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OFFICE HOURS 9-12 M-F
2020 APRIL

Sunday Worship Service
Chadron UMC
On-Line Worship
Sunday Mornings @ 10:30 AM
Via Facebook Live—Chadron United Methodist Church

For later viewing videos are posted to
You Tube—Chadron United Methodist Church

Until further notice all Church events/activities of 10 or
more people are cancelled.



The Spirit of the Lord Leads Us



Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷So he got up and went...When Philip and the eunuch came up out of the water [after the eunuch was baptized], the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away...Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8:26-27a, 39a, 40)

Seventeen years ago, as I prepared to go into full-time ministry as a licensed local pastor in The United Methodist Church, the district superintendent asked me if I was willing to itinerate. To explain, I was being asked if I would be willing to move wherever and whenever the bishop and the cabinet of the then Nebraska Annual Conference asked me to go. I said, "Yes." I was asked this same question every time my relationship with the annual conference changed. I have answered this question with a "Yes" four times. The last "Yes" was as I pledged my commitment to the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church during my ordination as an elder in 2013.

On the flip side of this question is the local congregation. By definition, a local church in The United Methodist denomination has also said "Yes" to the itinerant system since itineracy is one of the basic tenets of the denomination. Our Book of Discipline has always been clear that "The itinerant system is the accepted method of The United Methodist Church by which ordained elders, provisional elders and associate member are appointed by the bishop to fields of labor." (The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016, ¶338)

For four years, I have itinerated in the Chadron United Methodist parish. Let me add a side note here. I say I have itinerated in the "parish," not the "church" because, in reality, I am appointed to a parish, which refers to the community in its entirety, which includes those persons who are involved in the Chadron United Methodist congregation and those who are not. Effective July 1, 2020, however, I will be appointed to the Red Cloud-Guide Rock United Methodist Parish, which is a two-point charge in south central Nebraska.

As I look for a scripture to guide this move, I find myself resonating with the movement of Philip in Acts 8. First, the Spirit of the Lord tell him to go to the Jerusalem-Gaza road where he would find a eunuch from Ethiopia who needed shepherding in the gospel of Christ. Then, as quick as a wink, Philip found himself in Atozus where he proclaimed the good news to other eager listeners.

Granted, my move to the Red Cloud-Guide Rock parish is not quite as sudden as Peter's movement from one place to another but it is an unexpected move. I did not ask to move nor did the Staff-Parish Relations Committee ask for me to move. Sometimes, in the United Methodist itinerant systems, moves are like that. When the Methodist Episcopal Church was first established in the United States, pastors were often moved every one or two years and, even if they expected a move, they did not know where they were moving until the annual meeting of the conference, with two or three weeks to pack and move. As recently as 30 years ago, parsonages were furnished so that the pastors did not have to move furniture, which allowed them to move more easily.

Moves are always difficult. I have put down roots in this community far deeper than anywhere else I have served. This is partly due to my connections to people in Chadron who call themselves United Methodist. However, it is also a result of my involvement with Northwest Community Action Partnership and my position on the advisory board for Volunteer Services there. In many appointments, I have not become friends with many people outside of the church but here I have made connections with a myriad of people.

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Ethan Graves—4/2
DeAnn Koerber—4/3
Claire Fox—4/4
Cricket Haag—4/4
Gunnar Rider—4/5
John Wentworth 4/6
Brittney Gooder 4/6
Melody Carnahan—4/7
Rodd Rickenbach—4/7
Jeremy Smith—4/7
Chad Halverson—4/8
Briana Foulk—4/9
Aaron Sanford—4/13
Ryan Trueblood—4/16
April Blanford—4/19
Jeff Fox—4/21
Fran Saunders—4/21
Jessica Humphrey—4/22
Kevin Waugh—4/22
David Blake 4/24
Daniel Mayle—4/24
Kim Richards—4/26
Jen Brown—4/26
Nate Dodd—4/26
Shawn Eitemiller—4/26
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Scott Gooder—4/30
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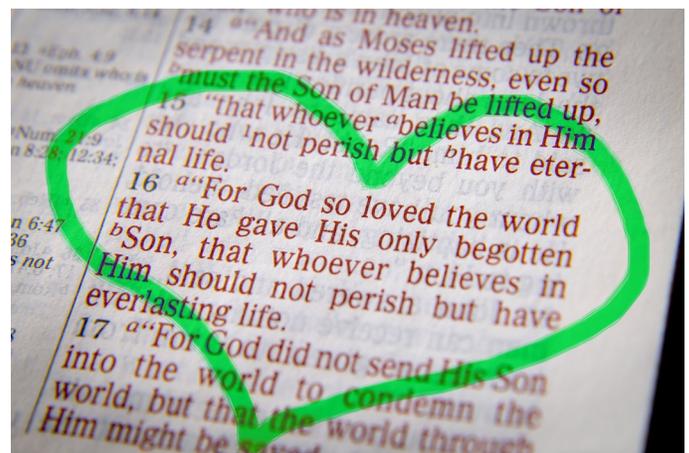
JOYS & CONCERNS

If you have Joys and Concerns you would like lifted up during the Pastoral Prayer of the Sunday Online Worship Service, please email, text or call Pastor Bonnie.

