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## From the Desk of Pastor Rick...

*“Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big day approaching.” (Hebrews 10: 24-25 THE MESSAGE)*

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date for our **Church/Charge Conference**. Our District Superintendent Randy Cross will preside at this annual meeting of our church. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will begin at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

At our Church/Charge Conference we don’t just approve the pastor’s salary package and find out how the pastor has been doing during the past year, but we also talk about how the church (that’s you) has been doing in the past year and what the Church plans on doing in the coming year. We ask questions and we discuss with the District Superintendent.

I love visiting with you, but one task as a pastor that I dread every year is visiting with those about their inactive status in our Church. Then, according to the United Methodist Book of Discipline, we send out a first year letter concerning their membership. And what does it mean to be an active member?

First, we become a faithful, dedicated and committed disciple of Jesus Christ — then we think about church membership. The church can help guide and nurture you in our faith. We can help you stay on track and continue as a faithful, dedicated and committed disciple of Jesus Christ.”

But, we cannot help you if you don’t attend. And going it alone doesn’t work — trust me, I’ve tried it. We all need accountability — to God and to each other. Yes, we are our brother’s / sister’s keeper. One of the first questions that John Wesley asked someone was “How is it with your soul?”

If you are an inactive member in the church right now, can you remember when you first became an active member? You promised before God and the local congregation to uphold the ministries of the local church through your “prayers, presence, gifts, and service.” At General Conference in May, the word “fitness” was added.

If you are an inactive member, why have you pulled away from the church? Perhaps you have some ideas on how our church might improve. We want our church to be a safe and welcoming place to all people.

The Bible verse from Hebrews I cited at the beginning, tells us to be “inventive” in coming up with ways that we can “encourage” one another in love, “help one another out,” “spurring one another on.” In other words, let’s be creative in coming up with ways we can all be active and “attending,” rather than “avoiding” the church.. Each week there are two opportunities to attend, Saturdays at 7:00pm and Sundays at 10:00am. Sunday school is at 8:45am. You are always welcome! And there are other opportunities for ministry — let’s visit together about them.

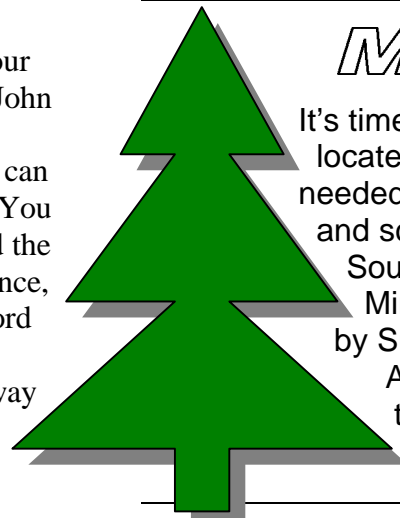
Once there was an old cowboy who said that he only went to church when there was either a “marryin’” or a “buryin’.” We are called to do more at the Geddes United Methodist Church than just “marry” and “bury” folks, we want to love you into the kingdom of God by helping you grow in your faith and in your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Please come back! Hope to see you in worship, Sunday school, and in the life of the church.

Pastor Rick

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**All are encouraged to attend  
the Geddes United Methodist  
Church/Charge Conference  
on Sunday, November 2, 2008  
at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

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## *Mitten Tree*

It’s time to start thinking about the Mitten Tree located in the back of the Church. Items needed include: mittens, gloves, socks, hats, and scarves. Peppers will deliver items to Southeast Pierre Church and Community Ministry at Thanksgiving, so items donated by Sunday, November 23 will go to Pierre. Articles donated after the 23<sup>rd</sup> will go to the Tree of Life Ministry at Mission, SD.

**’Tis the season!**

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## FALL FESTIVAL 2008

October 1 , 2008

Trash & Treasure . . . . .	157.60
Card Sales . . . . .	77.50
Knife Sales . . . . .	107.75
Food & Candy. . . . .	404.40
Crafts . . . . .	125.00
Cookbook Sales . . . . .	48.00
Lunch Donations . . . . .	179.00
Cash Donations. . . . .	<u>1,385.00</u>
	<b>\$2,484.25</b>

Thanks to everyone who donated food, items, crafts and their time to make our fall festival a success.

