



The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"2018 in Review"

We have prepared our end-of-the year report package. It's available in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. For my December Pastor's Page, I want to share with you my 2018 pastor's report. First of all, we are here as a church to "make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Let this set the tone for my remarks.

2018 marks my eighth year as pastor here in Spearfish. For me personally it has been a rich and full year, and so it has also been for the church.

Spearfish UMC's 2018 at a glance:

- It has been a heavy year for funerals, a joyful year for weddings, and a good year for baptisms. We as a church are powerfully engaged in the community as we guide people in the basics of our Christian faith in these very basic events.
- We celebrated Rev. Grace Huck's funeral as she passed away in August at the age of 102.
- We have fourteen 7th and 8th graders in Confirmation this year.
- Northern Hills Sources of Support (NHSOS) saw an enormous leap of growth this year and is now an organization independent of our church as a 501C3 organization. It is beginning to become active in the community as a functional assisting organization. Although the progress has been dramatic, there is a lot of progress that is yet to be made in 2019.
- As we have been in the past, we maintain a very active interdenominational participation with other churches in town and a very active interaction with our Northern Hills United Methodist ministry team.
- Our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Team (CYFM) has had a fantastic year as we completely remodeled our children's area upstairs, introduced our new "Orange" curriculum, and have our Children's Church program. It is still fairly small, but the strength is huge. We had a very good year in Vacation Bible School with there being more children

from the surrounding community participating than there were from Children First. Our weekly Nursery program under the leadership of Carrie Swanson continues to be a powerful asset for us.

- Children First (CF) is thriving with continued strong administrative leadership. We are working hard as a church to reach out into the CF families by inviting them over to our side of the parking lot with Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, and Goodies for Grandparents. We provide Mac n' Cheese days for the students on a regular basis. I love to go over to read to the kids, as do other volunteers. We have repainted and re-carpeted the hallway. A strong scholarship program is part of our outreach to CF.
- Our youth program continues to thrive as each year we send somewhere in the vicinity of fifty to camp from our church with our scholarship program. We have about 16 down in our weekly middle school program with a smaller number in high school. Brenda Swanson keeps the kids busy with events inside and outside the church.
- We have seen deep stability in our governing structure this year. Trustees are fully functional. Our Stewardship/Finance team is guiding us to a very strong finish for the year. Council is seeking to guide us in new visioning directions following completion of MCCI last year. Nominations Committee has done a great job with our committee structure for the year that is to come.
- Our Congregation Care Ministry continues to be extremely effective in meeting the care needs of our congregation.
- College ministry happens with students coming over to our house on a regular basis for Sunday night suppers. We engage as many as possible in the daily life of the church and pay attention to their needs. We are always working to involve them in the every-day life of our church.
- Members of the church participated in mission trips this year to the Dominican Republic; Racine, WI, Puerto Rico, and Tree of Life ministries in Mission, SD.
- We strengthened our music ministry through the addition of new worship team members and growth in

our Sanctuary choir. There were two big...actually huge... transitions for us this year in worship. The first was that John Elving, our worship coordinator died. This has been a tremendous blow to John's family and to our church family. We continue to walk with Babs, his wife, as we seek a new balance in life. The second was that Donna Gollieher retired as our head organist. We beautifully transitioned with Emma McKirdy-Wilsey as our new head organist.

Looking ahead to 2019:

- We are excited to introduce Children's Church into the 10:30 Sanctuary Worship.
- We are hoping that this will be the year to introduce a traveling Vacation Bible School (Sidewalk Sunday School) into our summer.
- General Conference will be meeting in February to discuss issues of human sexuality. We know there will be denominational changes occurring, so we are in prayer for this moment.
- We are developing deeper resources in order to become a Regional Church leader, helping to supply preaching and leadership resources to the surrounding United Methodist congregations.

May God add the blessing as we continue to reach our into our Northern Hills community and around Spearfish to build the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Cinnamon Rolls & Soup Supper One More Time!



