

FROM THE PASTOR

It is a Beautiful World

By: Pastor Pete

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

These are the opening words of the hymn written by Cecil Frances Alexander, first published in her *Hymns for Little Children* of 1848. This is a good time of the year to sing of the beauty of the world in which we live. The arrival of summer rains and the growth of the gardens is indeed a moment of joyful affirmation of life. Jenny and I have just returned from a week in Alaska and can attest to the beauty of our world. We experienced black sands, alongside deep blue sea under snowcapped mountains. We saw moose and caribou, whales and orca and cute little sea otters floating on their backs. We give thanks to our Creator for this opportunity to be part of such amazing beauty.

Mrs Alexander's hymn also admits that this world is not beautiful for all people: a verse in her hymn remembers "*the rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate*". Some people struggle to see the beauty of our world because their lives are hard and difficult. I encourage those of us who have received beauty, to pass on this experience of love and joy to people who need to be blessed.

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*He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who hath made all things well.*

Pastor Pete



Giving Thanks for One Another

By: Pastor Krista

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. Ephesians 1:15-19

On May 23rd, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrated the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our young people who graduated from high school this year; Nolan Archer, Taylor Bingham, Ashton Bultje, Mason Doyscher, Kaden Gutormson, Molly Jung, Tyler Rasmussen, Shannon Rebelein, and Thomas Reynolds. We give thanks for them, and for all the young people who are making transitions at this time, from term-time to summer, from high school to college, trade school, or to a new job. This is a time of promise and hope! We marvel at the ways our young people have conquered huge challenges, navigated an unprecedented pandemic season, and walked through times of loss as well as success over the years to arrive at this exciting moment in their lives.

When these graduates were baptized years ago, together as a church we made a covenant with God to care for them, as we promised together:

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

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I encourage us all to celebrate the fruit of this faithful covenant promise in the lives of these young people, and I challenge us to continue to surround each other, young, old and in-between, in our faith journeys. The truth is, the journey of growing in Christ never ends. We always need the support of our sisters and brothers along the way. Let us be a community of love and forgiveness, surrounding each other with grace as we walk the way of faith together.

Graduates, we are so proud of you! We will continue to support you with our prayers as you take the next steps of your journey, whether that be here in Brookings or elsewhere. Thank you for being an integral part of our church family. We love you and wish you well!

Pastor Krista

Weekly Worship Schedule

 **WATCH ONLINE**

Sundays:	9:30am	Radio Broadcast (on KBRK 1430AM)
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship (in-person and online)
	12:00pm	Virtual Coffee with the Pastors on Zoom
	All day	Virtual Children's Church on Facebook
Wednesday:	6:00pm	Virtual Bible Study



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For links to episodes and more info about our Podcast, visit anchor.fm/fumcbrookings !

Update from Covid-19 Recovery Team

Thank you to everyone for your patience in this process of resuming normal church operations. The Recovery Team (an ad-hoc committee formed by the Administrative Council) has met weekly since March of 2020 to make proposals regarding how we should safely conduct worship and other church business. We have always presented our proposals to the Administrative Council for final acceptance. Your observance of these protocols has been appreciated and as a result of your adherence to these requests, we can say that we have not been presented with any evidence that the virus was spread through any church activity.

We are now beginning to reduce the restrictions at the church during worship and for church business. Here is what we recommend for those attending church services and meetings as we move forward:

1) The CDC has indicated that if you are vaccinated you may safely attend church events without a mask. Our policies have always relied on CDC recommendations, so at this time you may attend church service and meetings without masks. That being said, we support all those that would feel more comfortable wearing masks moving forward; please make your decision on masks based on your comfort level. For those that are not vaccinated, it is still recommended that you wear masks. We are not asking for any evidence of vaccination. Instead, we are relying on everyone to practice care and love for our neighbor by wearing a mask if we have not yet been vaccinated. We urge you to get vaccinated as soon as possible if that is your decision. We remember the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 2:4 *"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."*

