

Yankton Participating In Operation Christmas Child

While many Yankton families are busy with holiday activities, a group of local volunteers is focused on filling empty shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, hygiene items and notes of encouragement for needy kids overseas. Yankton families are participating in the world's largest Christmas project of its kind — Operation Christmas Child — an effort that has hand-delivered 86 million gifts to kids worldwide since 1993.

This year-round project of Samaritan's Purse is coming to its peak, as local businesses, churches and schools prepare to collect gift-filled shoe boxes during National Collection Week, Nov. 14-21. Volunteers can drop off their shoe box

gifts at one location in the area to help kids in 100 countries know they are loved and not forgotten.

The Yankton collection site is at Calvary Baptist Church, 2407 Broadway Avenue. The collection hours are as follows: Monday (Nov. 14): 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m.-noon; Sunday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday (Nov. 21): Not collecting.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, uses whatever means necessary to reach suffering children around the world with these gifts of hope, including sea

containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, boats, camels and dog sleds. Tracking technology also allows donors to "follow" their box to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out the destination country, use the Follow Your Box donation form found at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Here's what you can do to get involved:

- **PREPARE** — Enlist families, churches, scout troops, community groups and businesses to take part in creating shoe box gifts for needy children worldwide.
- **PACK** — Fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity

items and a letter of encouragement. Step-by-step shoe box packing instructions are available at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

• **PROCESS** — Sign up to join Operation Christmas Child volunteers at collection sites in Yankton as part of the effort to prepare millions of shoe box gifts for delivery to underprivileged kids on six continents.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (612) 359-7025 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. National Collection Week for gift-filled shoe boxes is Nov. 14-21; however, shoe box gifts are collected all year at the Samaritan's Purse headquarters in Boone, N.C.

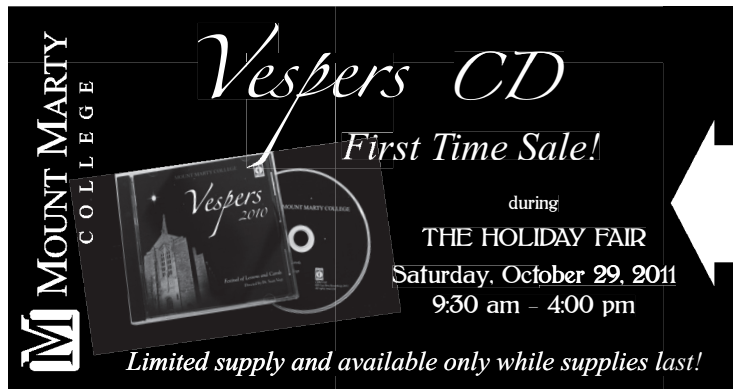
Dakota Experience Set For Nov. 4-5

SIOUX FALLS — Dakota Experience, an exploration of Lakota history, language, culture, and theology, will be held Nov. 4-5 at Calvary Episcopal Cathedral, 500 South Main Avenue, Sioux Falls.

Father Paul Sneve, vicar of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Rapid City and archdeacon for the Diocese of South Dakota, will co-lead the workshop with Sam Robertson of Chamberlain, chair of the diocesan Anti-Racism Committee. The workshop will include thorough discussion of how older forms of spiritual thought inform Christianity, and will use anthropology to discuss racism, cultural tourism, and cross-cultural conflicts.

Workshop hours are 5-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. The cost includes supper on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

The course is sponsored by the Diocese of South Dakota and is open to anyone wanting to learn more about Lakota culture. For details or to register, contact Pat Woolley, Registrar, at dsdmsm@me.com or (605) 842-2033.



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