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South Maple
United Methodist Church
202 E Indiana
Rapid City, SD 57701

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Worship Services:
Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday School:
Sunday Morning 8:45 AM

A place for healing hurts
and building dreams.



The Maple Leaf

Come and Everybody Worship

May, 2009



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy May Day! I remember as a child, May Day was a day for making little baskets with candy and perhaps a flower or two which we then gave to a family member or a friend. It seems as if today, May first, it's just another day without any significance. It does mark the beginning of the final month of school, Mother's Day, and the end of Sunday school for this year. All of these events are about to take place with the exception of school, which won't get out until some time in June due to the snow storms.

This year through most of the month of May, we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Often times we tend to think of Easter as being celebrated on only one Sunday, but our Easter celebration continues until the day of Pentecost. It is during this period of time, we continue to hear stories of the resurrected Jesus and his interaction with the disciples and others. We also hear from the book of Acts the story of the beginning of the church. Each year as we hear these accounts from the Bible, I become aware of the excitement and joy those first Christians experienced as they encountered the presence of the risen Christ. I often wonder if we share that same excitement today, or if we are just going through the motions of attending church and hoping everything will be okay.

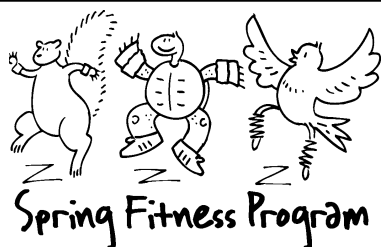
As we approach the day of Pentecost we get ready to celebrate the birthday of the church. A day when the first disciples and those who were with them experienced the Holy Spirit being showered down upon them. As they experienced that blessing, they were no longer afraid to openly proclaim Jesus Christ as their Savior. This was not easy to do because there were those who were ready to silence them. As I look around our world today, it seems as though, we who call ourselves disciples of Jesus have taken a step backwards and are again afraid and timid when it comes to bearing witness to Jesus Christ. We are unsure how some of our friends and acquaintances will respond. So instead of sharing the gospel we just remain silent. As I look at the world around us remaining silent about the gospel of Jesus is no longer an option, we

need to claim our calling as witnesses and messengers who speak the good news to a hurting world. If we abdicate our responsibility to be witnesses of the resurrection to others, we break the baptismal covenant we share with our brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray we will not be found unfaithful. When you come to church on May 31st, the day of Pentecost, come expecting to be filled with the Holy Spirit and ready to proclaim the Gospel to the entire world.

As we approach the summer months I want to encourage you to be faithful with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness to God's grace each day.

Peace be with you now and always.

PASTOR JOHN MCKNIGHT



How far can Pastor John Walk?

Back during Lent I shared that I was now using a pedometer to keep track of the number of steps I walk each day. During the months of June, July, and August, I will be sharing each week in the bulletin how far I have walked. My goal for the months of June, July and August is to walk at least 12,000 steps each day. This is equal to about 4 miles.

During these summer months if you would like to make a pledge for each mile I walk at the end of the summer we total up the numbers and make a gift to a worthy cause related to the church. If you would like to join me in walking let me know and we will get moving together.

Summer Worship Schedule

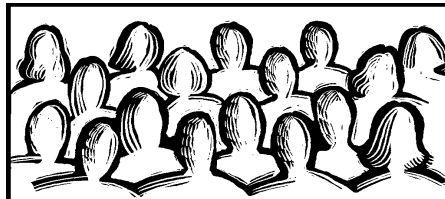


Starting on May 31st
(put on calendar)

Worship will begin at
9:00 AM

No Sunday School during
the summer but look for Bible
School information in
the next newsletter.

We look forward to seeing
you. God does not take a
vacation!



Annual Conference

Dakota's United Methodist Church Conference will be held at Ramkota in Rapid City on June 3-7 of this year. This is your opportunity to see how church conference works. YOU are welcome to attend at any time. If you would like a schedule so you can decide what to attend, please ask Pastor John for a schedule.

