

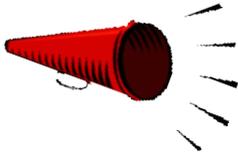
BERESFORD-CENTERVILLE JOINT PARISH OF
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TIMES OF WORSHIP

9:30 A. M. in Beresford / 11:00 A. M. in Centerville

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*The Joint Parish Newsletter: The Seed
Sower
September 2017*



The Labor Day Sunday Worship Time Switch

Sunday, September 3, our two churches switch times for worship services. Beresford UCC will begin its worship @ 9:30 a.m., Centerville UCC will begin its worship @ 11:00 a.m.

To the Congregations of Our Beresford-Centerville UCC Joint Parish,

Since our Parish Profile & application information were posted on several websites (including our Parish site) in July, your Parish Pastoral Search Committee has received several applications. The Committee continues to meet on a regular basis (1) to review applicants & their references, which are still coming in; (2) to keep in contact with the applicants, as the committee moves through the process of its search.

Please keep in mind that the pastoral search is a process & as such, it takes time, but be assured that we are moving forward at a steady pace.

We are most hopeful. Please continue to keep us; our Parish; and, although unknown to you, our applicants in your thoughts and prayers.

Your Pastoral Search Committee

Barb Austin; Shirley Jacobson (co-chair); Nancy Ryger (secretary); Terry Suprenant; Mike Tjaden; Jeri Williams (chair)

Sometimes the best thing you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess. Just breathe, and have faith that everything will work out for the best.

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To Keep in Our Prayers

- ◆ The several families in both of our communities as they continue to adjust to life without a loved one who has recently passed into our eternal home
- ◆ Ryan & Amy Clay on their mission in Senegal
- ◆ all friends & family dealing with cancer & other health issues
- ◆ displaced people everywhere
- ◆ all world leaders
- ◆ our Joint Parish Search Committee
- ◆ all active duty military & national guard personnel & their families

Those currently on active duty in our Joint Parish communities:

- >Bart Johnke
- >Courtney Buechler
- >John Neth
- >Alex Plucker
- >Jeremy Grage
- >David Stimes
- >Richard Buechler
- >Wyatt Petersen



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*Today
will never come again.
Be a blessing. Be a friend.
Encourage someone.
Take time to care.
Let your words heal, and not
wound.*

Some Summer Goings-On in Our Joint Parish Churches

● IN CENTERVILLE UCC

The Centerville UCC's summer began with its Women's Fellowship's Annual Rummage Sale, at the end of the first week in June. Millie Petersen reported that the Rummage Sale brought in \$2408.15, which will be used for the Women's Fellowship missions. Any items not sold are donated to a center in Vermillion and to the Minnehaha County Violence Center, so many in the area benefit from this Annual Sale.

In mid-June, the Centerville UCC hosted a Community 5-Day Club for 5-12 year-olds in the Centerville City Park during the mornings for a week. Becky Irwin coordinated this event. Church members provided snacks at the end of each morning.

Brown Bag Lunch gatherings every first and third Tuesdays in Welcome Hall continued throughout the summer.

Since so much work has been done in the past couple years on Work Day, church members had a break this fifth Sunday in July – they had regular worship service.

● IN BERESFORD UCC

The first weekend in June found Nancy Ryger at SD's UCC Conference in Brookings, where much information regarding the Conference and the wider UCC was disseminated. General Synod Board member, Bob Frieberg, also attended on Saturday.

The Beresford UCC Women's Fellowship met in July to plan its program for September 2017-August 2018, deciding that henceforth the Annual Meeting and planning session will be combined at the group's Annual Meeting in May.

During the last two weeks of July, Joan Hurd coordinated Beresford UCC members to deliver Meals-on-Wheels meals. Joan has been Beresford's UCC coordinator since the inception of this program over 30 years ago. This year church members served 165 meals. Those days when the Tjaden brothers could help, delivery went a lot faster.

The Community Vacation Bible School took place the first week in August in Bulow Park. Friday's lunch was provided by Beresford's UCC Women's Fellowship with Yula Weber, Nancy Myers, Cortney Schoellerman, and Nancy Ryger serving 176 participants, plus staff members. The year's VBS had up to 250 participants some of the days.

Some ground maintenance work was done on the church property. Very noticeable is the emptiness in the backyard of the parsonage – the shade tree had to come down.

The chancel of the church brightened up with the purchase of new green paraments by the Memorial Committee.

If anyone happens to notice vehicles parked in the parsonage driveway or lights on in the parsonage, do not be alarmed. Beresford's Board of Trustees decided to rent the parsonage on a month-to-month basis to a family who had relocated in Beresford because of work and who had been living in their camper for most of the summer.

