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ST. ONGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ST. ONGE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57779

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AUGUST 2020

**WORSHIP TIME IS 8:30 AM FOR ST. ONGE
AND 10:00 AM FOR BELLE FOURCHE**

REMEMBER OUR SHUT INS

Nellie Kidd, Serenity Corner
Irene Olson, Judy's Assisted Living
Alyce Voyles, Betty Anderson, Lydell Koerner, Long
Term Care
Al Shaw, Belle Estates
Sadie Sperb, Dottie Clarkson-Teague, Edge Wood
Vista
Eleanor Schweitzer, Key City Assisted Living

COFFEE TIME

Every Sunday, (with the exception of the first Sunday
of the month), there is a time of coffee and fellowship
in the upstairs classroom, the Comfort Room.

MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address for Belle Fourche is:
717 Jackson St, Belle Fourche SD 57717. And the
mailing address for St. Onge is: P.O. Box 154, St.
Onge SD 57779

The Pastor's Pen



It is amazing how fast this Summer is flying past. Soon we will hear the roar of motorcycles on our streets. Perhaps you will go to the Rodeo in Hill City on August 6th & 22nd. Or take in Deadwood's Kool Deadwood Nites on August 26th. Or just stick around here and fish at Orme Dam, or hike around Lookout Mountain and Spearfish Canyon. Whatever your plans are for August, I hope you will allow God to surprise you!

Lately, comet Neowise is still up in the evening sky, although it is fading, binoculars will bring it out. Thank you, God.

Comets when they fly past us leave a tail of debris—rice sized bits of the dirty iceball that is the comet's core. These trails of comet tails just hang out in space for centuries until something big enough and close enough sweeps them up.

Although we have to drive to many of the various Black Hills attractions in August, there are a couple that all we have to do is allow God to surprise us by having the earth swing through one of these old comet tails. Indeed, the biggest and best meteor show of the year is the Perseids meteor shower which occurs every August at nearly the same time. This year it will peak on August 11-12th. Mind you, the trail of debris is wide, so we are already picking up an occasional meteor from this shower. (Best viewing times are between 1am and dawn.) Thank you, God.

How has God surprised you this Summer? Isn't it amazing that we can enjoy wonderful things without driving all over the place, and without spending a lot of money? God certainly blesses us all.

I am so glad that we are together...with our God.

Pastor Chuck Aurand



From your Pastoral Search Committee,

We have been meeting since last February as the Pastoral Search Committee. During this time, we have completed our Church Profile which details what our church is like and looks forward to what we are seeking in a new called/settled pastor. We are pleased to report that we are now actively reviewing ministerial profiles and will be interviewing

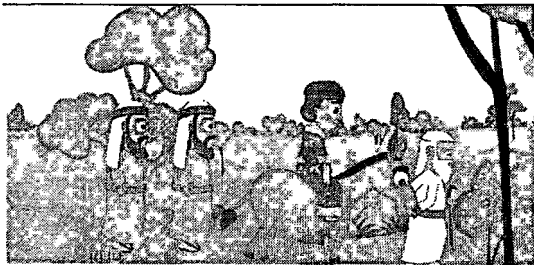
candidates soon.

Please join with me in thanking all those on our Pastoral Search Committee who have, and are continuing, to give of their time and energy to find the right minister for our churches.

Sincerely,

Austin Bishop, co-moderator

Larry Prager, co-moderator



This Summer our Sermon Series revolves around our Crazy Ancestors in the Bible.

Come and learn new and surprising things about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses. Did you know that the bride-to-be of one of our Crazy Ancestors fell off her camel when she saw her Groom-to-be for the first time! What does this story

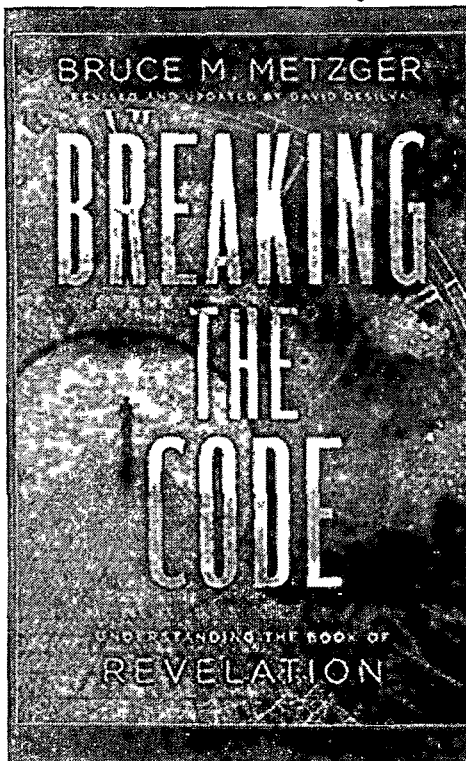
tell us about living "Welcoming Lives" in our day?

