

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"We Didn't Know We Were Rich"

My mother grew up in the Great Depression. Born in 1927, she lived in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. As I grew up, she...and my grandmother, her mom...told me stories about the 1930's: the hard work, the complete lack of money, the shortage of resources, the things they did to make ends meet.

My father grew up in Gladstone, North Dakota. Born in 1929, he lost his mother at the age of five in 1934 AND still had to deal with the Dust Bowl and Great Depression. My favorite picture of him as a little kid in the background shows the dryness...extreme dryness...of the prairie in those years. And he told me stories about those years: no shoes, a big family in a tiny house, creating things to do that cost no money, working hard and playing hard.

I have talked with hundreds of people in the communities in which I have lived who lived through the Great Depression and Dust Bowl. I have listened to my aunts and uncles. I have laughed with my friends who were a generation or two generations older than I. The stories of 1936 are to this day stunning to me: dust storms, clouds of locusts, record heat, record cold, delivering babies in the middle of blizzards, crying in the middle of the night, working through the middle of the day, family, poverty, the richness of community.

One of the things that has always struck me through the decades...and even generations...of these conversations is that ONE sentence remains common through a huge percentage of the people I have talked to:

"It was the same for everyone. We didn't know we were poor."

Hmmmm.....

"We didn't know we were poor."

We have come so far beyond this. Today, we have moved from "We didn't know we were poor."

Our power and wealth as Americans is deep and huge as a culture, but most of us never really think about it. We compare ourselves to our next door neighbors, not our neighbors across the globe. We aren't really aware of

the resources at our fingertips that are marks of wealth.

Today it may be helpful...and really important...to step back and say, "We didn't know we were rich."

Cars. Houses. Carpet. Food on the table. Jobs. Cell phones. Computers. Clothes. Social Security. Bank accounts...large or small. Heat. Air conditioning. Safety. Quality schools. College or technical educations. Community. Clean water. Political stability.

"We didn't know we were rich."

Every single one of these items listed is a blessing, a blessing that is not experienced...ever...by others in our world. There are two billion people today who do not have access to clean drinking water. Only 1% of the world's population own computers. We have so much stuff that we have to rent storage units...and build extra garages...and figure out where to put the stuff on our Christmas lists.

Rich. Yup, in so many ways we are rich.

So, what do I want you to do with this? At this moment,...nothing. I just want you to be aware of the fact. We are not all rich; some live deeply below the poverty line. Some of us are unbelievably rich. I just want you to know. I just want you to realize. I just want you to remember.

Oh, there is one thing...I just want you to be listening for God's whisper in your life.

"We didn't know we were rich."

And God has blessed us, asking us to bless others.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Discernment Retreat

Saturday, Jan 13, 2018

The Discernment Retreat is a one day event at Sturgis UMC for those who are feeling CALLED to serve others. The retreat is for anyone in the local church who wants to explore their calling and find where their gifts

are best suited for serving the local church or to more intentionally serve beyond the churches four walls.

The cost for the retreat is \$30 and registrations are requested by January 6.

Registration and more information is available at: <https://www.dakotasumc.org/events/article/discernment-retreat/>. Call Chris Davis at 218-340-5610 for more information.

Here is something new!

Supper & a Study Sundays, January 14, 21, 28

It's three weeks of short studies that the whole family can participate in.

- **6:00 p.m.** – Supper together
- **6:30 p.m.** – Bible Study for every age
- Nursery for our youngest
- Elementary – Middle School – High School – College Groups
- **20-somethings & 30-somethings**
“Bible with Ben” taught by Ben McKirdy-Wilsey.
One book of the Bible...pure curiosity around the table...and no toys in between!
- **40-somethings & up “Falling Upward” taught by Pastor Scott**
Spirituality changes in the second half of life. We are exploring those powerful changes.

Supper &
a Study



Year-End Bonuses for Staff

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Staff Bonus Fund for the employees of the church and Children First. We are all truly grateful for the gifts you have shared with us.



- **Confirmation students!** Our January class will be January 21st from noon to 2 pm.

- Youth are invited to church during early release Wednesdays for activities prior to youth group including: youth band practice, bell choir, tying blankets, puppetry, reading to pre-schoolers or Bible study.
- Thank you to all who purchased Butter Braids! The youth raised \$776 for their mission trips and summer camps!
- Many grateful thanks to Barry & the boys for a super Christmas dinner! Everything was delicious! Thanks also to the generous donors of the prime rib and chicken!! What a blessing you are!
- An average of 4 students each week attended the “Faithful” study in the high school during lunch hour. Thanks for participation!

