



JULY NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

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*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.* I Corinthians 16:13-14

A special farewell to all members and friends of Cavalier Trinity and St. Thomas UMC— At the beginning of this year, little did we know how many changes would take place in our lives and the lives of our families, friends, and neighbors. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our world in a myriad of ways, and our schedules continue to evolve around easing restrictions, etc., as we are safely able to be with one another again as families, co-workers, resuming school, worship and other church and community events. A change in pastoral leadership for both churches is another journey we travel on now. Fred and I appreciate your prayers as we “wind down” our time of service here in Cavalier/St. Thomas - and prepare to serve the churches of Clear Lake and Gary, SD.

Thank you **First UMC** (the “Chocolate Church”) for the honor and privilege to serve you. As hard as it was to say good-bye to 128 years of First UMC serving the community, you accomplished that with faithfulness and finesse! What a highlight and honor to have Bishop Ough and Char help us say goodbye and celebrate the life of our faith community. Thank you **Cavalier Trinity** for taking a chance on a “newbie” pastor. Your love and support meant the world to us—and I have learned so much. You embraced us as part of your faith family—and we will be forever grateful.

Thank you **St. Thomas UMC**—it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your pastor and get to know everyone - although our time together was too short! Continue to serve your communities in faith. Here is my last sermon (!) Stay the course, love God always, pray without ceasing ... *Pastor Sandy*
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. I Corinthians 16:23 NRSV

THANK YOU- St. Thomas UMC and Trinity UMC —for all the kind words, cards, and gifts as we transition to a new parish. We will truly miss everyone. Keeping you in our prayers. God Bless—Pastor Sandy & Fred



WELCOME!

Rev. Jerry Bass—St. Thomas UMC
Worship 10:00 am— starting July 5th

Rev. Steve Wynkoop—Trinity UMC
[Rev. Steve’s first service is July 26th]

God’s Blessings to you as you serve the congregations of St. Thomas UMC and Cavalier Trinity UMC. May each congregation continue to serve the Lord with gladness! And to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”.



By: Bruce R. Ough
Resident Bishop
Dakotas-Minnesota Area

Grace and peace to you from God, our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ, risen and present with us every moment of every day, through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I invite you to pray with me:

Holy, gracious and ever-faithful God,
help us to always turn ourselves to You.
In clarity and in confusion
in delight and in distress,
in peace and in pandemic,
in proceeding and in postponement,
in comfort and in chaos,
may our minds and hearts
find their way home and rest in you, O God;
for your thoughts and your grace
are ever stayed on us, your beloved people.
In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
FOR JULY 2020**

- 1 Bud Symington
Deborah Vosper
John & Pam Martin
Happy 20th Anniversary
- 2 William Martin
Duane & Betty Bjelde
Happy 71st Anniversary
- 3 Pam Martin
- 4 Maureen Chrest
- 6 Michael & Megan Hartz
Happy 7th Anniversary
- 7 Lark Oihus
Brian & Jana Martin
Happy 3rd Anniversary
- 8 Kris & Dawn Falk
Happy 25th Anniversary
- 9 Fritzie Dietrich
Alan Latozke
Cynthia Robinson
Austin Sagert
Megan Staples
- 10 Jane Falk
- 12 Alexis Morrison
- 13 Joni Latozke
Ross Oihus
Don & Joni Latozke
Happy 41st Anniversary
- 15 Drew Sagert
- 16 Hailee Heck
- 17 Cheri Askew
Alyssa Hoyles
- 19 Mark Sagert
Alyssa Vistad
Tim & Wendy Hunt
Happy 6th Anniversary
- 20 Benjamin Green

- 20 Mike & Kris Nordstrom
Happy 30th Anniversary
- 21 Kevin & ArvaDell Sharp
Happy 30th Anniversary
- 22 Dwight & DeAnna Lane
Happy Anniversary
- 23 Alan & Sue Bigwood
Happy 32nd Anniversary
- 24 Harlee & Colleen Fehr
Happy 44th Anniversary
- 25 Garry Friedt
Myles & Cynthia Robinson
Happy Anniversary
- 27 Sydnee Ebertowski
Alden Carson Martin
- 28 Marilyn Buchholtz
Lowen & Bonna Littlejohn
Happy Anniversary
- 30 Jodi (Mark) Jenson
Mary Sommer
Chris & Darcene Burgess
Happy 21st Anniversary
- 31 Alan Bigwood
Kayla Dietrich
Ryan Falk
June Jenson

THANK YOU Trinity UMW members
(Cavalier) and Karen Bigwood (St. Thomas) for
leading worship on Sunday, June 28th !



