

The Trumbeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"I'm Back in School"

I am back in school...again!
One of the things that I learned very early in my ministry is that continuing education is absolutely crucial for a

minister. This is, of course, true for many of us. Let me tell you what's going on in my life in this next year of coursework.

In his book "The Seven Habits of a Highly Effective Leader", Steven Covey begins and ends his list of seven habits with "Seek first to understand" and "Take time to sharpen your ax". These two habits combined have marked my ministry for years. Taken together, this means that I am constantly seeking to figure out new things by constantly trying to learn new pastoral techniques.

I have been accepted into Dakota Wesleyan University's (DWU) new "Non-Profit Church Leadership" (NPCL) program, which is now in its second year. Over the space of the next twelve months, I will be earning twenty-one credits on a masters-degree level. I am one of twenty four United Methodist pastors from the Minnesota and Dakotas who have been accepted into this new program.

DWU has only recently developed the NPCL certification program in order to specifically train and resource local pastors on a deeper, ongoing level. (It is actually the first 21 credits of a 36-credit Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree if I would ever want to go further and finish the entire degree.)

This certification is going to be giving me a much deeper understanding of how local United Methodist local congregations function financially and thus programatically. This means that I am learning in deeper detail how churches function and communicate. As my classes progress, I will also be developing a master project that involves the specific needs of our Spearfish church. I look forward to telling you more about that in the months ahead.

I'm excited for the process. Two of our other Northern Hills pastors are in the cohort (group) with me:

Peggy Hanson of Lead Trinity UMC and Karl Kroger of Piedmont Grace UMC. This is the first time that I have taken classes online, so I am learning not just the class content itself but also the computer technique to do it. (I know, those of you who are old hands at this just said to yourself, "It's about time he learned how to do that.")

"Seek first to understand." Check. "Take time to sharpen your ax." Check.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities



Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School Theme for this year is "To Mars and Beyond". The mission will begin on August 19th and run until August 23rd starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending roughly at 11:00 a.m. Registration and sign-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School will take place at the church.

Yes, You Can!

As we prepare for our up-coming Vacation Bible School August 19-23 we will be looking for volunteers.

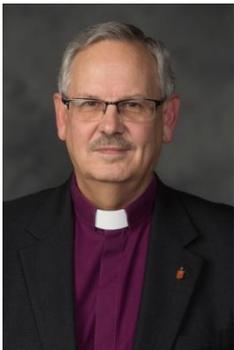
You can help by "shepherding" students from station to station, helping the leaders at the stations (extra

sets of hands are wonderful!), bringing snacks, helping serve snacks, inviting kids in your neighborhood, helping with registration and by being a greeter and welcoming students each day! Share your love!



If you can help, call Brenda (641-4864) or the church office. If you can bring snacks, call Connie at 722-4827.

Our Bishop Is Coming!



The bishop of our Dakotas and Minnesota Annual Conferences is coming to preach in Spearfish this month! On Saturday and Sunday, August 24-25, Bishop Bruce Ough will be bringing the message in all three of our worship services. He will be available for conversation between and after the services.

Bishop Ough is now in his eighth year of leadership in our two-conference area. During his tenure, he has also served for two years as chair of our United Methodist denomination's Council of Bishops. Originally from Williston, ND, he has served as a local pastor as well as in multiple positions of leadership in both the Dakotas and Iowa annual conferences. He is married to Char, who will be joining him for this weekend.

You are invited to a really great weekend of worship and preaching!

Summer Choir

Summer Choir has no mid-week rehearsal – if you want to sing, meet at the piano in the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. to rehearse a song to sing at the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!

Summer choir will meet on the following dates:
Aug. 4, 11.

Dinah's Book Club

The book club will meet Monday, August 12 at noon in the UMC parlor. The group will be reading and discussing *The Forgotten Road* by Richard Paul Evans. The books may be picked up in the church office.

“Coffee & Conversation”

Come and have a cup of coffee and join in the conversation on Thursday, August 8 from 2-4:00 p.m. This group meets the second Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.



Everyone is welcome so please bring your friends.

Thank you!

Thanks to your generosity, the youth attending Youth 2019 from Spearfish UMC were able to donate for school kits:

51 notebooks	33 erasers
17 boxes of crayons	25 scissors
25 pencil sharpeners	35 rulers
17 boxes colored pencils	212 pencils

Add that to the thousands of others that were donated by the 3000-some youth and a huge impact was made! Students from all over will start the school year with new school supplies thanks to YOU!