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## **Sunday School update** ... Sunday School

has been off to a great start this year. We have had many teachers sharing the responsibilities in each class this year, which allows some flexibility for them. Susan Porter has begun offering music to the Preschool–2<sup>nd</sup> graders separately from the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on up. This allows the younger students to learn old favorites and it gives the older students a chance to branch out and not become bored. Don’t forget, the **Christmas Program** is set for Sunday, **December 21**, at 7:00pm.

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## **Jr & Sr UM Youth Group**

**ALL YOUTH** of the church are invited to join us Sunday, **November 9**, right after church for food, fun and fellowship. Brenda Schnabel will serve us lunch.

**Tony Campolo** will talk with youth (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Graders) on Wednesday, **November 19**, from **7 to 8:30pm** at the Sherman Center on the Campus at **Dakota Wesleyan University**, Mitchell, SD. We will carpool from the Geddes UM Church, leaving no later than 4:30pm. Adult chaperones / drivers are needed. We plan to eat at Pizza Hut at 5:30pm. Questions? Call Pastor Rick.

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## INGATHERING RESULTS

Our annual Ingathering for World Hunger took place DWU, Mitchell, SD, September 27, with lots of people ingathering in hundreds of items for the Silent and Live Auctions and lots more people coming to place bids. Our church took everything from plants, pickles, caramels, cookie-toppers, table runners, apples, decorative serving utensils, cookbooks, potholders, placemats, pies, doilies, bath towel, pillowcases, wall hanging, and, of course, our queen-size quilt. The quilt was made from scraps from the Scarves of Hope project.

Total amount raised was \$229,828.00, which includes auction income, pie sales, donations, and the value of the items. With all our Health Kits, School Kits, Sewing Kits, Bread Kits, Layettees, Love Quilt Donations, Shoes sent to Guatemala, plus all the items taken for both silent and live auctions, our Geddes United Methodist Church's donation reached a rough estimate of \$7,495.00. Quite an accomplishment for such a small community!

Next year's Ingathering is set for September 19, 2009. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Pastor Rick Hazen. **Thank you to all who helped this year!**

## Benefit Held for Roxie Craig

The Benefit breakfast for Roxie Craig was well attended on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The benefit and bake sale took in \$1,349.00. A big Thank You goes to the Knights of Columbus for their help. Thanks to Ray Mushitz, Dave DuFrain, Mark Slaba, Keith Mushitz, and Kenny Schulte — for cooking the sausages and pancakes. Thanks to Pat Biddle, Vonda Schulte and Lynn Varilek for helping in the kitchen, to Mark Sip, Pastor Rick & Jane Hazen for helping clean up.

Thanks to the Elevator for the plates, the First State Bank for the napkins and cups, the Lone Tree for the use of your grill and your donations. The sausage patties were donated by Len and Monica VanderPol and the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to everyone who brought in items for the bake sale. So, thanks to the Charles Mix County News for advertising the event for Roxie. Everything was greatly appreciated!  
— Monica VanderPol

# Geddes United Methodist Church

Pastor Rick Hazen

## CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

“PRAISE GOD AND SHARE HIS LOVE”

### November 2008

Church Services

Saturday Evening 7:00 PM

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM

**November Mission Sunday:**  
United Methodist Student Day

**November Ushers:**  
Mark Sip & Galen VanderPol

Nov	Liturgists	Cookies
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Raysby	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Schulte	Linda Schulte
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Sip	Bertha Krietlow
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Darrell Pepper	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Hazen	

We welcome all to sign up as liturgists, ushers, and for Sunday cookies. **Lists are located on the book shelf at the entrance of the church.** Thanks to those who serve!

