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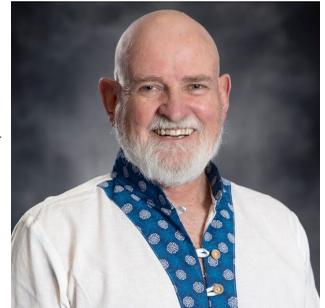
NEWSLETTER

October 2022

FROM THE PASTOR

I'm just loving it

I love being a pastor in our church. The members are kind, generous and loving. We demonstrate this through our support of mission initiatives such as the slush booth and turkey dinner, the weekly Harvest Table that feeds anyone who is hungry, and the fact that we have given out 35, 000 diapers this year. I also love the way we have welcomed a variety of worship styles and music and are so willing to respect and worship alongside of people who have a different understanding of worship. Best of all I love the gathering of various groups of people in our church – everything from quilting to bible study to music and even a weekly breakfast at Hy-Vee.



Remember that in our church we believe in Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. All are welcome to experience the life changing love of Jesus within our imperfect but Jesus loving community. Being the church of God is not the gathering of the perfect. It is instead the gathering of the imperfect who seek to become the very best human image of the love of Jesus.

And I am just Loving it.

Pastor Pete



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First United Methodist Church Foundation

Your First United Methodist Church Foundation is preparing once again to financially support a variety of initiatives in the life of the church. Each year, members of the Foundation board designate a certain percentage of the Foundation's investments to be disbursed to worthy projects throughout the year. For 2022-23, over \$15,000 will be available for activities such as camp scholarships, campus ministries, education, and many other special projects as proposed by church committees. The Foundation's mission is to fund special activities that are outside of regular church operations.



Church members can become involved with this process in a couple different ways. First, if you see a special need within the church, contact one of the church committees to see if your idea might be appropriate for funding through the Foundation. Secondly, church members can contribute to the Foundation through gifts or bequests – potentially impacting the life of the church for years to come.

If you have any interest in supporting the Brookings First United Methodist Church Foundation with your gifts, please contact any of the board of director members: Pastor Pete Grassow, Russ Daly, Margaret Denton, Laura Gerjets, Rich Howard, Van Fishback, or Tom Fishback.

Listen to our Podcasts!

We have re-launched *both* of our Podcasts- 'Messages from First United Brookings' and 'Conversations with Pastor Pete!' Our 'Messages' podcast is an audio version of Pastor Pete's Sunday morning sermons and 'Conversations with Pastor Pete' is a recording of Pastor Pete's Sunday afternoon class. You can listen on all major Podcasting platforms (Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts) or online at brookingsmethodist.org/podcasts . Also, watch for a new podcast from us launching in the coming months!



Job Opening

Financial Secretary: we are looking for a Financial Secretary for our church. Trish Matson-Buus has graciously filled this position for the past 6 months, but the arrangement of two days per week proved difficult. We are looking for someone who can fill this Monday-Friday 9am-1pm (20 hours per week), with some additional hours for the annual audit, or at month's end. Please help us to advertise this, and contact the church office if you are interested.

Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)

“The way of Jesus is servant leadership, and he calls us to do the same.”

In the New Testament, diakonia was the ministry of service, aid and support. Deacons, from the word diakonos, in the early church were women and men who assisted in liturgical logistics, the care of the poor and administration. The deacons were asked to visit all those who stand in need of visitation, always pray for one another and to relieve burdens and afflictions by mutual love. The Caring Congregation Ministry, Lampe and Gepford

Please be curious and let that curiosity lead you to serve others.

Joanie Holm, Congregational Care Coordinator

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Turkey Dinner this year. We don't have the numbers yet, but will have it in the November FOCUS.



Thanks again,
Mission Committee

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MK Huggins

Manna Cook:

Deb Bortnem

Connect with us!

Church Office Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8:30am-12:00 pm

Need prayer? Email

prayer@brookingsmethodist.org
and Pastor Pete will pray with you!



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Give Online to Brookings First United Methodist Church!

Without your gifts, none of our community ministries would be possible. We have easy ways to give online or scan the QR code for more information:

- 1) VANCO MOBILE APP:** Download the Vanco Mobile app from the App Store or Google Play. Once installed, search “Brookings”, select FUMC, and follow directions.
- 2) TEXT:** Send a text message to [605-250-0807](tel:605-250-0807) with the dollar amount of the gift and follow directions.



Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

Now is the time to sign up for a radio broadcast sponsorship in 2023. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one or anniversary, you may:



- Visit brookingsmethodist.org and click on **RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS**
- Contact the office at 605-692-4345
- Email office@brookingsmethodist.org

Each broadcast sponsorship is \$60 and airs at 9:30am on KBRK 1430AM on that Sunday.

Fall Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays:	9:00am	Sunday School (all ages)
	9:30am	Radio Broadcast (on KBRK 1430AM)
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship (in-person and online)
Wednesdays:	5:00pm	Free Manna in the Middle Meal
	6:00pm	Manna in the Middle Worship (in-person and online)
	7:00pm	Wednesday School
		7th/8th Grade Confirmation
		First On Campus Life Group
		Adult Manna in the Middle Study
		High School Youth Group

Join Our Media Ministry!

