

# The Trumbeter

*Spearfish United Methodist Church*

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## Pastor's Page

### "Covenant and Vending Machines"



The year was 1918, and the Spearfish Methodist Church had made a radical decision. They decided to dig a basement.

We are one of the few United Methodist churches that is actually still worshipping in our original building. It's hard to recognize with all of the updates through the years, but it is still the same building. Out on the east side of our building near the stained glass windows, you can see our 1889 cornerstone. Our first sanctuary was so simple. There was no plumbing. There was no heating system other than the stove that warmed the sanctuary. There was no concrete sidewalk. There was no mowed lawn. There was only a dirt street. And the church grew...and grew...and grew. It became a deep and important part of the Spearfish community.

And in 1918 the men of the church partnered with the Boy Scouts and dug a basement. They sent the boys underneath the church in that small crawl space with shovels and buckets and began to dig down. When there was enough room, the men joined them. Why? Why a basement?

Because there was no dedicated fellowship space. They had to have room to meet for Sunday School classes and potluck dinners. They had to have space for meetings and conversations. The role of the church had changed so that it could serve the community more effectively.

Now...let me ask you this question: What kind of God do you worship?

A Covenant God? Or a Vending Machine God?

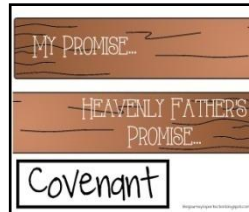
A Vending Machine God is one in which you put something in and then expect God to give you what you want. "Look, God! I prayed to you. Now give me what I asked for." "Hey, God, I was in worship for the last month straight. Now I want you to listen to me more." "Dear God, I put something in the offering plate, can that help me get a few of the bad marks scratched off in your Book of Life?" Alright, that's exaggerating, but you get the



point!

The truth is our American culture believes in so many ways in a Vending Machine God. And that changes our behavior as Christians. We ask a whole lot more, "What's in it for me?" And then we live with a distant, one-sided deity. God is just out there when we need a God. In effect we wind up saying, "Don't call us. We'll call you."

Or do you worship a Covenant God? Belief in this



kind of God draws us into two-sided relationship. A covenant is a two-sided promise. You know, like a marriage. In a wedding the bride and groom both promise each other to be loving and supportive in a MUTUAL

relationship. THAT is what our relationship with God is! A two-way, two-sided, mutual friendship. God loves us, and we love God in return.

But wait...now ask this question: What kind of CHURCH do you belong to?

A Covenant Church? Or a Vending Machine Church?

A Vending Machine Church is one in which we put something in and simply expect the church to always be there to give us what we want. It can be a very one-sided relationship. Now, this isn't always a bad thing. There are times when we have deep needs, and the church has the deep human resources to help meet those needs. We love reaching out to help people, to be present with people, to guide people. THAT is why we dug a basement in 1918! We created a better facility to meet the needs of the church and community as we reached out to bring the love of God in deep and real ways to Spearfish.

Or are you a part of a Covenant Church? Belief in this kind of church invites us into a powerful, two-sided relationship in which we invest ourselves into the community of Christ and then experience the results of that relationship. Like a healthy marriage, both sides invest love in each other.

I want to invite you to be a part of a Covenant Church. That's who we are as a congregation. In 1918 we dug a basement so that we could reach out to our community and invite everyone in to a relationship with

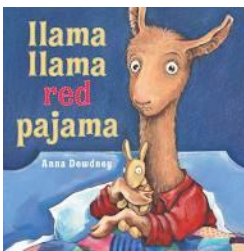
God and with this church. That's still who we are. You are invited into a faith community where you have the opportunity to work, to study, to grow, to become an active part in an active relationship.

A Covenant Church worshipping a Covenant God. May this always be who we are.

*Pastor Scott*

## Participation Opportunities

### Books for Kids



*Llama Llama Red Pajama* was one of the books read to Children First (CF) preschool children for Book Day. Volunteers read to small groups of 3, 4, 5 year old children at Spearfish UMC on Wednesday, February 28. Snacks were also

served. On Thursday March 1, more children came to the Fellowship Hall to hear Llama Llama books. The volunteers included many from the Quilt and Craft group.

One of Five Llama Llama books was given to each child enrolled at Children First. The infants and toddlers received books Friday morning March 2. Funds for the books and snacks were obtained from the annual earnings of the church investment fund.

Goals included:

1. Build relationships between Spearfish UMC and CF staff and families.
2. Increase the number of helpers who read or volunteer at Children First.
3. Encourage literacy, love of reading, and ownership of books for young children and families.
4. Help equalize income levels by providing books to all CF families, regardless of income.

### Children's Church *Exploring Holy Week*

Children's Church continues to meet immediately following the Children's Message during the Gathering (8:15) service. It is open to children Pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be exploring "Holy Week" as we prepare for Easter. It should be a fun time with games, art, science experiments and more!! Hope to see you there!!