The South Maple UMC will be hosting the memorial service for clergy and/or spouses who have passed away this last year. The Conference Board of Global Ministries will be hosting an ice cream social in Hessel Hall to raise money to purchase a truck for the Haiti Solar Oven Project. The South Maple Hand Bells will be playing for the memorial service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

POP CANS

Bob Smith is collecting pop cans and the money he receives for them is being donated to the youth program. So donate your cans to Bob!

Campbell Soup Label Barcodes

Bring them in and we will send into a Mission place in the Dakotas! The Campbell can is sitting in the narthex

From the members of the Men's Club:

We would like to thank all the people who were involved in the Easter breakfast from setting up tables to bringing egg bakes. Everything was surely appreciated. Once again, thank you very much!

**CHURCH RESPONSE
"We Care"
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Be sure and purchase your food certificates and card each week. 3% of each purchase goes to help Church Response with their ministry and 2% stays here at SMUMC to be used for ministry projects here. Look for the table with the sign on it.

Pop Tabs are needed!

We have over 300 lbs that was given to Ronald McDonald House.

Don't forget to bring in Family Thrift Receipts too. Put in box in the narthex



**Sunday Morning
Ministry**
Please note there are always
volunteers needed!!

May 3, 2009

Greeters, Liturgists, Refreshments:
Kaelyn McSherry's 3rd Grade Class
Ushers: Rich and Donna Perez

May 10, 2009

Greeters: Emery & Leola Gross
Fran Tennyson & Dorothy Miller
Ushers: Jane Harty & Deneice Diro
Liturgist: Tami DeBoer
Music Directive: Carol Aaberg
Refreshments: Florence Galinat

May 17, 2009

Greeters: Brenda Laferty
Thelma Hennager,
Mike and Ruth Barrett
Ushers: Gary and Myrna Forbes
Liturgist:
Music Directive: Myrnaloy Smith
Refreshments: Evelyn Marshall

Sunday Morning Van

Will Pick up those who need a
ride to church. Please con-
tact the church if you need a
ride.
343-1813

May 24, 2009

Greeters: Bill & Alta McElroy
Ushers: Vaughn Ellis
Mike Hosking

Liturgist:
Music Directive: Myrnaloy Smith
Refreshments: Evelyn Marshall

May 31, 2009

Greeters: Joyce & Warren Astleford
Ushers: Betty Moore

Liturgist:
Music Directive: Dee H/Linda P.
Refreshments: Member Care

**Greet others you have not met
before, those who come a few
times and all whom enter the
doors. Remember, God's call
to transform.**



Message from the Trustees

Talked to Abbys carpet. The carpet is back or-
dered and will be shipped the 1st of
May. They will get it in Rapid City the 7th of
May. It is lined up to start laying the 12th of
May. So we need help ripping up carpet Mon-
day the 11th of May and does anyone want any
of the old carpet? Thanks Bob K

GRADUATION



CELEBRATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL:

Kirsten Kistler
Thomas VanderPol
Mark Sigler
Steven Myers
Kelsey Smith
Kip Auwerter
Cory Auwerter
Tyler Sabo

COLLEGE:

Matt Schulte: South Da-
kota School of Mines with a
engineer degree.

Georgeann Cordes:
Black Hills State with a de-
gree in Communications and
Graphic Arts.

Carrie Hilvka: Black Hills
with a Bachelor in Psychol-
ogy.

Danielle Sabo: Black
Hills University.



Sunday School's last Sunday before
summer is May 17th. We will recog-
nize our teachers that have taught the
children during this school year during
worship.

Note: Our adult class will continue
until May 31.

Just for Fun!

John received a pop bot-
tle full of tabs. He would
like you to put the number
of tabs you think are in
the bottle for a dollar.
The money will go to-
wards Ronald McDonald
House and the winner
gets to have a beverage
and dessert with the pas-
tor.



The 50th Anniversary Planning Committee meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in coming and giving the input and help would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who has pictures, we can scan and return the originals to you. Please bring them in!

Darrell Scott

Church Directory

Many members have received their directory. Please contact the church office if you need one or Jan White.

