexico. God's message found in the Bible is for each language. Given that, people should be able to read God's message in the language they best understand.

Susan Huggins

Susan Huggins is a daughter of this church serving in full-time ministry as a Bible translator among the Mixtec people of Oaxaca, Mexico. Susan's sending agency, Wycliffe Bible Translators, is a non-denominational organization; she raises her own funds to support this ministry.



Thank you to all who have contributed to the #onething February project, the Diaper Project. The little ones at Harvest Table appreciate your contributions as do their parents.

In **March**, our #onething will be the **American Red Cross**. March is National Red Cross Month.

The Mission Statement: The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

The Red Cross relies on donations of time and money to perform and fulfill its mission. Donations are invested in humanitarian services and programs. The American Red Cross collects approximately 6.3 million units of blood from roughly 3.7 million volunteer donors. Please give generously by dropping monetary donations off in the church office and marking them "Red Cross," or #onething, and consider donating blood during this month of March.

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to the following individuals who helped serve 60 Plus Dining meals during January/February: Bob & Lynette Smith, Doug & Linda Kay Hai, Keith & Betty Allison, Larry & Barb Hult, Bill & Peg Cone, Dwight & Berta Combs, Bill Miller, Stan & Bernice Bauman, Roger Sandnes, Bonnie Busdicker, and Marilyn Heesch.

90th Birthday Celebration

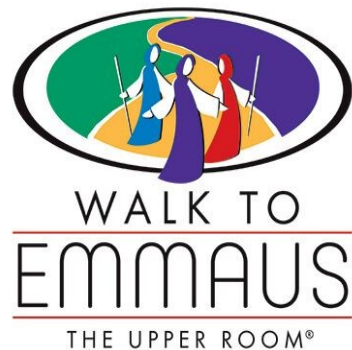
An open house will be held to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mildred K. Huggins. The event will be Sunday, March 31, from 11:30a.m.-2:30p.m. in the Community Life Center. Lunch will be served. Let your presence be your gift. For those who cannot attend, greetings may be sent to 1034 6th Ave, Brookings, SD, 57006.

2019 World Day of Prayer

Brookings Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer at 2p.m. on March 1 at Brookings St. Paul's Episcopal Church, located at 6th St & 8th Ave. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. All church men and women are invited to join in the prayer service written by the women of Slovenia, who invite us to explore Jesus' parable of the Great Dinner in Luke 14:15-24, with the theme "Come—Everything is Ready." An offering will be taken to support the Church Women United programs. Lunch and fellowship will follow the program. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is handicapped accessible.

A Journey with Christ

CrossWork (Emmaus Reunion Group) invites you to learn more about an experience of Christian renewal and formation called the Walk to Emmaus. The Walk to Emmaus is similar to the story in Luke in which Christ joins two disciples who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. By walking with Jesus, reflecting on the scriptures, breaking bread together, and sharing their resurrection stories, the disciples experienced Christ's presence and their hearts burned within them. The Walk to Emmaus is your opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.



Dakotas Walk to Emmaus will be in March – Men's March 21-24, 2019 and Women's March 28-31, 2019. For additional information check out these websites: dakotawalk.org and emmaus.upperroom.org. If you are interested but unable to attend the informational session, please contact an Emmaus pilgrim such as Nancy Bohlen at nbohlen@swiftel.net or call 692-7744.

Commitment Sunday

On Sunday, March 3, plan to stay after worship for a time of fellowship, hospitality, and the opportunity to visit with a campaign volunteer about your pledge to the Together campaign. Volunteers will be available in the CLC following The Well service and in the church basement after the traditional service. A special time of prayer for the campaign will be observed during The Well service, and you may also join together in the Sanctuary for a prayer vigil during the Sunday School hour beginning at 10:10a.m. Please keep the whole church in your prayers as we journey through this exciting time "Together."

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Ash Wednesday falls on March 6 this year and marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Join us in the Community Life Center on Wednesdays as our various committees of the church, along with Manna cook Lisa Allison, serve soup and sandwich suppers for our Manna meal from 5-6p.m. We will also serve Holy Communion at the Ash Wednesday service. Our Ash Wednesday and Manna worship at 6p.m. will center around the Psalms of Lent as we journey together through Lent and look forward to Easter. Our Sunday morning worship will take a closer look at the "Seven Questions of Christ" through the Gospel of John.

Looking ahead...