- **Confirmation students!** Our March class will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> noon to 2 pm.
- A youth "Lunch & Learn" at the high school is being held on Tuesdays during lent. Lunch is provided free. All high school youth are welcome!
- Youth made and helped distribute Valentines for the "Golden Valentine" project.
- On early release days (the first Wednesday of the month) youth are involved in various activities. Last month's included reading and playing with Children 1<sup>st</sup> students, playing boomwhackers, making valentines and tying blankets for Artemis House children.
- **Good Friday worship service** will be **led by the youth** on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Join us for this powerful service of love and sacrifice.

### Afternoon Out



Afternoon Out will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. "Cup and Conversation". Everyone with or without a story to tell is welcome to attend.

### Taize Prayer Service

*Thursdays, March 15 & 29 – 7:00 p.m.  
UMC Sanctuary*



During this season of lent, come and experience Taize – a style of prayer made up of silence, scripture and meditative singing. Often God's voice is only a whisper so we need to have a quiet space to hear. In singing a few simple phrases repeatedly, they become meditative and their meaning can fill our soul and allow our minds to relax and be open to the Holy Spirit, open and ready to spend time with God and listen for His voice.

## Spearfish Handbells

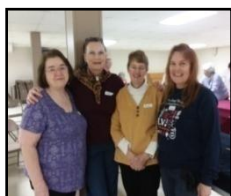
Barbara Elving, Bell Choir Director



Several of our Spearfish UMC handbell ringers ventured over to Sundance WY to visit with Area 11 Handbell Musicians of America for their "Super Bell Saturday" Read and Ring.

We took our bells and enjoyed sight-reading some new music with new friends. We even got an additional new ringer for our church bells. Jill Mackey from the Sundance area has already joined us for rehearsal and will be ringing with us in worship soon.

Our musical instruments include 3-octaves of handbells, 2-octaves of chimes, and our newest additions are 2-octaves of Boomwhackers! If you're wondering what they are, just do a search on YouTube to discover how wonderfully wacky they can be. Our Wednesday Youth Group has already played with bells and chimes, and some of the young men have now explored the Boomwhackers with me. Lots more to come!



## Wish to Join the Church?

If you wish to become a member of Spearfish UMC, please check "wish to join" when you sign the Registration of Attendance sheet. "Lunch with the Pastor" will be scheduled soon.

## Caring Meal Ministry Referrals

We need your help in notifying the church office (642-3457), when there is a need for a meal to be delivered. If you have a need for food to be delivered or if you know of someone that needs this ministry, please call. (ex. During an illness or death, new baby,...). We

appreciate your referrals. It means so much to know our church cares.

Health Ministry Committee

## Dinah's Book Club

The book club is reading *Winter Garden* by Kristen Hannah for Monday, March 12 at 12:00 p.m. in the church parlor. These books will be kept in the church office and Orvette will check them out to you.

NOTICE: Dinah's Book Club has been losing books they have checked out of the Grace Balloch Public Library. This is causing us to lose privileges at the public library and causing stress for our book club. The United Methodist Church library is for the congregation to use. It is run on the honor system. There are cards to sign and leave in the proper box. We love it when the library is used.

Dinah Book Club has a paper with their books for signing out those books. If you have any questions, PLEASE call Josephine Boyer at 722-1439 or 645-1123.

## United Methodist Women (UMW)

UMW will be the Hostess to World Day of Prayer on March 2 at the Spearfish United Methodist Church at 1 p.m. along with the following churches participating: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, All Angels Episcopal Church, United Church of Christ and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. We hope any members from our church would be able to attend in this ecumenical celebration.



Other dates to remember for UMW events are the following.

- Wed., Mar. 7– Business Meeting –3:30 p.m. – Library
- Wed., Mar. 7, 14, 21 – Lenten Luncheon – Our Saviors Lutheran Church
- Mon., Mar. 12– Dinah's Book Club – 12:00 p.m. – Parlor
- Wed., Mar.21– UMW Meeting – Fellowship time 9:30 a.m. then Program Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Library – Hostess: Joann Hoffman & Brenda Swanson
- Program: Call to Prayer and Self Denial by Brenda Swanson
- Thur., Mar. 22 **Dakotas Conference UMW Prayer Vigil 1.** Spearfish's time is 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. **World Water Day**
- Sunday Mar. 25 - Palm Sunday
- Fri., Mar. 30 – Good Friday Worship 7 p.m. – Sanctuary

In the meetings, we share and learn about missions locally and nationally and other helpful information. Meetings are open to all women of the community. So, UMW Members, keep your ears open. Feel free to invite any woman to our gatherings.

