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Pastor Bob's Equip The Saints

October 2023

forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize "Don't Look Back: Methodist Hope for What Comes Next"

The title of this article is a book I am reading by Bishop Will Willimon. Bishop Willimon is a well known author and preacher in our connection and around the world for his insightful writing and preaching. In this book he discusses what we as United Methodists following our season of disruption should look forward to. He discusses that our future whole begins by making the journey through "good grief". We grieve what has been lost. Yet, he sees that the strength of the "Methodist Movement" is our local churches. He challenges us to move out in mission! To offer Jesus to the greater community around us.

In our Annual Conference we are seeking to grow in mission through the Fresh Expressions focus. As you read this a group from our church has gone through the initial training of of this marvelous outreach ministry and mission which includes

each member. We look forward to sharing more about your inclusion in this mission. Bishop Willimon goes on to remind us that one of the most powerful scripture scenes is the one where a storm comes up on the Sea of Galilee and the disciples are panicking. Then Jesus comes to them and quiets the storm. Jesus invites us to walk with him as we move forward outside our church facilities and reach the next person for Jesus.

In the introduction Willimon writes, "Wherein is our hope? What is next? Do we have any clues what God is up to? How can we join God's mission? Will we be part of God's future or not? I love these questions because they remind us we are people of hope and we have a future. Our hope lies in God's guiding us into the future even in the midst of a storm. For as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians from a prison cell **"I do this one thing: I of God's upward call in Christ Jesus"** (Phil 3: 13-14)

Blessings
Pastor Bob Ruedebusch

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Thursday
8 AM to 2 PM**



RAPID CITY FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
629 Kansas City Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

You may call the
church at:

605-342-4498

Leave a message any
time and we will get
back to you as soon as
we can during office
hours. You can also
email the staff using the
following email
addresses.

*If you would like to be part
of the mass church email
or*

*prayer chain please email:
admin@rapidcityfirst.org.*

Church calendar of events
can be found on the wall
of the church office, on
the website and on our new
app!! If you are needing
church space for an event
or meeting let us know and
we will get it
added to the calendar.

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STAY CONNECTED!!

Web site: www.rapidcityfirst.org

Live Stream: www.rapidcityfirst.org

(usually opens 5-10 minutes before the service)

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/rapidcityfirst/

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/

First Church Studies Facebook\Page:

www.facebook.com/RapidCityFirstUMC/

Church App: Go to app store on any iPhone or An-
droid and download FUMC (Rapid City) app onto
your phone/device.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Last month I shared that my salary as your pastor is being paid from a support gift of \$32,000 from the Dakotas Annual Conference. This represents the very best of being a connectional church in the United Methodist community. I am happy to share that through July and now through August we have been able to meet all our expenses without using the emergency or interest funds we have available! **Thank you so much for your continued faithful giving to God through the church.**

As we move into the fall our expenses will increase so we invite each member and friend to continue to give your very best to God!

TRADITIONAL IRA

Did you know if you have a Traditional IRA you must begin taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your Traditional IRA when you turn 72 or if you are 73 as of Jan 1, 2023? If this your situation we would invite you to consider making a gift to God through our church. See Pastor Bob or Kotti Wickard for more information.

Rapid City First Receives “Break Through Grant” for our Mother’s

Morning Out Ministry!

We are thrilled that we were one of a dozen churches to receive a \$2000 Break Through grant from the Dakotas Methodist Foundation for our Mother’s Morning out Ministry. Our goal in receiving this grant is to use the funds to help us in making connections between our Mother’s Morning Out Ministry and our weekly ministry program here at Rapid City First! We are grateful for the support of the Dakotas Methodist Foundation as it continues to be a major contributor to the care and support of Dakotas United Methodist churches and ministry!

October Connections

For where two or three gather in my name, I am with them. –Matthew 18:20

Dinner at the C.I.A. Café! Our Mission Possible Wednesdays began on September 20.



40+ members of the church gathered for dinner in Fellowship Hall and then joined activities for all ages. You are welcome to join us for dinner, too! October dinners will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday October 4, 11 and 18th. Reservations can be made on line or in the church narthex. See you for dinner!

MISSION POSSIBLE

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to partner with God to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. At Rapid City First UMC we are living out our mission through various study and service opportunities on Wednesday nights. From 6 to 7 pm we have adult programs (Women's Study, Scripture Circle), youth group, Mission Possible Kids for elementary children and GLOW Kids for preschool. Chancel Choir practice then begins at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Whatever your age, you can join us in being the hands and feet and voices of Christ. For more information and registration, go to the church website at: www.rapidcityfirst.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner it's time to begin planning our annual Church-wide Christmas program! This year the program will be on Sunday, December 10 at 10am. There is room for actors, speakers and musicians of all ages! If you are interested in helping with the program or lending us your on stage talent, please contact Anne Torgerson at rcfumcchildrensministry@gmail.com.



