

# NEW BEGINNINGS

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**FREE COMMUNITY  
SUPPER**

Wednesday, February 15  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Community Methodist  
Church – Stratton

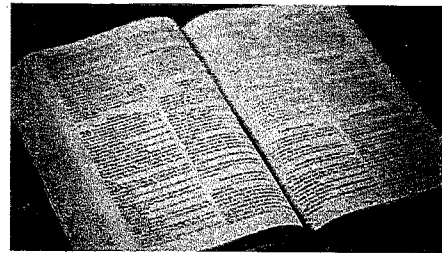
All are Welcome!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

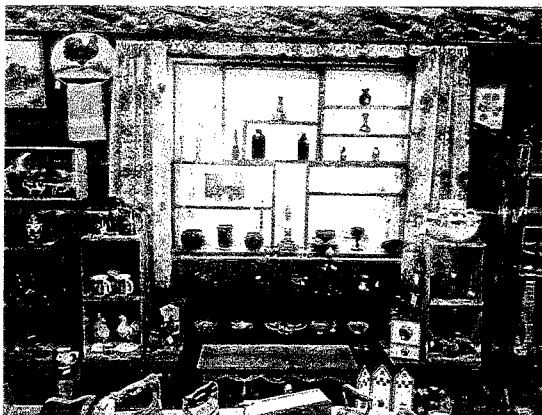
Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Church of Christ

8:00 a.m.



All Men Welcome!



*Grandma's Treasure Chest*

*Open Wednesday from 1:00-5:00*

*Thursday-Saturday 9:30-5:30*

*--Come in and see what we have new*

# Stratton Public Library

February 2023

Read in the New Year!

Hours: Monday 12-7pm Thursdays 12-5pm

**Highlighted Books of the Month: Matthew Perry: Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing**

**Prince Harry: Spare**

**Adult:** **Box:** The Highway, Back and Beyond **Hoover:** The Quickening Hooper: Whisper of Evil  
**Alcorn:** Courageous **Stevens :**Antler Dust **McNaught :**Every Breath you Take **Unger:** Sliver of Truth, Black Out **Finn:** The Woman in the Window **Roberts:** The Collector, The Witness, First Impressions **Pratt:** The Lighthouse Keeper **Rothschild:** Deadly Bone to Pick **Baldacci:** Dream Town, Long Shadows **Patterson:** The Ninth Month **Penny:** A World of Curiosities **Child :**Better Off Dead

**Juvenile:** Hey Kids.... I sure miss seeing you at the Stratton Library. Remember we are open until 7:00pm on Monday nights. Come check out all the great books we have on the shelf!

## **Light up your Imagination...READ** *(theme by Kenley Evans)*

April will be here before we know it and Kenley's theme will expire. We will be picking a new theme for our Library. This year all ages are welcome to enter a theme in the contest. All you have to do is write down a catchy phrase and if your theme is chosen it will be published in the New Beginnings each month. To top it off there is a cash prize for the chosen theme! Bring your theme to the Library before March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Coffee and Conversation is held each Thursday from 2-4 at the Library. Come share with your friends and neighbors.... maybe even meet someone new to you!

**Support the Local Library...Stratton is very fortunate to have a beautiful Library. We have so many books that will enhance your life. Sometimes we spend so much time listening to news or checking out Facebook that we need a diversion from all of those opinions. As I see many names on the checkout cards, I often wonder why these people don't come to the library anymore. Maybe this can be the year that you learn to love reading once again. Come give a book a try!**

*What a better way to spend those cold winter nights than with a cozy cup of hot chocolate, topped off some homemade marshmallow.*

### Homemade Marshmallows

Makes 64 1" square marshmallows. You will need a candy thermometer.

½ c. powdered sugar

½ c. cornstarch

3 packets powdered gelatin (=21 gm or 2Tbsp. + ¾ tsp.)