*Submitted by Debra Richardson, UMW President*



## What is the difference between praise and worship?



Understanding the difference between praise and worship can bring a new depth to the way we honor the Lord. Throughout the Bible, the commands to "*praise the Lord*" are too numerous to mention. Angels and the heavenly hosts are commanded to praise the Lord. All inhabitants of the earth are instructed to praise the Lord. We can praise Him with singing, with shouting, with dance, and with musical instruments.

Praise is the joyful recounting of all God has done for us. It is closely intertwined with thanksgiving as we offer back to God appreciation for His mighty works on our behalf. Praise is universal and can be applied to other relationships as well. We can praise our family, friends, boss, or paperboy. Praise does not require anything of us. It is merely the truthful acknowledgment of the righteous acts of another. Since God has done many wonderful deeds, He is worthy of praise.

Worship, however, comes from a different place within our spirits. We read in Luke 4:8 that worship should be reserved for God alone. Worship is the art of losing self in the adoration of another. Praise can be a part of worship, but worship goes beyond praise. Praise is easy; worship is not. Worship gets to the heart of who we are. To truly worship God, we must let go of our self-worship. We must be willing to humble ourselves before God, surrender every part of our lives to His control, and adore Him for who He is, not just what He has done.

Worship is a lifestyle, not just an occasional activity. Jesus said the Father is seeking those who will worship Him "*in spirit and in truth.*"

In Scripture, praise is usually presented as boisterous, joyful, and uninhibited, not somber or "joyless." God invites praise of all kinds from His creation. Jesus said that if people don't praise God, even the "stones will cry out." When the Bible mentions worship, however, the tone changes. We read verses like, "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 96:9). And, "Come let us worship and bow down" (Psalm 95:6). Often, worship is coupled with the act of bowing or kneeling, which shows humility and contrition. It is through true worship that we invite the Holy Spirit to speak to us, convict us, and comfort us. Through worship, we realign our priorities with God's and acknowledge Him once more as the rightful Lord of our lives.

Just as praise is intertwined with thanksgiving, worship is intertwined with surrender. We see in Luke 4:8, it is impossible to worship God and anything else at the same time. The physical acts often associated with worship—bowing, kneeling, lifting hands—help to create the necessary attitude of humility required for real worship.

Worship is an attitude of the heart. A person can go through the outward motions and not be worshipping. God sees the heart, and He desires and deserves sincere, heartfelt praise *and* worship. Let's all join in WORSHIP every time we come together, and then WORSHIP by ourselves by surrendering to God what is rightfully His.

*John Elving, Worship Coordinator*

## Dakotas United Methodist Camps



Time to get signed up for camp. Camp booklets are in the fellowship hall. There is a camp for everyone, young and old. The church will pay half of the Early Bird cost for everyone. Sign up with your friends.

Go to the website at [www.dakcamps.org](http://www.dakcamps.org) for more information.

## Council Highlights

**There wasn't a Council Meeting in February but the following is the January 2018 Treasurer's Report:**

- **Total General Fund income** for January 2018 was \$44,485 and expenses of \$43,693 leaving a difference of \$791. All bills and apportionments have been paid.
- **UMCOC income** for January was \$8285 and total expenses of \$5188.40 leaving a difference of

\$3096.60. An insurance premium of \$1587.75 boosted the expenses this month.

- **Children First** continues to be financially solid. Income for January was \$33,847.72 and total expenses of \$28,178.23 leaving a difference of \$5669.49. Children First is nearing the middle of the fiscal year and \$16195.53 ahead for the year.
- **Dreams income** was \$1702.15 bringing the balance to \$79,882.77. There were no expenses in January.
- **The Parsonage Loan Repayment Fund** started 2018 with a balance of \$21,551.55, including the transfer from the MCCI fund. Income for January was \$1998.75 bringing the balance to \$23,550.30. A payment was made in January of \$13,544.41 (principle) and \$455.59 (interest) totaling \$14,000. The balance as of January 31 is \$9550.30.
- **Missions** began the month with a balance of \$48,605.34 and there was income of \$4,220.44. Expenses for the month were high at \$22,337.49 because of upcoming mission trips. The ending balance for Missions is \$30,488.29

## World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Day of Prayer 2018. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. Join in the prayer service written by the women of Suriname, which invites us to explore Genesis 1, the story of Creation, with the theme “All God’s Creation is Very Good!” Concepts of climate change, natural disasters, pollution, and human abuse of the environment will be explored.

*Invite your friends, family, and communities of faith to join the women of Suriname in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing, and wholeness. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Suriname and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, and injustice.*

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## Soup Fest a Success

Thanks to all who served or participated in the Great American Soup Fest! \$645 was raised to help our four college students go to the Dominican Republic on a Solar Oven Partners mission trip.

The winner of the Saturday Soup Fest was Bonnie Witt, and Sunday’s winner was Josie Pearson. Congratulations!!