Please join the Honduras mission team for hot, fresh, frosted and caramel cinnamon rolls after all services on January 5 & 6. We will also be serving soup after the Saturday night service. This is the major fundraiser to purchase medicine for our January medical

mission team to remote Honduras.

Thank you for your support now and in the past. With your help we will serve many of our Honduran neighbors.

*Ron & Gloria Borgman,
Michelle Jennings, Ellen Plocek and team*

Children's Church to Expand

The Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Team is expanding our Children's Church into the 10:30 Sanctuary Worship. Children's Church happens during our Sunday morning worship services. This new growth will begin with a core of children and leaders. Our Children's Church program is well-organized and uses the dynamic "Orange" curriculum. All of the current weekly planning will simply be extended into the second service. We will now begin growing Children's Church in the later hour through the invitation of families and by increasing the number of adult leaders and aids. If you would like to be part of our 10:30 Children's Church, contact the church office!

Northern Hills Hunger Banquet

In Spearfish SD one in six people live in poverty in the Northern Hills.

Learn the reality of local hunger and poverty during the 2019 Northern Hills Hunger Banquet Jan. 22 at 6:00 p.m. The Banquet will take place in the Jacket Legacy Room, located on the second floor of the Black Hills State University Student Union. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

The event is hosted to create a platform for awareness of hunger and poverty issues in the Black Hills, as well as generate

What does hunger really look like?

Become part of the experience...

exposure for Northern Hills Sources of Support (Northern Hills SOS). Northern Hills SOS is a non-profit organization located in Spearfish for the purpose of coordinating community resources and helping those in need find assistance. They help anyone asking the question, "Where do I go for..." by connecting them with the assistance provider or agency they need. Northern Hills SOS also assists organizations and community members with awareness, coordination and collaboration efforts to bettering local communities.

During the event, participants receive a ticket and are assigned to a class and served a meal coinciding with that class.

"The experience educates attendees firsthand on the inequality of class differences, locally," said Christine Pierson, Northern Hills SOS team member. "It is our goal to show what poverty really looks like on a local and worldwide landscape."

The Northern Hills Hunger Banquet is limited to the first 200 people. The event is open to all ages and is kid-friendly. **The RSVP deadline is January 15.** To RSVP call (605) 641-3248 or email

SDhungerbanquet@gmail.com. The Northern Hills Hunger Banquet is presented by the BHSU Campus Activities Board (BHSU CAB) and the BHSU Multicultural Committee.

There is no entry fee for the Hunger Banquet; however, cash or non-perishable food donations are appreciated. Cash donations will benefit the Northern Hills Sources of Support. Non-perishable food donations will benefit the Spearfish Food Pantry.

“We want our community to leave the Hunger Banquet inspired and eager to improve the lives of those who struggle without basic life essentials,” Pierson said.

Learn more at the Northern Hills SOS website www.northernhillssos.org or visit the Northern Hills SOS Facebook page.

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.

Dinah’s Book Club

The book club will meet Monday, January 14 at noon in the UMC parlor. They will be discussing *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. The books are in the church office.



- Many thanks to all who attended the annual Christmas Dinner fundraiser for the youth! We were able to raise over \$1100 for the summer mission trip! Special thanks to Barry, SJ, Chris, Kirk, Tad, Joe & Patty for putting together such a wonderful meal. Thanks to those who donated the prime rib! Thanks also to Paul & Christine for the chicken and to Bill for the pies! What a great team of volunteers and givers! You’re the best!
- A dozen youth served the Christmas meal and were assisted by Jocelyn who also worked very hard! Thanks!
- Youth will be ice skating in Rapid City at Roosevelt Ice Arena Wednesday, January 2nd as the previously scheduled date had to be cancelled.