March 6 — Ash Wednesday
 March 17 — Church Council Meeting
 March 22-24 — Men's Walk to Emmaus
 March 29-31 — Women's Walk to Emmaus
 April 6 — Farewell reception for Miller's
 April 7 — Confirmation Sunday
 April 13-14 — Once Upon a Tree
 April 14 — Palm Sunday
 April 18 — Living Last Supper
 April 19 — Good Friday worship
 April 21 — Easter Sunday
 April 24 — Last Manna in the Middle (last day for Wednesday activities)
 April 28 — Children's Musical
 Last day of Sunday School
 May 5 — Senior Recognition Sunday

Holy Week Services

April 14 -21

Holy Week kicks off with Palm Sunday services and processions and a presentation of "Once Upon a Tree" by the Exaltation Dance Company. As we enter the passion period of the week, join us for the last soup supper and Wednesday Lenten service. On Maundy Thursday, the drama "The Living Last Supper" will be presented in the Community Life Center at 7p.m., complete with a Seder meal and communion. A moving Good Friday service will take place in the Sanctuary on Friday, April 19, with poignant music and readings from "Faces at the Cross." Finally, we will celebrate our risen savior together on Easter morning during our regular worship services.

Church Offering Senior Scholarship

It has been a tradition of this church to offer a scholarship to graduating seniors who are going on to further schooling. An email has been sent out to those seniors. If you are a senior or have a senior in your household and have not received this email, please contact Gretchen at education@brookingsmethodist.org for the scholarship form. Please turn in your form by March 15 to the office.



Lenten Soup Suppers

This church has a wonderful tradition of hosting soup suppers during the season of Lent. These suppers take place during our regular Manna in the Middle meal time in the Community Life Center from 5-6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. During Lent, these soup and sandwich meals are purposefully lighter fare as we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice in the days leading to Holy Week and Easter. Various committees and groups in the church are asked to provide 12 large crockpots of soup (5+ quart size) along with 16 loaves of French bread. Our Manna cook will also provide a roaster of kid-friendly Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup and Campbell's Tomato Soup each week.

- Mar. 6 — Confirmation and High School Youth Group
- Mar. 13 — Education
- Mar. 20 — UMM & Trustees
- Mar. 27 — SPR & Finance
- Apr. 3 — Worship & Health Ministry
- Apr. 10 — UMW & Memorials
- Apr. 17 — Missions & History

Special General Conference – Commission On a Way Forward

The Special General Conference of the worldwide United Methodist Church met in St. Louis on February 23-26 to address the issue of Same-Sex Marriage and the ordination of Gay and Lesbian pastors. At the end of that event, the church will hopefully decide on a way to keep both the traditionalist and progressive churches together.

We will host a Town-Hall meeting in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 27, at 6:45p.m. to discuss how our church will be affected and whether Brookings FUMC will need to make further decisions.

Camping Registration is Open – Prime time to Register!

Don't forget to register for camp before your summer schedule gets too full! The camp books are on the Welcome Centers in both buildings but another great way to see camps is on the camp website – www.dakacamps.org. Go online now to find a camp for you!

- This year we will be offering a **65%** scholarship for summer camps.
- The code for the 65% camp scholarship is: **brookingscampers**.
- The Early Bird deadline the register is Tuesday, April 30, but you can sign up for camp all summer long. So if you don't know right now which camp will work, then sign up later.
- **Bring-a-Friend Discount** – For each new camper (hasn't been to a Dakotas UM camp for the past three years) you or your child brings to camp in 2019, you will receive \$25 off the price of your camp – not to exceed registration fee. So, invite away!
- There are 3 camps sites from which to choose: Wesley Acres in North Dakota, Storm Mountain in the Black Hills, and Lake Poinsett.

Last Day of Sunday School

The Education Committee has decided that April 28 will be the last day of Sunday School.

Summer Mission Trip

You are invited to Youth19/Urban Plunge, **July 6-14**, in Kansas City, Missouri. This event is a National Gathering for thousands of UMC Youth that happens every 4 years. The event focuses on worship, Bible study, service opportunities, and discipleship. This year's High School Summer Mission Trip group will be selling Medary Acres gift cards in the next few weeks. We will be selling them on Wednesday during the Manna meal, after Manna worship, and on Sundays before and after each worship service. We appreciate your support as this year's mission is both a mission trip and the National UM Youth Convention that happens only every four years. For questions, contact James Honomichl at jhonomichl@dakotalink.net.

