

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"General Conference is Coming"

Usually, United Methodists from around the globe get together every four years for a major denominational event that involves worship, prayer, global sharing, and legislation. This month we as UM's are having a General Conference after only three years. Almost a thousand delegates will gather February 23-26 in St. Louis, MO. This is a special conference with a special focus: human sexuality.

As a denomination we have been in heated discussion since 1972 on issues of human sexuality. This conference seeks to find a way forward so that we can better enter into ministry together around the globe without arguing so much about it. This is really tricky, because we are a global church. We here in the United States have a difficult time agreeing about sexuality: Same-sex marriage? Ordination of homosexual persons? The role of the church in environments of changing sexual attitudes?

Now expand that conversation to an entire globe and things get even more complicated even more quickly. We here in the US don't spend any time talking about polygamy in our churches, but in Africa this is a huge issue. We here in the US are pretty open in our discussions of sexuality, but as one 2016 General Conference delegate from Africa said, "We do not talk like this in our culture. We do not even talk about sexual issues with our wives." There are similar attitude differences from many other areas of the globe.

This is really tricky to talk about. This is really difficult to find our way through all these discussions and arrive at a place where we are the Body of Christ doing the will and work of God in our local communities and around the globe.

So, in February we will be in prayer for our denomination as the General Conference delegates gather. I hope to be giving you more information about what's happening, but also draw you in to a deeper sense of who we are here in Spearfish. As we look at the global church, we also begin to see more clearly who we are as a

local church.

Why are we here? "The Spearfish United Methodist Church is here to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." We do this when we "Know God. Love God. Serve Others."

It's who we are. It's what we do. We are the Body of Christ.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Concert & Dinner Coming!

Get your tickets soon! 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. Gluten-free & sugar-free options will also be available.

Tickets are \$20 for the concert only, \$10 for the dinner or \$30 for both. Space is limited for the dinner.

Parents Night Out!

Want to enjoy **Valentine's Day** out without the kiddos? We're here to help!

Children, Youth & Family Ministries is hosting an evening of FREE babysitting



for **children 3-12 years old** at the church on Thursday, February 14 from 5-8 pm.

Supper, games, & activities are provided in a safe, friendly environment. Space is limited so be sure to RSVP by February 10th to 642-3457.

Denver Confirmation Trip

Confirmation students are off to Denver February 15-17 to visit various places of worship as we seek to discover our heritage as United Methodists and the common roots we share with people of other faiths.



While in Denver students will attend a synagogue for Sabbath worship. They will visit a Muslim mosque and a

Greek Orthodox Church. Sunday worship will be at Scott UMC with our African American friends.

Some fun activities are being planned which may include the IMAX and Denver Museum. Details are still being worked out! Stay tuned!

Great Kindness Challenge



Spearfish United Methodist Church is joining Spearfish Elementary students and 10 million other students around the world in the Great Kindness Challenge during the week of January 28-February 2.

All kids deserve to learn in a safe, supportive and caring environment. This challenge provides a powerful tool to engage students, parents, teachers, and communities in creating a culture of compassion, acceptance, unity and respect.

Renovate:



Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on March 6. As a congregation starting that week, we will be centering our worship services and study opportunities on *Renovate: Building a Life with God*. This six-week

Bible study is written by Jacob Armstrong and guides us through the book of Nehemiah.

Each of us is a spiritual house, and God is ready to renovate. Renovating can be an exciting and rewarding experience. In the same way, God wants to renovate your life by altering the “old you” and creating a “new you.”

It's not going to be easy, and your life might experience some disarray, but renovating with God is the opportunity of a lifetime.

You will be able to participate in *Renovate* in worship, in personal daily study, and in small groups throughout Lent.

Dinah's Book Club

The book club will meet Monday, February 11 at noon in the UMC parlor. They will be discussing *Abide with Me* by Elizabeth Strout. The books are in the church office.



- A “Traveling Bake Sale” in January conducted by the youth raised over \$700 for youth missions & camps. They traveled to businesses around town and delivered homemade treats during their coffee time! Good job! Thanks, Pastor Scott & Tad for driving groups!
- Some of the youth and their leaders attended the Hunger Banquet held at BHSU. Many emotions were aroused among the groups from hunger and plenty to guilt and concern.
- Six youth and 2 leaders from Spearfish UMC joined with others from western SD at Storm Mt. Center for Winter Connection youth retreat where they worshipped, played games, built relationships and served others.

Children First

Children First would like to extend a huge thank you to:

- Janelle Jones, Claudia Little and everyone else involved in the Kindness Day Book Giveaway. The children love to have people come read to them and it is extra special for them to each be able to take a book of their own home with them!
- White's Queen City Motors for their very generous donation to our school!
- Everyone who helps with Mac-N-Cheese Day, Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads and Goodies with Grandparents.

The children are looking forward to Donuts with Dads on Friday, Feb. 7th from 7:00 to 8:30 am at the

church.

We have hired one new staff member. Her name is Taylor Myers and we are excited to have her join our team!