THANK YOU

We want to thank you most heartily
for your donation to the *Pregnancy Help
Center*. How grateful we are for your
support these many years!

Your donations help support the vari-
ous ways we are able to promote life; offer practical
help to moms and families in need; bring speakers to
our youth in area schools and remind folks to pray on
abortion days for lives to be saved by the peaceful,
prayerful sidewalk advocates.

We thank you again, for all that you are doing as
we continue in prayer and journey together in Faith
toward God's Holy Kingdom.

[full letter on TUMC bulletin board]

Park River Pregnancy Help Center



UMC GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020

The Commission on the General Conference has announced new 2021 dates for General Conference following the postponement of the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The quadrennial legislative event will take place on August 29-September 7, 2021, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, MN.



Dakotas UMC 2020 Annual Conference

[Originally scheduled for June 10-12, 2020 In Sioux Falls, SD] ...

The 2020 Dakotas UMC Annual Conference will be held for two days only—October 9-10 at Legacy UMC, Bismarck. This will allow for 2020 necessary items to be taken care of.

Dear TUMC family—I thank the Lord for your partnership, prayers, and recent donation investing in what God is doing in the city. ... There is such an opportunity for the church to brightly reflect the hope of Christ. *May God be directing your hearts in the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ. (2 Thess. 3:5)*
Grace and peace, *Rena Kemp* CRU

Love One Another Now (L.O.A.N.)

Thank you very much for your generous donation to L.O.A.N. It is very much appreciated and will be used to prepare for the next school year. Blessings, *L.O.A.N*

Dear Trinity UMC -

Thank you for your very generous donation to DVAC. Your donation means so much to our organization during this very trying time. The pandemic has caused a huge drop in donations to DVAC and your contribution is so very appreciated ... With much gratitude,
Debra Olson, Exec. Director—
Domestic Violence & Abuse Center

FAITH IN ACTION

Trinity UMC

Thank you very much for your very generous donation. We are blessed to have your support. God bless you all.

Faith in Action—*Michelle Murray*

ATTENTION: Trinity UMC Members

Pastor Steve Wynkoop will be coming to Cavalier from Colorado with little household items for the parsonage—and thus we will be furnishing the house. We will be looking for various items. Watch for the clipboard at the church—or contact Tim Hunt (388-4162) or Lori Schluchter (520-0336) for the items needed.

Items can be lent to the parsonage with the intent to return to lender in about a year. Or items may be donated. Those items donated will be given either to the Thrift Store or to a family in need through Social Services when no longer needed in the parsonage. Monetary donations would be accepted too. These would be used for shopping for items at the Thrift Store, garage sales & local stores. Thank you—*Trinity Ad Bd*

THANK YOU

*Lil Thomson and Jean Schroeder
Karen Bigwood and Sue Green*



for
sewing and providing Face Masks for
UMC Parish members and friends -
a vital ministry during this time!

THANK YOU

for your donation to the
Pembina County Backpack Program
Your generosity will enrich the lives
of many children.



THANK YOU !



Kris Nordstrom
for coordinating Trinity's annual
Blood Drive

Thanks to all volunteers and blood donors
on **Tuesday, June 23rd Trinity UMC**

Thank You !

Burgess Greenhouse
for the beautiful flower planters
gracing the main doors of
Trinity UMC !



Our Sympathies



To the family of

John (Jack) Farrow

Jack passed away peacefully at the Pembilier
Nursing Center in Walhalla May 22, 2020



Bishop Ough's State of the Church Address: You Have Never Traveled This Way Before

By: Bruce R. Ough

Resident Bishop
Dakotas-Minnesota Area

Organizers have announced that the next General Conference will be Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 2021, in Minneapolis, at the Minneapolis Convention Center as originally planned.

In his State of the Church Address, Bishop Ough calls upon us to do our best work as we face the new expression of the United Methodist Church, and lead through this time of uncertainty. Ough is forming a strategy team in the Dakotas Conference to create models for congregations and church leaders to live out their mission and purpose.

DIRECTIONS FOR CROSSING THE JORDAN

The word “unprecedented” became overworked and tiresome weeks ago! I have used this term countless times to describe our current reality. As overworked and tiresome as it has become, it is our go-to descriptor because none of us have previously experienced such a rapid onslaught of a disease and consequent economic collapse. None of us in The United Methodist Church has previously experienced a postponement of General Conference or Jurisdictional Conference. We have never been called upon to lead through a pandemic of this magnitude or postponement of this consequence. In an overused and tiresome word – we are in an “unprecedented” season in our journey. This is the state of the Dakotas Conference.