Youth 2019 Deadline

The early bird deadline for registering for the summer youth trip to Kansas City is quickly approaching! After January 18th the price of the trip will increase another \$100. So if you are considering attending, now is the time to register—either online or by getting a form from Brenda.



The summer trip will be July 7-14 and will include 3 days of Urban Plunge – a mission and service experience in the Kansas City area. Following the Urban Plunge portion of the trip will be the Youth 2019 event, which is the national gathering for United Methodist Youth and leaders.

The cost of the trip is \$800 and Spearfish UMC youth are working to earn their way to Kansas City. A \$50 out-of-pocket deposit is required with registration but we will work to raise the rest.

If you have questions please contact Brenda.

Youth Retreat at Storm Mt.

All youth are invited to Winter Connection youth retreat at Storm Mt. Center January 25-26.



Participants will join with youth and leaders from around the hills and western South Dakota for activities, worship, small

groups, service projects and ice skating!

The cost of the event is \$40 which covers lodging, meals and skating. Call or text Brenda if you are interested in attending!

Children First

December has been a busy month at Children First as we have been celebrating Christmas. The children have loved all of the nice weather because we have been able to spend time outside almost every school day. We are looking forward to January, as we have some fun days on the calendar!

- January 14th is our next Mac-N-Cheese day at the church. All the children look forward to this day!
- January 28th we will be celebrating Kindness Week. A group of volunteers from the church will be coming over to Children First to read and present a book to each child, as a gift. This will be the second year of the book give-away. Last year was a big success and the children were thrilled to be able to

each take a new book home with them. Thank you to Janelle Jones and Claudia Little (and several other volunteers) for making this day happen!

We are happy to welcome our new members to the Children First Board of Directors: Betsy Williams, Sue McGrath and Beth Bentley.

We would also like to thank the board members who are leaving us for their dedication to Children First: Patti Mundt and Ron Borgman.

We wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2019!

Concert & Dinner Coming!

Save the date! On Saturday, February 9th an amazing concert with Boyd Bristow, Mike Connor, Kenny Putnam and Jami Lynn will be held at Spearfish UMC! But that's not all! Prior to the concert is an Italian Dinner served by the youth of the church as a



fundraiser for their summer trip.

The meal will include: a "Tour of Italy" plate including, salad, garlic bread and dessert.

Tickets will go on sale after January 1st and will be \$20 for the concert only, \$10 for the dinner or \$30 for both.



Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Received

We will be mounting the AED in the church Fellowship Hall in January. It is a device that evaluates the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Victim's heart rhythm with AED electrodes. An AED is a device that analyzes and looks for shockable heart rhythms, advises the rescuer of the need for defibrillation and delivers a shock if needed.

The Spearfish Ambulance Service will provide training on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and use of the AED in January. It is the goal of the Health Ministry Committee to get as many people as possible, in the congregation, trained on using the AED. The training will take about 45-60 minutes.

We hope you will consider taking the easy training. A sign-up sheet, with specific dates and times, will be provided in January.

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: March, April, June, July, August, 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.



Afternoon Out



Afternoon Out will meet on Thursday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note the new day of the week for the group to meet. This is going to be a permanent

change. Come for coffee, snacks and conversation. This is an opportunity to get to know others better.

The topic will be "Blizzards". Have you been caught in one or more? How did you survive? Bring pictures if you have them.

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

United Methodist Women (UMW)

We are looking forward to the first half of the 2019 New Year, beginning with our January meetings.

Wednesday, January 2 is our Business Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Library – open to all our members or anyone who has something to present to our Officers. Please, remember that our Business Meeting is not an Executive Meeting, it is for all members to attend!

Wednesday, January 16 is our Unit Meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship time and the meeting starting at 10 a.m. in the Library. Joann Follette will facilitate our Pledge Offering Program with Betsy Williams & Frances Sanders hosting. It is also when we will install our 2019 officers.

