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FROM THE PASTOR

### Not Knowing What You Signed Up For

As I write this article, I have just returned from riding the Mickelson Trail. I went this year because my brother called in February and invited myself and my two brothers to join him. I knew that if I was to ride the trail, I would have to spend some time training. And I did do some riding in the last eight weeks. So when I left on Thursday, I thought I was fairly ready. What I had not taken in to account was the altitude and the fact that the trail is gravel. I did complete the 44 miles the first day. Saturday, I skipped riding to watch my grandson play soccer. Sunday was the shortest day—24 miles and I knew I could do that. What I had not counted on was the first 12 miles were up hill and it had rained making the trail soft and more difficult to navigate. I made 10 miles before my legs gave out, needing to catch a ride to the end. Needless to say, the weekend did not go as planned.

But then neither did things go as planned for the original disciples when they signed on to follow Jesus. They thought they would end up in positions of power and wealth, and instead they ended up traveling the world, living on a shoestring, and dying painful deaths. But neither did they know that because of their faithfulness and willingness to follow Jesus, they would forever change the world including your life and mine as they passed on the good news of God's love.

When each of us signed on to follow Jesus as we joined the church we did not know what lay ahead—how it would change our lives, what we would be called to do, the sacrifices we would be called to make, the times we may have second thoughts when the road gets challenging. When it gets rough, I pray that we like those first disciples will 'keep on keeping on' trusting that God will use our efforts and our sacrifices to help bring God's kingdom into reality. And that as we pass the finish line Jesus will say to us, "Well done good and faithful servants!"

*Howard Grinager, Interim Pastor*

The logo consists of a white stylized cross with a flame-like shape on the left side, set against a dark teal background. Below the logo, the text "FIRST UNITED METHODIST BROOKINGS" is written in white, stacked vertically. Underneath that, "AT THE CORNER OF CHURCH & COMMUNITY" is written in a larger, bold white font. At the bottom, the address "625 Fifth Street, Brookings" and phone number "605-692-4345" are listed, followed by the website "www.brookingsmethodist.org".

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sundays

- 9:00am **'The Well' Worship**  
*Located in the Community Life Center*
- 9:30am **Radio Broadcast**  
(KBRK 1430AM)
- 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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## 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 Wed. School (1st-5th graders)
- 6:45pm Confirmation/MS Youth Group
- 6:45pm High School Youth Group
- 6:45pm Men's Study
- 6:45pm Adult Manna Study
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## 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 a pastor will pray with you.

Facebook.com/FUMCBrookings  
www.brookingsmethodist.org

## Susan's Saga

For much of this year, I have been going out a couple of times a month to the language area to check Scripture in Mixtec with a group of people who haven't been involved in the drafting and revision of Scripture, to make sure that the translation is clear and understandable to people other than the Mixtec co-translators.

This group of people has been quite receptive and appreciative of having Scripture in Mixtec. One lady in particular, Josephine, is really keen to hear Scripture in her heart language. Although she is a faithful church member, the teaching she has heard for decades is almost exclusively in Spanish, and her mother tongue is definitely Mixtec. During the checking sessions, she drinks in the Scripture in Mixtec, probably understanding Scripture for the very first time. She is almost 80 years old and has trouble with her vision, but she pores over the copy in Mixtec, really putting an effort in to reading the text. As others read it out loud, she can hear what the Word is saying. Her usual comments are that it's really good, and she rarely makes suggestions for improvement. She is just content to have God's message in her heart language.

Each time she meets with us, she sidles up afterwards and gives us a huge stack of authentic homemade corn tortillas. I think it is her way of showing gratitude for finally having access to Scripture in her mother tongue. Making handmade tortillas is what she has done all her life, and she gives us a portion of what she best knows how to do.

Thank you for sticking with us through the years, as we strive to make God's Word accessible to this group of people in their heart language.

*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 **September** project - Share the Warmth, gathering new and gently used winter outerwear.

In **October**, our #onething will be #twothings. Our focus for October will be **Feeding Brookings**. As in past years, the Feeding Brookings project will be distributing Thanksgiving dinner boxes, which are ingredients for a complete meal, provided to families in need. We will collect boxes of stuffing mix to be added to each box. We are being asked to donate 175 boxes of stuffing mix.

And in December we will help the **Brookings Backpack Project** with 1800 individual fruit snack packs. This means we will be collecting fruit snacks from now through the end of November. The Brookings Back Pack Project currently provides bags of food for the weekend to approximately 450 children in Brookings and Sioux Valley schools, and Head Start on a weekly basis. With our assistance we can help make sure no child in our area goes hungry.

