



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC**

717 Jackson Street

Belle Fourche, SD 57717

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## **The Friendly Visitor Newsletter November 2024**

Hunters  
Supper  
Nov. 9th



**Join us this Sunday!**

St. Onge UCC 8:30 am

Belle Fourche UCC 10:00 am

Communion on the first Sunday of each month

Services also on Facebook & our webpage: [www.bfsoucc.net](http://www.bfsoucc.net)

## The Pastor's Pen

November is a time of appreciation. God has blessed us in this season of harvest. The Jewish festival of Booths was a time when families would join in the harvest, and rather than break off from the work early to head home every day, they would “camp out” in booths. These tent-like structures remind us of the wanderings of the Jews for 40 years prior to their entrance into the land we know as Israel.



Deuteronomy 16:14 tells us, “*Be joyful at your feast*”. Indeed, some even think that this festival of booths or Sukkoth is the inspiration for our American Thanksgiving holiday.

- May we celebrate our appreciation for all that God has provided in this harvest season.
- May we celebrate the saints in our lives—both living and deceased.
- May we celebrate our freedom as we head to the polls on November 5<sup>th</sup>—regardless of the results.
- May we celebrate our appreciation for the lives of all those who have served in our Armed Forces (Veterans Day is Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>).
- And may we celebrate an extra hour of sleep as we turn our clocks back on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

And we'll see you in church,

*Pastor Chuck Aurand*

### COFFEE & CONVERSATION FOLLOWING WORSHIP

(And you don't really have to drink coffee!)

Belle Fourche UCC Nov 3rd  
St. Onge UCC Nov 10th

Join us for refreshments and refreshing conversation.



### Scriptures for November 2024

|       |               |                                     |
|-------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 11/03 | Mark 12:28-34 | All Saints Day – First Things First |
| 11/10 | Mark 12:38-44 | Social Appearances                  |
| 11/17 | Mark 13:1-8   | Great Buildings and Builders        |
| 11/24 | John 18:33-37 | Who is the King of the Jews?        |

*“Praise to the LORD, For he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.”*  
~ 2 Chronicles 5:13

Edgewood Vista  
Cheri Miller

Sundance Long Term Care & Rehab  
Betty Schnaible

Rolling Hills Long Term Care  
Lydell Koerner

Monument Health Sturgis Care Center  
Harry Haivala



Sandstone Senior Living  
Jack & Mary Ann Wells

Hickory House Apartments  
De Johnson



**Belle Fourche UCC**

**BIRTHDAYS**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Mark Hespe      | 7  |
| Dennis Simmons  | 7  |
| Marion Hespe    | 15 |
| Katiana McMahon | 16 |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

none

**St. Onge UCC**

**BIRTHDAYS**

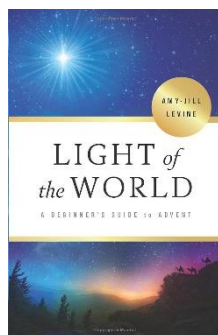
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| Mark Bachman       | 7  |
| Joe Royall-McKeown | 12 |
| Judy Russell       | 16 |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

none



**Our Upcoming Advent Study**



Beginning November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Light of the World**

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine  
is a professor of New Testament  
and Jewish Studies.

Order your book now from your  
favorite book retailer to avoid delays  
in the holiday rush.

# Bible Quiz



impurity (a)

"For God did not call us to \_\_\_\_\_,  
but to live in holiness." 1 Thess. 4:7

- a) impurity
- b) battle
- c) deception
- d) dinner

## BF Youth Sunday School



Youth Sunday School returns November 3rd

### BF September 2024 Financials

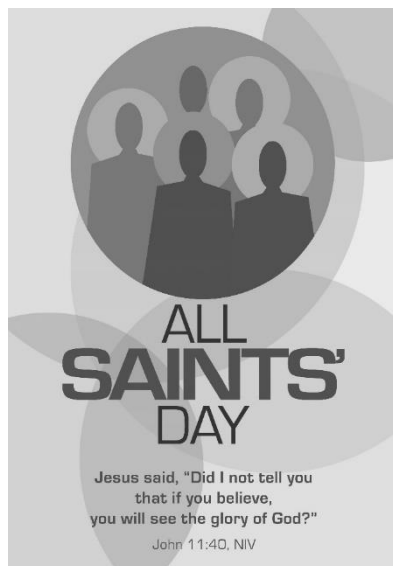
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| Beginning balance  | 44,232.62 |
| Deposits           | 10,015.73 |
| Expenses           | 8,369.59  |
| End of month (Aug) | 45,878.76 |

## Election Day is November 5<sup>th</sup>.

- ✓ Vote your Faith
- ✓ Vote your Values
- ✓ Vote your Voice



Our democracy depends on YOU!