During August, we will come to the exciting climax of the Jacob story (August 2), check-in with Joseph and that amazing coat (August 9 & 16), have a musical Sunday experience with Lay Pastor Kim Bachman, and complete the month with the re-telling of the birth of Moses (August 30). Share with us in the telling—and the hearing—of these stories of faith.



Our Church is Open for All

- † Facemasks are strongly recommended. Although not always comfortable, it has been shown that facemasks protect those around you...from you. We wear facemasks as a sign of love for those around us.
- † We ask that you use hand sanitizer when entering the sanctuary so that germs will be less likely to collect upon surfaces.
- † We will practice social distancing (at least 6 feet apart, except for those living in the same household). To assist with social distancing, we will close every other pew.



Wednesday Evening
Study Group
on Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Please Join Us.

Email the pastor for a
Zoom invitation
(caurand3@gmail.com)

Learn what those crazy images mean, and just what does 666 or 616 refer to? **Join us for these 6 to 8 Session Study Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the "Hospitality Room" in the First Congregational Church UCC in Belle Fourche.**

THANK YOU FROM THE TRUSTEES

Thank you to all church members and friends during this COVID event, for your continued financial support. Because of all of you, we have been able to meet all of our obligations.

Thanks you for your continued support,
Board of Trustees

AUGUST LECTIONARY AUGUST 2, NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 55: 1-5, Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21
Romans 9: 1-9, Matthew 14: 13-21

AUGUST 9, TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 19: 9-18, Psalm 85: 8-13
Romans 10: 5-15, Matthew 14: 22-33

AUGUST 16, ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8, Psalm 67
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15: 21-28

AUGUST 23, TWELVTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138
Romans 12: 1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

AUGUST 30, THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 15: 15-21, Psalm 26: 1-8
Romans 12: 9-21, Matthew 16: 21-28

PASSION CUPBOARD

Please remember, the first Sunday of each month, please bring food items for the Compassion Cupboard. Items that are needed regularly are meat items, cereal, soup, fruit, pasta products, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter. Also personal hygiene products such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. And of course toilet paper!!

Also we do collect grocery receipts from Lynns Dakota Mart. A box is in the Narthex.

Thank you all!!

Help is also needed at the Compassion Cupboard once or twice a month to unload groceries and put them away.

LAWN MOWING

Help is needed to mow the lawn each week. If you could please help us out, it would be greatly appreciated. If you could please have it mowed for Sunday mornings, that would be appreciated!

Please remember that we do have a lawn mower in the shed. You must bring gasoline for the mower. The combination for the lock on the shed is 0717.

The schedule is wide open, so if you would be able to mow, please call the office. The phone number is 892-3402. Help is definitely needed for August! PLEASE HELP!!

Thank you to everyone who donates their time to keep the church lawn looking great!! You are appreciated!!

ST. ONGE AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Samantha Kellogg	8
Wade Vissia	11
Jeramy Russell	15
Hunter Vissia	17

AUGUST COFFEE HOUR

There will be NO coffee hour for the month of August. Not sure about September. Will let you as soon as the all clear has sounded!

**BELLE FOURCHE AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS**

Avery Cockrell	1
Diane Voyles	2
Natillie Mason	4
Dave Hunter	6
Colleen Anderson	7
Aurora Voyles	7
Brianne Fox	14
Kamden Moser	17
Doug Lange	20
Larry Prager	26
Raymie Keegen	28
Dan Kokesh	30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Margaret & Gordon Shoemaker	5
Mary Ann & Jack Wells	6
Joanne & Devin Stephens	10
Delores & Don West	13
Lanelle & Dale Cundall	13
Kelly & Kevin Keegan	20
Mischelle & Darian Reede	21
Irene & Harry Haivala	23
Karen & Graydon Dailey	24
Sue & Dan Kokesh	30
Colleen & Blaine Anderson	30

COFFEE HOUR FOR AUGUST

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SPECIAL MUSIC

During this time of the COVID virus, we will not be singing during worship. We are asking for volunteers to sing for the month August. This will include doing the responses and special music.

If you be able to help us out, please call the church office and let us know what Sunday would work for you.

The church phone number is 892-3402.

We look forward to hearing from you!!

AUGUST 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WORSHIP TIMES 8:30 am St. Onge 10:00 am Belle Fourche						1
2 Communion at both St. Onge and Belle Fourche NO Coffee Hour in Belle Fourche	3	4	5 7:00 pm Bible Study	6	7	8
9	10	11 6:00 pm Diaconate	12 7:00 pm Bible Study	13	14	15
16	17	18 6:30 pm Trustees	19 7:00 pm Bible Study	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 7:00 pm Bible Study	27	28	29
30	31					