Confirmation

We want to give a big thank you to all our confirmands, their parents, and our College Ministry as they served Harvest Table on February 11. Well done group and extra thanks to our coordinators, Emily Hahn and Laura Gerjets! Also, please pray for the following as they prayfully move toward Confirmation Sunday on April 7, 2019:

Tammy Dobrenski, Sponsor/Family Group Leader

Tayla Dobrenski, Spencer Christie, Blake Wallenberg, Gabrielle Rebelein

Steph Bultje, Sponsor/Family Group Leader

Justin Alfson, Lexus Bartling, Camden Eliason, Quinn Miller, Madison Pantzke, Tess Pantzke, Noah White

Faith Community Nurse Note: March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

What is colorectal cancer? Colorectal cancer is a cancer that starts in the rectum or colon. Both of these organs are in the lower portion of your digestive system. The colon is also known as the large intestine. The rectum is at the end of the colon.

The American Cancer Society estimates 1 in 22 men and 1 in 24 women will develop colorectal cancer during their lifetime.

Prevention: Certain risk factors for colon cancer, such as family history and age, aren't preventable. However, lifestyle factors that may contribute to colorectal cancer are preventable, and may help reduce your overall risk of developing this disease.

You can take steps now to reduce your risk by:

- decreasing the amount of red meat you eat
- avoiding processed meats, such as hot dogs and deli meats
- eating more plant-based foods
- decreasing dietary fat in your diet
- exercising daily
- losing weight, if your doctor recommends it
- quitting smoking
- reducing alcohol consumption
- decreasing stress
- controlling preexisting diabetes

Another preventive measure is to make sure you get a colonoscopy after the age of 50, even if you don't have risk factors for colon cancer. The earlier the cancer is detected, the better the outcome.

March Ushers & Greeters

Traditional Service Ushers, Greeters, & Hospitality

Ushers: Brian & Lynn Darnall, Bruce Lushbough, Sandra Moore, Amy Merchant; Youth(31st)
Greeters: Keith & Irene Goehring, Robert & Lola Perry, Bonnie Busdicker, Betty Ruth Mennis; Youth (on the 31st)

"The Well" Greeters

Greeters: Leonard & Kathy Witte

United Methodist Committee on Relief Special Offering

Since 1940, UMCOR has been responding to nations in crisis after natural disasters, war, and other tragic events. Right now, UMCOR response teams and workers are providing relief in current disaster areas. Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded.

When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded.

When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded.

And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond.

When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said, "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB). **A special offering will be taken on March 31**, which will equip efforts all over the world through UMCOR. We share what we've been given so that others may experience hope and healing. Missions Committee

Puerto Rico Missions Trip—April deadline

Brookings FUMC has accepted the challenge to take on an 8-10 day mission team to Puerto Rico next February, 2020, exact dates TBA. Approximate cost will be \$1800 to \$2000, and is largely dependent upon plane costs at that time and the number of people on the team. We would be working on Methodist affiliated churches or people's homes that were destroyed or damaged by the devastating hurricane that hit that island last year. Construction and personal relationship building will be key components of the team. If you are interested, please call Lorna Jost at 605-695-0782 or email lkjost51@gmail.com. Only those 18 or older will be accepted by the church in Puerto Rico. **Last date to get on the team list is April 15, 2019.** Several informational meetings will be held over the course of next summer and fall to get us ready for this mission!

Substitute Servers Needed

United Methodist Women are in need of substitute volunteers who are willing to serve at funerals during times when there is a shortage of available servers. If you are interested in being on a call list for substitute servers, please contact the office at 605-692-4345, or you may sign up on a sheet in the Narthex. Your help is appreciated!

Sweet Roll Sundays

Calling all bakers and sweet roll eaters! Methodist women are invited to bake their favorite sweet rolls and/or scones for Sweet Roll Sundays. All money raised will go to local missions. Come to buy and eat for missions on March 24, June 30, September 29, and December 29. Mark your calendars!