BLACK HILLS HARVEST 09 MAY 15-17

FREE ADMISSION
RUSHMORE PLAZA CIVIC CENTER
From the day you were born, you have been on a quest. You have been searching for something more because, deep down inside, there is a sense in you that life must have some kind of meaning and purpose beyond mere existence. Maybe you've even wondered if you're the only person who feels this way. You aren't. Deep down inside, we are all searching. That's why you've been invited to Harvest 09. This event will feature great music and a gospel message that will help you find the meaning of life. See you there! *Greg Laurie*
blackhills.harvest.org
Third Day Relient K
The Katinas Jeremy Camp

May

- 3rd Georgia A McFarland
LaDonna McKnight
- 5th Marissa Koerlin
- 7th Mary Vaughn
- 8th Eric and Brittany Nelson
Sydney Harrison
- 9th Brenda Laferty
- 11th Wanda Miller
Sara Peet
- 12th Alexis Dubray
- 13th Ethan Kulm
- 14th Chandler Hall
Katrina Hosking
- 17th Nancy England
- 18th Chandler Simunek
- 20th Rudy Miller
- 21st Amylena Olson
- 22nd Steven Habib
- 25th John Fortune
- 26th Cassandra Hall
- 27th Audrey Jean Boe
- 29th Ruth Barrett



Anniversaries

- 8th Lyle and Evelyn Marshall
- 14th Mark and Carol Posthumus
- 24th Jason and Mandy Enders



The South Maple UMC serves the Cornerstone Mission on the Fourth Saturday of the Month.

This last month we had the following people working at the Mission. Joey & Leah Vander-Pol, Sidney Harrison, Nick Fitzgerald, Bob and Sonya Smith, Gary Forbes, Jim Albers, Mike & Ruth Barrett. It is greatly appreciated. It is a wonderful community ministry. Our music group "From the Heart" sang before the meal was served. Thanks for sharing your musical abilities with the community. I understand "From the Heart" has sang in other places in the community. Thank you for this ministry beyond the worship services.

If you as an individual, family, or group want to volunteer with this ministry, please call Jeanine Albers if you want to volunteer at 342-6714



Tayarnanne May Kennedy daughter of Corey and Shawntera Kennedy was baptized April 26, 2009.

South Maple UMW's Happenings

Here is what your South Maple United Methodist Women have been up to.

We have wrapped up another successful rummage sale and luncheon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated items for the sale, helped set up, helped during the sale and also all who helped with the clean up. I would also like to thank everyone who stopped by to shop, look around and partake of the wonderful meal that was served on Saturday. This is our largest fund-raiser and the proceeds are sent to the Prairie Hills District and the Dakotas Conference to help with missions that benefit women and children, throughout the world. Thanks again.

We also just hosted the annual Focus Day on April 25. There were four churches represented including South Maple. The Focus team from the district were Ginny Coates, Ginger Carstensen and . There were a total of 20 ladies and they learned about the School of Christian Mission studies from 2008 and also watched skits and "commercials" about the opportunities available through the organization.

We are now going to enjoy some much needed down time and get ready for the summer months. Preparations are also being planned for the Annual Conference which will be held in Rapid City, during the first weekend in June.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide a brief book report on The Poured Fire on Us from the Sky – The True Story of Three Lost Boys from Sudan. The book is from the 2008 list, under Education for Mission and is a true story of three boys who escaped Sudan during the civil unrest and traveled through the desert to end up at a refugee camp in Egypt. It is a poignant memoir about the struggles each endured while running from the war. These boys left their family and home in order to survive. This book provides a great deal of information about Sudan and is somewhat of a precursor for this year's geographical study at the School of Christian Mission – The Beauty and Courage of Sudan. If you are wanting some interesting reading material for the beach, pool or just lounging around this summer, this is a great read – you will find it hard to put down. This and many other great books are found in our library, which is located in Hessel Hall.

Yours truly, in Christ

Penny Habib
UMW President



2009 Dakotas Academy for Youth Ministry

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room. Cost includes meals and accommodations at Storm Mountain. You will need to bring your own pillow, sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, and towels. Registration materials can be found at www.dakoyouth.com on the Dak AYM page. Registration deadline: postmarked by May 20

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Camp Scholarships Available

Blessed to be a blessing!

The camping ministry is blessed by many individuals in the Dakotas that have themselves been blessed by the camping ministry and want to pass that blessing on to others.

