

The Chamberlain View

United Church of Christ
Chamberlain, South Dakota

December 2020 & January 2021

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December Suggested Scriptures

Dec. 6~ Isa 64:1-9, Ps 80:1-7, 17-19, I Cor 1:3-9,
Mark 13:24-37
Dec. 13~ Isa 40:1-11, Ps 85:1-2, 8-13, II Peter 3:8
-15a, Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 20~ Isa 61:1-4, 8-11, Ps 126, I Thess 5:16-24,
John 1:6-8, 19-28
Dec. 27~ II Sam 7:11, 16, Luke 1:46b-55, Rom
16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

January Suggested Scriptures

Jan. 3~ Jer 31:7-14, Ps 147:12-20, Eph 1:3-14, Jn
1:1-18
Jan. 10~ Gen 1:1-5, Ps 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mk 1:4-11
Jan. 17~ 1 Sam 3:1-10, Ps 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Cor
6:12-10, Jn 1:43-51
Jan. 24~ Jonah 3:1-5, 5, 10, Ps 62:5-12, 1 Cor
7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20
Jan. 31~ Ps 148, Luke 2:22-40, Gal 4:4-7

Εποποι και Καιποι: Times and Seasons with Pastor Jim

December, 2020

We are already into our new church year, though still nearly a month away from our new calendar year, and as I write this article, I can't help but reflect what a year this has been!

Starting in March, we suspended our in person worship services. I like to think that our doing this (along with many other churches) has helped slow the spread of the coronavirus in our local area. Unfortunately, we are now in an even worse phase of this pandemic. It is hard to know what is best for the church at this point. I can truly identify with the Greek word that Paul uses to describe these leadership challenges: αγωνίζω, ("agonizo"), struggle, although you can also see the word "agony" in the word also. At times it has seemed that hard.

Yet the postponements, cancellations, absences, add a special poignancy this year to our journey through Advent, because Advent is a time of waiting, of expectation, yet is also a time of renewal, with the theme of the stump of Jesse, for example, a long dead stump sprouting with new growth.

Even as a pastor, it is sometimes hard for me to stay in Advent rather than just jump right to Christmas. But Advent, that season of waiting for the birth of the Savior is something too important to miss, too important to just let elide into Christmas. So I hope you will join me in taking full advantage of this season where we prepare our hearts for the coming of Emmanuel.

The preaching themes for each of the four Sundays in Advent will be the same theme as the Advent candles in the Advent wreath: On the first Sunday in Advent, we celebrate Hope; on the second, Love; on the third, Joy, on the fourth, Peace, and finally we celebrate the gift of Christ on Christmas Eve.

I have struggled (see above: αγωνίζω) about what to do for Christmas Eve. Knowing how important that this service is for so many of you, I have finally decided that we'll be having two in-person Christmas Eve services, one at 5:30 PM and one at 7 PM. We will also be streaming at least one service via Facebook Live (more information on that is forthcoming). The services will be the same at both times. We've made a few changes, though it will be our traditional celebration of lessons and carols. We will hear the gospel stories of Messiah's birth and there will be lots of Christmas songs, but many of them will be in the form of Special Music rather than congregational hymns. Masks will be required if you attend in person, and seating will be limited.

Please check our FaceBook page for the latest information.

May God bless you richly this holiday season.

Pastor Jim

A friendly reminder to please remember to fill out your pledge card and return to the church. Automatic withdrawals are also available, forms are in the church or they can be mailed to you. Thank you!

CHURCH INFORMATION

*Physical address for UCC; 107 N Merrill (not 101 N Merrill)

*Mailing address; PO Box 234

*UCC phone number; 234.5202

*We do have a facebook page and the website is

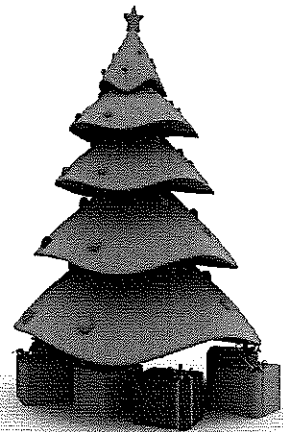
*Newsletters are being mailed so if I do not have your address or if your address changes you will not receive one. If you are

NOT receiving a newsletter please let Lynn in the office know what your

address is. Please let me know of any changes so

I can update church records.

*Please give any changes, updates or prayer concerns to Lynn or Pastor Jim so we can update our records and so that we are aware of a person in need of prayers and/or a visit.



UCC at Chamberlain Church Staff and Leadership:

Jim Oleson, Pastor
Lynn Peterson, Secretary
Val Moore, Treasurer
Sally Madison, financial secretary
Nancy McDonald, Diaconate
Connie Priebe, Trustee
Patty Juhnke, Moderator

Karol Jo Hendrickson, Choir Director
Carolyn Cosgrove, pianist
Lindsey Huether, Religious Education
Edie Holmquist, Memorial Committee
Trevor McDonald, Pastoral Relations
Dayle Chilson Missions Committee
Katie Geidel, youth group

Helping in January . . .