I want to take this opportunity, to thank all our officers, for stepping up this past year, to make sure all our programs were such a success, especially for the “Christmas Tea” on Saturday, December 15th. We had eight tables that were set with beautiful Christmas dishes and centerpieces and we had about 55 people that attended. I have only had the best reviews, thank you’s, and comments about plans for next year. I was even told it was a home run. So, ladies, who will be our Hostess’ for the tables December 2019? Everyone really seemed to have a good time! What a blessing to have ended 2018 on. Thank you to everyone that made this such a success!



All our meetings are open to all women in the congregation and the community; you do not have to be a member to attend. All UMW members don't forget to personally invite other women to come and enjoy our fellowship as Sisters in faith learning and doing Missions together. We invite new women of our church family to please feel free to come and join us. Also, a reminder to

all UMW members, keep your ears open - feeling free to invite any woman to our gatherings that show any interest in being a part of the different Missions we do locally or nationally and our fellowship activities.

Submitted by Debra Richardson, UMW President



Council Highlights December 19, 2018

- **Treasurer’s Report :** **Total General Fund** income for November was \$34,995.71 and expenses were \$27,186.42, leaving a surplus for the month of \$7809.29. We have not paid apportionments for August, September, October and November. As of the end of November, the General Budget is behind \$2482.87 the budget for the year. **UMCOC** income for November was \$4695.00 and expenses of \$4723.08 leaving a difference for the month of negative \$28.08. Year to date balance for UMCOC is \$833.86. **Children First** income was \$38,332.01 and total expenses were \$26,831.34 leaving the month ahead \$11,500.67 and \$15,457.44 for the fiscal year. **Capital Needs** income for November was \$360.00 with no previously approved expenses. The year to date balance is 28,769.04. **Parsonage Loan** repayment income was \$1234.74. No payment was made in November and the fund balance is \$14,021.46. The next quarterly payment is due January 1, 2019. **Mission Giving** began the month with a balance of \$23,528.72, with revenue of \$11,533.48 and expenses of \$8,528.56 leaving an ending balance of \$26,533.64.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Reviewed and approved: the 2019 budget; a balloon parsonage payment of \$8000, to be paid in January 2019; recommendations from the Treasurer of how to pay past-due apportionments; and a \$1200 (revised from \$1500) Benevolence Request. Ryan Jennings will serve as the Chairperson in 2019.
- **Staff Parish:** December agenda items included: 2018 Staff Evaluations, Christmas bonuses, staffing issues, Plans for 2019 and future Worship Team needs.

- **Children First:** Children First is in the process of reworking our budget to accommodate the increase in minimum wage starting in January. We need to hire a new staff member, as we are losing one at the end of December. Our next Mac-N-Cheese day is January 14th and our Kindness Week book project in conjunction with the church will be Monday, January 28th. Church members will be coming to Children First to read and then give books to each of the children. Our enrollment is at capacity and we have a very long waiting list.
- **Trustees:** Trustees did not meet in December but conversed by email. New tables delivered for Fellowship Hall have some issues, but we think we have them resolved. Getting estimates for fire escape stairs for parsonage, insulation for parlor and library.
- **Health Ministry:** The AED has been received and will be installed. A policy on maintenance and follow-up will be developed. Training for staff and congregation members will be scheduled in January. The funding has been through the Memorials Fund.
- **Missions:** Hope Center is the project for December, with the Pastor's Discretionary Fund receiving all mission offerings on Christmas Eve. The 2019 Mission-of-the-Month calendar has been set, and is as follows: Jan. - Honduras mission team; Feb. - Church World Service blankets; Mar. - UMCOR Disaster Response, with a focus on the CA fires; Apr. - Camp scholarships; May - Tree of Life; June - Solar Oven Project; July - Spearfish Food Pantry; Aug. - Health & School Kits; Sept. - Children First; Oct. - Cornerstone Mission; Nov. - Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering; Dec. - Hope Center/Pastor's Discretionary Fund. In addition, we will also receive special offerings for projects designated by the general UMC. These are: United Methodist Student Day; World Communion; Peace With Justice Day; Native American Ministries Day; UMCOR Day; Human Relations Day.
- **Discussion Items...**Pastor Scott stated that he is working on an evaluation for the MCCI process.
- **Action Items...**Approved: 2019 budget, list of committee rosters, 1st & 2nd readings, and a \$1200 Benevolence Fund request. Charge Conference booklets and the budget will be made available.
- **Learning Exercise...**Due to time, tabled for future meetings. Suggestion made to hold a council retreat in early 2019.
- **Next meeting: Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30pm. These meetings are open to everyone.**