Throughout the year we continue to receive money from individuals and churches for camp scholarships. In addition, your Conference apportionments through Disaster Relief Services also includes money for families and churches that have been financially impacted by the spring blizzards and floods.

We want every individual that wants to attend camp to have the financial means to make that possible. Please know that scholarships are available through the Conference Office whether families are struggling financially because of the floods or blizzards or for other reasons. Pastors or youth directors, contact me via phone or email and I will initiate the process.

Email to becky.holten@dakcamps.org or call 605.996.6552 (office) or 605.770.6184 (cell). Let's be sure anyone that wants to go to camp has the financial ability to attend. Thanks for your help!

Becky Holten, Director of Camping

Missions happening currently at church

We have committed ourselves to 5 flood buckets, if we can do more great. We currently have the 5 buckets and 5 dust mask per bucket. A blue sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign up and bring in your items as soon as possible.

I have also posted a sign up sheet for Clothe A Kid on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign up to buy clothes or donate \$60 for someone else to shop for you. This year they are not doing the back packs, but they do have a MISC \$ category if you want to help but are unable to commit to the \$60. We will take whatever you can give for this cause. Last year I believe we clothed 14 kids and over 1000 in Rapid City with all churches and Love Inc. They also turned about several hundred, we hope that doesn't happen this year.

Thanks all of you for you giving to help support South Maple Missions!

Sara Peet
Mission Team Chair

United Methodist Women

May 13, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Hessel Hall

Hostesses

Charlotte Meyer,
Florence Galinat
Lois Wolfe

Devotions: Cheryl McKnight

Program: Penny Habib

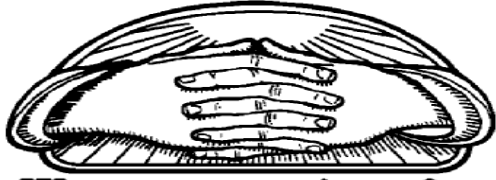
Project: Toothpaste

MEMBERS CARE TEAM

Member Care Team met Monday, April 27th. Discussion was held on the card ministry. Also a big Thank you and much appreciation to those providing food. helping with serving and cleaning during the Lenten Meals.

Plans are being made to honor and recognize the high school graduates on May 31st worship service with cake, coffee and punch to follow in Hessel Hall.

Because the scheduled meeting date for this team fall on Memorial Day, the next meeting date will be Monday, May 18 at 1:30 PM.



We are praying for...

We are encouraged to hold one another in prayer each day, to celebrate our shared joys, our mutual concerns, and our community requests.

- Reinhold and Elsie Ladner
- Jerry-Nolan and Linda Pottorff's friend/neighbor Cheryl McKnight as she waits for a lung transplant
- Joyce Willoughby-Mel and Lois Wolfe's niece living with PPH
- Jim Holmes
- Moneic Wing-undergoing treatment for cancer behind her nose
- Sarah Hammerquist
- Les Zahrowski-Vernal Trove's brother-a mass on his lung
- Amaine Buurma-liver cancer
- Katherine White
- Kurt Johns-business associate of Ken Kirk
- Darrel Grim-continued healing
- Lela Grim-caregiver/nurse for Darrel
- Merle DeBoer-Merlyn's father-cancer
- Workers and families of G E, Merillat and SCI-loss of jobs
- Everyone in the Dakotas affected by the flooding and storms
- Linda Stone-fell and broke her elbow/arm
- Floyd Hartford/Alma Hartford-new mailing address:
8108 Croyle Ave, Rapid City SD 57702
- Don Hammerquist
- Jeannine Albers
- Joyce Cordes
- Joseph-friend-Sara Peet-medical concerns
- Shirley Moore
- Henry McIntosh
- Hap Abraham & family



**Sign Up
for Church
Camp**



REMEMBER NOT JUST FOR YOUTH.!

MANY ADULT CAMPS TOO. CHECK IT OUT. MAY BE A GREAT WAY TO HAVE VACATION THIS YEAR AND THERE IS CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS FROM CONFERENCE. YIPEEE!