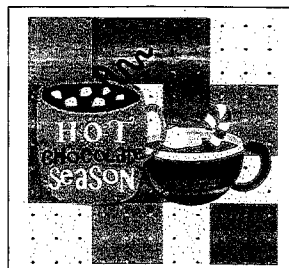
1 c. water

1 ¾ c. sugar

¾ c. light corn syrup

¼ tsp. salt

1 ¼ Tbsp. vanilla



Lightly spray a 9" x 9" baking pan w/ vegetable oil. Sift together powdered sugar and cornstarch and put pan with a spoonful of this mixture. In a large wide mixing bowl, combine the gelatin with ½ cup water and set aside. In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, corn syrup, salt and ½ cup water. Cook over medium heat until sugar melts, stirring occasionally. Turn heat on high and cook until candy thermometer reads 250 degrees. SLOWLY pour hot mixture into gelatin, beating on low speed with electric mixer. Turn on high, beat 15 minutes, add in vanilla and beat another minute – pour into baking pan. Sprinkle over reserved powdered sugar and cornstarch. Set aside for 6 hours or overnight. Cut into 1" squares (cold water on the knife helps) and make sure each one is rolled in the powdered sugar on top. Keep in an airtight container.

People in the Stratton area,

We hope your new year is starting off well!!!

It has been a pleasure to live, work and pastor in this community over this past year! I have had the privilege of being the pastor of Christian Union Church in Stratton. Our church's desire is to bless the communities around us, and yet as I write today, I acknowledge that we have not always done so. It has come to my attention that there have been several times over the years that this church has injured the name of Christ in the area by its actions. We have not always responded to people around us in the way Jesus would have and have made decisions that potentially hurt people. For these hurts, we are sorry and ask forgiveness. It is our desire to move forward in the community with respect for all and to share the love of Jesus Christ to all who come in contact with. I would like to visit with you if there is anything you have experienced through our church that was hurtful. We long to ask for your forgiveness directly if possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stratton Christian Union Church  
Larry Unruh, Pastor

## Support Your Local Businesses

Imagine your neighborhood or city without any of its small, local businesses - hair and nail salons, corner stores, banks, tire repair shops, lumber yards, gift shops, gas stations, auto repair shops, farmer co-ops and more - all gone.

What would be left? What would the streets look like? Desolate, depressing, empty, boring, abandoned... like a regular day on the zombie apocalypse TV show, The Walking Dead? Just how much of a presence and impact do small businesses have on our communities? The Small Business Administration (SBA) reports 28 million small businesses operating in the U.S. alone. And since 1995, those small businesses have generated 66% of all new jobs in the United States. Small businesses are a big deal.

### **Small businesses give back (more) to your community**

When you support a local business, you're also supporting your town, city, and neighborhood. Businesses pay taxes to the city and county the businesses are located in. Stray to a big box business elsewhere and that money isn't benefiting your community at all. Plus, that tax money is used to support public schools, parks, roads, and sidewalks, as well as fund public service workers, and fire and ambulance departments. What's more, according to Civic Economics, "on average, 48% of each purchase at local independent businesses is recirculated locally, compared to less than 14% of purchases at chain stores.

### **Small businesses make a major economic impact**

As mentioned above, more than half of the U.S.'s jobs since 1995 were created by small businesses. And according to the SBA, since 1990, big businesses eliminated 4 million jobs, while small businesses *added* 8 million jobs. The more you shop at a local store, the more potential job opportunities you could help them provide.

### **Small businesses provide better customer services**

Small business owners strive to survive and one of the biggest advantages they have over large retailers is the ability to provide more personable, hands-on, and memorable customer service.

### **Small businesses provide greater access to product diversity**

Small businesses have just as much access to vendors (who also determine pricing, not stores) that big box businesses do. If a small business doesn't have the products you want or need, ask them - they're also usually much more receptive and willing to order them for you.

### **Small businesses create a sense of community**

You're much more likely to get to know a small business owner in your neighborhood. According to a study conducted by Trulia and noted in Forbes, the second most popular desire amongst urbanites is a stronger sense of community.

### **You're going to feel good**

You will have the self-satisfaction of helping your friends, neighbors and family instead of nameless faces of bigger towns. ***Your local businesses are here for you - please be here for them.***

***New Hours Starting in January, 2023***

## **Stratton Medical Clinic**

**To schedule an appointment  
call (308) 423-2151.**

Provider Availability Subject to Change.  
Closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday & Friday

### **Central Times listed:**

#### **Tuesday**

Michelle Koppie, APRN 9:00 - 12:00 / 1:00 - 4:30 PM

#### **Wednesday**

Tammi Cawthra, APRN- 2:00 - 5:00 PM

#### **Thursday**

Lori Stonehocker, D.O. 10:30 - 12:00 / 1:30 - 4:30 PM

For appointments outside of these dates and times please  
call Quality Healthcare Clinic in Benkelman, NE.