Our Church Family

Condolences to the family of:

- *Sylvia Wetz*, who died December 26, 2018 and whose services will be held December 29 at the church with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

MISSIONS

Honduras Mission Team

Mission of the Month

A medical mission team led by Gloria & Ron Borgman will depart on Jan. 15 for two weeks in Honduras. On the team will be nine from the Dakotas, two from Texas, and a number of Honduran medical professionals.

Monetary donations this month will buy medicines to send with them to distribute while on the trip, and to leave with the missionary physician who lives and cares for patients there. The communities that the team will visit are very poor, and for many people, this is the only doctor's or dentist's visit they will have this year. Please be generous in your giving to help support this worthy mission.

January Food Pantry needs

- Chunky Soups
- Jell-O Pudding
- Oatmeal
- Boxes of Cereal
- Chef-Boy-R-Dee can Spaghetti
- Apple Juice
- Jell-O Gelatin
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Chunky Peanut Butter



BIRTHDAYS

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

Cheryl Kissack	01-12	Laurie Lloyd	01-30
Shirley Halse	01-13	Paige Larson	01-30

ANNIVERSARIES

Joel & Jodi Johannesen 01/01~19 yrs.
 Don & Peony Hammerquist 01/02~37 yrs.
 Jason & Rebecca Hill 01/09~10 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
Feb.	31,525.88	30,605.20	920.68
Mar.	32,507.02	37,324.77	-4,817.75
Apr.	42,616.99	41,352.11	1,153.65
May	31,697.11	31,501.07	196.04
June	30,077.35	28,763.56	1,313.79
July	44,750.97	44,366.26	384.71
Aug.	32,265.88	38,751.84	-6,485.96
Sept.	34,667.48	36,710.35	-2,042.87
Oct.	34,107.77	37,984.26	-3,876.49
Nov.	34,107.77	37,984.26	-3,876.49

CAPITAL NEEDS 2018

Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	1,702.15	Feb.	1,734.09
Mar.	1,445.00	Apr.	1,542.28
May	1,623.33	June	1,407.30
July	2,527.13	Aug.	39,144.04
Sept.	726.93	Oct.	751.00
Nov.	751.00		

*Worship Attendance for Dec.: 917 (Avg/Wk = 240)

Christmas Eve Worship: 383

*Sunday School Attendance for Nov.: 81 (Avg/Wk = 20)

*As of December 26

*Special Gifts for December

Table Sales Income	\$ 200.00
Financial Peace University	2,000.00
Food Pantry	90.47
Choir Scholarship Fund	70.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Staff Christmas Fund	3,180.00
Adult Studies	190.00
Yoga Charity Fund	482.00
Adult Choir Fund	20.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00

Children First Scholarships	310.00
Hope Center	690.00
Honduras VIM Fund	2,105.14
Solar Ovens	100.00
St. Andrew	200.00
UMCOR	850.00
Youth Missions	1,615.00
Youth Fund	3,060.25
*TOTAL	\$ 15,642.86

*Special Funds for December

Parsonage Loan Repayment Fund	\$ 1,581.75
Benevolence Fund	1,650.00
Pastor's Discretionary	8,241.25
*TOTAL	\$ 11,473.00



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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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