This is a large commitment similar to what we accomplished in the summer of 2018. Please start adding fruit snacks when you are grocery shopping now and we'll have a headstart on our **November** #onething collection. We can help provide for our area children.

## Turkey Dinner Sunday—September 29

September 29 is the day to join us in the CLC for the Turkey Dinner!! Come and enjoy delicious TURKEY, DRESSING, MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY, FRESH PICKED CORN, CRANBERRY SALAD, PIES, and more. We start serving at 11:30 a.m. and go to 1:30 p.m.

Adults: \$10.00; Children 4-11: \$3.00; Children 3 & under eat FREE. Come visit with old friends and meet new friends. See you all at the Turkey Dinner.

Missions Committee



## World Communion Sunday—October 6

### Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child, Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty. Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

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## Sweet Roll Sunday—October 13

It's almost time for our next Sweet Roll Sunday! Methodist women are invited to bake their favorite sweet rolls and/or scones for October 13. All money raised will go to local missions. Please plan to come and buy and eat for missions!



## Together Campaign Update

As we reach the end of September, we continue to be thankful for your faithfulness. You are continuing to fulfill the financial promises you made a year ago. Soon our new heating system will be completed and not only will our building be warm, but we are told it will be more economical. We received additional fund in September enabling us to reduce our debt by \$8,500. Thanks again for all you do.

Howard Grinager



## Chris Buus 50th Birthday Celebration

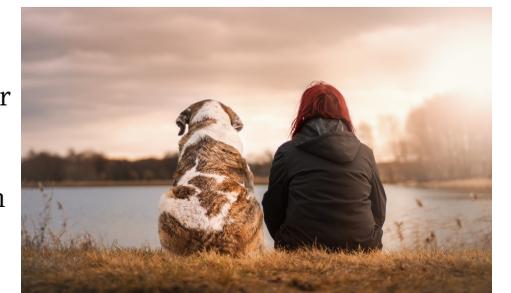
The family of Chris Buus invites you in celebrating his 50th birthday party on Monday, October 14, at Mad Mary's Steakhouse in Flandreau. Appetizers will be provided starting at 5:30p.m., with a toast given at 6:00p.m. Please join at any time between 5:30-8:30p.m. Kids are able to eat for free with a paying adult. The steakhouse is located at 306 N Veterans St.

## Hobo Day Hospitality

Our church has a great tradition of providing hospitality during the Hobo Day parade, which is at 9:30a.m. on Saturday, October 5. Since our church is right along the route, we are going to provide hot chocolate, coffee, and goodies once again this year. Please [sign up online](#) or at the Welcome Centers to bring some treats, whether it be cookies, cupcakes, or rolls. We also need help with setting up, handing out goodies, and cleaning up. Thanks for helping us show hospitality to our community and beyond.

## Blessing of the Animals

For many of us, our beloved pets are simply another member of the family. We invite you to bring your pet on Sunday, October 20th, at 2:00p.m. for a special blessing. We'll gather in the fenced-in green space on the west side of the church building. All pets are welcome!



## Dakotas Conference UMW Annual Celebration

“Celebrating 150 Years in Sisterhood” is the theme for this year’s UMW Dakotas Conference which will be held on October 4-5 at Pierre’s FUMC, located at 117 N Central Avenue. On Friday, October 4, the program will begin at 7p.m. and on Saturday, October 5, registration begins at 8:15a.m., with the celebration starting at 9a.m. Send in your registration form and \$15 check made payable to Dakotas Conference UMW as soon as possible to: Lynda Rustand, 1871 2nd St W, Dickinson, ND, 58601. For a registration form, please contact Diane Culver at 690-4443 or come to the church office.



## All Saints Sunday

Join us for special worship services as we celebrate the saints in our lives. During both Sunday morning worship services on November 3, we will honor members who passed away in the last year.

*A Prayer Meditation for All Saints Day*  
by Safiyah Fosua

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you,  
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,  
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses,  
Where your name was lifted and adored.  
We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:  
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,  
Strong hands and those gnarled with age,  
Holy hands,  
Used as wave offerings across the land.  
We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;  
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,  
Head ragged or aproned,  
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited,  
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.  
Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.  
Bless the memories of your saints, God.  
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship,  
and love.

— from UMC Discipleship Ministries

## Faith Community Nurse Note

Kids are back to school and the spread of germs is in full swing! Parents, please teach your child to wash hands often and use hand sanitizer when they can’t get to a sink. Show them how to cough into their sleeve. If your child has a fever, keep them home from school, offer fluids, and encourage rest. Influenza vaccines will be available soon and are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months.