Cinnamon Rolls for Honduras

Sat. & Sun., January 6 & 7

Come join us for freshly made cinnamon rolls and caramel rolls after all worship services. All proceeds go to purchase medication for Honduras.



Winter Connection

First UMC in Rapid City is the host site for the district-wide youth Winter Connection January 26-27.

Connect with youth from around the area as we discover what it means to be “Standing in the Gap”.

The weekend will include games, food, worship, service projects and ice skating!

All youth from 6th grade through high school are invited to attend and the cost for everything is only \$40 (scholarships are available)!

For more information call Brenda at 642-3457. Online registration is available at www.dakyouth.com.



Family Movie Night

Join us Sunday, January 28th for Family Movie Matinee at the church! Beginning at 4:00 pm a family-friendly movie will be shown and free popcorn will be offered to those attending!



Following the January movie is the 3rd meeting of Supper and a Study so come for the movie and stay for the study! See you then!

Dinner & Concert



They're baa-aack! Once again on Saturday, February 3rd, Kenny Putnam, Boyd Bristow and Jami Lynn will be entertaining us with great music at the Spearfish UMC following an Italian dinner.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. following the Blue Jean worship, youth will be serving an Italian dinner featuring a "Tour of Italy" plate with salad, bread sticks and desserts.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and you may attend both the dinner and concert, just dinner or just concert—whatever you wish!

Tickets will be available at Spearfish UMC starting January 14th and will be: \$25 for Dinner & Concert, \$15 for Concert only or \$10 for Dinner only. Child and family tickets are also available. Please call Brenda at 642-3457 for more information.



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.

Children First Happenings

The month of December has flown by so quickly! It has been a month full of fun Christmas activities.

Last week the 4 and 5 year old preschool classes made cookies for "Cc" week and had a bake sale. They donated the funds they raised to the Humane Society along with other items that Children First families donated.

We have lost a few staff members due to college graduation and school obligations and we have new staff members starting in January.

Our next Mac-n-Cheese day at the church is January 9th. The kids are already excited! We will also be at the church on January 12th from 7:00 to 8:30 am for "Donuts with Dad".

Children First is looking for someone who can dispose of a full size refrigerator for us. We are also looking for a full size replacement for the one that has died. If anyone can help, please contact us at 642-1191 or email us at: childrenfirst@speartown.com. Thanks!

All the staff and children at Children First would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed 2018!!

United Methodist Women (UMW)



UMW will start the New Year with a Business Meeting on January 3 at 10 a.m. in the parlor open to all women having items to share and talk about. And then a gathering meeting on January 17 starting with a coffee fellowship at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 10 a.m. in the Library with Joann Follette as the hostess and Debra Richardson as program facilitator.

In our meetings, we will share and learn about missions locally and nationally and other helpful information. Meetings are open to all women of the community.

UMW Members, keep your ears open - feeling free to invite any woman to our gatherings. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Debra Richardson at 717-2625.

Louisiana – Sager Brown



Each year our church gathers school kits and health kits and other items for disaster relief. Kits go to Sager Brown, a warehouse in Louisiana run by UMCOR, the United Methodist disaster agency. When disaster strikes, in the US or abroad, UMCOR is ready to help. Now is your chance to help make a difference.

The Dakotas Conference is sponsoring a bus trip to Sager Brown to help sort and package kits and similar tasks to keep this vital warehouse running. We will stay in the Sager Brown dorm and even do a little sight-seeing during the week. The dates are June 2-10. Please contact Gloria Borgman (605-642-5321) or the church office for more details.

Dinah's Book Club

The book club is reading *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng for Monday, Jan. 8 at 12:00 p.m. in the church parlor. The books will be in the church library for you to pick up.

Good Shepherd Clinic Meals needed

Good Shepherd Clinic is a free health clinic held each Monday evening at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Each Monday evening 20-25 adults, without health insurance, receive free medical and dental screening and



referrals to local physicians, hospitals, and dentists as needed.

This clinic is staffed by community volunteers to provide hospitality, nursing/medical/dental care, screen for financial eligibility,

monitor patient flow, maintain medical records, and provide information on community resources. Would you like to be involved????

Our church is responsible for providing meals on the fourth Monday of each month. Would you be available to make two dozen sandwiches and provide two dozen snack sized bags of veggies and/or fruit?