Monthly “Coffee & Conversation”



Come and have a cup of coffee and join in Valentine quiz by Alietha Balo on Thursday, February 14 from 2-4:00 p.m. This group will meet the second Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

As we begin February, our meetings are the following times.

- Wed., Feb. 6– Business Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Library
 - Wed., Feb.20– UMW Meeting – Fellowship time 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m. – Library – Hostesses: Betsy Williams & Monica Ingalls – Program: Melissa Raad – Children First
- During our February 20th meeting, we will have our local 2019 Program Books to hand out. Yes, they are really done and are ready to print. Thanks to the many hands and eyes that the proof reading was reached.

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.

Submitted by Debra Richardson, UMW President

Council Highlights

January 16, 2019

- **Treasurer's Report:** Total **General Fund** income for December was \$68,403.02 and expenses were \$48,053.87, leaving a surplus for the month of \$20,349.15. All apportionments have been paid. As of the end of December, the General Fund balance is \$17,871.57. **UMCOC** income for December was \$3,330.00 and expenses were \$6,369.99, leaving a difference for the month of negative \$3, 039.99. UMCOC year to date balance is negative \$2,206.13. **Children First** income was \$29,181.80 and total expenses were \$29,089.61 leaving the month ahead \$92.19 and \$15,549.63 for the fiscal year. **Capital Needs** income for December was \$930.90. Previously approved expenses totaled \$6,476.42, leaving the Capital Needs Fund behind \$5,545.52 for December and finishing the year with a balance of \$22,863.52.

- **The Parsonage Loan** repayment income was \$1782.17. There were no expenses in December, leaving a year to date balance of \$15,803.63. A quarterly payment of \$4,000 was due January 1st and an \$8,000.00 previously approved balloon payment also paid at that time.
- **Mission Giving** began the month with a balance of \$25,656.35 with revenue of \$13,616.86 and expenses of \$15,854.79, leaving an ending balance of \$23,418.42.
- **Staff-Parish:** The committee welcomed the following new members: Michelle Watson, Ross English, Josie Pearson, and Jacky Easton. Discussion items included staff evaluations; the 2019 Budget; a Children's First Overview—Buddy System with Staff Members; and goals for 2019.
- **Health Ministries:** The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was installed on the east side of the Fellowship Hall. A 45 minute training is being planned. This will not be a certification, but the goal is to have several people trained. A policy is written and in the church office. Orvette or Barry will check it monthly to make sure the battery is charged. They reported that there were 17 Home Visits/Grief Follow-up as well as 13 meals delivered in November/December by the Caring Meal Ministry. *Cancer-Now What* Books are now available
- **Historian:** Beth Bentley is meeting with Janelle Jones every Monday afternoon to start the process of organizing the history files. These files include pictures, bulletins, newspaper articles, committee minutes, special occasion documents, etc. The United Methodist Church has guidelines to follow which will help guide our decisions about what to keep and how to store everything.
- **Trustees:** Foltz Electric started installing security lighting on January 16. Gene's Lock Shop will install a new security locking system with key fobs on January 17-18. Haggerty's will install two large television projection screens in the sanctuary on January 17 or 18 as well.
- **United Methodist Women:** Officer Installation took place on January 16. The work is almost done for the local program book.
- **Discussion Items...**Pastor Scott, with help from some members of the congregation, is creating an evaluation to chart the progress made over 5 years with MCCI. His deadline is next council meeting. It will be an archival document to see what we accomplished and where we still need to go. A copy will be given to Annual Conference as well. The Church Council Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm to work on how we can better nurture, provide outreach, and witness to our church, community, and the world. John Kissack brought a mission idea with a former professional saddle bronc rider from Eagle Butte who puts on free rodeo schools for children in South Dakota and other states in impoverished communities. He plans to share it with Missions.
- **Action Items...**Approved: Transfer \$5,239.31 from Trustee Emergency Reserve Fund to UMCOC as reimbursement for replacement of the key card system at UMCOC due to lightning.
- **Learning/Planning Exercise...**Work tabled to the Council Retreat on March 2.
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. These meetings are open to everyone.**



Walk to Emmaus Weekends for 2019

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual walk with Christ. The 72 hours offer a time of inspiration, challenge, and equipping leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and communities. On an Emmaus weekend, you will: sing, reflect, pray, worship, learn, share Holy Communion, and participate in small groups. Also you will experience God's grace in community and in the world, and find Christian love in action.

As a member of a local church who is 18 years and older desiring to strengthen your spiritual life, this may be for you. If you are seeking answers to faith questions and willing to dedicate your everyday life to God, the Emmaus weekend may be for you.

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened Scripture to us?" (Luke 24:32)

- **Men's Weekend** – March 21-24, 2019 at Inspiration Hills Retreat Center near Canton
- **Women's Weekend** – March 28- 31, 2019 at Inspiration Hills Retreat Center near Canton

For more information, dakotaswalk.org or emmaus@upperroom.org or contact Mary Ann Sheldon

at minotmas@yahoo.com or 605-871-9941 or Pastor Scott at the church.