We will recognize the saints of our church family who  
have gone to their eternal rest.

Please send your loved one's name and image to the  
church office ([ucc.bfso@gmail.com](mailto:ucc.bfso@gmail.com)) or to the pastor.

Submissions must be received by 5:00pm on Friday,  
November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day) to be included.



*Remember  
these  
saints in  
light*

2024 Belle Fourche UCC

Glenn Stephens, died 02/09/2024  
Kenneth Teller, died 05/01/2024  
Robert Schnaible, died 05/19/2024  
Rita Holdhusen, died 06/09/2024  
Troy Edlin, died 08/30/2024 (friend)  
Joe Thomas, died 10/14/2024  
Dotty Clarkson-Teague, died 10/16/2024  
Irene Olson, died 10/18/2024

2024 St Onge UCC

Martin Jones, died 09/17/2024

2024 Community Funerals

Colleen Abernathy, died 01/26/2024  
Albert Davis, died 06/22/2024  
Mary McDermott, died 03/02/2024  
Lorraine Aberle, died 06/03/2024  
Wesley 'Wes' Gortmaker, died 07/16/2024

Donna Mae Waugh, died 02/03/2024  
Ferne Wallace, died 03/07/2024  
Kenneth Pascoe, died 04/13/2024  
Lois Hedge, died 06/10/2024



**The grace of the  
Lord Jesus be with  
all the saints.**

**Revelation 22:21, NRSV**

## Board of Trustees Minutes of the October 8, 2024 Meeting

Members Present: Kay, Lyn, Dick, Dennis, Sandra, Carol, and Pastor Chuck

Call to Order, Kay    Opening Prayer, Pastor Chuck

Reading of the Minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting. Correct the amount paid to John Carbajal for the boulevard trees project to reflect \$1630.34. M-Dick 2<sup>nd</sup>-Sandra to approve minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Kay presented the Financial Reports: The payment to John Carbajal was charged to Church Maintenance. It should have been from the Capital Improvement account. The correction will be shown on the October reports. Overall revenue is up for the year thus far, and expenses are under budget. M-Lyn 2<sup>nd</sup>-Dennis to approve the Financials as presented. Motion passed.

Kay presented an update on the Front Steps project. She received estimates from James Urbanski, dba Urban Garage Systems to resurface the landing and steps with a non-slip, Epoxy material. The consensus is to accept the estimate in the amount of \$1562.93 and get on James' schedule to complete before the end of the month. The color gray was chosen. The members also thanked Dick for grinding the old paint and rust from the metal framework of the front steps. He also painted the metal framework and metal railings with new black paint.

Discussion regarding the church sign on the front lawn was entertained to finalize the design, materials, and wording. The consensus is to install a metal, laser-cut sign, 6 feet wide by 4 feet high with a black metal frame, installed on a concrete base. The top of the sign will be arched similar to the bronze plaque above the front doors. The wording chosen is: First Congregational Church (top line), Come Worship With Us (2<sup>nd</sup> line), w.w.w.BFSOUCC.org (3<sup>rd</sup> line), and appropriate artwork. Austin Bishop and students will draft the design and fabricate the sign. Kevin Fuhrer has offered to prepare the base and install the sign.

Blake Hunter and a helper have replaced the valves to the boiler. The cost of the materials will be charged to the Capital Improvement account. M-Dick 2<sup>nd</sup>-Lyn to reimburse Blake \$551.97 for materials and authorize Kathy to issue a \$250.00 check to his helper for his time. Motion passed. Blake has also volunteered to refinish the wooden door on the East side of the church.

Kay reported that the two CDs are up for renewal: the \$50,000. CD on 10/23/24 at a rate of 5.20%, the \$60,000. CD on 10/30/24 at a rate of 5.25% both for 6-month renewal terms. The interest earned, approximately \$2500. will be deposited into the Capital Improvement account. M-Dick 2<sup>nd</sup>-Dennis to renew both CDs for 6-months. Motion passed.