Joanie Holm

## Correction—Grief Support Group Information

This group will be led by Nancy Samuelson, OT, Linda Thaden, RN, and Brenda Hieb, RN. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the conference room at 6:45p.m. A special session, “Surviving the Holidays” will be held on November 17 from 2-4p.m. in the church parlor.

## WAM News

Our Wednesday Afternoon Music (WAM) kids sang a beautiful worship song at The Well last Sunday and plan to share the song in worship at the 11 a.m. Sanctuary service on Sunday, October 20. The kids are excited to bake communion bread on Wednesday, October 2, and then help serve that bread as we celebrate World Communion Sunday in worship on October 6. All kids in grades K-5 are welcome to join this program.

## Dak-Youth Rally

Dak-Youth is November 8-10 for grades 6-12 in Aberdeen, SD. This is a yearly youth rally that offers worship, Bible study, workshop options, and a chance to connect to church camp and mission trip friends. Two guest speakers are Mark Oestreicher and Stephanie Caro, with the guest preacher being Reverend Sarah Heath. The praise team is Thrive Band.

Adult leaders are needed to volunteer to attend, along with several church family members who would be willing to prayerfully and financially sponsor a youth for the \$65 per person cost (early bird price by October 25). Contact Gretchen for registration information at 692-4345.



## We Need You!!!

Our current photo directory, printed three years ago, is already out of date. Our interim pastor, Howard Grinager, and our new pastor, Pete Grassow, have expressed a desire to get to know the congregation by name. As a welcome gift for each of them, SPR will be putting together a digital photo directory just for their use only. **Here is how you can help:**

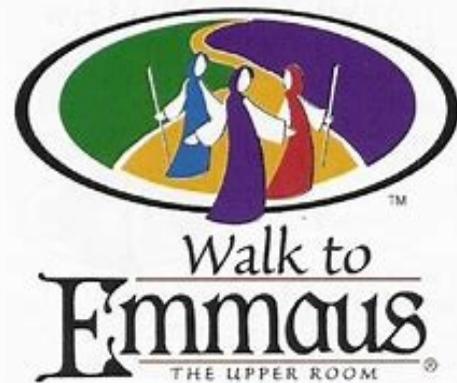
- 1) Take a selfie or have someone take a candid picture of you and your family with a smart phone.
- 2) Email the photo to the pastor's computer - [PastorHoward@brookingsmethodist.org](mailto:PastorHoward@brookingsmethodist.org). **Be sure to include the names of all the people in the picture, including last names.**
- 3) You may submit a printed picture to the church office or Narthex Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. Be sure this is labeled legibly with all first and last names.
- 4) You may request someone take a picture with their smart phone of you and your family on a Sunday at the Narthex Welcome Center. Be sure they have all of the names to be included. Have them email the photo and names to the above address.

## October Dakotas Walk to Emmaus Events

The Walk to Emmaus is named so because the experience is very similar to the Bible story in Luke 24:13-34 in which the risen Christ joins the 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 walk with the Lord and rediscover God's burning presence in your life. Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour experience starting Thursday evening at 7:00p.m. and ending around 7:00p.m. on Sunday.

Participants are asked to separate themselves from their daily activities for this time period. There is no "physical walking distance," but rather a "walk" with others in fellowship, learning, and fun. Upcoming 2019 Dakotas Walk to Emmaus: Men's October 3-6, and Women's October 10-13, at Storm Mountain, Rapid City, SD.

You can find more information at the website: <http://dakotaswalk.org/> or visit with pilgrims including Steve Eliason, Charlie Schnabel, Linda Hai, Barb Meyer, and Nancy Bohlen.



## Home Visiting Volunteers Needed—Put Your Love in Action

The Health Ministry Team is looking for a dedicated group of people to consider visiting with homebound church members. We will provide training and support for this very important mission. Please speak with or email Joanie Holm at [jholm229@gmail.com](mailto:jholm229@gmail.com), or let someone on the staff know of your interest. Our current visitors report that the visits are a win-win, with benefits for both the person visited and the person who makes the visit. Put your Love in Action and become a visitor!

## Youth Selling Calendars

Be sure to pick up a wall calendar for \$10 beginning Sunday, October 6. The youth are selling them as a fundraiser for youth mission trips. You may also purchase them during the week at the education office.

## Grassow Love Offering

We would like to thank those who have provided a donation to Pete and Jenny to help with their expenses as Pete continues to wait for his work VISA. We will continue gathering donations for the Grassow Love Offering through Sunday, October 6.

## Stephen Ministry Training

New Life Fellowship Church in Aberdeen is offering a half-day, introductory workshop in Stephen Ministry regarding the following sessions: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief, An Introduction to Stephen Ministry, and How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way. The workshop will be held on October 5 from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$50 per congregation (four or more members). To register, visit Stephen Ministries at: [www.stephenministry.org/workshop](http://www.stephenministry.org/workshop) or call 314-428-2600.