The Seed Sower's Editor's Note Re Placerville Campers 2017: I know that the Beresford UCC had @ least two campers @ Placerville, but I do not know about any from Centerville. Camping reports to the Beresford congregation are still in the works. Someone from the Centerville UCC, please get any 2017 Placerville Camp participation to me soon. Nancy



Some Back-to-School Facts

- ★ The Boston Latin School is the oldest public school in the United States founded in 1635. Five signers of the Declaration of Independence attended the school: Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine, Samuel Adams and William Hopper.
- ★ According to the U. S. Census, 2012, there were 78 million students enrolled in school spanning from nursery school to college.
- ★ Around 480,000 yellow school buses carry 25 million children to and from school every day.
- ★ According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2013, school supply shopping at clothing and bookstores amounted to \$10.2 billion.
- ★ A standard pencil has enough graphite to write roughly 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long. [This fact yet to be tested.]
- ★ Before the invention of eraser, breadcrumbs were used to erase mistakes.

THANK YOU

Most Recent Thank You Notes

Dear Joan & Members of the UCC,

Thank you for your dedication to meals on wheels! Your hard work resulted in 165 meals being delivered to our homebound clients! This program would not be able to continue without the assistance of you!

Thanks Again!
Carly Turner

UCC Church,

Thank you for the Back To School Supplies. This is one of those times every year families have financial obligations, to extend a hand in this helps a great deal. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Mr. Knight & Centerville School District



The supplies donated to the Centerville School District by the Centerville UCC.

Photo: by Ed Poll

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Thank you to all, who, over the summer, have donated their time, talents, and energy. Huge amounts of time and energy were directed to the success of the Centerville UCC's Rummage Sale and to hosting the 5-Day Club sessions. In Beresford, a thank you goes to those who delivered meals to the Meals-on-Wheels clients for two weeks and to those who helped serve lunch on the last day of the Community Vacation Bible School and to one of Beresford UCC's youth who assisted all week.

Several people in both churches have helped our pulpit supply ministers with portions of the worship service and I know that church members visit those church friends and neighbors residing in area health care facilities, such as the CCRC and Bethesda. Our two churches are a community within a greater community.

Both churches have those behind-the-scene workers who are so vital to our church strength. I would not want to leave anyone out, but, I think, we all know who those people are – at least, in our own church.

Thank you to everyone for their care, service, and participation. Know that you are much appreciated.

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[The **Back-to-School Facts** on the previous page are from 6 Back to School Fun Facts @ www.americangraduate.org.]

Planning Ahead Dates

In 2017

- 🌈 **Date TBA:** Annual Two Rivers Association Meeting in Beresford UCC this fall
- 🌈 **Saturday, October 14:** SD UCC Conference to meet in Chamberlain's UCC during the day (specific time TBA); 1 item on the agenda: to meet & to vote on the Tri-Conference minister candidate

In 2018

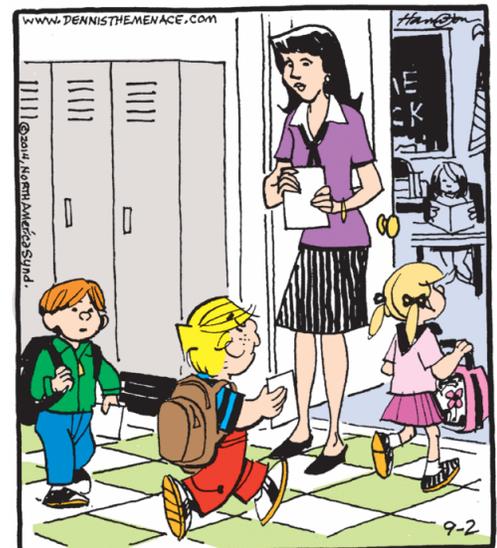
- 🌈 **Exact April Date & Place TBA:** Annual Two Rivers Association meeting
- 🌈 **Friday-Sunday, May 2-4:** SD UCC Conference in Yankton's UCC, celebrating its 150th Anniversary
- 🌈 **Tuesday-Saturday, June 19-23:** West Central Regional Youth Event @ Doane University in Crete, NE – for 6th graders to graduating seniors

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Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats

There is no elevator to success. You have to take



"THE FAMILY'S FINE, THANKS, NOW THAT I'M BACK IN SCHOOL."

the stairs.

"Googled" back to school quotes

You Are Invited to a Concert @ Centerville UCC

When

Sunday, September 10; approximately 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Where

On the front lawn of the church

What

Music by the Turkey Creek Revival Band

Photo is from September 2015 Seed Sower



(Free Will Offering)

Who

Everyone!