Email: bmccord@greatplainsumc.org

Phone: (text or call) (308) 289-1185

Keep in mind, the prayer will be broadcast to anyone who has access to YouTube or Facebook so please secure permission to share the prayer request if it is about someone besides yourself.



Like Peter, though, it is time for me to go “proclaim the good news” in a new area of the conference. I would have never picked the Red Cloud and Guide Rock area. South central Nebraska is out of my western Nebraska comfort zone. However, my husband, as many of you have already heard, has connections to Red Cloud. His maternal grandfather farmed a few miles southwest of Red Cloud for 23 years and Terry spent a number of summers there so he is looking forward to being back there. Also, Terry, who is employed by a construction company based in Lincoln, will likely be transferred to Aurora, Nebraska, to work on a project there as soon as the one in North Platte is completed. This was not known to us at the time I was asked to move to Red Cloud but it is one more sign that I am being called elsewhere.

As for the Chadron United Methodist Parish, we do not yet know who will be appointed here. The decision will be made by the bishop and the district superintendents of the Great Plains Annual Conference with prayer and discernment, considering “the gifts and evidence of God’s grace of those appointed, to the needs, characteristics, and opportunities of congregations” (UMBOD 2016, ¶425). At the moment, concerns over travel within the Great Plains Annual Conference is being discouraged, which means the District Superintendent, Cindy Karges, is not able to meet with Staff-Parish Relations Committees as has been custom when introducing a new pastor. Be patient, an announcement will be made as soon as possible.

Change is always difficult but I hope we will not be preoccupied with the fact that it is coming. The Spirit leads us now, just as the Spirit led Philip then. Peter did not dwell on the fact that change, abrupt and immediate, had occurred. He simply continued his mission of proclaiming the good news. We should make that our mission as well, no matter our circumstances.

As we face uncertainty all around us, such as a change in pastoral leadership and the coronavirus pandemic, perhaps it is wise to consider the call of 1 Peter 5:7 to, “Cast all your anxiety on [God], because he cares for you.”

We give thanks for the faithfulness of the Triune God, now and forevermore. Amen!

Pastor Bonnie



2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
MONDAY, JUNE 1-THURSDAY, JUNE 4
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED!

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via Facebook Live - Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM

Sunday Bulletin



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Our Vision

A Church Community That Makes a Difference

On-line giving is now available! During this time when everything is being done on-line, bills still need to be paid and your offerings are very important. There are now, more options available to give.

- ◆ Offerings may be mailed to: Chadron United Methodist Church, 847 Shelton St., Chadron NE 69337
- ◆ Bill pay through your local bank
- ◆ Electronic giving through GivePlus on our web page (www.chadronumc.org)
- ◆ Electronic giving through GivePlus app on your mobile phone

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Corrections to the Church Directory



Suze Jones correct email is: suzeqjones@gmail.com

Deek Dierksen's phone # is (406) 580-1936. Delete the land line number.

Janice German's new email: jegerman13@gmail.com

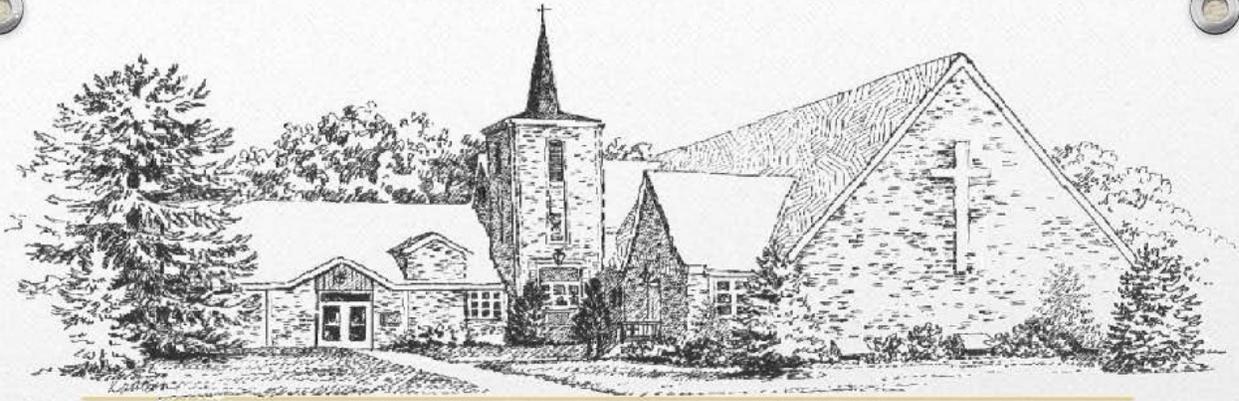
Delete email for Stefani VanVleet, it is incorrect.

Add Joyce Klemke, 301 W. 10th St., Chadron NE—email: jklemke@bbc.net

Jim Sheaffer delete email address, it is incorrect.