## Produce for Manna

Deb, our new Manna cook, would be happy to accept your excess garden produce to use towards our Manna meals. Donations may be brought to the CLC kitchen or church office.

## Manna Kitchen Ministry

We are in need of some additional volunteers to help with setting up and serving the Manna meal each Wednesday night. Please contact Vonda at 692-4345 if you would be able to help with this ministry.

(CLC) = Community Life Center

(Sanc) = Sanctuary

# OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9am—CARE Group 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon Group (parlor) 6pm—Jubilee Ringers 7pm—SPR Committee (conf.) 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8	<b>2—#</b> 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 6:45pm—Journeying Through Grief Group (church library) 6:45pm—6 Decisions That Will Change Your Life Group	<b>3</b> 6pm—Worship Committee (conference room)	<b>4</b> 6:30am—Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)	<b>5</b> Hobo Day
<b>6</b> 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 10am—Adult Classes (parlor and basement) 10am—Sunday School 11am—Traditional Worship 4:30pm—CrossWork Emmaus (library)	<b>7</b> 10am—Healthy Movement 5:30pm—Harvest Table served by Faith Reformed Church & SDSU Swine Club 5:30pm—Health Ministry Team (library) 6pm—Open Door Singles Grp 7pm—Retired Group (parlor)	<b>8</b> 9am—Memorial Committee (library) 9:30am—UMW Board Meeting 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon 6pm—Jubilee Ringers 7pm—Trustees Mtg (library) 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8	<b>9—#</b> 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 6:45pm—6 Decisions That Will Change Your Life Group (room 102)	<b>10</b> 5:30pm—Missions Committee	<b>11</b> 6:30am—Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Sweet Roll Sunday</b> 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 10am—Adult Classes (parlor and basement) 10am—Sunday School 11am—Traditional Worship	<b>14</b> <b>Columbus Day/Office Closed</b> 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 5:30pm—Harvest Table served by United Church of Christ (CLC) 7pm—Retired Grp (parlor)	<b>15</b> 9am—CARE Group (basement) 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon Group (parlor) 6pm—Jubilee Ringers 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8	<b>16—#</b> 10am—Healthy Movement 10am—Alzheimers/Dementia Caregivers Support Group (parlor) 6:45pm—Journey Through Grief Group (conf. room) 6:45pm—6 Decisions That Will Change Your Life Group	<b>17</b> 9:45am—Neighborhoods Communion 10:30am—Edgewood Vista Communion 2pm—Stoney Brook Comm. 3pm—ULC Communion 6pm—UMM (CLC)	<b>18</b> 6:30am—Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)	<b>19</b> 9am—Piecemakers Quilting Group (basement)
<b>20</b> 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 10am—Adult Classes 10am—Sunday School 11am—Traditional Worship 2pm—Blessing of the Animals 4:30pm—CrossWork Emmaus	<b>21</b> 10am—Healthy Movement 5:30pm—Harvest Table by First Assembly of God (CLC) 6pm—Finance Committee 6:30pm—Singles Group 7pm—Retired Grp (parlor)	<b>22</b> 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon Group (parlor) 6pm—Jubilee Ringers 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8	<b>23—#</b> <b>FOCUS Deadline</b> 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)	<b>24</b> 9:30am—Hannah Circle 2pm—Naomi Circle	<b>25</b> 6:30am—Men’s Breakfast Fellowship (Hy-Vee) 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9am—The Well Worship (CLC) 10am—Adult Classes (parlor and basement) 10am—Sunday School 11am—Traditional Worship	<b>28</b> 10am—Healthy Movement 12pm—SOUL Potluck (CLC) 1:15pm—Aging & Spirituality (basement) 5:30pm—Harvest Table served by St. Paul Catholic Church, White (CLC) 7pm—Retired Group (parlor)	<b>29</b> 10am—Staff Meeting 5:30pm—New Day Al-Anon Group (parlor) 6pm—Jubilee Ringers 7pm—Movie Night@Cinema 8	<b>30—#</b> 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC)	<b>31</b> Halloween	<b>Wednesday Schedule—#</b> 3pm—WAM! (CLC) 4pm—Afternoon Childcare 4pm—Chiming Children 5pm—Youth Bells 5pm—Manna Meal (CLC) 6pm—Manna Worship	<b>Wednesday Schedule—#</b> 6:45pm—Chancel Choir, Men’s Study, Wednesday School, Confirmation/MS Youth Grp, HS Youth Grp