## Our Church Family

### Condolences to the family of:

- *Marion Higbee*, who died January 31, 2018 and whose services were held February 8 at Spearfish UMC with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating. A lunch was held at the church after the services.

## MISSIONS

### UMCOR Sunday

*March 10 & 11*

March is the month that we celebrate UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief – knowing that our contributions ensure that there will respond in times of crisis to needs around the world.

An example is when cyclone Dineo roared through Mozambique about a year ago and seven people died, more than 50 were injured and thousands were displaced. UMCOR emergency grants to the UMC in Mozambique for food distribution and support in rebuilding of homes in the affected communities happened the day after the storm! Much emergency help is slow in arriving and being distributed. The reason UMCOR works so well is that the UMC is already in countries around the world and so structure is in place for relief efforts to begin.



This month’s contributions support the administrative arm of UMCOR so that there is, already in place, a quick way to address a crisis around the world. This also makes any gifts to a particular emergency to

go directly toward that emergency in its entirety with no reductions for working out how to get the relief there.

Please see the UMCOR Sunday hand-out in the bulletin or the pew for more information – and feel really good about supporting such a well-planned, administered and executed project of the United Methodist Church. This has always been a well-supported mission by this

congregation.



### Food Pantry needs!

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Non-Sugar Cereals       | • Applesauce            |
| • 2 or 4 lb. Bag of Sugar | • Mashed Potatoes       |
| • Chunky/Progresso Soups  | • Chef-Boy R-Dee Pastas |
| • Spaghetti Sauce         | • Pancake Syrup         |

## BIRTHDAYS

Bob Schneider	03-01	Vi Zwickl	03-19
Mary Hayenga	03-01	Kenneth Munro	03-19
Terry Powell	03-02	Randy Stewart	03-19
Kimberly Ammerman	03-03	Nevaeh Gee	03-19
Ezekiel Foltz	03-04	Phyllis Bury	03-20
Owen Ligtenberg	03-05	Jen Hayford	03-20
Hunter Kelley	03-06	Bailey Jensen	03-20
John Swanson	03-08	Marjorie Balo	03-21
Brenda Swanson	03-08	Olivia Ellerton	03-21
Elisabeth Hiermeier	03-08	Tristian White	03-22
Kylie Schatz	03-08	Jay Thiel	03-23
Pat Hazledine	03-09	Marlene Perry	03-24
Grayson Donald	03-10	Jim Meade	03-24
Doug Speirs	03-11	Kevin Connors	03-24
Jamie VanDeest	03-11	Remington Ross	03-24
Jay Darling	03-11	Todd Hubbard	03-27
Jesse Hiermeier	03-11	Joe Hallenbeck	03-27
Thea Kae Bradford	03-12	Chris Davis	03-27
Andy VanDeest	03-13	Monica Powell	03-27
Edward Chastain	03-13	Tracy DeMarcus	03-28
Gerry Hazledine	03-15	Joey West	03-28
Jennifer Hesar	03-16	Delaina Burgeson	03-29
Perry Hansen	03-16	Marvin Doering	03-30
Logan Smith	03-16	Akeyna Hudson	03-30
Griffin Smith	03-16	Lori Swick	03-31
Deborah Carr	03-18		

## ANNIVERSARIES

Cal & Mary Hayenga	03-03~51 yrs.
Kirk & Jacky Easton	03-17~28 yrs.
Duane & Phyllis Bury	03-20~63 yrs.
Glenn & Lisa Foltz	03-29~4 yrs.

## FINANCES

**Come, Share, Rejoice!**

“Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?”

GENERAL FUND 2018			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan.	44,485.29	43,693.43	791.86

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DREAMS FUND 2017			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	1,702.15		

Worship Attendance for Feb.: 789 (Avg/Wk = 197)

Sunday School Attendance for Feb.: 90 (Avg/Wk = 23)

### Special Gifts for February

Investment Fund	\$ 3,000.00
Choir Scholarship Fund	20.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Table Replacement	435.10
Adult Studies	228.55
Dominican Republic Solar Oven Team	1,345.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Children First Scholarships	1,560.00
Marion Higbee Memorial	375.00
E Tapia Ministry	15.00
Tree of Life	100.00
Solar Ovens	200.00
Honduras VIM Fund	9,842.50
Heifer Project	2,111.80
Cornerstone Mission	100.00
Hope Center	100.00
UMOCOR Sunday Donation	100.00
Youth Fund	110.00
Concert Fund	1,866.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,113.95</b>

### Special Funds for February

Parsonage Fund	\$2,629.94
Benevolence Fund	100.00
Pastor's Discretionary	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,379.94</b>



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## Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 8:15 a.m.

“Children’s Church” – 8:25 a.m.

“The Sanctuary” ~ 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care/Van rides to worship

CD’s of worship

Sunday School: 9:25 a.m.

Saturday “Blue Jean” Worship ~ 5:30 p.m.

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