Mike & Amy Trueblood delete email address, it is incorrect

Please correct the committees as well as the directory listing.



Join us for Sunday Worship Facebook Live @ 10:30 AM

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Videos will be uploaded to our You Tube channel: Chadron United Methodist Church on Monday mornings



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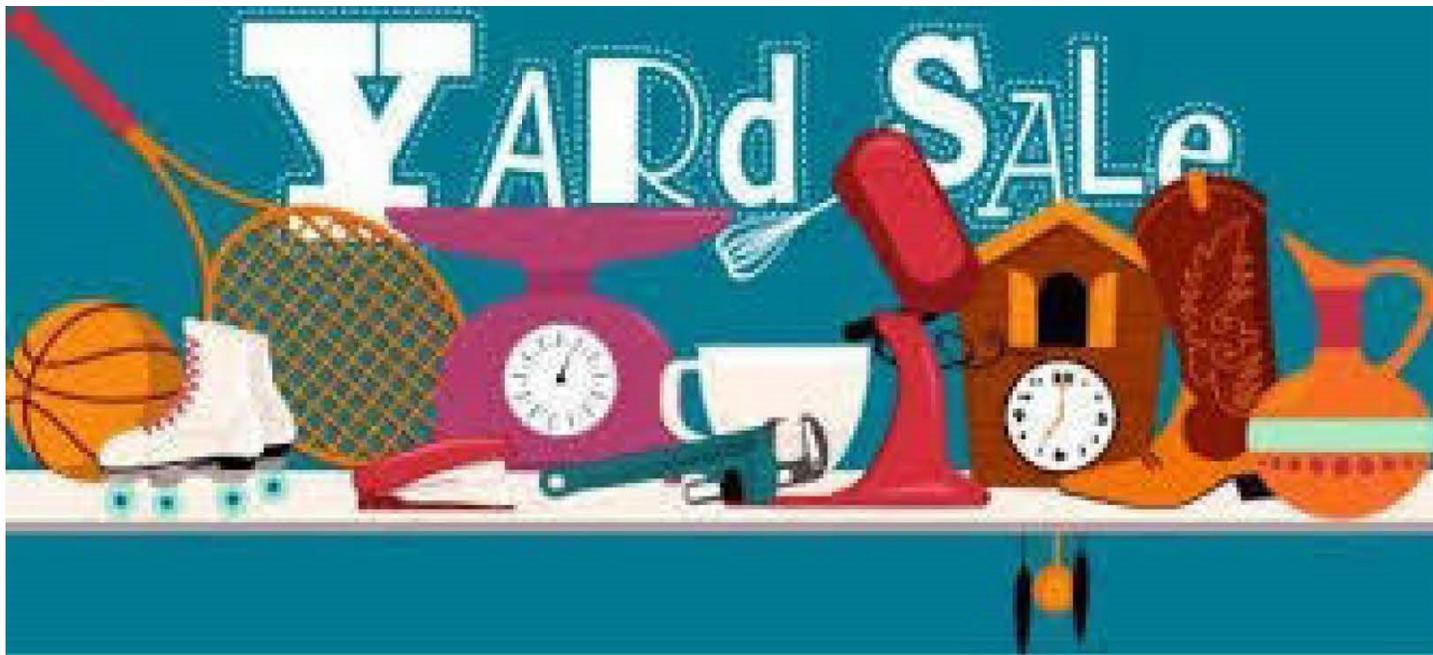
On the Church's web page clicking on the blue "f" button will take you to our Facebook page and the red button will take you to our You Tube channel where the Worship videos will be posted each Monday morning.

Web page: <https://www.chadronumc.org/>

You Tube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq_RotBZ8AYZPp-ONProSsg/videos?view_as=subscriber

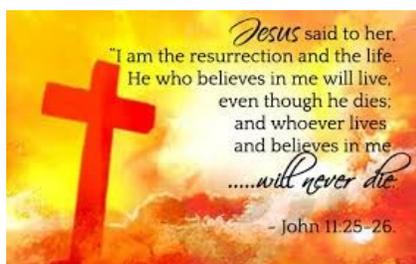
April Calendar of Events

LifeLine Screening scheduled Wed., April 15 has been postponed until fall.



Chadron UMC Yard Sale Fundraiser Start collecting your yard sale items.

Plans are to participate in the City wide Yard Sale. If that's not possible we will be looking at a yard sale later this summer. If you have items you would like to bring to the church, one of the classrooms in the Sunday School room has been cleaned out and is ready to store items. Please be sure your items are clean and ready to sell. If you have large, heavy items, please call the office before you bring them.





Soup and Pie Supper was held on Tuesday, March 10. Once again we had a very nice crowd and the chicken noodle and beef noodle soup was very tasty. Thank you Pastor Bonnie for the soup and Cleo Koerber for helping get everything set up. Thanks also to those who brought food and all those who attended. Once again— Bingo was a hit! Lots of winners

and lots of prizes!

No Soup and Pie in April. Soup and Pie will be on hold until we start having events at the Church.



Kids Corner

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."
John 11:25 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV).



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