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Pastor Rick's Cell Phone 605-933-1803

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## Love Quilts — 2008

0 Love Quilts were given in Honor or Memory of the following names.

### In Memory:

Vera Adel	Blanche Bridges
Lorraine Bruner	Robert "Bud" Cronin
Betty Durham	Kerry Durham
Oscar Geisler	Jim Gibbs
Susan Gibbs	Edna Harrington
Earl Hazen	Joe Hermanek
Pauline Hermanek	Nellie Huggins
Jedlicka Families	Lois Johnson
Arnold Kaemingk	Margaret Kaemingk
Theodore Kaemingk	Andrew Kruske
Margaret Kruske	Tom Moorhouse
Mary Nadenicek	Dorothy Olofson
Chris Paszour's Father	Goldean Pepper
Muriel Pepper	Jessie Joy Pheifer
Albert Phillips	Mary Phillips
Parents of George and Arlene Schroeder	Carol Simon
Emma Schulte	Steve Solko
Alice Solko	Dorothy Steckly
Tony Soulek	Virginia Stedronsky
Myrtle Steckley	Ivan Thompson
Stluka Families	Jessis Van Zee
De & Jerry Van Ryn	Elvern Varilek
Carol Varilek	Fred Wepking
Margaret Varilek	Wilfred White
Bernice White	
Elna Woods	

### In Honor:

Mary Cronin	Eve Hazen
Ruby & Wally Johnson	Betty King
Marsha Kostboth	Mary & Jean Kriz
Zach Kriz	Abby Safar
Cleo Schulte	Linda Schulte
Sunday School Teachers	
United Methodist Women	Hattie VanderPol

## Christmas Gifts for the Human Services Center

The Holiday Season is traditionally a time for caring and sharing. Over the years your generosity has helped provide gifts for the patients at the South Dakota Human Services Center. Through your efforts, the Christmas holiday has been much merrier for HSC patients. We are again asking your assistance. Due to limited space, however, we are requesting all donations received be purchased new. Used clothing will not be used as Christmas gifts but will be placed in the Clothing Closet for patient needs.

### We are unable to accept glass bottles or small mirrors!

For those of you who so willingly donate gifts, the patients need and enjoy:

**FOR MEN & WOMEN:** Large and X-Large T-shirts, blue jeans, XL flannel shirts, shampoo, conditioner, handkerchiefs, lotion, ball caps, gloves, underwear, swim trunks or suits, pajamas, slippers, athletic socks, playing cards, board games, stationary, candy bars, pudding, decaffeinated pop or coffee, sugar-free sweets, 30-minute phone cards, all occasion greeting cards, classic movie videos, etc.

**FOR TEENS:** Large and X-Large T-shirts, jeans, underwear, socks, card games, board games, photo albums, word find and crossword puzzle books, coloring books and crayons, markers, stationary, candy bars, snack cakes, pudding, individual sized snack crackers, individual bags of chips, decaffeinated pop, sugar-free sweets.

### We ask that you put your name and address on the outer box, but do not wrap the gifts.

A Patient Benefit Fund for cash donations is also available. The Volunteer Coordinator will purchase special needs items with cash donations.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.  
— Tara Gill, SD HSC Volunteer Coordinator

All Christmas Gifts for the Human Services Center must be at the Geddes UM Church by 9pm on Wednesday, November 26, 2008. Please leave them on the bookshelves inside the double glass doors and mark HSC.

## THANK YOU !!!

Your congregation's love for the Word is obvious. The offering that was given in the amount of \$180.00 is evidence of what we consider to be a partnership between the church and the Gideons in providing God's Word to a lost world. Please know that these funds will be used in their entirety to provide Scriptures in the traffic lanes of life. Certainly we can pray for searching hearts to be touched, and souls to be saved by way of these scriptures.

— Elroy Kaemingk

## United Methodist Women's Prayer Vigil Tuesday, November 11

The Geddes UMW Unit is encouraged to participate in the Conference-wide **Prayer Vigil** on Tuesday, November 11 from **4:15 – 5pm**. At this time we are to pray for the upcoming **International Day of Tolerance** (Nov. 16). If you have questions, please contact Jane.