**From Scott Jensen,
Director of Storm
Mountain Camp:**

"What a wonderful day we had here at Storm Mountain Center on Sunday, May 3rd for our Open House and Dedication of the Sander Lodge. There were guests from 7 States and 25 different churches were represented. Also being used for the very first time was our new Marjorie Joy Welcome Center & Office. Both of these new facilities will be wonderful additions to the ministry that happens here at this camp. On a beautiful day, many folks made the stroll down to Spring Creek to see the creek flowing the best that I have seen. At our worship service we were inspired by the words brought by Rev Bruce Adams from Trinity UMC, Lead."

The Walk to Emmaus

We are all familiar with the story in Luke about Jesus' walk to Emmaus. But how does that fit with the international movement of "The Walk to Emmaus"? More importantly, what does that have to do with Dakotas Walk to Emmaus and with me and the members of my church? In the story in Luke, two of Jesus' followers were on their way home to Emmaus after the crucifixion and resurrection when Jesus joined them. He walked with them, and explained the scriptures and how they pertained to him, the Messiah, never admitting that he was the Christ. It wasn't until after he broke the bread and blessed it that they recognized who he was, and then he was gone. The walk to Emmaus aims to open the eyes of believers to who Christ is, and what he means to them personally. It is a 72-hour spiritual renewal meant to strengthen believers and develop them into leaders in their home church. Information about the Dakotas Walk to Emmaus, future dates for walks, people on the Board and how to contact them for info, can be found at dakotaswalk.org

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WOMEN WHO CARE

The South Maple Women Who Care Group of thirteen members has been visiting, There's A Hart, Fairmont Manor, and Somerset Care Centers this season.

The purpose of this outreach group is to share God's words through singing, devotions, prayer and social interaction. Most of us certainly don't claim to be good at singing, but the organ and piano accompaniment of Myrnaloy Smith and Dee Holmgren, with a couple of good voices, the group blends together to "to make a joyful noise unto to the Lord". Many of the clients join us in singing which brings joy into their hearts.

Our practice and visit for this season will be May 20th at Somerset. The meeting date will be set and announced in August to reorganize and begin in September. This truly is a rewarding personal and spiritual experience as well as seeing the enjoyment and appreciation of those we visit. If this kind of out reach activity interests you, please consider joining in for next season. Wishing you a most blessed and happy summer.

WHAT'S NEW!

There have been many prayer shawls given to people who are sick or baptisms. The recipients who have received these have been very touched by the blessing of the ministry.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our New Ministry has already touched the lives of many people. Prayer Shawls are provided to those in need of healing, hope, peace and caring love. Wrapping up in one of these shawls will remind them of our support, our prayers, and God's Loving Arms.

Remember to Join us!

There are many ways to participate:

1. Make a shawl-either knit, crochet, or quilt praying for the one who will receive the shawl.
2. Donate yarn, needles, hooks, material to be used in making the shawls.
3. Pray for those making the shawls.

If you are interested or have questions contact Deb Mayer at 343-0428 or Pastor John at the church.



All items included in kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items—nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Tree of Life Ministry:

Mattresses and Beds Are Needed

Recently the state of South Dakota and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe have been cooperating to bring back to the reservation, children who had been removed as part of the Foster Care programs.

The tribe has been anxious to accomplish this so that the children would be raised among their extended families, with the language and culture of their birth.

Several hundred children are in the process of being returned and assigned to Lakota families. The problem is that there are not enough beds, and the state cannot place a child where they may have to sleep on the floor.

If you have access to complete beds, frames only and/or mattresses please call Russell at Tree of Life Ministry in Mission, SD. For more information, please call Russell at 605-856-4266 or 605-208-8288.

Cleaning Bucket

Value: \$55 per kit

KIT CONTENTS:

5-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle. Do not include bleach if you are shipping the bucket through the US Postal Service, UPS or FedEx)
5 scouring pads
7 sponges
1 scrub brush
18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
50 clothes pins
Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
5 dust masks
2 pair latex gloves
1 pair work gloves
24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket)
1 Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See Special Requirements below.)
1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps. See Special Requirements below.)
Note: if the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size. If nothing is available in the requested or smaller size, put masking tape on the outside of the bucket saying, "This bucket contains no "