

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 26

10:30 am NO Adult Bible Study (in-person or via Zoom)  
Worship (in-person and online)  
11:30 am Coffee HI  
NO Confirmation I

Tuesday, November 21

3:30 pm Vermillion Children’s Choir  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 29

5:30 pm LAF/BC  
7:00 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, December 3

NO Adult Bible Study (in-person or via Zoom)  
10:30 am Worship (in-person and online)  
11:30 am Coffee HI  
11:30 am Confirmation I  
5:30 pm Soup Supper (Confirmation Fund Raiser)  
6:30 pm Star Lighting Service

USHERS: Dave Hulkonen, Green and Edelen Families

DEACON OF THE DAY: James Walker

NURSERY: Kauer Family

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**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

The needs for the food pantry are macaroni, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, canned beans, baby food, personal hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, bathing soap, shaving cream, deodorant, toilet paper, and shampoo).

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Pledge Income through October 2023: Actual \$194,378; Budget \$219,184  
YTD Pledge Deficit: \$24,806



November 26, 2023 – 10:30 am  
“\*” Please stand if you are able.  
Plain text-LEADER, **Bold text-ALL**

PRELUDE “All Depends on Our Possessing” Flor Peeters  
WELCOME  
Friendship Pads  
Announcements

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE  
*Response (In Unison)* 91  
**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 100)**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Worship with gladness and singing!  
**God is Creator, Sustainer, Keeper, and Shepherd. Bless God’s name.**  
Enjoy the presence of God! Give thanks and praise!  
**God is Sovereign and Holy. Bless God’s name.**  
Know that God reigns! God’s kindom comes!  
**God is Healer, Redeemer, Restorer, and Friend. Bless God’s name!**

\*HYMN “Great is Your Faithfulness” 423

**\*INVOCATION**  
**God who cares. We flourish in your compassion. You search for us and find us. You, Holy One, surround us with the power of your abundant love and utmost care. Be present among us as we praise your name, bring our burdens, and give thanks for all that you are and all that you do. Amen.**

MUSIC TO INSPIRE “Thanksgiving Song” by Carpenter  
*The Burbach Family*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 22:8-20, 23:1-3

SERMON Campfire Stories, Part 2

HYMN “God of Our Life” 366

A TIME FOR PRAYER  
Joys and Concerns  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer

SHARING OUR GIFTS  
Offertory “Adoration” Florence E. Price

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** 563  
**We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing, for we are part of all that is within life’s river flowing, With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**  
**Gracious God, thank you for the gifts we have and the blessing of sharing. Use our gifts for your glory and to meet the needs and hopes of your kindom. Amen.**

\*HYMN “God of the Sparrow God of the Whale” 32

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Prelude in Classic Style” Gordon Young  
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**BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY**  
It is time to Ring Bells for the Vermillion Emergency Fund/Salvation Army. We are excited to give you the opportunity to add to the Christmas spirit and raise important dollars for the Vermillion Emergency Fund. We start the campaign on Black Friday, November 24th and run through Sunday, December 17th. Perhaps you and your family and friends could donate a couple of hours to ring bells this season. We would love to fill the **Black Friday, November 24th slots with UCC members and friends!** We need one or two ringers (or a whole family!!) at each of our stations around Vermillion (Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee and Runnings) on weekends. Thank you so much for supporting The Vermillion Emergency Fund/Salvation Army this holiday season. The funds raised at the kettle help support families throughout the year in our area. The link for the sign up is in the Shalom @ Home newsletter or you can contact the church office and we’ll help you sign up for a time.

**2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**  
Thank you to all who have already pledged. As of this morning, we have received 76 pledges totaling \$211,497 and are 70% of the way to our goal. Please let us know if you can help with a pledge in 2024. If you didn't receive an email or letter and would like to pledge, please contact Joanne Ustad [joanne@uccvermillion.org] or call the church office at 605-624-3120.

**USD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Join the USD Symphony Orchestra with the Symphonic Choir, Collegium Musicum, and student soloists for the presentation of the Christmas section of G.F. Handel's Messiah. The concert is on Friday, December 1 at 7:30 pm in Aalf Auditorium in Slagel Hall. In addition to Messiah, the program will open with fun and interesting modern takes on Holiday Favorites. If you are unable to join in person, the concert will be available via livestream at [usd.edu/livemusic](http://usd.edu/livemusic). This is a performance not to be missed!

**USD MUSIC DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY CONCERT**

The University of South Dakota Music Department presents its Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 pm in Aalfs Auditorium at Slagle Hall. The concert features the university choral ensembles as well as the USD Symphony Orchestra, and the Jazz Ensemble. These ensembles will perform holiday classics and other music by master composers. The concert is free and open to the public. It will also be available via livestream at [usd.edu/livemusic](https://usd.edu/livemusic). If you would like additional information, please contact David Holdhusen, [david.holdhusen@usd.edu](mailto:david.holdhusen@usd.edu) or (605) 658-3467.

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