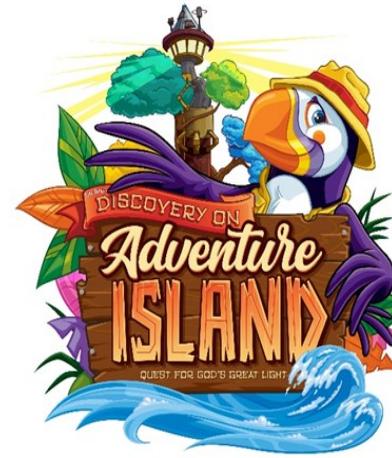
2) We will continue social distancing as currently set up in the Sanctuary and CLC during services. We are continuing this because children under age 12 are not yet able to be vaccinated. We want all families in attendance to feel safe and protected.

Thank you.

The Recovery Team

Matt Miller (Chair), Brenda Hieb, Joanie Holm, Kim Prohaska, Angie Daly, Pastor Pete Grassow, Pastor Krista Ducker

VBS – Discovery on Adventure Island



Join us for *Discovery on Adventure Island* on July 13-15!

We have decided to go with an in-person only VBS this year and we couldn't be more excited! We have missed each other and VBS is a great time to see one another and 'go on a quest for God's great love'.

We will offer a Covid-safe meal to begin the evening with. Therefore, the hours of VBS are 5:00-8:05pm.

Ages for VBS

4 year olds (as of August 31, 2020) – 5th grade (this school year) are invited to sign up for VBS here: <http://bit.ly/VBS2021AdventureIsland> .

Preschool island groups will consist of children aged 4 year -kindergarten. The elementary children (1st-5th) will be in limited mixed aged island groups of approximately 5 children.

The directors – April Flemming and Maria Schlueter, are presently contacting people to help with VBS. If you would like to help, please let me know: education@brookingsmethodist.org.

Don't miss out on all the fun, songs, activities, and most of all to find out how God is Good!

Meal

This year, due to Covid, instead of donating food for VBS, we are asking you to donate money toward the purchase of the food for the meals.

To do this please go to our website www.brookingsmethodist.org. The GIVE button at the top will take you to a page where you will see a DONATE button. The DONATE button will take you to a page where you will see VBS. Thanks so much!

Church Camping Weekend

Join in the church camping weekend – Aug. 6-8 at Oakwood Lakes State Park (not to be confused with the Family Camp weekend at Storm Mountain).

This is a weekend of fellowship, food, rest, and conversation. We will share a couple of meals, have devotions at night along with a campfire and attend the Sunday morning church service at the park.



If you would like to join us to camp for the weekend, email Gretchen at education@brookingsmethoidst.org. There are only a couple of spots left. If you'd like to come out for the day/evening, you're welcome to do that too!

Summer Church Campers

Please keep the following campers in your prayers as they attend camp in June.

Camper	Camp	Dates
Lucas Ritter	Storm Mountain Jr. High Wilderness Adventure	June 6-11
Remmi and Steph Vla-minck	Lake Poinsett Teddy Bear Camp 2	June 14 - 15
Chris, Trish, Nate & Taira Buus	Lake Poinsett Family Camp 2	June 18 - 20
Shaeden Rasmussen	Lake Poinsett Games Galore and More	June 21 - 24
Emily Hagedorn Hailey Hagedorn	Lake Poinsett Water Mania	June 27- July 1
Jackson Hahn Regan Ness	Lake Poinsett Super Hero Camp	June 27 - 29
Lucy Tellekson	Lake Poinsett Grandparents and Me	June 27- 29

Thank you to Teachers and Sponsors

Teachers

Last month I inadvertently left out the 3rd grade teachers in my thank you. Steve Eliason and Ope Niemeyer were the teachers this past year for our 3rd graders – thanks so much! They also taught via zoom.



Confirmation Sponsors

I also want to thank the confirmation sponsors who so very faithfully zoomed with the kids every Wednesday. In case you haven't had experience with zoom – it isn't always the easiest platform for in-depth, meaningful, easy communication – and it certainly has its challenges with Middle Schoolers when face-to-face communication is best. But the following adults persevered (and the students too!) and were able to pull off a great year of zoom confirmation.

