

First United Methodist Church

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I don't know about you, but I am intrigued by the theme or the message contained in Paul Miskimins message from last Sunday. The idea that my actions (or life) at some point can influence another life, which might influence another life...and ultimately change the world, is absolutely fascinating. Think of the hundreds, if not thousands, of people that you've meet or interacted with. How might your life, your presence, or your faith have impacted or made a difference in their lives? Actually, it's really hard to know. In fact, in many cases we will never know the lives that we've touched or the extent to which we have touched or even changed a life.

Just yesterday I received a "Messenger" message from a name I didn't recognize. Before I could read the message, I had to click on the message. Was this some sort of a scam? Is it an internet phishing scheme? What if it really is someone I know but I just don't recognize the name? Finally, I clicked on the message and read it, and I'm glad I did. It was a message from a woman who was in my youth group, and that I confirmed, from my first church appointment. She was just writing to thank me for the time I spent teaching confirmation, etc., and that now her daughter was being confirmed in the same church that I confirmed her, the mom, in. That really was a cool message to get.

Thinking about me touching her life caused me to ask another question, who influenced or touched my life? Who is it that impacted my life in such a significant way that it truly influenced or effected who I am today? Who has impacted your life and has influenced who you are today? That's a great question to consider. Of course, then the follow up question is, have I said "thank you" or told that person how they have helped shape me? In most cases I have not.

Today as we make our way through this day, I'm going to challenge myself (and I'm challenging each of you too) to think a special thought for each person you meet. Here's what I'm going to try to remember to say to myself, "This person is going to change the world." How would it affect the way you or I treat, care for, or interact with other people, if this was the thought we had about each person we met? "This person is going to change the world!" Let's give it a try and later on swap stories about our experiences. You know, you just might be the person that in some way is going to change the world!!!

Serving Together,

Pastor Keith

Be sure to join us at Downtown Mitchell First UMC for worship this Sunday. Communion will be served at all services. At the 11:00 am service we'll also be celebrating the Confirmation of some of our church youth. Come join us!! Worship is at 8:30, 9:50, and 11:00 am. The 9:50 service will be in the chapel. We're located at 310 N. Rowley st., Mitchell, SD