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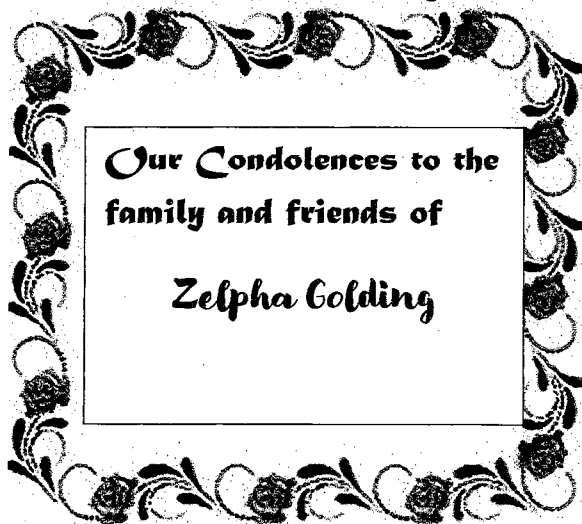
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## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the "Šzerzet Šanta" who surprised us with the lovely presents at Christmas. What a wonderful surprise and Thank You to the community of Stratton!

Thank you,  
Marilyn & Carol Kadlczek



## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all those who contributed to "Wreaths Across America". Because of your donation 2.7 million wreaths were placed on Veterans graves.

A big shout out to those who volunteered their time.

Thank you,  
Eden Cemetery Board

### *Chaplain's Corner*

I have been doing a Bible study in the book of 1st Corinthians with a gentleman on the internet. The book is a letter by Paul of Tarsus written to the church in the city of Corinth in the country of Macedonia, now modern-day Greece. The population then was about a half a million people and was a crossroad of the east-west trade routes. It was a wild and bawdy city, with a temple to Aphrodite, a fertility goddess, that had 1000 temple prostitutes, male and female. That is an example of what the city was like.

The church was full of born again, spirit filled Christians, but they had their problems. The letter that Paul wrote to them was a letter of instruction of how to run a church. They had lots of troubles in the church; he was helping them with these instructions so they could do a better job of glorifying God.

In the 12th chapter of the book 1st Corinthians Paul lists 13 gifts given by the person of the God head called the Holy Spirit. The reason they are given is for the Edification, (building up) of the church and to glorify God. There is a lot of confusion in churches today about the gifts some say the gifts passed away when the last Apostle died. Some say that they are all for use today. I'm in the latter camp. I think we need all the tools we can get so we can be a Christian today. Satan has always been an enemy of the church, but now he is laying the groundwork for a much bigger battle to come.

In John Chapter 20 vs 22; it tells that Jesus breathed on them, (the disciples) and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This was after the resurrection and at the same time they were saved. In Acts 1 vs 4 He commands them to wait in Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father and then said, "For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." The word baptized in the Greek means; to be immersed in water or "overwhelmed." For me, being baptized in the Holy Spirit was overwhelming. It made me aware of the power and the love of the Holy Spirit. The evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not so much speaking in tongues but love for your fellow man and your God. More to come next month.

