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March Birthdays

5	Linda Kampmann
6	David Mueller
11	Connie Styf
15	Gordon Bruening
16	Bev Buller
17	Joe Sudtelgte
21	Walter Mueller
22	Evelyn Mueller
23	Chelsea Knutson
26	Irene Koch

Church Cleaning Crew:

Nancy Wiskur
Troy and Melissa Wiskur

Ushers & Acolyte

Ushers 2 Bruce & Alice Kinner
9 Ed & Marsha Timm
16 Donna Magnus
23 Donna Magnus
30 Ed & Marsha Timm
Acolyte: Michael Junker

March Anniversaries

5	John and Dawn Boljtes
9	Bob and Nancy Wiskur
16	Leroy and Kate Brown

Liturgists

3	
10	Nancy Wiskur
17	Abbi Sudtelgte
24	Linda Kampmann
31	

Pastor's Desktop

There is one particular passage of Scripture that I believe really sums up what would benefit United Parish and its members the most. When Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia (part of modern-day Turkey) he reminded them that following Christ produces a Spirit-led life and the corresponding fruit. (And as Jesus taught, 'by their fruits you will know them.') Since we do not have debates about circumcision, I will start the passage at the point where Paul summarizes his main points related to how to approach such things.

The first thing Paul points out is that Christian freedom is not about self-service, but about serving others. Now when it comes to physical work, this is often easy to recall and apply, but Paul is writing this about arguments within the fellowship. Especially because it is hardest to remember to serve others in matters of HOW to do things, it is most important to make the effort at those times. He includes a strongly worded caution. Infighting, power plays, and squabbles can destroy a church, especially when conflicts become the focus of all of one's thinking, instead of Christ being the focus. This is part of what is meant when he cautions against being 'consumed by one another'.

The solution, of course, is to put the focus where it belongs. Living by the Spirit requires closely following Christ, not as a matter of human will-power, but of faith trusting God's ability to lead us. When trying to live spiritually, we find the truth of that common saying, 'We have met the enemy and they are us.' Paul explains how our fleshly (in others from the drive for self-preservation and self-protection) desires oppose the development of a spiritual life. If you look into the list of flesh-based works, you will see that it includes ordinary things such as strife (fighting for what you need), anger, and factions (cliques, or even gangs). These are some of the tools that the natural mind comes up with to give a better chance of survival. Because they are biological survival mechanisms, they are not quickly overcome. It is only the Spirit that can overcome reliance on those techniques and lead us into the higher ways of the Spirit such as generosity, patience, and self-control.

Galatians 5:13-26 'For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each

other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.'

In Christ's service,
Pastor Daren

Parish Board Meeting

The United Parish Board met on Feb 19th at 7pm in the church basement. Officers in attendance were Chair, Bev Buller, Treasurer Dawn Boltjes, and Financial Sec Donna Magnus. Sec Carrie Thompson was absent and Linda Kampmann took minutes for her. Others in attendance were Ed Timm, Daren Junker and Carol Styf.

Pastor Junker opened the meeting with prayer.

Linda Kampmann read the secretary report and there was one correction to a correction. The correction in the Jan report should have read that the transfer correction was \$2,896.00. That was the amount of the transfer to pay for the furnace.

Treasurer's report was submitted and approved.

Beginning balance on 12-31-2007	\$654.09
January Income	6.608.88
January Expenses	<5,672.79>
Ending Balance 1-31-08	\$1590.18

Dawn reminded us that in March we have a couple quarterly payments due.

Financial Secretary reported on a correction for the ending report of 2007. The building fund should have said \$66,235.50.

Total funds on hand are \$142,370.88 That is a gain of \$9,763.37. Of that amount \$9000.00 was a donation to the Building fund and the balance was interest earned.

Committee Reports

PPR: No report

Trustees: The office copier has been repaired.

Christian Ed: Laree submitted a financial report for the period of 9-10-07 thru 12-10-07.

Balance on hand for 9-10-07	\$448.37
Expenses	<247.21>
Income	54.45
Balance on hand 12-10-07	\$255.61

Worship: No report

Mission: No report

UPW : Love packages have all been distributed. UPW will serve the 3rd Thursday supper in March.

Pastors Report

1Phone/office visit, 2 Brookings van trips, 1 Release time teaching, 2 assisting, Pastor's Day at Pierre, SD, Annual Meeting preparation and attendance, Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services, Plan Sunday worship, prepare sermon, prepare worship elements (praise song, liturgical prayers, MP3 player), Print Sunday bulletins, conduct Sunday worship, write Echo article and 24 hour availability for crises (church members and school.) and Cozy Corner chapel service.

