

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 15

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee HI
NO Confirmation I

Monday, February 16

Church office closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 17

10:00am- Noon Coffee with Pastor Katie @ The Bean

Wednesday, February

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 pm Soup Supper
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 23

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee HI
6:30 pm Confirmation I
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Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister
Benjamin Barth - Organist
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano
Paul Ebsen - Media Director

Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2025-2026 Interns

Madison Maschmann- Choir, Alto
Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano
Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor
Charlee Huska - LAF, Nursery
Tommy Gress - Organ
Lucas Thomas- Media Intern

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship at 10:30 am



Children are always welcome in our worship, but nursery care is also available downstairs.

Hearing assist technology is available for worship services.

** Please stand if you are able.

Plain text-LEADER, **Bold text**-ALL

February 15, 2026

PRELUDE

"Prelude no.17"

Jacques Lemmens

WELCOME

Friendship Pads
Announcements
Joys and Concerns

Please also complete a "Prayer Card" and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT

"I Come with Joy" 349, v 1
I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free. The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why do the nations rage and the peoples chase anxious things?
We come to rest in the presence of God.
The Holy One is not shaken by the noise of the world.
God's love is stronger than every power.
Blessed are those who take refuge in the Holy.
We come seeking shelter, trust, and peace.

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Come, let us worship the One whose glory cannot fade.
We gather in wonder before the light of God.

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*INVOCATION

Radiant God, on the mountain, your presence shone with a beauty beyond words. Your light did not overwhelm. It revealed what love makes possible. Quiet our anxious striving. Open our eyes to glimpses of your glory already among us. Where we are weary, give us wonder. Where we are uncertain, give us trust. Shine your gentle, transforming light in this place today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 2

Patterson *Drums: Nate Wigton*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17: 1–9

MEDITATION “Wonder”

HYMN OF MEDITATION

TIME FOR PRAYER

- Silent Prayer
- Pastoral Prayer
- Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

On the mountain, the disciples were given a glimpse of what was true, and a moment of wonder and hope that pointed toward what was still to come. As we give today, we do so not from fear, but from hope, trusting that even ordinary gifts can reflect holy light.

Jacques Lemmens

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of shining presence, receive these gifts and the love behind them. Use them to bring hope where it is thin, healing where it is needed, and dignity where it has been lost. Let what we offer become a small foretaste of the resurrection life you are already unfolding among us. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

*BENEDICTION

Go now with hearts open to wonder.
When the path feels uncertain, remember that moments of glory are promises, not accidents. The light you glimpse today is already leading you toward resurrection. Go in peace to notice where God's glory is quietly shining.

POSTLUDE “Sortie no.5” Jacques Lemmens

ACOLYTE: Dexter Sanderson
USHERS: Jon and Dawn Reuvers, Andy Hill, Alice Barnes
COFFEE HI:
DEACON OF THE DAY: Elias Donstad
NURSERY: Christopherson Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Please join us on February 18

6:00 pm Service

6:30 Soup Dinner to benefit Confirmation- Free will donation

USD THEATRE: GODSPELL

The University of South Dakota (USD) Theatre is presenting the musical *Godspell* on the Knutson stage from February 19–21, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., with a Saturday matinee (Feb. 21) at 2 p.m. featuring ASL interpretation. Directed with a focus on community and joy, this production features a student cast performing the pop-rock score by Stephen Schwartz.

- Dates: Feb. 19–21 (7:30 p.m.), Feb. 21–22 (2 p.m. Matinee).
- Location: Knutson Theatre, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD.
- Themes: Inclusivity, community-building, and joyous storytelling based on parables.
- Features: Sensory-friendly and ASL-interpreted performances.

4th ANNUAL TPAN FUNDRAISER

Rooted in resilience across generations, we continue to show up — grounded in care, community, and hope — working toward a South Dakota where transgender people are not pushed to leave the place they call home. Generations of trans lives, families, and futures are rooted here. The 4th Annual TPAN Fundraising Gala is an opportunity to strengthen the capacity to respond to discriminatory legislation, expand life-saving resources, and stand alongside trans South Dakotans. Together, we are investing in a future where trans people are safe, supported, and able to live openly and authentically right here in South Dakota. UCCV has been invited to sponsor a table at the Gala on Friday March 13. If you would like to contribute toward sponsoring our table, please email the church office at uccv@uccvermillion.org.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST VERMILLION

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Dear Church Family of UCC Vermillion,

It is hard to believe that it has only been a little over two and a half years since I first arrived here — and yet, in so many ways, it feels like a lifetime of holy work packed into a short season. Together we have worshiped through grief and joy, navigated uncertainty, welcomed new families, grown children in faith, invigorated systems and ministries, and kept showing up for one another even when the world outside our doors felt loud and fragile.

I want to begin by saying thank you. Thank you for trusting me with your stories, your prayers, your hopes, and your disappointments. Thank you for the music and the laughter in LAF, the sacred hush of candlelight, the honest questions in Bible study, and the many small moments that rarely make headlines but make up the soul of a church. I am deeply proud of the ministry we have shared.

After much prayer, conversation, and discernment with my family, I have accepted a call to serve a church in Nebraska, information about which will be released in a few days. This was not a decision made lightly, and is a choice and a move that is necessary for the wellbeing of my family at this season of our lives.

My final Sunday with you will be May 17.

I know this news is tender. UCC Vermillion has not just been my call - it has been my community. I believe in this church. I believe in your resilience, your creativity, your generosity, and your deep love for one another. I am confident that you will continue to thrive, and that God is already preparing the next chapter of our stories.

There will be time to say more, to grieve together, to celebrate what has been, and to bless what is coming. For now, please receive this letter as it is offered — with gratitude, honesty, and abiding affection.

With love and deep respect,
Kaite Miller