Help make our online presence possible! We are looking for volunteers to help with our live stream! Our tech team has fun while serving God in this unique way. Computer and music experience is helpful but not required! If you or someone you know are interested in helping our online ministry (and want free high-speed WiFi), contact Sam at media@brookingsmethodist.org.



Sam Becker, Worship Tech/Media Director

Signage Update

Our church committee working on signage is excited to announce some welcome news! After much research and approvals from our internal church committees, the city of Brookings has granted us a permit to construct our digital sign outside the Community Life Center facing Sixth Street. As explained during a congregational meeting last month, the sign will feature our church's logo along with a digital panel. The digital display will allow us to communicate with the community in a completely new way, welcoming and inviting individuals to the wide variety of our church's outreach functions. In the weeks ahead, contractors will be working on the site north of the Community Life Center. Work also continues on a plan for interior signage between and within our church buildings.

Russ Daly, Ad Hoc Signage Committee Chair



DakYouth Rally

DakYouth is November 11-13 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. It's a great weekend for youth to connect! Music will be led by Clay Lundberg (former pastor at 1st UMC) and Taylor Johnson.



DakYouth
Dakotas Conference



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We encourage all middle school through high school students to attend. Since this is a camping opportunity, the camp scholarship of 75% is offered to everyone attending. With the camp scholarship, the cost to attend is just \$16.25!

Please let the education office know if you are interested in attending as we need to register as a group. Adult leaders are needed to volunteer to attend, and if you as a church family member would be willing to prayerfully and financially sponsor a youth for this event, that would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Gretchen for registration information at 605-692-4345. You can visit the DakYouth website for more information at dakotasumc.org/dak youth/happenings/dak youth.

All Treats – No Tricks

We welcome all families to join us on October 30th for Halloween festivities! We will offer treats and activities in the narthex following Sunday service. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to join in on the fun. We also would like to extend an invitation to any group wanting to set up a booth for the occasion. Any questions can be directed to Sammi at wedactivities@brookingsmethodist.org. We hope to see you all there!



Since October 30 is a 5th Sunday, there will be no Sunday school, and the service will be family friendly. All are encouraged to attend the service! And children are welcome to wear their costumes to church.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Adult Class – Families of Faith and Dysfunction: Genesis 9:00 AM Sunday School – 2 yr old – 8th Grade 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship 5:00 PM Conversations with Pete – Dying on Purpose 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Piecemakers 10:00 AM Healthy Movement 12:00 PM SOUL 7:00 PM Open Door Retirees Bible Study – The Walk 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM AI-Anon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM TOPS 10:00 AM Healthy 7:00 PM Confirma 7:00 PM Men's Gr 7:00 PM Adult Ma 7:00 PM Wednesd 7:00 PM First on
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Harvest Table

Good News! Harvest Table began serving meals again in the Community Life Center on September 12, 2022, and will continue every Monday evening (except major holidays) at 5:30pm. If you are a part of an organization, club, church group, neighborhood, friends, family, or any other group, please contact Vonda to schedule a date for you to serve. There are opportunities open starting January and many other dates in 2023. Your group would be responsible for planning a menu, purchasing the food, preparing the food, serving the meal, and cleanup. If you would like additional information, please contact Vonda Kirkham. To schedule a date for you to serve.

Thank you for your willingness to serve those in our community.

Vonda Kirkham, Community Life Center Director

Meals on Wheels

The Brookings Meals on Wheels program serves nutritious meals to area home bound Seniors and is a demonstration of “God’s Love” by FUMC. Special thanks to the volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels in July. This round of deliveries was completed by Pastor Pete & Jenny Grassow, Wayne & Colene Reiser, Sam & Kay Becker, Ron & Linda Thaden, Joanie Holm, Linda Kay Hai, Angie Daly, and Larry & Barb Hult. A special thanks to Dwight and Bertie Combs who Volunteered both weeks. FUMC does this 4 times a year, the last round of deliveries will be October 24th - November 4th. If interested in helping with the last round of Meals on Wheels deliveries, please contact Perry Johnson at perbar3@mac.com.



Perry Johnson

United Women of Faith

The United Women of Faith (our *new* women's group) enjoyed hosting a salad luncheon on Sept 14th. A big thanks goes out to Jenny Grassow for giving a wonderful program! Missions for August/September were Backpack Program of Brookings, Jack's Cupboard (a food pantry for SDSU students), and UMCOR – Kentucky floods.