Building committee: Met on the 17th of Jan. Will rent our new land for Ag purposes. All forms for the railroad property have been signed and delivered.

Membership: Anyone noticing changes, additions or corrections to the member ship list in the Annual Report should let Nancy know so that is can be changed.

Old Business

ABC's of Natural Church Development was discussed. Daren will write an update for the Echo and the bulletin. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Constitution committee needs to meet to decide when recommendations can be voted on.

A very big thank you and a round of applause was given to outgoing Board president Bev Buller for her services and for the outstanding job she did. It was very much appreciated. The meeting was then turned over to in coming president and Ed Timm and he was thanked with much heartfelt gratitude for accepting the position.

New Business

Dawn said since the Apportionment amount was listed in the bulletin it would amount to \$1320.00 per month divided between the UCC and the United Methodist conferences. It will be listed monthly along with other items to be paid.

A letter was read from Post Prom committee asking for a donation. Dawn moved to donate \$20.00 and Linda seconded the motion. It passed and Dawn will send a check to the committee.

Under correspondence Ed read a letter of information stating the UCC annual conference will be held June 13-15, 2007 in Yankton, SD. Anyone with resolutions or business items must submit them by March 24, 2007.

There was information from the Upper Room on new books they have available. This information was given to Marsha Timm for her consideration for the UPW library. If not interested it can be discarded.

Letters were read from the Brookings Farm Service Agency requesting information on the new land. It will be given to Nancy Wiskur.

There was discussion on moving parish board back to the 2nd Wednesday since there is no longer Bible study. It will be decided at a later date.

It was decided that Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will start at 7:30pm.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 18 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by

UPW

The United Parish Women met on Thursday, February 7th. Gertrude opened the meeting with the Pledge Service Program.

Ann Aaker called the meeting to order with a devotional reading entitled "Recipe for a Happy New Year." 13 members and two guests read the purpose. Roll call for this month was pasta products for the Flandreau Food Pantry.

The secretary's report was read. Linda made a motion to accept the report, with Virginia giving a second. The motion passed.

Linda presented the treasurer's report, stating we have a balance on hand of \$1522.80. Gertrude made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Donna. The motion passed. There were no bills presented.

There was no correspondence, but there was a verbal thank you from the Brookings Abuse Shelter for the lovely quilts given by our group.

Standing Committee Reports:

Cards: A sympathy card was sent to John and Sandy France.

Funerals: None to report

Reading Program: Marsha will pick up the new books in March.

Missions: Prayer Quilt Ministries will meet on February 8th and Bingo will be on February 27th.

The only old business we had was assembling Love Packages and Valentine's for our servicemen, so we moved right into new business.

We will be serving the Third Thursday Supper for March, however, it falls on Maundy Thursday. We will decide what to do at the March meeting. Volunteers are needed for the Second Sunday Coffee on February 11th. There is a conflict with the date for our Soup & Sandwich Supper, which is the same day as the DI Showcase & Dinner on February 24. We will postpone it for now and discuss it next month. Marsha shared that Elkton's day for the Prayer Vigil is March 18th from 8:00-8:45am. Everyone is

encouraged to pray for national spiritual wellness. Nikki Glover has become a new member of UPW. Welcome Nikki!

February birthdays are: Lil Anderson, Joan Hegerfeld and Deanna Lundgren. Anniversaries are Walt & Evelyn Mueller. On a sad note, Linda and Denny would have celebrated their 40th anniversary on February 10th.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 6th at 7pm with Ann doing the program and Nancy and Shirley as hostesses.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Deanna and Georgie served a delicious Valentine lunch with Miss Maya providing smiles for everyone!

Grape Vine

Camping time is just around the corner and the camping brochures are here. They are on the back table at church. Looks like some really fun and interesting camps being planned for this summer. The early bird savings for the Dakotas camps is April 18. There is also information on the Placerville Camps too. And the best news is the United Parish Women's group continues to pay for half of all camperships. So pick out your camp soon.

March Echo Sponsor

If the weather is so cold you wonder if spring will ever arrive - just open your mailbox to the Gurney Seed Catalog and you will breath a sigh of relief. After all, if Gurney thinks there will be a spring, then by golly, we shouldn't give up hope. Our catalog arrived a couple weeks ago and Johnny has had his head in it ever since. Has anyone grown bananas here?

The sponsors for our March Echo are Rudy & Gertrude DeZeeuw. The DeZeeuw's donated towards the Echo many months ago but someone (yes, it was me!) neglected to write it down in my book so I was never able to fully thank them for their kindness - now I can and so can you!