Volunteers are needed for the months of: January, February, March, April, June, July, September, October, and November. If you would like more information or would like to sign up for a month (or two), please contact Chris Davis at 218-340-5610 or cldavis57@hotmail.com.



Council Highlights

From the December 13th meeting.

➤ **Treasurer's Report...** Income was up in October, and apportionments were made up for the month of September. The approximate amount due for November was \$5100.00 which was not paid. We have not contributed to THRIVE for

seven months, including November. The current year to date general fund balance is negative (\$71.27). UMCOC finished November in the positive \$137.36 and \$469.90 for the year. Children First began the fiscal year in September and up \$5141.22 in November and \$8048.42 for the year. Dreams income for November was \$2234.70 bringing the balance to \$78,118.29. Mission revenue was \$13, 240.34 in November with the large portion being for Honduras travel.

➤ **Stewardship & Finance...**The following were approved: revised UMCOC budget reflecting the Sign Reimbursement from UMC to UMCOC; Investment Disbursement requests to Health Ministry for support books and "Books for Kids" project at Children First. Denied request to Trustees for money towards a new slide. After hearing a report on the church safety training, attended by two committee members, discussed topics to be considered for church safety, to include: background checks, offering collection/counting/transportation, front office safety. Will request approval from council to move some of the remaining MCCI money to Parsonage Fund with intent to make a balloon payment in January 2018.

➤ **Pastor... Nominations:** The process has been really slow this year, but it looks like we are going to have a very strong slate of nominations for 2018. **Help Fund:** December is always a busy time for Safeway cards. We are now beginning the process for figuring out a different way to distribute the cards. Perhaps we will restrict distribution to specific days and times. The creation of December worship has been a fascinating process as I have released more of this planning to a core of planners. Less of my planning is now meaning that new input is resulting in some very creative and beautiful worship options we have not seen before.

We are seeing really solid participation in all three of the addiction recovery groups meeting here at the UMC. There are two Alcoholics Anonymous and one Narcotics Anonymous groups. Although we have no part in their functioning, we are really proud to be the facility where they meet. We are really excited about how healthy the three groups are right now.

➤ **Staff Parish...** A presentation was given by representatives from Children, Youth, and Family Ministry with a proposal for a Christian Education Director position to be developed in 2019. Reviewed the lists of completed and uncompleted staff evaluations.

➤ **Memorials....** The Undesignated Memorials have an account balance of \$672.64.

➤ **Health Ministry...** Our committee was approved to receive, \$196.44, from the Investment Fund, for a new project. We have purchased 10 books to give to people with cancer, or their family, to help them navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges that cancer brings. We have given out 3 books already and will put one in the church library.

➤ **Trustees...** Discussion on 12 five foot round tables for Fellowship Hall and 3 rectangular ones for Library and 1 rectangular for just outside Library door. These will be ordered after the end of the year.

Discussion on Security for Church Services the Congregation and Pastor. We are suggesting north door kept locked. We are also looking at card system to open north door.

- **Missions...** 2018 projects: Send Hope (Honduras), Heifer Project, UMCOR Disaster Response, Dakotas Camping, Tree of Life, Solar Oven Partners, Spearfish Food Pantry, Church World Service Kits, Children First Scholarships, Cornerstone Mission, Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering, Hope Center, United Methodist Special Offerings: Human Relations Day, UMCOR, Native American Day, Peace With Justice Day, World Communion Day, Student Day. In November, these were the offerings given: Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$715, UM Student Day \$112, Solar Oven Project \$100, Bishop's Thanksgiving \$770, Hope Center \$40, Campus Ministries \$208.34, UMCOR Hurricane Relief \$1,095, Food Pantry \$150, VIM Honduras \$10,050.
- **Dreams...** Continue to discuss how to prioritize and balance tangible and intangible requests.
- **Discussion Items...** A report on the two-day church safety training that was recently attended by two members was given. The Stewardship & Finance Committee reported that they approved special project requests of \$200 and \$500 for a Health Ministry support book and Children First book project, respectively. These expenses will be paid from the Investment Disbursement fund. A request for a new playground slide was denied.
- **Action Items...** To complete the requirements of our annual Charge Conference, the following were approved: 2018 General Fund budget, Membership Report, Lay Leadership Development (Nominations) Report. A revised UMCOC budget was approved. Approval was given to transfer \$10,000 from the MCCI Fund to the Parsonage Fund, with intent to make a balloon payment towards our loan. A request from Dreams to provide funding for a new playground slide was approved. This approval included much discussion on how to fund a request for new visual equipment (projectors and screens or TVs) in the sanctuary.
- **Learning exercise...** The responses to the four Vision Casting questions were approved. Based on priority and similar responses, committees will focus on the following in 2019: Northern Hills Sources of Support, Welcoming/Hospitality, Small Groups.
- **Next council meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2018 at 7:30pm. At this time we are still looking for a council chair and council secretary. Any suggestions can be directed to Pastor Scott or Chris Davis (218-340-5610).**



Walk to Emmaus



You are invited to Journey with Christ on a Walk to Emmaus. The Men's walk is scheduled for March 8-11. The Women's walk is scheduled for March 15-18. Both walks will be at Inspiration Hills near Canton, SD.