Thanks to: Tonya Gaalswyk, Larissa Groenewold, Diane Culver, Nicole Anderson, Kelly Wendell, Christa Bortnem, Sherri Christianson, Laura Gerjets, and Penny Eliason, along with Pastors Pete and Krista. We appreciate your hard work and effort and love you poured into our youth this past year.

Gretchen Knutson

Administrative Council Scholarship Thank You

Thank you so much for believing in me and investing in my future by providing me with a scholarship. I will be attending South Dakota State University in the fall and will be a part of the Wildlife and Fisheries program. I am truly grateful for the faith you have in me and ask that you continue to believe in me as I navigate the next four years. Again, thank you!



Mason Doyscher

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear church family,

Today, June 1st, begins a new journey for me, thanks to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the wise counsel and prayers of many over the years, and the support of this church and Jim, my biggest cheerleader; today I begin my second Master’s degree; a Master of Divinity through the Kairos Project at Sioux Falls Seminary. I have spent a number of years praying over the decision to continue my academic journey—I wanted to be confident I was doing it for the right reasons and that it was truly a step guided by the Holy Spirit. Thanks to the encouragement of many and the Spirit’s promptings, I believe this is the right next step in my journey of ministry and my personal spiritual development. I am so grateful to the FUMC Foundation for your support as I take this step of faith! Thank you so much.

In my devotions this morning, the theme happened to be the journey of lifelong learning! And this prayer was part of it; I share it so that together we can pray for God’s good grace to accompany us all as we continue to learn and grow in Christ:

“God, I yield my IQ and EQ to You today. I want to learn with all that I am but I need to start with my heart—show me the desires and the doubts that shape my decisions. Help me to discern Your way of love.” -Lectio 365



With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Krista

CHURCH CORNER

BATA Bus Service



If you are in need of a ride to attend church on Sundays, we have restarted the BATA bus service. Volunteer drivers are available to pick you up and drop you off back home. Please contact the office at 605-692-4345 if you would like to be on the pick up list or if you would like to volunteer to be a driver.

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6 9:30am—Radio broadcast (KBRK) 10am—Sunday Morning Worship 12pm—Virtual coffee with pastors 7pm—Administrative Council meet- ing	7 10am—Communion at The Neighborhoods 10am—Healthy Movement Class (CLC) 7pm—Staff Parish Committee (SPR) meeting 7pm—Boy Scouts	8 5pm—New Day Al-Anon	9 8am—TOPS 10am—Healthy Move 6pm—Weds Bible Stu 7pm Bells practice (cl
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MISSION CORNER

It's Tool Time!



Fathers' Day: June is Habitat for Humanity month!

Honor or Remember your father or beloved male friend/relative throughout June with your **#onething donation***. All donations will go to the Local Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Brookings. Through the years we have called this offering Tool Time and continue to honor this tradition.

Many from our congregation have or are serving with the local Habitat affiliate with their building skills, feeding the workers a nutritious noon time meal or volunteering to paint. If you are interested in becoming more involved, call the office! In the meantime, donate to their projects through #onething.

Please email the church office indicating the names of those you are honoring / remembering. If you wish, put an H by the honorees name and an R by those you are remembering. (i.e., John Doe - R, Johnny Dow - H).

Checks can also be sent to the church with your list. A list of honorees will be sent out with the July Focus.

***To give through the #onething online donation link:** go to BROOKINGS FUMC website for online giving: <http://www.brookingsmethodist.org/donate.html> If you haven't already done so, please sign up and make your donation through the **#onething** option.

Lorna Jost



The ARTS FESTIVAL is 'a-happening'!

The church will have a booth at the **ARTS Festival**, July 10-11. Your help with the slush booth is needed and signups for various work options are now becoming available. Proceeds support ongoing mission projects of the church and will be a great way to get involved and reconnected with your church family!