Richard Stahly

### **Church Worship Service Schedule**

#### **Comm. United Methodist Church**

**9:00 a.m. Church Services**  
**10:15 a.m. Sunday School**

#### **Christian Union Church**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**10:45 a.m. Church Services**

#### **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

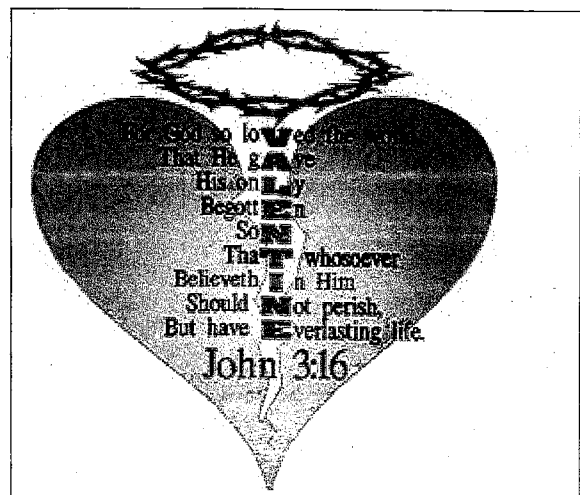
**8:30 a.m. Mass**

#### **Church of Christ**

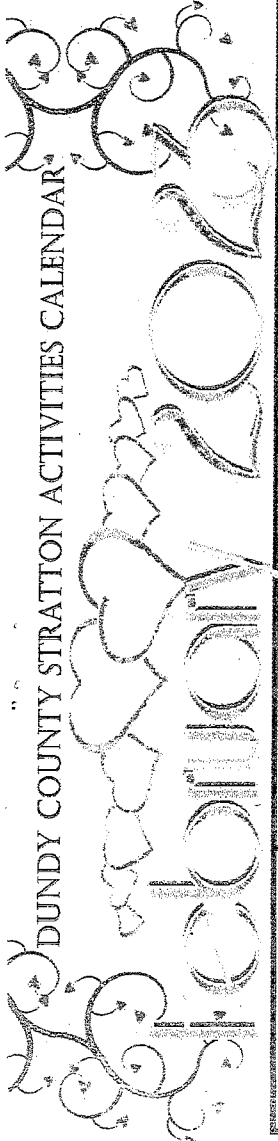
**10:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**11:00 a.m. Church Services**

#### **Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**11:30 a.m. Church Services**  
**7:00 p.m. Church Services**



DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 2023

MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <b>MONTH</b> OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNER SUCCESS	"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" By Eleanor Roosevelt	8:00-11:30am CPR in the Schools 8th Grade (practicing) 4:30pm G/B BB @North Platte St. Paris	1 7:00am FFA District CDE#2 @ Curtis 7:00am Show Choir Practice 8:00am FCCLA Star Competition @Medicine Valley FIS 8:00am CPR in the Schools 6th Grade	2 200pm J.V. H/BBB vs Chase Co 3:00pm J.V.G/B BB @Atwood-Rawlins County FIS	3 9:00am Wrestling @Southwest	4 8:00am Speech Meet @Sutherland FIS
5 FFA Week ONE ASSOCIATION	6 2:00pm JHBBB vs Perkins Co 9:15-3:00pm JH Quiz Bowl @Southwest 5:30pm School Play Meeting	7 8:00-11:30am CPR in the Schools 8th Grade (practicing) 4:30pm G/B BB @North Platte St. Paris	8 7:00am Show Choir Practice 8:00am FFA State Degree Interviews	9 NO SCHOOL 4:00pm J.V. G/BBB vs Southwestern Valley 4:00pm CTSC Cake Raffle	10 NO SCHOOL 2:00pm District Wrestling @Sutherland 4:00pm J.V. G/B BB @Chase County	11 7:00am District Wrestling @Sutherland 8:00am JH G/B BB @Wanneta-Palisade 8:00am Speech Meet @North Platte FIS
12 FFCOLA Week incredible FFCOLA	13 8:00am Show Choir Workshop @Chase County FIS	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15 7:00am Show Choir Practice 8:00-11:30am CPR in the Schools 10th Grade (practicing) 8am RPAC Speech Meet 3:00pm School Improvement External Team Visit	16 7:30am School Improvement External Team Visit	17 5:00pm CTSC Cake Raffle vs Medicine Valley 5:30pm VBBB	18
19 HAPPY FFA WEEK!	20 Early Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences	21 8:00-11:30am CPR in the Schools 12th Grade (practicing)	22 7:00am Show Choir Practice	23 8:00-11:30am CPR in the Schools Make-up Day (practicing)	24	25 8:00am Speech Meet @Maxwell
26	27 9:15-3:00pm Quiz Bowl @Southwest	28	1 MARCH 7:00am Show Choir Practice	2	3	4

All dates and times are subject to change. For current information check the School Calendar on the dstigers.org web site. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook. #dstigers

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