



Today's Spotlight
is on

Judy Bates



Although Judy was born in Bemidji, Minnesota, most of her growing up happened hundreds of miles away from there in White Sulfur Springs, Montana.

As a child, Judy enjoyed being outside. Riding bike and fishing in summer, and ice skating in winter topped her list of favorite activities. She even preferred to do her “indoor” hobbies out of doors, taking her embroidery and other handwork out in the yard to stitch. It appears that only baking defied her ability to make it into an outdoor amusement.

Judy's foster mom taught her “it's important to *do*.” Don't just *talk* about what should be, *do* what should be done. And Judy, who at present is *doing* as one of FPC's nine active Deacons, has always taken that admonition to heart.

For many years Judy worked as a beautician, and one of her greatest joys was to be able to offer a haircut or perm gratis to elderly women who otherwise would not have been able to afford one. Along with the hair care, Judy provided them with a visit and a listening ear.

And Judy passed this doing/being ideal to her own children when they were kids by taking them with her when she went to visit at the nursing home.

Judy's love of the out-of-doors has not decreased with the passage of years. As with her husband (see reverse side), Judy prefers camping vacations with lots of fishing and hiking.