But, as we know, this is not the first time the people of God have confronted unprecedented circumstances. As Joshua prepared to lead the Hebrew tribes in an unprecedented crossing of the Jordan River into the Promised Land, God gives orders for how to cross over. The Lord says to Joshua:

I've commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I? Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9, CEB)

And, as Joshua's officers move among the people giving final directions for crossing the Jordan, they conclude with these words which are instructive for people of faith in any unprecedented age or circumstance:

You will know the way you should go, even though you have never traveled this way before.

(Joshua 3:4b, CEB)

[A portion of “**DOING OUR BEST WORK**” segment] ...

In this season of pandemic and postponement, we are called upon to do some of our best work.

If you are a delegate to the postponed General or Jurisdictional Conferences, you will be called upon to help shape the next church and select the next episcopal leadership. If you are a member of the Dakotas Annual Conference Session, you will be called upon to guide the conference through the financial and structural impact of the pandemic and decisions of the General Conference. If you are a pastor, you will be called upon to launch a new church. If you are a lay leader in your congregation, you will be called upon to champion a narrative of innovation, adaptation and missional focus. As a bishop, I will be called upon to walk with the Dakotas Conference in the aftermath of a natural disaster and in preparation for a new expression or expressions of our United Methodist Church.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

I cannot begin to count the number of times during this pandemic I have heard the phrase, “We are all in this together,” or the related phrase, “We can get through this together.” I think it may be nearly as many times as I have heard the word, “unprecedented.”

For Methodists, this is not a new concept or a new emphasis or even a new strategy for managing disorientation. John Wesley invented “we are all in this together.” We call it connection.

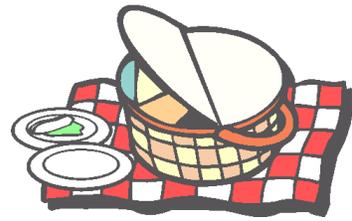
Although Wesley was an organizational genius and is rightly credited with insisting there be a “method” or organizational purpose and direction to all of the movement’s spiritual formation as well as evangelistic and missional activities, he primarily understood connection as covenantal relationships. He promoted the transformational power of spiritual relationships, missional relationships and conferencing relationships.

[see complete articles at “dakotasumc.org”]

Bishop Bruce Ough, Dakotas-Minnesota Area, will change his retirement date to make it effective January 1, 2021. He will serve as bishop of the Dakotas/Minnesota Area through 2020. Bishop Ough's retirement will be a vocational retirement (§408.2b) as he will become the Executive Secretary of the Council of Bishops. [as posted to “dakotasumc.org”]



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

June 21	22 PPR meets 6:30 pm at Trinity	23 Blood Drive 11:45-6:00 Trinity	24 June Trinity Ad Bd 8:00 pm	25	26	27 June
28 June 9:00 St. Thomas UMC 10:45 Trinity UMC	29 Mary-Martha Circle meets	30 June	1 July <i>Faith in Action</i> Cook-Out Fundraiser Leever's Lot	2	3	4  <i>Independence Day !</i>
5 10:00 St. Thomas UMC Trinity UMC - Worship time TBA	6 Dorcas Circle 2:00	7	8	9	10	11
12 "Noisy Buckets"	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Music and Art in the Park</i> Cavalier City Park 5:00-9:00	24	25
26 "Noisy Buckets"	27	28	29	30	31	1 August

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	SERVANTS OF GOD FOR JULY <i>Serving in Faith Team</i>	
Adam & Chelsey McFadden	* Kris & Dawn Falk	
Bob & Val McFadden	Ruth Ann Thom	* Dayle & Chasity Wiley
Chad & LuAnn Kemp	Mary Ellen Renwick	Gordy & Marlys Bjerkness

 **WORSHIP TIMES and PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**
St. Thomas UMC 10:00 am
Rev. Jerry Bass
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Cavalier Trinity UMC
Worship Time starting July 5th—**TBA**
Rev. Steve Wynkoop (begins July 26th)

[**Trinity**— for emergency Pastoral needs
before Rev. Steve arrives—you may contact
Rev. John Werth 521-0339]

 **UMW NEWS**

Dorcas Circle - Monday, July 6th 2:00 pm

Mary Martha Circle - Mon., June 29th 5:30 pm

UMW Sunday—June 28th

Mission “u” at Jamestown Univ.—Cancelled

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so you may inherit a blessing. I Peter 3:8-9