- Youth are invited to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School the week of August 19-23 from 8:30 – 11:00 am each day.
- Youth are also invited to volunteer to help with the food pantry the first two weeks of August when Spearfish UMC is working. Call Brenda to arrange times!
- Don't miss the Drive-In Movie night at Hermosa August 15th! Bring the whole family for carload night!
- Youth group fall start-up is Wednesday, September 4 at 4 pm! Until then, join us for summer special activities!

Children First

Summer is flying by and before we know it school will be starting. Our 4 & 5 year old preschool class will be visiting the Air and Space Museum at Ellsworth Air

Force Base. Mid-August we will be going to swimming lessons at the Spearfish Recreation Center and we continue to enjoy working in our gardens and look forward to harvesting some tasty veggies soon.

The first day of our 2019-2020 school year is September 3.

What a Week!

Youth and adults attending Urban Plunge & Youth 2019 had an incredible week of varied experiences and amazing worship!

Four buses from the Dakotas traveled to Kansas City where they met up and stayed in dorms on William Jewell campus. Each of the first 3 days included worship together and spreading out to several locations for mission work including: Harvesters Food Bank, Healing House (homes for recovering addicts), thrift stores (that support those in need), Hope Hangout (teen support center), and concluding with a city prayer walk.

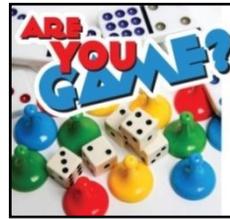
The following 3 days was the Youth 2019 United Methodist Youth gathering with over 3000 participants consisting of worship, workshops, small groups, speakers and Bible study.



World Food Night

On August 18 from 5-7 p.m., we will be eating food that would be enjoyed by the various religions we have been studying. Also, we will watch a panel from the Seeds of Compassion event at the University of Washington. In the panel, the various religious leaders discuss how they approach living lives of compassion. The most notable leaders on the panel are The Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Pastor Rob Bell, and Sister Joan Chittister among others. If you would like to help make dishes from the world religions, email Kevin Nakajima at kevinmasanaka@gmail.com.

Family Game Night



Join us on Sunday, August 25 from 5-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Family Game Night! The menu will be Teriyaki Chicken and Rice. You are more than welcome to share a side or dessert.

All family friendly games are also welcome! If you have nothing to bring, don't worry, all we really need... IS YOU!

Safety Awareness

Do you know where to find the following emergency items in our church?

FIRE ALARMS: Located near all exit doors, and one near basement elevator door. When activated, a warning is broadcast throughout the building and the fire department is alerted.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: We have 10 fire extinguishers:

- 1 by the NE exit (just through the door to the right of the altar)
- 1 just outside the pastor's office
- 1 in the West foyer
- 1 in the kitchen
- 1 in the youth room (by the E exit)
- 2 in the lower hallway – N and S ends
- 1 in the upstairs hallway by the Sunday School rooms (N end)
- 1 in the youth director's office
- 1 in the Upper Room

FIRST AID KITS: We have 5 first aid kits in the church.

- 1 in the kitchen on the wall near hand washing sink
- 1 above the coat rack in the W foyer
- 1 in the Welcome Center in the E foyer
- 1 in the Secretary's office
- 1 in the Nursery

AED: On the W wall of the Fellowship Hall by closet doors.