Fruit Slush Booth at the 2021 Brookings Summer Arts Festival July 10-11



YES...this is the time of the year to share our Fruit Slush with everyone. We need your help with picking strawberries, making the slush, installing and working at the booth. We will have sign-up sheets starting on Sunday, June 6, until July 4, 2019. You can SIGN-UP at the Welcome Center before & after the service, or on Sign-Up Genius. COME JOIN US I!!

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships

We have several weeks available for radio broadcast sponsorship in 2021. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one or anniversary, you may:

1. Visit <http://www.brookingsmethodist.org/> and click on **RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS**
2. Contact the office at 605-692-4345
3. Email office@brookingsmethodist.org



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

Mother's Day Church World Service Blankets

Thank you so much for honoring mothers and other significant women in our lives by purchasing Church World Service Blankets. These blankets provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing wherever God's people may need care. They are a wonderful gift and you can provide a little bit of hope at the same time.



Honoree

In memory of Fern Allison
In memory of Agnes Sechser
In honor of Hazel Hauff
In honor of Barb Koenders
In honor of Myra Almer
In honor of Susan Stubbe
In honor of Kathy Anderegg
In honor of Tammy Anderegg
In honor of Kayla Waldner
In honor of Marylyn Anderson
In honor of Megan Phillips

Giver

Keith & Betty Allison
Keith & Betty Allison
Kim Almer
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Sharon Anderegg
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In honor of Paige Anderegg	Sharon Anderegg
In memory of Nellie Minkler	Sharon Anderegg
In memory of Leona Anderegg	Sharon Anderegg
In honor of Marlys Johnson	Sharon Anderegg
In honor of Jo Tuttle	Sharon Anderegg
In honor of Lois Simmons	Doug & Cheryl Beste
In memory of LaVerna Beste	Doug & Cheryl Beste
In honor of all mothers	Lois Buus
In honor of Barbara B. Fishback	Van Fishback
In memory of Margaret N. Fishback	Van Fishback
In memory of Phyllis Berkland	Van Fishback
In honor of Mary Elizabeth Fishback	Van Fishback
In honor of Nadene R. Fishback	Van Fishback
In honor of Jill LaPlante	Van Fishback
In honor of Joann LaPlante	Van Fishback
In honor of Mary Lou Strenge	Van Fishback
In honor of Kris Williams	Van Fishback
In honor of Donna Ketchledge	Joanie Holm
In honor of Holly Watters	Joanie Holm
In honor of Becky Smith	Joanie Holm
In honor of Ila Lushbough	Joanie Holm
In honor of Lorna Jost	Joanie Holm
In honor of Teri Johnson	Joanie Holm
In honor of Jenny Grassow	Joanie Holm
In honor of Linda Kay Hai	Joanie Holm
In honor of Lynelle Hagedorn	Joanie Holm
In honor of Carol Jung	Joanie Holm
In honor of Brenda Hieb	Joanie Holm
In honor of Lynn Darnall	Joanie Holm
In honor of Krista Ducker	Joanie Holm
In honor of Verdus Broschat	Joanie Holm
In memory of Ginny Smith	Joanie Holm
In memory of Jody Holm	Joanie Holm
In memory of Mildred Shields	MK Huggins
In memory of Dua Huggins	MK Huggins
In memory of Anna Marie Johnson	Patsy Johnson