If you seek spiritual renewal or new understanding of God's grace and love, or worship and community with other believers, this might be for you. On an Emmaus weekend there is singing, reflecting, praying, worshipping, learning, sharing in Holy Communion, participating in small groups, experiencing God's grace in community and in the world and understanding Christian love in action.

The scripture theme is from Luke 24:32. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he [Jesus] talked to us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

For more information the website is dakotawalk.org or Tonya Whitmore at (605) 354-1495 or Betty Janke at (605) 387-5490. Or contact Pastor Scott or Mary Ann Sheldon.

Our Church Family

Condolences to the family of:

- *Jessie Williams*, who died December 4, 2017 and whose services were held Dec. 8 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Beryl Johnson*, who died December 6, 2017 and whose services were held on Dec. 15 at Spearfish UMC with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Monte Lee Allison*, who died December 8, 2017 in Burnsville, MN. His memorial service is planned for a later date this year. He was the son of Keith & Lou Allison.

MISSIONS

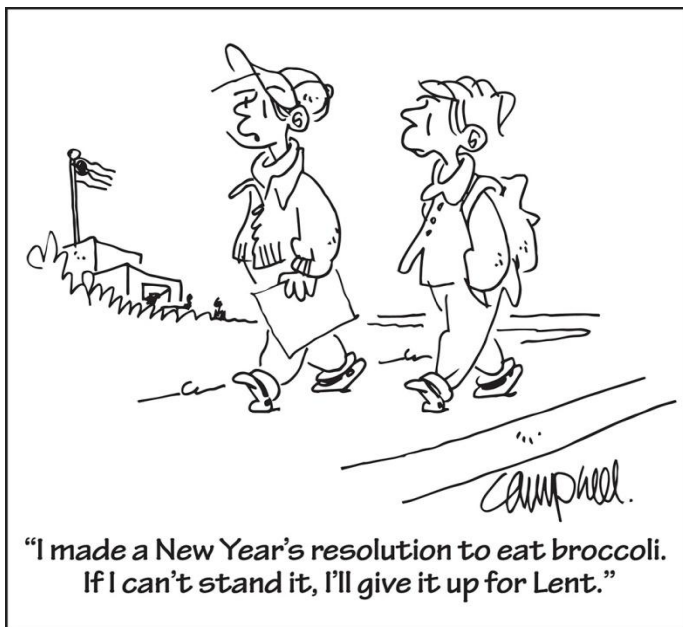
Human Relations Day Offering



The Human Relations Day offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through

United Methodist voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Please join in giving to this important project the weekend of January 13 & 14!



Off to Honduras X 2!

Five Spearfish UMC members (Michelle Jennings, Dianne Darling, Ellen Plocek, Ron and Gloria Borgman) will be off to Honduras January 14 along with 4 other team members.

Team 1 will be providing medical and dental care to adults and children in remote villages in south-eastern Honduras, the poorest part of that country. We will be hosted by and working with our missionary friends there.

Our second team of 9 will follow Feb. 1 and work in other villages in that general area. Providing care to thousands of patients and helping to stock the mission medical clinic requires thousands of dollars of medicine and supplies. Team members pay their own expenses and also raise money to pay for the medicine. Spearfish UMC has always been a big part of that fundraising.

We thank you for your past



generosity with our Cinnamon Roll Fundraisers. We also ask for your continued help when we serve those wonderful cinnamon rolls again on January 6 and 7 and as the mission of the month in January.

Food Pantry needs for January!