Fa la la la la, la la la la!

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loud for all to hear!" – Elf

We are looking for adult singers who would like to join Mission Possible Kids on December 6 for their Christmas Caroling Mission.

E-mail rcfumcchildrensministry@gmail.com for more information.

The following 'connection in service' opportunities are available in the month of October:



Wednesday Night Dinner Clean Up

Mission Possible dinners will be held on Wednesday October 4, 11 and 18. It doesn't take long to clean up the kitchen, but our cooks would certainly appreciate the help! If you could lend 20 to 30 minutes following dinner, please sign up in the church narthex!

Fall Festival

The annual Family Fall Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 25 from 5:30 – 7 pm. The following opportunities to connect are available:

Decorating: We will decorate Fellowship Hall and the upstairs hallway. Decorating will be done Monday, October 22 from 2-5pm and Tuesday, October 23 from 9:15-2pm.

Event Help: You can help children with crafts and games at the event from 5-6:30pm. We also need bodies who are willing to hand out Trick-Or-Treat candy from 6:30-7pm.


Candy and Treat Donations: We welcome any donations of small candy or seasonal toys to hand out as game prizes and Trick-or-Treat goodies. To volunteer or to obtain more information, contact Anne Torgerson at rcfumcchildrensministry@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Delane Rains for cooking

If you would like to help plan, cook or set-up meals, please contact Anne Torgerson at rcfumcchildrensministry@gmail.com





RAPID CITY FIRST YOUTH

October Happenings

We have had many younger youth join this year! What a great opportunity for our older youth to help guide and support them!

MISSION POSSIBLE WEDNESDAYS:

OCT 4, 11, 18
DINNER 5:30 PM
YOUTH 6-7 PM

GAME NIGHT AT CLUMC
OCT 15, 6-8PM

FALL FESTIVAL
OCT 25, 5:30-7PM



Youth Group Travel Opportunities

CONFIRMATION RETREAT OCT 20-21
DAK YOUTH NOV 10-12

If any youth are interested in participating in Confirmation in January we encourage them to attend the Retreat at Storm Mountain. Ask Hannah for more info.

6th-12th Graders are invited to attend DAK Youth in Aberdeen! This is going to be FUN! We need to sign up mid-October! Hannah will be attending and we will be traveling with other groups from our area!!

For more info you can find these events on the Dakotas Conference UMC website!! We will sign up for DAK Youth as a group!

MISSION POSSIBLE

KIDS

OCTOBER MISSION: SOCK PALS

All Socks collected will benefit the Children's
Home

You can drop off new socks
to Lauren for our mission

Fall festival will be 10/25

If you are interested in volunteering for our October events
Contact Lauren at lauren@rapidcityfirst.org





MOM'S MORNING OUT

WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPOTS AVAILABLE IN
OUR NURSERY AND 2'S.
OUR 3'S CLASS IS CURRENTLY FULL, BUT A WAITING LIST
IS AVAILABLE.

WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE A MEETING OCTOBER 10 AT
9:30AM TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL EVENTS FOR MMO. IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THAT PLEASE
LET HANNAH KNOW.

WE HAVE HAD A GREAT FIRST MONTH OF THE SCHOOL
YEAR. TRANSITIONS CAN BE TOUGH ON YOUNGER ONES
BUT THEY ARE GETTING USED TO THE ROUTINE!

DONATIONS:
WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW OUTFITS OF EACH SIZE
(9MOS- 5) TO HAVE ON HAND IN CASE CHILDREN HAVE
ACCIDENTS! IF YOU HAVE A FEW YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE
PLEASE LEAVE THEM IN THE OFFICE.



YOU CAN CONTACT HANNAH AT
HANNAHRCFIRST@GMAIL.COM



Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 25

5:30 – 7:00 pm

RCFUMC Fellowship Hall

Games! Treats! Crafts!