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Honoree	Giver
In honor of MaryLou Little	Rick & Lorna Jost
In honor of Lynae Heninger	Rick & Lorna Jost
In honor of Erica Woodford	Rick & Lorna Jost
In honor of Jenny Grassow	Rick & Lorna Jost
In honor of JoAnn Lee	Rick & Lorna Jost
In honor of Krista Ducker	Rick & Lorna Jost
In honor of Mary McCaa	Rick & Lorna Jost
In memory of Stella Little	Rick & Lorna Jost
In memory of Lucille Jost	Rick & Lorna Jost
In memory of LaRayne Wahlstrom	Rick & Lorna Jost
In memory of Lucile Pulscher	Betty Ruth Mennis
In memory of Gladys (Mennis) Texly	Betty Ruth Mennis
In memory of Cleo Carley	Barb Meyer
In honor of Jan Kubasko	Barb Meyer
In honor of Beth Meyer	Barb Meyer
In honor of Teresa Meyer	Barb Meyer
In honor of Manna girls	Barb Meyer
In memory of Ruby Norton	Gary & Avis Norton
In memory of Erna Ziegler	Gary & Avis Norton
In memory of Sammie Kilmer	Joyce Simet
In memory of Nellie McLain	Joyce Simet
In memory of Betty Telkamp	Doug & Teresa Telkamp
In memory of Frances Sundermann	Doug & Teresa Telkamp
In memory of Janis Moore	Ron & Linda Thaden
In memory of Grace Thaden	Ron & Linda Thaden
In honor of Linda Thaden	Ron Thaden
In memory of LaRayne Wahlstrom	Ron Wahlstrom



Social Concerns

Climate change! Regardless who you think is to blame, the earth has been going through climate change for thousands of years long before we kept any records.

Did you know?-almost 3/4 of the earth is covered with water
97% is in the ocean
69% is frozen

The little that is left for our use needs to be taken care of as if it were gold.

Leaky faucets can waste 20 gallons of water a day. Fix leaky faucets, don't let water run while washing dishes, take showers not baths, drink tap water rather than bottle water.

Fix up a rain barrel for watering plants.

Small changes makes God smile!!!

Diane Culver

Conference Social Concerns

June LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Jesus spent much of his time speaking the Grace of God to people who suffered shame and social stigma. Widows, lepers, and others who had been marginalized by society received love and affirmation from him. June offers us an opportunity to be like Jesus: this month we can affirm the dignity and equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God”* (1 John 4:7).

For further reflection on this, please feel free to speak to Pastor Pete or Pastor Krista.

TRUSTEE CORNER

From the Trustee Committee

Much of the activity recently for the FUMC Trustees Committee has been focused on preparations for warmer weather. The new Sanctuary air conditioners are functioning well. Some of the other air conditioners have needed attention with filter cleaning and checking coolant levels. Also some unit controls have needed adjustments.

Lawn care is in full swing. Fertilizer and weed control is being done this year as opposed to last year when we were not certain of funding. The underground watering system around the CLC needed some problem solving due to last year's reconstruction of the 6th street boulevard and side walk. One section had low water pressure and another section had a damaged sprinkler head.

We haven't made much progress with plans to replace the southeast Sanctuary doors. One supplier was discontinuing business so we decided to seek another source. Now with the dramatic increase in building material costs and availability, we may have a further delay on that project.

The lower Sanctuary basement windows are in need of renovation or replacing. Those window frames are made of wood and have deteriorated. Refurbishing the present windows would involve lots of scraping, sanding, sealing and repainting. Replacing the windows with new ones would consist of metal or vinyl framing, which is questionable in relation to National Historic Preservation standards. The Sanctuary is listed on the Historic Register.

We are in the process of examining several alternatives for the Church Basement meeting room and kitchen. The earlier results to a questionnaire sent to all groups and organizations using those spaces provided us with a good idea of potential use. Once renovation plans such as amount of storage space needed, appliance rearrangement, cabinet upgrading, etc. have been considered, we can investigate potential costs for the best alternatives selected. Once again, material costs and availability may limit the progress of this project.

Ron Thaden

Trustee Committee Chair

Bringing back the music that we have missed

It was wonderful to be in church this last Sunday and sing the opening hymn as a congregation! Lifting our voices together as one body is such a unifying experience! I know that many of you, just like I, have missed being able to sing our faith in worship over this past Pandemic year. I am thankful for the good news of highly effective Covid-19 vaccines which allows us to move forward step by step to the return of the elements we have missed in our worship together.

With an eye toward resuming our Chancel choir rehearsals and participation in worship this fall, it is time to start getting some small ensembles singing. My goal is that we are able to get a group of 6 – 8 singers together to prepare music for 2 Sundays this summer. If the evidence of diminishing numbers of Covid -19 infection continues its downward trend, we will look at resuming a full choir in the fall.

