

# OAHE CHAPEL NEWS

2022

Newsletter of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

Pierre, SD

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The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society was founded in 1984 to preserve and maintain the historic Oahe Chapel near Pierre, South Dakota. Funding for maintenance is provided through annual memberships with the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society, rental fees, donations, and fundraisers. If you are interested in joining the Board, please call (605)773-3458 or email [Oahe.Chapel@state.sd.us](mailto:Oahe.Chapel@state.sd.us).

## A Spotlight in History: The Oahe Chapel Clock

Since the Oahe Mission was founded in 1873 and the building constructed later in 1877, the Oahe Chapel has undergone numerous changes.

However, one change was reversed this year to bring the Chapel back closer to its original state. Over the summer, museum professionals and officials from the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center stumbled across a clock that was originally from the Oahe Chapel. The clock had fallen and was damaged at an unknown date and was not in great condition. Fortunately a board member was able to make adequate and appropriate repairs to the clock in order to put it back on display in the Chapel! Visitors can see this beautiful clock and piece of history anytime the Chapel is open.



Photograph Above: Circa 1907, showing clock on back wall during a filled class of students and teacher (center).



Photograph Above: Restored and installed clock 2022.

## Oahe Chapel Pie Social 2022

The Oahe Chapel hosted its first Pie Social this year since 2019! The fundraiser was successful and brought in several free-will donations that will go towards the continued maintenance and preservation of the Oahe Chapel. Around 75 people attended who got to try more than 20 options in delicious pies. Visitors enjoyed the beautiful weather while listening to live music in the Chapel performed by Deb Shafer. While 2022 saw success, the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society looks forward to the Pie Social in 2023 and is hoping to make it even bigger and better! We would like to extend our gratitude to all that donated, as well as to those who volunteered to make the event go so smoothly. It is always a wonderful time when people can visit, interact, and learn from such an important piece of history in South Dakota! We hope to see you there next year!



## Chapel Event Rentals 2023

Rentals resumed in 2022 at the Oahe Chapel after having to take a few years off. The Chapel hosted several exciting events for people this year and in 2023 we are excited to welcome even more individuals and groups to the Chapel! The Chapel can be reserved for weddings, church services, family reunions, baptisms or other special events. The Chapel is available to rent year-round at the cost of \$100 for four hours and, for members, a reduced price of \$75. An additional four hours of rental can be added for \$50. The Oahe Chapel provides a unique historic setting and a beautiful view to make any event memorable! For more information on renting the Chapel and how to apply, please call (605)773-3458 or send an email to [Oahe.Chapel@state.sd.us](mailto:Oahe.Chapel@state.sd.us).



## Memberships and Donations

The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society memberships and donations are now online! The website can be accessed by scanning this QR code. Mail-in memberships and donations are still available, one is attached below. Thank you to all our members and donors!



### Pizza Ranch Fundraising Opportunity



The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society is hosting a fundraiser at the Pizza Ranch in Fort Pierre on February 20th, 2023 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.! This includes dine in, pick up, and delivery. All money raised will go towards the continued maintenance of the Oahe Chapel. We would love to see you there! Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information.

### Check Us Out on Facebook!



Find us on Facebook by searching Oahe Chapel Preservation Society! We post frequently about Chapel events, history and more. Give us a follow to keep up to date on all the exciting things were doing and how you could be involved.

## Oahe Chapel Preservation Society Membership Form

Membership investment is for one year. Members will receive the annual Oahe Chapel News to keep up-to-date with current projects at the Oahe Chapel. Members are also eligible to rent the chapel at a reduced rate of \$75. Donations are tax deductible where allowed by law.

Please detach this form and mail to the address below with check payable to: Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

**Oahe Chapel Preservation Society PO Box 7201 Pierre, SD 57501**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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	New Member	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	*Donation of \$ _____
Sustaining Membership	\$500.00	Family Membership	\$40.00
Patron Membership	\$100.00	Individual Membership	\$25.00