WHEEL CHAIRS: We have 2 wheelchairs. 1 in each foyer under the coat racks

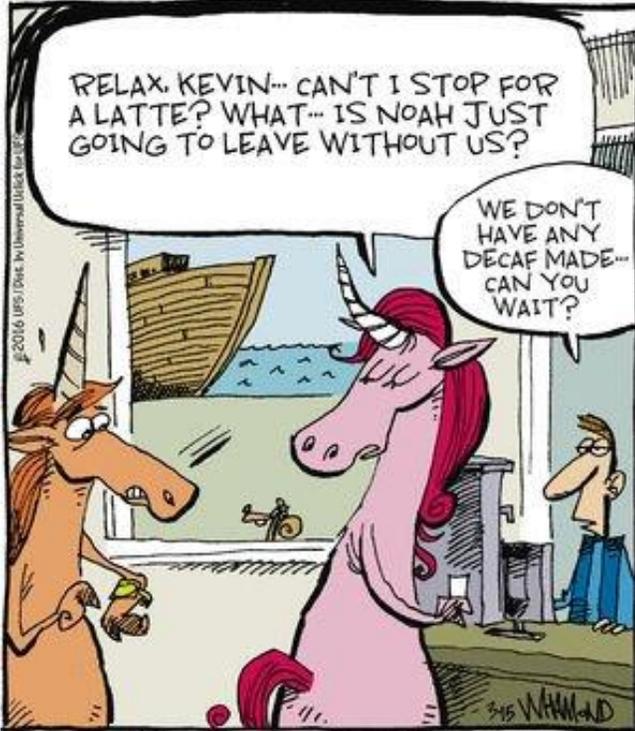
United Methodist Women

Where did the summer go? Only one month and we're back in the fall routine. As a toast to summer, we enjoyed a pot-lock gathering on July 16th, with nearly 30 women attending. Nothing serious; just food and fellowship.

The fall activities begin with our annual Planning Meeting on August 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. This being a Saturday, we encourage all women of the church to attend to get an idea of our purpose as a UMW Unit.

Any members participating in the UMW Reading Program are asked to turn in your reading list to Josephine Boyer by August 1, 2019.

Vice-chairman: Connie Swander-Ericsson



New Chimes for Bell Choir

Spearfish UMC has been blessed with our third octave of Choir chimes which arrived recently. This wonderful addition to our handbell ministry complements our three octaves of handbells and our two octaves of chimes that we previously purchased. Initially we borrowed chimes from South Canyon Lutheran in Rapid City when we first started adding chimes to our music. With the acquisition of our third octave we are fully functional on our own.

Music memorials from several families have enabled us to purchase these chimes a little earlier than expected. I want to publicly acknowledge where these gifts originated. The bulk of the monies came from the Charlotte Schuttler funds, Monte Allison funds, Helen Crosswait funds, Kathy Daum funds, and were completed through my personal contribution in memory of John Elving. We had discussed finishing off the third octave before he passed away, and I felt I wanted to complete our plans.

Music is important in the life of the church. While we can all raise a "joyful noise" to the Lord, we are not all

blessed with a voice to sing aloud. Music without words is also a way to praise God. Handbells and chimes are just another instrument to use in this worship experience. If you are so inclined, please join our handbell choir as we ring in the new fall season. If ringing is not your forte, please lift your heart to God through our gift of music.

Council Highlights

July 2019

****Note:** No Church Council Meeting was held in July; however, treasurer Karen Hahn and the committees who met submitted the following reports. **Next Church Council Meeting will be on August 21 at 6:30 pm.**

- ✓ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** **General Fund** income for June 2019 is \$37,094.03, and total expenses are \$32,358.53 leaving a positive difference of \$4735.50 for the month and \$10,532.51 for the year. All apportionments for 2019 have been paid. **UMCOC** income is \$5,075.00 and expenses \$2,418.12 for June, leaving a difference of \$2656.88 for the month and a year to date balance of \$8,456.43. **Children First** income for June is \$26,815.27 and expenses of \$25,945.80. The year to date balance is \$26,682.53. The Children First fiscal year will end August 31, 2019. June income into the **Debt Retirement / Capital Fund** is \$150,009.68 which includes pledges and the loan taken for the UMCOC boiler repairs and replacement. Expenses for June are \$4,230.41 (including a loan repayment of principle and interest) leaving a difference of \$145,779.27, and year to date balance of \$166,677.71. **Mission Giving** began June with a balance of \$23,266.35 with revenue of \$5,791.50 and expenses of \$2,549.37 leaving an ending balance of \$26,508.48.
- ✓ **HEALTH MINISTRIES:** The Health Ministry Committee will sponsor a **Health Forum** on Oct. 20, 2019 on Preparing for the Future-Care Giving. It will be presented by AARP from 4-5 pm in the church library. Twenty-one Caring Meals were provided in April and May. Twenty *Cancer-Now What* books have been given since 2017. If you know of anyone who has cancer, please contact the church office so we can contact them to see if they would like a book.
- ✓ **MEMORIALS:** The only change in Memorial funding is \$45 designated to Children First by the Ken Perry memorial. Lola Pascoe has resigned as thank you correspondent. A thank you will be sent to her for her decades of help as well as another thank you that will be sent to the Perry family.
- ✓ **STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS:** The SPRC did not meet in July; however, here are items that are currently ongoing for us. We have hired Katie Clark

to be our new Children's Worship Coordinator. Katie will be starting her position in Mid-August. We are once again looking for a new Financial Assistant. We are advertising and have received several applications. We will be looking at the applications and forming an interview team soon. Our goal is to fill the position as quickly as possible, but we will not fill the position until we find the right person for the job.