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

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Gertrude Thompson | 01-02 | Shirley Halse | 01-13 |
| Don Miller | 01-03 | Patricia Wood | 01-14 |
| Clifford Rusch | 01-03 | Terry Nagel | 01-14 |
| Vic Fondy | 01-03 | Linda Foltz | 01-15 |
| Heather Brewer | 01-03 | Reagan Niesent | 01-17 |
| Benjamin Burgeson | 01-03 | Hayes Haiar | 01-18 |
| Christian Burgeson | 01-04 | Beth Garrett | 01-19 |
| Eliana Foltz | 01-04 | Jamey Babb | 01-19 |
| Rex Moyer | 01-05 | Conner Kugler | 01-20 |
| Sasha Pursley | 01-05 | Roger Bell | 01-21 |
| Alyssa Fall | 01-05 | Jessica Zanton | 01-21 |
| Peggy Heckel | 01-06 | JoAnne Cleveland | 01-22 |
| Hugh Roles | 01-06 | Madison Garvin | 01-22 |
| Ambrie Zanton | 01-07 | Emmy Rollin | 01-23 |
| Tad Brewer | 01-09 | Kathy Schneider | 01-23 |
| Frances Sanders | 01-10 | Jackson Dana | 01-24 |
| Katie Nelson | 01-10 | Haley Clendenen | 01-26 |
| Preston Hazledine | 01-10 | William Babb | 01-27 |
| Thelma Davis | 01-11 | Louis Allison | 01-28 |
| Virginia Furrow | 01-11 | Marlyce Huyck | 01-28 |
| Holly Heintz | 01-11 | Tate Hayford | 01-28 |
| Aleen Ford | 01-12 | Laurie Lloyd | 0130 |
| Cheryl Kissack | 01-12 | Paige Larson | 0130 |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Joel & Jodi Johannesen | 01-01~18 yrs. |
| Don & Peony Hammerquist | 01-02~36 yrs. |
| Jason & Rebecca Hill | 01-09~9 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 2017

| Month | Actual Income | Actual Expenses | Difference |
|-------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| Jan. | 45,819.54 | 37,892.62 | 7,926.92 |
| Feb. | 32,300.03 | 38,039.16 | -5,739.13 |
| Mar. | 31,961.97 | 36,671.83 | -4,709.86 |
| Apr. | 39,733.96 | 38,605.75 | 1,128.21 |
| May | 30,987.64 | 35,168.21 | -4,180.57 |
| June | 29,231.80 | 26,852.02 | 2,379.78 |
| July | 32,859.01 | 34,217.38 | -1,358.37 |
| Aug. | 30,626.66 | 27,346.82 | 3,279.84 |
| Sept. | 30,013.25 | 32,932.01 | -2,041.37 |
| Oct. | 43,843.23 | 42,648.31 | 1,194.92 |
| Nov. | 32,388.66 | 31,260.20 | 1,777.90 |

DREAMS FUND 2017

| Month | Actual Income | Month | Actual Income |
|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| Jan. | 2,765.87 | Feb. | 2,423.21 |
| Mar. | 2,337.00 | Apr. | 2,489.93 |
| May | 2,844.00 | June | 2,233.18 |
| July | 2,389.93 | Aug. | 2,465.29 |
| Sept. | 2,147.32 | Oct. | 2,487.32 |
| Nov. | 2,234.70 | | |

Worship Attendance for Dec.: 1,109 (Avg/Wk = 222)

Christmas Eve 5:00 & 7:30 p.m. Services: 387

Sunday School Attendance for Dec.: 110 (Avg/Wk = 37)

Special Gifts for December

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Staff Christmas Fund | \$ 2,472.00 |
| Food Pantry | 55.00 |
| Choir Scholarship Fund | 70.00 |
| Campus Ministries | 208.34 |
| Elevator | 5.00 |
| Sprinkler System | 100.00 |
| NH Sources of Support | 300.00 |
| Adult Studies | 280.50 |
| Yoga Charity Fund | 159.00 |
| Honduras Trip Fund | 1,503.46 |
| UMCOC Donations | 380.00 |
| Children First Scholarships | 550.00 |
| Monte Allison Memorial | 200.00 |
| John Segrist Memorial | 100.00 |
| E Tapia Ministry | 15.00 |
| Cornerstone Mission | 935.00 |
| Solar Ovens | 100.00 |
| Honduras VIM Fund | 12,911.00 |
| UMCOR Donations | 400.00 |
| Youth Mission | 4,224.00 |
| Youth Fund | 1,505.00 |
| Youth Child Sponsor Income | 11.25 |
| Artemis House | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 27,084.55 |

Special Funds for December

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Parsonage Fund | \$ 882.00 |
| Benevolence Fund | 100.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary | 7,259.80 |
| TOTAL | \$ 8,241.80 |



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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.

E-mail Addresses:



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