

The Connection

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New Beginnings

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything but only God who gives the growth. Acts 2:1-2 New Revised Standard Version

An anthropologist once lived among a South Pacific people. He learned many things about their customs and way of life. He noticed that many of the men had walking sticks that were decorated by beautiful carvings up and down the length of the stick.

After a while, he asked if he might acquire one of the walking sticks. He was introduced to a man who agreed to make a walking stick for him. The walking stick maker went into the jungle and returned with a stick and began carving a design with his knife.

When the first design was completed, he laid the stick against the door of his hut and walked away. The anthropologist was surprised when another man came to the hut, picked up the stick and carved a different design below the first. He finished his design and placed the unfinished walking stick by the door and left.

Over the next few days, different men of the village would carve a design and leave the walking stick by the hut door. Then the beautifully carved walking stick was presented to the anthropologist by the first man. He presented it with a joy and pride that one would credit to one who had labored over the whole project himself. However, the maker's pride included the joy of the others who had also taken part in making the walking stick.

The church is like the walking stick. Jesus found the wood and carved his signature design of faith and devotion to God on it. Others have added their signature designs of faith to the wood. In the end, Jesus will present the church to God with all of the designs of faith carved into the wood.

None of us have personally met Paul or Apollos. Yet, we live in the legacy of their ministries that took place so long ago. Likewise, we live in the legacy of the pastors and local church members who have served the Schuyler and North Bend United Methodist Churches over the years.

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What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together, you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 2:5-9 NRSV

[Jesus] also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.

Mark 4:26-29 NRSV

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Methodist Churches

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Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

The people of the United Methodist Church

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Every person has contributed something to the design of faith that has been carved into the church. Past pastors and local church leaders have all been used by God as a means of blessing someone. They carve their design for a while and then it comes time for someone else to continue by adding a new design of his/her own.

The time has come for someone new to add their designs of faith in God through Jesus Christ to the lives of the Schuyler and North Bend United Methodist Churches.

June 20 will be my last Sunday. Dorothy Smith, Certified Lay Minister will bring a new ministry to North Bend and Pastor Fay Hubbard will bring a new ministry to Schuyler.

O Lord, our God,

Our beloved and cherished past began
as a new beginning;

it was unknown and scary at times.

We are once again at the time of a new
beginning and the days before us are as
unknown as at the other times.

Thank you for the past pastors and local church
leaders whose designs of faith continue to live
on in our congregations. Thank you for the
designs that have been added in recent years;
Thank you for designs that are yet to come. Amen.

Our Purpose

As the "body of Christ" the members of
Christ United Methodist of Schuyler and
First United Methodist of North Bend
are committed to grow in faith
and reach out to all with God's love.

Sunday Worship Times

8:30 a.m. – **North Bend**

Schuyler - 10:30 a.m. -

Wednesday Night Church School

at Schuyler

Sept. – May

Classes: 6:30 -7:30

So he [Jesus] came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually in to a dwelling place for God.

Ephesians 2:17-22 NRSV

In the light of the risen Christ,

Pastor Fred

Schuyler(Christ) – North Bend (First) United Methodist Churches

North Bend Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. **June 2010** Schuyler Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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District Office e-mail: prairierivers@umcneb.org – District Website: www.prairieriversdistrict.com
 Upper Room Prayer Hotline 1-800-251-2468 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 7 – Schuyler Ad. Council	2 7 – North Bend Admin. Council	3 - 8:45 a.m. Schuyler Ministerial @ Whispering Pines	4	5
6 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sidewalk Sunday Sch. 11:45 a.m. New Possibilities	7	8	9 Annual Conference - Lincoln 2 p.m. North Bend UMW	10 Annual Conference UMW Schuyler Quarterly Community Forum at Christ UMC 4:15 – 5:55 p.m.	11 Annual Conference – Lincoln	12 Annual Conference – Lincoln
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:30 a.m. Sidewalk Sunday Sch Pastor Andersen's Farewell Service	21	22 6:30 p.m. Community Prayer Srv. At First Presbyterian Church	23	24	25	26
27 10:30 Schuyler Laity Sunday Worship 11:00 North Bend Old Settlers' Community Worship	28	29	30			

Schuyler www.SchuylerNebraska.net

Colfax County Food Pantry - The **June** contact for making a donation or requesting assistance is **Divine Mercy Parish – St. Mary’s Church**, 308 West 10th Street, 352-3540. Food donations will be received at the church throughout the month. Money donations will be received by the Ministerial member churches or at any of the Pinnacle Bank locations. Additional information is available on the Schuyler website www.SchuylerNebraska.net

The Quarterly Community Forum will meet at Christ United Methodist Church fellowship hall, on Thursday, June 10, 4:15– 5:55 p.m. This meeting is an opportunity for the local residents to discuss community topics and share ideas on ways to build our community. Contact Kem Cavanah (402-615-3179) for details .

Schuyler Community Prayer Service will be hosted by **First Presbyterian Church, 802 A Street** on **Tuesday** evening of **June 22 at 6:30 p.m.** This office of prayer continues the community prayer services begun last Fall. Some people have found that coming from work and joining others in prayer is an added “blessing” before returning home for the day. The public is cordially invited.

Future dates and locations include: Tuesday, **July 27th** – 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS, Tuesday, **August 24th** – 6:30 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church ELCA.

North Bend www.northbendne.com

Prairie Rivers District Newsletter: “The Wellspring” www.prairieriversdistrict.com

Nebraska Annual Conference Website: www.umcneb.org

Epworth Village – Family Centered Treatment: www.epworthvillage.org

Released and Restored Prison Ministry: www.releasedandrestored.org

United Methodist Community Center, Omaha – Wesley House: www.wesleyacademy.org