- ✓ **WORSHIP:** The Worship Committee met on Thursday June 27th. We discussed plans for the Christianity and World Religions series. We also looked carefully at dates when key people will be gone during the summer. Worship Committee members continue to meet at other times for long-term and short-term planning. We really appreciate everyone who helps with services! Readers, greeters, servers, prayer partners, praise teams, etc.



“Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life.”

Walk to Emmaus Weekends for 2019

Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual walk with Christ. It is based on Luke 24:13-35. 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. On the Walk to Emmaus, there is no “physical walking distance,” but a “walk with other people in worship, fellowship, learning and fun.”

As a member of a local church who is 18 years and older, if you desire 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** – October 3-6, 2019 at Storm Mountain Center
- **Women's Weekend** – October 10- 13, 2019 at Storm Mountain Center

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 scott.mckirdy@spearfish.org or 605-642-3457.

May God bless and guide you as you prayerfully consider participating in Walk to Emmaus weekend at the beautiful Storm Mountain Center.

Our Church Family

Blessings upon:

- *Maren Grace McKirdy-Wilsey*, who was baptized by Pastor Scott McKirdy on Sunday, July 28. Maren is the daughter of Ben & Emma McKirdy-Wilsey. She is also the grand-daughter of Scott & Colleen McKirdy and Tom & Kelly Wilsey.



Condolences to the families of:

- *Marjorie Balo*, who died June 28, 2019 and whose memorial service was held July 2 at Spearfish UMC with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating. She was 99 years old.
- *Richard Frybarger*, who died July 3, 2019 and whose services were held July 8 at the Lead-Deadwood Memorial Chapel in Lead, SD with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *James McGilvrey*, who died July 6, 2019 and whose memorial service was held at UMC on Saturday, July 20 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Bob Culbertson*, died July 22, 2019 and his memorial service was held at UMC on July 25 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

MISSIONS

August Mission Kits:

The kits we will assemble are Hygiene Kits and School Kits. The contents have been recently changed, so please read the list of items closely, and try to donate exactly what is on the list. Cash will also be accepted.

Contents of the kits should NOT be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

SCHOOL KITS



Items for the School Kits will be gathered in August. You can make up a kit, give items for the kits or donate money so that items can be purchased. All items must be new.

- **1 pair blunt scissors** (*rounded tip – no plastic scissors*)
- **1 box of 24 crayons** (*only 24!*)
- **3 one-subject notebooks** (*NO marbled composition books. NO 3 or 5 subject notebooks.*)
- **1 pack of loose-leaf paper** (*100-200 page packets are acceptable. Wide or college rule accepted.*)
- **1 hand-held pencil sharpener** (*1" or longer. Remove from packaging.*)
- **1 ruler** (*12" or 30-centimeters long. Sturdy or flexible material accepted.*)
- **6 unsharpened pencils**
- **1 eraser** (*2" or larger.*)
- **1 two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag**
- **\$1.00 to cover shipping**

Do NOT include any personal notes or additional material in the kits. Time has to be taken to remove them.

Hygiene Kits

These Kits are very important in time of emergencies such as floods, tornados, earthquakes, and fires. A sample kit and box to receive materials will be at the east and west entrances. *All items must be new. Do not wash the towel and washcloth.* Each Kit needs to contain:



- **1 hand towel** (*15"x25" up to 17"x27". NO kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels.*)
 - **1 washcloth**
 - **1 comb** (*Must be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth. NO pocket combs or picks. Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6" of teeth.*)
 - **1 toenail or fingernail clipper** (*NO emery boards or metal nail files.*)
 - **1 bath size bar of soap** (*3 oz. bar or larger. NO Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do NOT remove from packaging.*)
 - **1 adult toothbrush** (*Do NOT remove from packaging. Personal advertising not acceptable.*)
 - **10 adhesive bandages** $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3" (*Common household bandages acceptable.*)
 - **1 one-gallon size re-sealable bag**
 - **\$2.00 to purchase toothpaste and cover shipping**
- Do NOT include any personal notes or additional material in the kits. Time has to be taken to remove them.



August Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Spaghetti
- Ramen Noodle Soup
- Pancake Syrup
- Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 2 lb. of Sugar
- 2 lb. of Flour
- 18 oz. Quick Oatmeal

BIRTHDAYS

Allison Jensen	08-01	Grace McKirdy	08-20
Faith Powers	08-02	Charlie Pierson	08-20
Wayne Lueders	08-03	Jim Hoxie	08-21
Marissa Tuttle	08-03	Melissa Raad	08-22
Cody Warns	08-03	Don Wood	08-22
Kole Schell	08-03	Elizabeth Hubbard	08-22
Ryan Meredith	08-05	John Tollison	08-23
Allexandra Kaddatz	08-05	Barry Penn	08-23
Chuck bossert	08-06	Samantha Wood	08-23
Tennison Easton	08-06	Charity Crenshaw	08-23
Teri Roberts	08-06	Lori Kunka	08-24
Donna Fondy	08-08	Chloe Dorsett-Koski	08-24
Katelynn Benham	08-09	Kim Tollison	08-27
Remington Wood	08-11	Aimee Palmer	08-27
Linda Hoxie	08-13	Tyce Christensen	08-27
Lori Kiewel	08-13	Eric Jennings	08-28
Amy Sumners	08-13	Oaklyn West	08-28
Sandy TeBeest	08-14	Nancy Czaplewski	08-29
Mildred Cundy	08-17	Ethan Nail	08-29
Jordan Louks	08-19	Ben McKirdy-Wilsey	08-30
Wyatt Ross	08-19	Bri Prewitt	08-30

Jean Lewers-Brail	08-20	Jill Leonard	08-31
Bob Oliver	08-20	Peter Darling	08-31
Lana Trasmondi	08-20	Ella Ellsbury	08-31

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Laura Oliver	08/03~45 yrs.
Sid & Linda Foltz	08/07~43 yrs.
Jordan Louks & Alyssa Warns-Louks	08/08~4 yrs.
Vaughn & Peggy Heckel	08/09~44 yrs.
Terry & Dyan Nagel	08/12~47 yrs.
Bill & Peggy Bosch	08/13~41 yrs.
Floyd "Buzz" & Helen Stiles	08/15~55 yrs.
Lonnie & Sandy TeBeest	08/15~39 yrs.
Ross & Alyssa English	08/15~7 yrs.
Kenneth & Jessica Ellerton	08/18~18 yrs.
Nathan & Janna Swanson	08/18~7 yrs.
Riley & Barbara Chrisman	08/20~53 yrs.
James & Penny Louks	08/20~36 yrs.
Eric & Heather Schmidt	08/20~3 yrs.
Ron & Gloria Borgman	08/21~53 yrs.
Arne & Gae Koski	08/22~69 yrs.
Bob & Carolyn Baker	08/22~59 yrs.
Keith & Lou Allison	08/23~66 yrs.
Don & Bobbi Looney	08/23~47 yrs.
Dick & Eileen Jones	08/24~75 yrs.
Steve & Donna Peters	08/24~45 yrs.
Branden & Tara Ginter	08/24~6 yrs.
Kenneth "KC" & Suzanne Phillips	08/26~41 yrs.
Rex & Rilea Moyer	08/26~37 yrs.
Russell & Susan Bauer	08/26~2 yrs.
Jason & Jill Leonard	08/29~10 yrs.
Daryl & Jody Emery	08/29~3 yrs.
Kevin & Lori Cook	08/30~11 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 2019			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan.	34,146.37	38,646.63	-4,500.26
Feb.	32,314.14	29,699.48	2,509.99
Mar.	39,914.00	37,192.46	2,721.54
Apr.	39,090.19	38,279.60	810.59
May	34,799.73	30,196.68	4,603.05
June	37,094.03	32,358.53	4,735.50

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2019			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	3,101.09	Feb.	2,594.00
Mar.	4,085.00	Apr.	2,910.00
May	10,475.87	June	150,009.68

Worship Attendance for July: 632 (Avg/Wk = 211) *
 * As of July 24

Special Gifts for July*

UMCOC Heating Upgrade Fund	\$ 220.00
Health Ministry	168.31
Food Pantry	415.00
Choir Scholarship Fund	25.00
Caring Meals Income	20.00
Adult Education Fund Income	110.00
Yoga Charity Fund	323.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Children First Scholarships	450.00
Children First Donations	1,755.00
Marj Baló Memorial	270.00
Clothe-A-Kid	2,130.00
Honduras VIM Fund	50.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Youth Missions	260.00
Youth Fund	130.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,806.31

Special Funds for July*

Benevolence Fund	\$ 260.00
Pastor's Discretionary	70.00
TOTAL	\$ 330.00



REMINDER:
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August 19-23
8:30-11:00 a.m.



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Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 8:15 a.m.
“Children’s Church” – 8:30 & 10:45 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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