Chancel Arrangements

Ronda Burke

NOVEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Jim officiated the funeral of John Swanson on Nov. 13. Our prayers go out to the family!

**I bring you
GOOD TIDINGS
of great *joy*...**

**Unto you is born ~~A~~ SAVIOUR.
~Luke 2:10-11**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Date: **Attendance:**

Nov. 1	39
Nov. 8	53
Nov. 15	58
Nov. 22	42
Nov.29	38

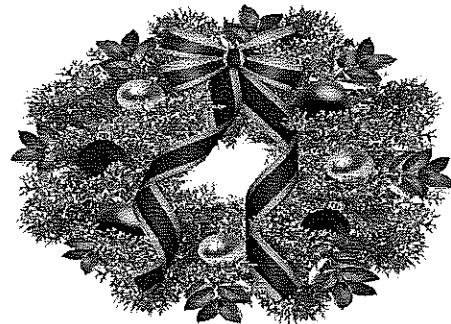
Birthdays and Anniversaries of Members and Friends

Dec. 1 Jack Dooley, Curt Hieb,
Jayda Brown
Dec. 2 Austin Rose
Dec. 3 Landen Hieb
Dec. 6 Duane Stevenson
Dec. 7 River Burkard
Dec. 8 Kelsey Fluke
Dec. 11 Patti King
Dec. 12 Canyon Burkard
Dec. 13 Jett Evans
Dec. 14 Emma Graves
Dec. 15 Nancy Renner, Shelby Schreiber,
James Swanson
Dec. 16 Sandi Knippling,
Shawn Powers, Desiree Wranek
Dec. 19 Kari Cable
Dec. 20 Tyler Neeman, Hannah Shields
Dec. 21 Tom Carruthers, Jessica Paulin
Dec. 23 Mike Chilson
Dec. 25 Sanford Hrabe, Chris Phillips
Dec. 27 Wayne Hoellein
Dec. 28 Jean Fluke
Dec. 29 Madysen Handel
Dec. 30 Jerad Evans, Linda Johnson
Dec. 31 Caden Sharping

Dec. 6 Calvin and Leah Petersen
Dec. 12 Dooley and Pam Shroyer
Dec. 13 Tyson and Lisa Schulz
Dec. 14 Robert and Alta Ramey
Dec. 16 Mike and Dayle Chilson
Dec. 21 Matt and Mardi Swanson
Dec. 23 Haven and Connie Talich
Dec. 26 Jim and Karen Andera
Dec. 27 Garry and Deborah Winter
Dec. 31 Tim and Julie Mertz

Jan. 1 Amy Blum
Jan. 2 Kim Gullickson
Jan. 4 Jack Mueller
Jan. 5 Alyce Steckelberg
Jan. 5 Nancy Tichy
Jan. 6 Berniece Kindt, Alexa Petersen
Jan. 7 Dee Handel
Jan. 8 Lowell Carlson
Jan. 10 Lane Shroyer, Gerry Steckelberg
Jan. 12 Jayd Chmela
Jan. 20 Haley Graves
Jan. 22 Jesse Rose, Andrew Steckelberg,
Katelyn Steckelberg, Lyza Chmela
Jan. 23 Laura Hutmacher
Jan. 24 Holly Mosterd
Jan. 25 Jim Glaus
Jan. 26 Dawson Munger, Kim Selland,
Ella Randall, Coy Petersen
Jan. 28 Kara Amundson
Jan. 29 Jo Dooley, Bobbie Schoenfelder,
Haley Maxon and Silvana Houska
Jan. 30 Jacob Mutziger
Jan. 31 Robert Augspurger, Sara Moore,
Angela Mutziger

Jan. 13 Jeff and Cheri Williamson
Jan. 21 Teresa and Clive Bremser
Jan. 25 Vic and Elizabeth Twamley
Jan. 28 Holly and Jason Mosterd



Stewardship: God's Generosity & Our Gratitude.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I plan to give a total of \$ _____ Per: week
month
year

You may designate your giving to;

The General fund \$ _____

The Building fund \$ _____

I am interested in Automatic withdrawal: yes no

Weekly Giving Based on Percentage of Income							
Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%
\$8,000	\$667	\$154	\$3	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$15
12,000	1,000	231	5	9	14	18	23
16,000	1,333	308	6	12	18	25	31
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	39
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES;

Services will be held at 5:30 pm and at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 24th, 2020. 50 people will be allowed in the sanctuary and masks will be required. Social distancing will also be observed. We will be live on facebook for the 7:00pm service, but possibly both. We will update everyone of any changes!

The UCC Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17th, 2021, it will follow immediately after worship. Please plan on joining us!