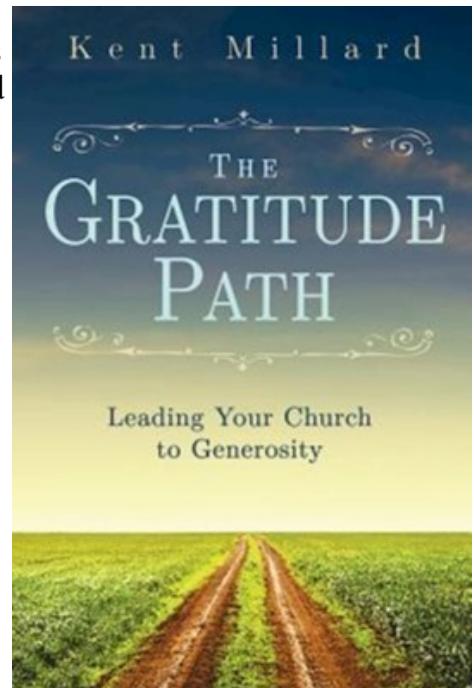


The Gratitude Path

It is time to give thanks to God. God blessed through the Covid pandemic with enough finances despite not having in-person services. God blessed us over the past two years with strength to face the derecho, and the drought and the cultural tensions. God has blessed us with church staff who care, and with church members who are kind, and with a heart for worship and service. It is time to give thanks.

We will kick off this season October 30 in the Community Life Center. Our **guest preacher** will be **Pastor Clay Lundberg**, who will help us express our thanks to God. This will be our focus for the next three weeks leading to Thanksgiving. We will conclude this with a Thanksgiving Breakfast on Sunday November 20.

It is time to give thanks to God.



Campus Ministry

It's Fall, y'all! Campus Ministry is up and running; we have been meeting for our Life Group on Wednesday evenings at 7pm since August 31, and we look forward to fun fall activities like our pizza night at Good Roots Farm and Gardens on Sunday, October 2nd at 6pm! Please continue to pray for our college students as they navigate the challenges and opportunities of university life. And thank you for being a spiritual "home away from home" for our Methodist Jackrabbits!



Krista Ducker, Campus Ministry Director

Calendars For Sale

Be sure to pick up a 2023 wall calendar for \$10 at the Welcome Centers in the church. The money raised will go toward the youth for mission trips and other youth events. You may also purchase them during the week at the education or church office.



WALL CALENDAR

Watch Us Online Any Time!

YouTube Live



Facebook Live



Trustee Committee

Our HVAC contractor has repaired two of the air conditioning units in the Head Start classroom area of the Community Life Center. The plumber has also made several repairs in our Education Wing.

Thanks to Sam Becker and Drew Schnabel for restriping our parking lot west of the Community Life Center.

Our Ad Hoc church signage committee has made a recommendation to purchase the digital sign to be located to the north of the Community Life Center. The sign has been ordered with the installation date to be determined. The signage committee continues to work with a consultant (ASI) to address our church facilities interior signage needs.

Future repair projects that need to be addressed as funds are available include resealing of the parking lot, replacing exterior roof panels on the south Narthex skylight, and replacing the fire alarm panel in the Community Life Center. Please visit with any of the Trustees for more information on any of these activities.

Doug Beste, Trustee Committee Chair

Church Fall Clean Up

Join the Trustees for raking, hedge trimming and general cleanup around the church on October 22nd at 9:00am. One or two hours will make a big difference, many hands make less work!

Rick Hieb, Trustee Committee Vice Chair



Susan's Saga

Each morning before we start the translation session, we have one of the Mixtec co-translators open in prayer. They pray beautifully in Mixtec, asking for God's guidance to help us understand what the Bible says and then to figure out how to best express the concepts in Mixtec. In addition they ask that the Mixtec translation be used in their respective towns. They also pray for Inga and me and are grateful for our part in facilitating the translation.

It is heartening and humbling to be included in their prayers.

Thank you for your part in making God's Word available to this people group 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.

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is active. Please contact Sharon Anderegg at 605-692-4925 with any requests. You can also email prayer@brookingsmethodist.org and Pastor Pete will pray with you.



Music Notes

Thank you, Ted De Lange and choir, for leading us in worship September 18. It is so good to be bringing back choral music into our worship services. Our plans for the rest of this year include singing once a month in worship October 23 and November 20, as well as preparing for a worship service full of Christmas music to be sung on December 18. It is understood that singers are all volunteers and might not be able to make every rehearsal. I hope you who love singing will consider joining us in the choir this fall as we prepare for the Christmas season under the capable direction of Ted De Lange.

We are looking for an accompanist for the church choir. Please notify Brenda Hieb at musiccoordinator@brookingsmethodist.org of your interest in this position or if you have an idea of who might be interested.

The Chime Choir is off to a great start with Lynette Smith as director, with more ringers than in last years choir. If your student is interested and missed the first rehearsals, they can still join. Please connect with Lynette Smith at 605-693-3197 or Brenda Hieb at musiccoordinator@brookingsmethodist.org.

The adult bell choir has returned to regular rehearsals on Tuesday evenings. We are also open to more ringers joining us for this very enjoyable mode of making music together. You are invited to come try us out. It helps to know how to read music and count rhythms. We will teach you the rest!

Our Worship Team, also led by Ted De Lange, meets every Tuesday for rehearsals. They lead music Wednesday evenings at the Manna service as well as Sunday mornings in the sanctuary. Participation in this ensemble allows for one to sing, provide rhythm, and or play an instrument in the genre of Modern Christian Music. Please connect with Ted in person at the church or at music@brookingsmethodist.org to let him know of your interest and talents you have to offer.

Brenda Hieb, Music Coordinator

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