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Our Mission:
To help those who don't know Christ to know Christ; To help those who know Christ to live Christ.

Office Hours
Mon—Thurs
9:00 - 3:00

STEEPLENOTES

October 2020 Steeplenotes

...From the desk of Amber

James 5:13-16: "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Friends, in this time when our hearts are weary and hurting, I am reminded how much we need to come together and pray. As verse 16 above says "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." And friends we are all of the above in this scripture right now: in trouble, happy, sick, and sinners in need of a savior. If you want an amazing example of how we should be praying for each other, read the books of Acts and the beginning of the church. They devoted themselves in prayer for each other and before any decisions were made in the church. And I would urge you to do the same. As we look toward the future of our church, let us pray for new leaders to rise up amongst us. And then pray for our leaders in our church to make good decisions that keep our mission and ministry moving forward and making an impact in our community!

During this time that sometimes feels hopeless with 2 suicides in 2 weeks and an ever-increasing amount of COVID cases in our area, let us remember that we have this amazing gift of hope with the name of Jesus! My prayer is that we as Flandreau United Methodist Church may be a beacon of hope and shine light in the darkness during this time. We do not have to have the answers of why these things are happening, but we can offer people hope! 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." We do not have to carry the weight of this world and its problems alone. We can give our burdens to God and to one another as a community of believers! God is with us and he loves us so much he sent his son to die for us that we can have eternal life! This is the best gift of all. How you can you offer this gift of hope to the hopeless during this time?

Pastor Amber

The September-October 2020 edition of The Upper Room is available for pickup in the church entry. There is a basket on the floor of the entry with both the pocket size and a limited number of large print editions.

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for volunteers to help lead our middle school and high school youth groups! Pastor Amber will lead but we need another adult each week!

To sign up to help with middle school: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AA5AA2AAFC1-middle
To sign up to help with high school: (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4AA5AA2AAFC1-high)

Reminder:

- MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (5th—8th Grade) Meets on the First & Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00

- HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets on the Second & Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00

During the Covid-19 pandemic The Breadbasket is asking for Noodles, rice, canned meat/fish, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned tomatoes, canned sops, instant potatoes, dried beans, etc. If you would rather donate monetarily, they can use that towards milk and margarine, and/or items from FeedingSD (a food bank from which they order). Thank you!

September Offerings

Sept. 6	$ 1,392.00
Sept. 13	$ 1,000.00
Sept. 21	$ 565.00
Sept. 27	$ 810.00
September Tithe.ly	$
Sept.. EFT	$ 1,250.00

Who is on the Board?

Cal Weatherly, Chairman
Brad Olinger, Staff/Pastor
Linda Christenson, Treasurer
Shannon Pulscher, Trustee
Malerie Yeaton, Music/Worship
Chris Iott, Finance
Judy Wilts, Membership
Dawn Christenson, Youth

Grief & Caregiving will be meeting again on the third Tuesday of each month at Leanna Anderson's home at 301 S 12th, Flandreau at 2:00pm.

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, or are a caregiver for the sick or elderly, please call Leanna with questions. 605-573-0256

Please remember in prayer:

The family of Catherine Teer, the family of Stan Reynolds, the family of Louise Stuedeman, as well as Barb Alberts, Ardis Day (mother of Doug Day), and our church family and relatives living with challenges and their caregivers. Pray for God's protection over our military, as well as first responders: EMTs, Doctors and nurses, firemen and law enforcement.

Please pray for those in Riverview Manor:
Ardith Anderson, Ken Rahn, Bertie Antoine

Family

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Students are beginning their confirmation journey.

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Tentative date for Confirmation is

May 2,2021.

October 2020

11	**Roger & Linny Janssen**
18	**Roger & Sally Thielsen**
21	**Chris & Shelli Wiese**
29	**Tyler & Amber Laffey**

OCTOBER FAITH TEAM

Ione Johnson, Dale & Linda Christensen, Chad & Michelle Iott, Gene & Caryl Odenbrett, Leanna Anderson, Shirley Jennings, Matt & Abby Joachims, Curt & Margie Ross, Rita Staab and Coordinators Cliff & Judy Sutton.

THANK YOU FAITH TEAM!

1	Dorothy Dechiro	17	Jean Pulscher
4	Malerie Yeaton	18	Allison Claflin
5	Kameo Scofield	24	Hattie Claflin
6	Dawn Christenson	24	Kylee Pulscher
6	Lurick Dailey	29	Mark Goetz
10	Cayden Blubaugh	29	Maridee Toates
14	Chad Iott	30	Maven Byington
15	Dee Williams	30	Avery Clements

If you have a birthday or anniversary you want to share, please e-mail umcflandreau@vastbb.net or call the church office at 605-997-2857. Thank you!