(CLC) = Community Life Center

(Sanc) = Sanctuary

MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 9am—Adult Sunday School (Parlor) 9:45am—Seeker’s Adult Study 10am—Sunday School (2yr-HS) 11am—Traditional Worship 4:30pm—CrossWork Emmaus (Library)</p>	<p>4 10am—Healthy Movement 5:30pm—Harvest Table (CLC) 5:30pm—Health Ministry Team (Library) 6pm—Staff Parish Committee (Conference Room) 6pm—Open Door Singles Grp (Senior High Youth Room)</p>	<p>5 9am—CARE Group (basement) 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—Disciple Fast Track 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon 5:30pm—Financial Peace Univ. (Sr. High Youth Room) 6pm—Jubilee Ringers’ 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8</p>	<p>6 # Ash Wednesday 10am—Healthy Movement <u>**These usual 6:45 groups will NOT be meeting:</u> High School Youth Group, Confirmation, Wednesday School, College Age Ministry</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:30am—Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 6pm—8th Grade Confirmation Retreat (through Sat.)</p>	<p>9 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat *Daylight Saving Time start on the 10th</p>
<p>10 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 9am—Adult Sunday School 9:45am—Seeker’s Adult Study (Room 102) 10am—Sunday School (2yr-HS) 11am—Traditional Worship 11am—Education Committee (Library)</p>	<p>11 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 5:30pm—Harvest Table (CLC)</p>	<p>12 9am—Memorial Committee 10am—Staff Meeting 10am—UMW Board Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon 5:30pm—Financial Peace Univ 5:30pm—Disciple Fast Track 6pm—Jubilee Ringers’ 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8</p>	<p>13 # 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 6:45pm—Grief Support Group (Conference Room)</p>	<p>14 5:30pm—Missions Committee (3rd Grade Room) 7pm—Trustees Meeting (Library)</p>	<p>15 High School Scholarships Due 6:30am—Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)</p>	<p>16 9am—Piecemakers Quilting Group (basement)</p>
<p>17 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 9am—Adult Sun. School (Parlor) 9:45am—Seeker’s Adult Study 10am—Adult Study (basement) 10am—Sunday School (2yr-HS) 11am—Traditional Worship 4:30pm—CrossWork Emmaus 5pm—Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>18 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 5:30pm—Harvest Table (CLC) 6pm—Finance Committee 6pm—Open Door Singles Grp (Sr. High Youth Room) 7pm—Worship Committee</p>	<p>19 9am—CARE Group 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—BFUMC Foundation 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon 5:30pm—Disciple Fast Track 5:30pm—Financial Peace Univ 6pm—Jubilee Ringers 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8</p>	<p>20 # 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)</p>	<p>21 Dakotas Walk to Emmaus Men’s March in Canton, SD (through Sunday the 24th) 9:45am—Neighborhoods Comm. 10:30am—Edgewood Vista Comm. 2pm—Stoney Brook Communion 3pm—ULC Communion 6pm—United Methodist Men</p>	<p>22 Dakotas Walk to Emmaus Men’s March in Canton, SD 6:30am—Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)</p>	<p>23 Dakotas Walk to Emmaus Men’s March in Canton, SD (through Sunday the 24th)</p>
<p>24 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 9am—Adult Sun. School (Parlor) 9:45am—Seeker’s Adult Study (Room 102) 10am—Adult Study (basement) 10am—Sunday School (2yr-HS) 11am—Traditional Worship</p>	<p>25 FOCUS Deadline 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 12pm—SOUL Potluck (CLC) 1:15pm—Aging & Spirituality Group (basement) 5:30pm—Harvest Table (CLC)</p>	<p>26 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon 5:30pm—Disciple Fast Track 5:30pm—Financial Peace Univ 6pm—Jubilee Ringers 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8</p>	<p>27 # 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 6:45pm—Grief Support Group (Conference Room)</p>	<p>28 Dakotas Walk to Emmaus Women’s March in Canton, SD (through Sunday the 31st) 9:30am—Hannah Circle 2pm—Naomi Circle</p>	<p>29 Dakotas Walk to Emmaus Women’s March in Canton, SD 6:30am—Men’s Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)</p>	<p>30 Dakotas Walk to Emmaus Women’s March in Canton, SD (through Sunday, 31st)</p>
<p>31 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 9am—Adult Sun. School (Parlor) 9:45am—Seeker’s Adult Study (Rm 102) 10am—Adult Study (basement) 10am—Sunday School (2yr-HS) 11am—Traditional Worship</p>			<p>Wednesday Schedule—# 3pm—WAM! (CLC) 4pm—Chiming Children 4pm—Wednesday Afternoon Childcare (Education Unit) 5pm—Youth Bells (basement) 5pm—Manna Meal (CLC)</p>	<p>Wednesday Schedule—# 6pm—Manna Worship (CLC) 6:45pm—Men’s Study, High School Youth Group, Chancel Choir, Wednesday School, Confirmation, College Age Ministry</p>		