Our Church Family

Condolences to the families of:

- *Mary Hansen*, who died January 1, 2019 and whose services were held January 8 at the church with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Stan Seymour*, who died January 2, 2019 and whose services were held on January 11 at the church with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

MISSIONS

Blanket the World with Love

Mission of the Month

In February we honor someone or a baby or remember loved ones by writing their names on valentines. The valentines on the blanket share God's love.

What can you do with a blanket? (1) Fold it up and it can be a pillow. (2) Open it up and hold it by its corners and it can be a suitcase. (3) Put it over your head and it can be a tent.

People who experience disasters, like a flood, tornado, hurricanes, or fires may use blankets in all these ways. Blankets are an important way to help people in crisis. "Blanket the World with Love" is the mission for February.

The warmth of a blanket shows people who are hurting that someone cares about them. It's like a hug made out of cloth. A blanket is a reminder of God's love. Let's blanket our neighbors and the world with Christ's love.

Prayer: Our prayer this month is 1 John 4:7-9

"Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him." Amen

February Food Pantry needs

- Chunky Soups
- Jell-O Pudding
- 2 & 4 lb. Sugar
- Non-sugar Cereals
- Apple Juice
- Jell-O Gelatin
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Chili



BIRTHDAYS

Landin Burke	02-01	Greta Stewart	02-15
Dave Zanton	02-02	Lisa Foltz	02-15
Gae Koski	02-03	Danika Brown	02-15
Donna Gollither	02-05	Clyde Smith	02-17
Doris Parke	02-07	Sandy Prante	02-20
Dick Jones	02-07	Hannah Chastain	02-20
Cynthia Bates	02-07	Caiden Gee	02-22
Wade Tobin	02-09	Layne Loup	02-23
Jessica Jennings	02-09	Clara Christensen	02-24
Bob Culbertson	02-10	Brendan Hansen	02-24
Kirk Easton	02-11	James Trasmondi	02-25
Cameron Haag	02-11	Jody Emery	02-25
Annette Bailey	02-13	Sarah Hazledine	02-25
Thomas Ramos	02-13	Bridger Ferrell	02-26
Stan Smith	02-14	Carter Foltz	02-28
Connie Ericsson	02-15	Jim Witt	02-29

ANNIVERSARIES

Benjamin & Monica Burgeson	02/05~14 yrs.
Ed & Leslie Sewell	02/14
Lyle & Gladys McGarvin	02/14~38 yrs.
Allan & Kathy Bonnema	02/14~18 yrs.
Connie Pich & Chuck Bossert	02/16
Lyle Ericsson & Connie Swander-Ericsson	02/17~18 yrs.
Dave & Judy Wagner	02/22~55 yrs.
Alek & Shyla Crawford	02/24~2 yrs.
Terry & Stacy Sandgren	02-26~13 yrs.
Joe & Mary Hallenbeck	02/28~38 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
Dec.	63,251.07	32,888.80	30,362.27

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	Dec.	930.90

Worship Attendance for Jan.: 890 (Avg/Wk = 223)

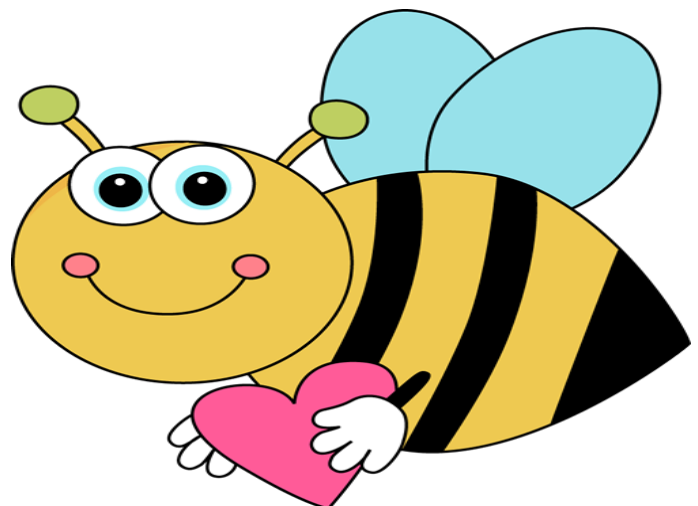
Sunday School Attendance for Jan.: 95 (Avg/Wk = 24)

Special Gifts for January

Table Sales Income	\$ 300.00
Food Pantry	90.00
Choir Scholarship Fund	25.00
NH Sources of Support	55.00
Adult Studies	49.00
Yoga Charity Fund	114.00
Honduras Trip Fund	10,369.84
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Children First Scholarships	350.00
Children First Donations	255.00
Hope Center	5.00
Honduras VIM Fund	1,641.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Human Relations Day	81.00
Youth Missions	1,182.70
Youth Fund	146.06
TOTAL	\$ 15,143.60

Special Funds for January

Parsonage Loan Repayment Fund	\$ 3,181.09
Benevolence Fund	200.00
Pastor's Discretionary	670.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,051.09



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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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February 2019