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This month we begin a new chapter in our life together. It is new for you and for me. The prophet Isaiah, speaking for God, says, "Behold I am doing a new thing!" God is doing a new thing among us. We walk into this newness in faith. So I want to call to your mind and heart the words of the spiritual, "Walk together people, don't you get weary." People sang this song with each other and to each other as they encouraged one another. Walk together people.

And we are, that's the good news. We have planted the seed for what I would like to grandly call our Preaching Academy. We aren't there yet but we have planted the seed. Members and friends of the church will be preaching in the coming months when I am not here. We will be meeting together when I am here to encourage and support each other. Our next meeting is August 18th at the church at 12:00 noon. Please join is if you wish. Our goal is to keep the meeting to one hour, max. I would also like to expand our worship leadership circle. We will continue with the present system of having members read the Bible passages. I would like to add to our leadership team persons who would be willing to be liturgists and lead other parts of the service.

School starts on August 18th so if children are in worship on August 22nd I'll be sure to include a children's message as part of the service and we'll look at other ways to make the first part of the service inclusive of children.

On Monday, August 16th, there will be a meeting of people who are able, willing, and interested in helping with the Christian education program this fall. We will use a different format than last year. It will be very helpful if we have two adults or more helping in the Sunday school each week. It will be a commitment for one-half of the service. If we have ten people working in teams of two, it will be a snap. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. If you cannot join us but are willing to support this new effort with your participation, please let Ann know.

Ann and I will be in regular contact while I am in Wichita, which means emailing or calling each other a couple times a week and more if warranted. We are very fortunate to have Ann's steady presence and guidance as together we discover what new thing God is doing. Thank you, Ann! And thanks to all who make BUCC such a great place to be. *Pastor David*

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AUGUST

- 5 Darlene Bauer
- 6 Gene Helvig 8 Bailey Granum
- 10Harlan Bruns
- 12 Sue Hav
- 13 Linda Langner Finn Bartlett
- 14 Rhoda Burrows
- 17 Hope Delfanian
- 19 Matthew Sorbe
- 30 Warner Mostad



AUGUST

- Doug and Mary Ward
- Ryan and Danae Mead
- Don and Nancy Marshall
- 28 JoAnn and Jim Satterlee
- 30 Jo and Lyle Arndt

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COMMUNION

In August, we will celebrate the sacrament of communion on the third Sunday, August 15, rather than our traditional second Sunday.

Pastor's Calendar

Pastor David will be in Wichita July 26 through August 14. In case of an emergency or other pastoral needs, please contact Ann Spitzenberger at the church office, or 691-2057. Ann is a licensed pastor in the Presbyterian Church, USA.



My thanks to all who turned the wonderful church picnic into a surprise birthday party! That was a treat. I had a pleasant drive to Manhattan where I spent the night with Elizabeth, Damien and their daughter Milena. Tuesday I drove to Wichita. The cake was the first thing I brought into the house and Sally and I

sat down and shared some together.

Blessíngs,

Pastor Davíd

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

BUCC is starting a monthly Wednesday Night program this fall. The kick off event is September 15. For those who want to share in a potluck, please come at 6:00. For those who cannot be here at 6:00, come for some fun at 7:00.

September 15 is game night. October 13, we will share in a fall cookout at the church, and on November 10 we will share stories and jokes. Watch the newsletter for more details.

EDUCATION PLANNING MEETING

We will have a Christian education planning meeting on Monday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m. If you can teach or would like to help in our Christian education program this fall, please put this on your calendar. Sunday school will begin on September 12.



The bikers came to Brookings on July 23, 2010. Kudos to all who helped prepare and share the meal with them. They enjoyed the evening, as did we. The next morning before they left the bikers helped pile up all (and there were a lot) the tree branches knocked down by the storm. Dave Huebner cut them up and church crews piled them near the street. Thanks for keeping the BUCC grounds beautiful.