Kay stated that she is working on the church budget for 2025. The budget hearing will be at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Trustees meeting; and the report will be presented to the Church Council at their next meeting.

Pastor Chuck reported nothing for reimbursement this month.

Next Trustees meeting is November 12, 2024 at 5:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Umenthum, Secretary

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, greeting them with grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Trace the letters on the paper.

To the church  
of God in Corinth,

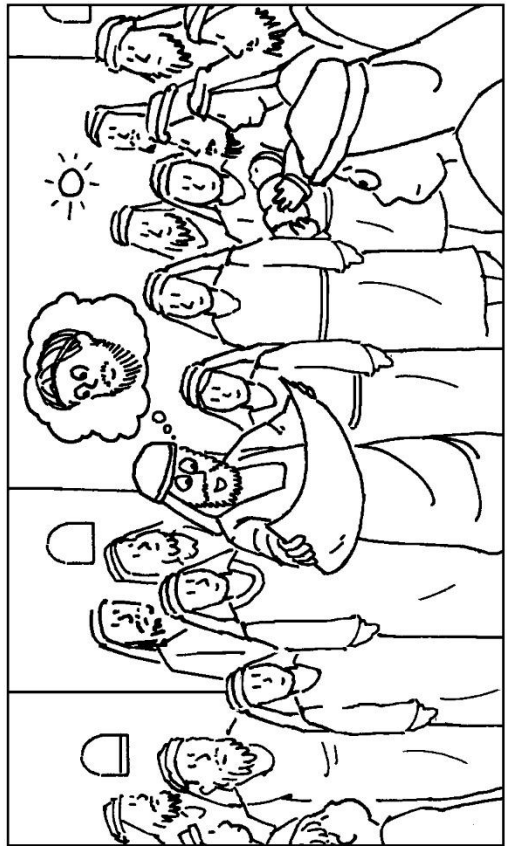
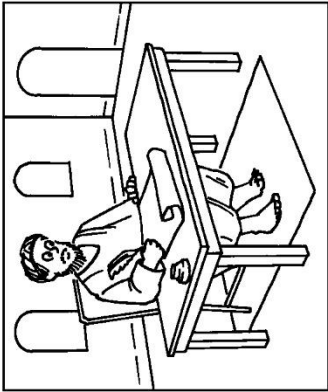
g r a c e  
a n d  
p e a c e



Paul encouraged those at Corinth. He reminded them God would keep them strong.



Find Paul in each scene.



*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
 OF CHRIST**



# November 2024

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                          | Wednesday                | Thursday                                | Friday                     | Saturday                                |
|--|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Worship Times</b><br>St Onge 8:30 am<br>BF UCC 10:00 am | <b>Holy Communion</b><br>First Sunday of each month |                                  |                          |   | <br><b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> | <br><b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</b>    |
| BF Coffee hour 3<br>BF Sunday School, 9:30 pm              | 4   | 5<br>Compassion Cupboard, 9-noon | 6<br>BF Deacons, 5:30 pm | 7<br>Grief Group, 5pm<br>Spearfish UCC  | 8                          | 9<br>Hunters Supper serving 5 – 6:30 pm |
| SO Coffee Hour   | <br><b>VETERANS DAY</b>                             | 12<br>BF Trustees, 5:30 pm       | 13                       | 14<br>Grief Group, 5pm<br>Spearfish UCC | 15<br>                     | 16                                      |
| Newsletter submissions due                                 | 18  | 19<br>BF Council Meeting, 5 pm   | 20                       | 21                                      | 22<br>                     | 23                                      |
| <br><b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY</b>                          | 25  | 26                               | 27<br>                   | <b>HAPPY Thanksgiving</b>               | 29                         | 30                                      |
| 1 Dec  | <i>Advent</i>                                       |                                  |                          |   |                            |   |



# EVENTS

## All Saints Day Worship, Nov.3rd

We will remember the saints who have gone before during this special service. Please send your loved one's names and image to the pastor.

## Hunters Supper

Tell your friends,  
 Our Hunters Supper is Nov. 9th  
 Serving from 5-6:30 pm  
 Free-will Offering!