Trick-or-Treat

UWF NEWS



Best Fall Bazaar Ever

Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023

9:00am—2:00pm

Fellowship Hall

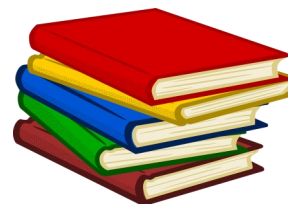


Carmel Rolls

(Lunch until 1:00pm)

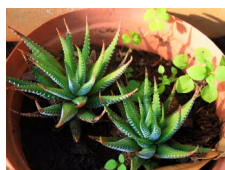
Handicrafts

Books



New to You Treasurers

Baked & Canned Goods



Plants

Crafters Supplies

Proceeds for United Women of Faith Missions

Dates to Remember

October 4—Leadership Team, 9:00am, church parlor

October 5—Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:30pm, church parlor

October 27—Bazaar setup, 9:00am, fellowship hall

October 28— Bazaar, 9:00am-2:00pm, fellowship hall



NEED HELP WITH SUBSPASH

Want to learn more about our APP?
Do you need help setting up or changing your giving
information on Subsplash?

You can visit Hannah during these office hours with your
log in information and she can help you!

Mondays 10:30am-noon
Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

Need to meet at a different time? hannahrcfirst@gmail.com

3rd Sunday Offering

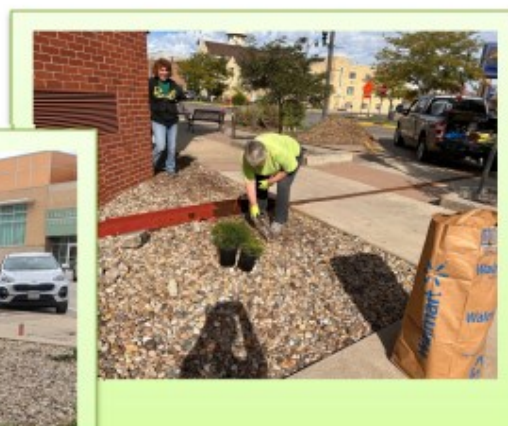


The Hope Center offers a basic, unique and some unduplicated services to members of our community in need of assistance. Some of these services include a mail center where individuals without an addresses may receive mail, a phone center that offers individuals a way to receive messages and make calls, and a storage center for them to store a small amount of personal belongings and important documents.

The Hope Center offers daily devotions, and individual prayer time. They have mentoring programs for homeless, free hair cuts and laundering.



September 21 and 23 found many church members cheerfully pulling weeds, planting flowers, spreading mulch and cleaning up our church property for all to enjoy!



Please say a **BIG THANK YOU** to:

**Karen Baumbach
Rick Gilson
Paul and Mary Ann Riker
Sharon Shoberg**

**Teresa Dighton
Bill Hearne
Kay Rypinski
Dennis Wickard
Britt**

BLOOD DRIVE

PATIENTS NEED YOUR HELP:

All blood types are critically needed, especially type O, to support patients relying on transfusions.

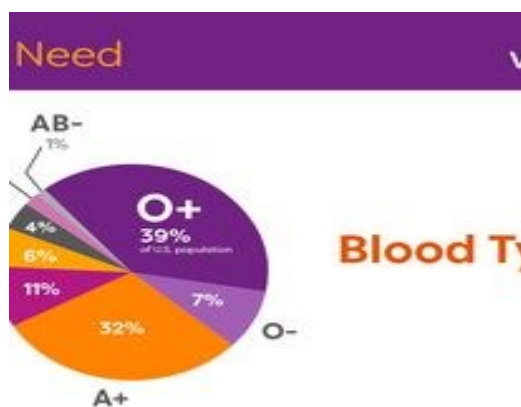
Did you know 1 in 7 people who enter the hospital will need blood.



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First United Methodist **Blood Drive** will be Tuesday **October 17th from 2:30 to 5:45** in the parlor.

To schedule an appointment see Margot or call Aubrey at 605-381-9577.



As thanks, all who use the Vitalant app to schedule a donation appointment Oct. 1-31 – and come to donate in October -will be automatically entered for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$3,000 prepaid gift cards. Learn more: vitalant.org/appgiveaway2023



“Questions Jesus Asked” **October Sermon Series**

October 1 “Do You Want to Get Well?”	John 5: 1-5
October 8 “Why are You Afraid?”	Mark 4: 36-41
October 15 “Do You Want to Get Well?”	John 5:1-8
October 22 “Who Do You Say That I Am?”	Matthew 16:13-20
October 29 “Do You Love Me?”	John 21: 15-17

How You Can Give!

Give Online

Link to give online: <https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/>

Give one time or sign up for recurring giving

Text to Give

RCFIRSTGIVE to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) in order to receive a reply
with the link to give with

Scan the QR code

Using your phone’s QR app or hover over using your phone’s camera
(find in bulletin, on card in pews, and on offering boxes)

Send a Check

629 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

*please make sure to leave a memo when giving to
specify where your funds should go*