Pastor David

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 	2	3	4	5	6	7 King/Bishop Wedding
Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas
⁸ 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship	9	10	11 Family Back 2 School Project: Faith Reformed Church,	12	13 7:00 p.m. Concert at BUCC to benefit BPP	14
Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David in Kansas	Pastor David returns to SD
15 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship	<i>16</i> 6:00 p.m. Christian Education Planning Meeting	17 7:00 p.m. Council	18 School Days	19	20	21
22 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship	23	24	25	26	27 6:00 p.m. Final Friday	28
29 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 1:45 & 2:30 Brookview Manor and URC	30	31				



COUNCIL MINUTES

If you would like a copy of the BUCC Council Minutes, please contact Sue Hay at 605-221-3455, or Ann in the office.

FINAL FRIDAY

The Final Friday group meets on the final Friday of every month. The date for Augsut will be August 27. The group will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner followed by a group discussion. For more information, please see Michael Feikema . Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! Come and join us!

CHURCH LAWN MOWING

Please sign-up to help mow the church yard this Summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary. Contact Tom if you have any questions. THANKS for your help!!

FAMILY BACK 2 SCHOOL PROJECT

WHEN: August 11, 2010

TIME: 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Faith Reformed Church

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Joyce at 690-9803, or wragelj@mchsi.com

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

The Fellowship of Reconciliation is an international peace group that believes in grassroots diplomacy. FOR is sponsoring grassroots diplomacy groups to Iran on the following dates: Nov. 5-20, Feb. 15 - March 1, 2011, and May 15-30, 2011. FOR has some scholarship funds available and some people in the Brookings area contacted are willing to help raise funds. If you are interested in this grassroots diplomacy effort or know of someone who is, please contact Pastor David.

CHURCH SERVICES AT BROOKVIEW MANOR AND THE UNITED RETIREMENT CENTER

On Sunday, August 29 BUCC will be conducting the worship services at Brookview Manor and the United Retirement Center. The service times are 1:45 and 2:30. It would be wonderful to have a group from the church participating and attending these services. Please talk to Pastor David or Ann if you are planning to attend. Thanks!

Brookings County Food Pantry!

The current needs are the following:

Soda Crackers Hearty Soups Breakfast Cereals Peanut Butter Mac 'N' Cheese Canned Meat Canned Fruit Tuna Canned Vegetables

All products are very much appreciated!

Donations can be dropped off at: The Food Pantry 217 ½ 4th Street – Brookings

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1pm – 5pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at the Food Pantry at 692-5007 END YOUR SUMMER WITH SOME SWEET BLUEGRASS STEVE SMITH & CH2IS SANDERS IN CONCERT FOR THE BROOKINGS BACKPACK PROJECT

7:00 PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010 BROOKINGS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 828 8TH ST. SOUTH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE SPLIT WITH 88P.



They may call New Mexico home now, but the music of this outstanding duo grows out of Steve's Virginia roots and Chris's Minnesota childhood. Their unique blend of Bluegrass and Americana features both original and traditional songs. The depth of their songwriting and the power of their distinctive voices has captured audiences across the country.

Steve Smith (vocals, mandolin, mandola and guitar) has been described by one reviewer as "undoubtedly among the best mandolin pickers in the known universe." Chris Sanders (vocals and guitar) offers marvelous vocals and steady rhythm guitar. Together they "light up a room like the New Mexico sun."

The duo's latest CD, *Signs Along the Road* (released in January), is receiving national and international airplay and is climbing the folk, roots and bluegrass charts. You can sample some of their recordings at www.sonicbids.com/stevesmithandchrissanders. You can also learn more about their work at www.desertnight.com.

THIS IS FOR THE KIDS.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

The International Student Exchange is looking for host families to welcome a foreign exchange student into their homes for the 2010-11 school year. The students are 15-17 and they are from countries all around the world. The students arrive with their own insurance and spending money, all they need is a welcoming home and lots of love while they are here learning about America. There is no cost to the host family other than time. We have 19 students to place in loving homes by Aug. 19th. If you can open your home to an exchange student please contact Melissa Sutton at 605-413-8901, melissa.suttonsd@gmail.com . For more information on the ISE please see www.iseusa.com





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