Bring your favorite lawn chair & enjoy the music, fellowship, & food!
HOT dogs, chips, root beer floats, & popcorn available.

Words from the Past Relevant to Racism in Charlottesville, VA, Boston, MA, (Elsewhere) Today

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out –
Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out –
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out –
Because I was not a Jew.*

Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me.
Pastor Martin Niemoeller

Who was Martin Niemoeller (1892-1984)? He was a Lutheran minister in Germany & an early supporter of Nazism; however, he eventually

publically denounced Hitler's regime of terror, for which he spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in a concentration camp.

What about his famous quote?

There are different versions of his quotation because of his numerous post-war lectures to which other Nazi target groups were added. The above is what's on display in the Permanent Exhibition of the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Source: "Googled" *first they came for the . . .*

UCC Giving

● Our Churches Wider Mission

Remember, 86% of this offering remains in our Conference with the remainder going to support the United Church of Christ General Synod, which includes our national staff, office, & resources. If every SD UCC Conference member would give \$30.00 annually, our Conference would be in secure financial standing.

● Neighbors in Need

This special offering will be received on October 1 in UCC churches throughout the U. S. Two-thirds of this offering funds the UCC's Justice & Witness Ministries: advocacy work on federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, & environment justice issues.

One-third supports CAIM (UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries). There are 20 UCC congregations on reservations & one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis. With some of the UCC reservation congregations being located in SD, our Conference directly benefits from this offering.

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We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

By Winston Churchill

*Some Facts & Figures of the 3 Conferences
That Will Soon Share a Tri-Conference Minister*

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them."

The Profile of the three Conferences (Iowa, Nebraska, & South Dakota), in their search for an Executive Conference Minister, has been posted on the bulletin boards in both of our churches since June or July. Some hopefully interesting facts & figures about each Conference is found below. I would encourage everyone to peruse through the Profile. The ECM job description is also posted. It may prove to be heftier reading.

IOWA	NEBRASKA	SOUTH DAKOTA
168 congregations	80 congregations	76 congregations
29,228 members	14,389 members	9,141 members
6 associations	3 associations	5 associations
171 active ministers 99 retired	127 active ministers 35 retired	70 active ministers 36 retired
2017 budget projections \$874,508.00	2017 budget projections \$320,055.00	2017 budget projections \$237,515.00
OCWM Support \$193,347.00	OCWM Support \$101,582.00	OCWM Support \$66,357.00
Total Mission for Other Special Offerings \$203,096.00	Total Mission for Other Special Offerings \$134,724.00	Total Mission for Other Special Offerings \$3,773.00
Total Income \$1,270,951.00	Total Income \$55,361.00	Total Income \$307,645.00
20 Board of Directors	12 Board of Directors	21 Board of Directors
2 Committees	6 Committees	0 Committees
Quarterly schedule for Board meetings	Mar., June, Oct. schedule Board meets	3-4 times per year schedule Board meets
Annual Meeting: Oct.	Annual Meeting: June	Annual Meeting: May
Special Ministries & Relationships >Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center >DeWitt Academy for Theological Education >Interfaith Alliance of Iowa >Iowa Religious Media Services (based in a suburb of Des Moines) >Our Sacred Space/ Pilgrim Heights – retreat center in Montour, IA	Special Ministries & Relationships >Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska Region >Doane University >Education for Lay Ministry >Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ghana >Kamp Kaleo near Burwell, NE – share w/ Disciples of Christ	Special Ministries & Relationships >Dakota Association >Placerville Camp ~ ~ ~ ~ All 3 Conferences support CUE Theological Seminaries: Chicago Seminary; United Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, MN; & Eden Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

Much more information is included in the Profile. Check it out.

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Get Another Thank You
From Deanie Nielson's daughter, Sue Steele, to the friends of Centerville's UCC:
Thank you for all of the support & kindness shown to our family



at the time that our mother, Deanie Nielson, passed away and at the times of her visitation & funeral. May God bless you in your various ministries.

Some Labor Day Facts

- The first celebrated U. S. Labor Day was on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in NYC, planned by the Central Labor Union. A Labor Day Parade is still held in NYC.
- Some say it was Peter J. McGuire, the cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, who proposed Labor Day as a holiday. Others believe that it was Matthew Maguire, a machinist.
- Oregon was the first state to celebrate Labor Day as a legal holiday in 1887.
- The decision for Labor Day to be the first Monday of September was approved on June 28, 1894.
- The Adamson Act was passed on September 3, 1916, to establish an 8-hour work day.

● The tradition of a Labor Day began in Toronto, Canada, in 1872.

[Source: "Googled"

Labor Day Fun Facts]

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