CDC guidelines indicate that if you are fully vaccinated you may participate in activities such as singing without masks. If you are still more comfortable wearing a mask that is OK. For those not vaccinated, wearing a mask and no singing is still recommended. Our church has been adhering to the CDC guidelines. At this time, I am asking those who are vaccinated and ready to sing in a small group to contact me. I am looking for all voice parts; Soprano, Alto, Tenor Bass. We will keep it simple and have fun preparing worship music for 2 Sundays this summer. The Sundays we hope to do this are June 27 and August 1. If you are only available one of those Sundays, I still want to hear from you.

I am also interested in hearing from you if you have other musical ways you'd like to participate in worship. Solos, duets, quartets, instrumental, etc. are all welcome.

Please contact me at bfkhib@gmail.com or 605-691-9395. Looking forward to hearing from you and singing together again!

Brenda Hieb



Finance News

Thank you to everyone who has given financial support to the work done through our church. Your donations are not taken for granted and are deeply appreciated. If at any time you want to see a detailed report on how the finances are used, please contact JoAnn Lee at the church office (605-692-4345), who will happily assist you. A copy of the approved annual church budget is also available from the church office.

Month-ending financials for May 1-31, 2021:	Year-to-date financials as of May 31, 2021:
Income: \$37,122	Income: \$283,628
Expenses: <u>\$51,057</u>	Expenses: <u>\$256,592</u>
Net balance: (\$13,935)	Net balance: \$ 27,036

Pastor Pete

Matt Miller, Finance Committee Chair

Library News

The Church Library is a place of change these days. Unfortunately our time is in the verification of all the books present on the shelves of the library and removing the books that are not on the shelves from the records. This is a tedious job that does not change the appearance of the library but will eventually change the looks and function of our library.

We have been blessed to receive new books by purchasing and gifting. These books will be included on the records, prepare for shelving and put on the shelves as fast as we are able.

United Methodist Women

All books available for the year of 2015 must be read by December 31, 2021. Books available from 2015-2022 can be read for credit until December 31, 2022.

Our Library Caretakers Committee has grown. If you are interested in being part of a group that is renewing the Church Library, please contact me. See you in the Library.

Linda Kay Hai

Building Manager wanted

The church is still looking to hire a new building manager! Our buildings would love someone with a heart for service and an eye for fixing odds and ends. For a full job description, visit www.brookingsmethodist.org/jobs . Or you may speak to Cheryl Honomichl, chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee, or the church office.

Join our Media Ministry!

We are looking for volunteers that are interested in being trained in running our new live streaming equipment. Some computer and/or video experience is helpful, but we can train from any experience level!



Contact me at media@brookingsmethodist.org or call the church office (605-692-4345) if you or someone you know is interested in helping with this new technical ministry!

Sam Becker, Worship Tech/Media Director

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is active. Please contact Sharon Anderegg at 605-692-4925 with any requests.

Notes from the Office

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th, in observance of the Fourth of July.

JoAnn Lee, Office Manager/Financial Secretary
Church Office hours: **M-F 8:30 am—Noon**; Phone: **605-692-4345**

Susan's Saga

The continuing relevance of God's Word for all of us today is found in the following verse:

"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

This summary statement is an apt reminder that the record of Scripture is available for our benefit. We're not left alone to flounder around wondering where the guidelines are as to how to live amidst many competing voices, how to go about our daily activities, and what the will of God is. The Bible includes painful examples of what not to do and the searing consequences of disobedience, along with positive episodes of men and women who made good decisions in alignment with God's will. There is teaching and history and consolation, along with many other helpful passages to guide us. And the Word points toward hope, that there is more than just the current physical life.

This verse also serves as an impetus as to why Bible translation is so important. It is crucial to provide God's Word to other people groups who have no access to Scripture, so that they, too, may be able to tap into the many benefits of God's precious Word.

Susan Huggins

Scripture quote is taken from Romans 15:4, the New American Standard Bible.

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.

Church Staff

Pastoral Staff

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