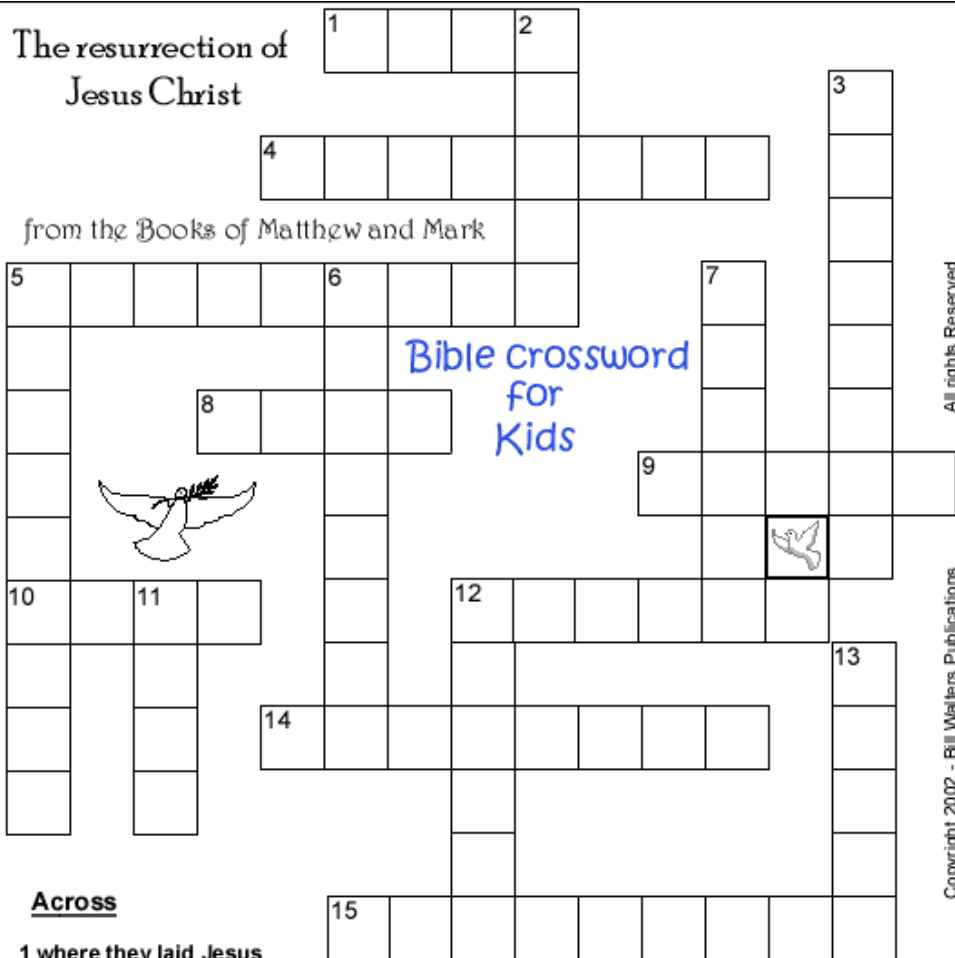
Thank you, thank you, thank you...your generosity means the world to all of us.

If you would like to be a sponsor of the Echo, whether to cover postage or printing costs, just give me a call (548-2051) or corner me anywhere you see me. God Bless, Dawn Boltjes, Treasurer

The resurrection of Jesus Christ

from the Books of Matthew and Mark

Bible crossword
for
Kids



Across

- 1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)
 4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)
 5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt.27:38)
 8 mother of Jesus
 9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)
 10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt.27:28)
 12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)
 14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)
 15 The 12 companions of Jesus

DOWN

- 2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins
 3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt.27:4)
 5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)
 6 Jesus said " My God, My God why hast thou _____ me" (Matt.27:46)
 7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)
 11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)
 12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____"
 13 our Lord and Saviour



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Food for thought.

THESE ARE CUTE..... Kids definition of Angels.

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.
~~~Gregory, 5

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. ~~~Olive, 9

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. ~~~Matthew, 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. ~~~Mitchell, 7

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. ~~~Henry, 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!! ~~~Jack, 6

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tornado.  
~~~Reagan, 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. ~~~Sara, 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter.
~~~Jared, 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. ~~~Antonio, 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth. ~~~Lynn, 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it. ~~~Vicki, 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. ~~~ Sarah, 7

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. ~~~Daniel, 9

## **Life explained simply**

On the first day God created the dog and said:

'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.'

The dog said: 'That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?'

So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said:

'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span.'

The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform.

How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?'

And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said:

'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.'

The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?'

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said:

'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.'

But man said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?'

'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.'

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

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