If you are the secretary or head of a church board or committee please get your 2020 report into Lynn by Mon. January 4th. Emailing it to me is the easiest way for me to add it to the Annual booklet. I have to have the booklets ready before the 10th. Thank you!

The Nominating committee has met and are in the process of filling seats on several boards in the church. Open positions left are 2-RE, 1-trustee, 1-deacon, 1 deaconess, 1 memorial, 1 pastoral relations.

If you have questions or are interested in any of the open positions please contact a member of the nominating committee, Jeff Williamson, Ryan Schaub, Chad Mutziger, KarolJo Hendrickson, Gary Biskeborn or Lynn Peterson. We appreciate those of you that were asked already and said yes! We also appreciate those that were asked and honestly declined a position, we totally understand! Thank you to everyone who has served a board in the past, currently or in the future. Everyone plays a big role in helping the church run smoothly!

November Trustee Meeting

Present: Tom Stone, Bart Randall, Pastor Jim Oleson, Gary Dominiack, Louie Bergner, Sherry Hansen, David Swanson, Lance Witte & Connie Priebe

Absent:

Motions were made by Connie & Bart to approve the October meeting minutes, carried. Connie and Gary made motions to approve the October bill list, carried. Connie and Lance made motions to approve the financial report, carried.

Approvals were made on-line this month due to high Covid numbers in the area.

Old Business: A stewardship letter and pledge card was included in the November newsletter. Gary said that the sprinklers were all winterized. Pastor's 2021 salary package will be "tabled" until the December meeting. Connie made a motion to increase the UCC (OCWM) monthly payment, Lance second. Approved.

New business: Patty Juhnke has agreed to take over the church treasurer position. She will work beside Val Moore until Val ends her term in January. The 2021 budget will be looked at so that it can be finalized before the Annual meeting on January 17th, 2021.

The next meeting was set for December 13th, 11:15am in the church fellowship hall.

Lynn Peterson, secretary

CHECK NO.	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	EXPENSE AMOUNT				TOTAL
			GENERAL	BUILDING	MUSIC	MEMORIAL	
2018	James Oleson	payroll	3,434.77				3,434.77
2019	Jo Dooley	custodian	400.00				400.00
2019	Jo Dooley	1 wedding	125.00				125.00
2020	Carolyn Cosgrove	Oct 9x's/ Sept 4x's			975.00		975.00
2021	Lynn Peterson	secretary	251.20				251.20
EFT	US Treasury	IRS deposit	76.60		0.00		76.60
EFT	Northwestern Energy	parsonage	208.53				208.53
EFT	Northwestern Energy	church	418.76				418.76
2022	Office Products	contract/office long stapler	150.38				150.38
EFT	Byre Brothers	parsonage	21.85				21.85
EFT	Byre Brothers	church	38.85				38.85
EFT	Midstate Communications	parsonage	187.19				187.19
EFT	Midstate Communications	church	102.25				102.25
2023	Jack Dooley	reimburse for adhesive	10.12		0.00		10.12
2024	MaKaela Randall	2 services-1 sound system	225.00	0.00	0.00		225.00
2025	Karol Jo Hendrickson	reimburse for masks			34.06		34.06
	Burke Oil	parsonage	0.00				0.00
2026	Burke Oil	church	527.18		0.00		527.18
2027	Chamberlain Variety	Ipad, screen projector, keyb.	1,160.82				1,160.82
2027	Chamberlain Variety	office supplies	109.77		0.00		109.77
2028	Brule County Lumber	adhesive for church	23.40		0.00		23.40
2029	The Pension Boards	employer dues	568.59				568.59
2029	The Pension Boards	dental	82.00				82.00
2029	The Pension Boards	life/disability	60.92				60.92
2029	The Pension Boards	health	1,833.00				1,833.00
2030	Dakota Milestones	office shredding	78.28				78.28
2030	Dakota Milestones	mailing	124.82				124.82
EFT	Great Western bank	analysis charge	30.00				30.00
2031	SD Conference	Placerville	50.00				50.00
2031	SD Conference	OCWM	667.00				667.00
	TOTALS		10,966.28	0.00	1,009.06	0.00	11,975.34

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:45 Sunday school and confirmation 10:30 am worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9:45 Sunday school and confirmation 10:30 am Worship 11:15 trustee meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:45 Sunday school and confirmation 10:30 am Worship	21	22	23 Christmas Eve service 5:30 & 7pm	24 Merry Christmas!	25	26
27 9:45 NO Sunday school or confirmation 1030 am Worship	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Annual booklet items due in the office by January 4th!					1 New Years Day	2
3 No Sunday school/confirm. 10:30 am Worship Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:45 am Sunday school/confirm. 10:30 am Worship Service 11:15 trustee	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:45am Sunday school NO confirm. 10:30 am Worship & Annual meeting	18 Martin Luther King Jr Day	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:45 Sunday school/confirm. 1030 Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:45 Sunday school/confirm. 10:30 worship						