

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Revival"

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ... "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance.... But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first." –

Revelation 2: 1a, 2a, 4-5a

Let me ask you this: When was / is the greatest time(s) in the life of Spearfish Church? There have been so many through the decades and generations. There was the moment when we first worshiped in our brand new sanctuary in 1889. There were those moments in Sunday School programs when our kids filled the church around 1903. There was the success of digging and building our brand new basement and hosting our first meal in the kitchen in 1918. There was the glory of filling the sanctuary after our remodeling and stained glass windows were installed in 1923. There was the way that we worked tirelessly to service our Spearfish community during World War II. There was the post-war explosion of children and the building of our new education unit in 1955. There were those hundreds of meals that we served in the new upstairs kitchen / dining room throughout the 1960's. There was the establishment of Spearfish's very first preschool, our Cooperative Preschool in about 1965. There were the youth ministries and music ministries and caring ministries of the 1970's and 80's. There was the building of our new sanctuary in 1996 and with it an explosion in Disciple Bible Study. There was the power of LRE, our Lifestyle Relationship Evangelism that changed the face of our congregation in the 2000's. There was the purchase of Old Central School in 2006 and the establishment of Children First and the United Methodist Community Outreach Center in 2007 that has changed the face of faith and education in our community.

Soooooo many things that could be considered our finest moments!

But I don't choose any of these.

I believe that our best moments as a church are yet to come. We are setting ourselves for the future of ministry in this community in the decades yet to be with the generations yet to be born.

In order to better help and guide us, this January we are beginning a seven-week series called "Revival!" This is a worship and teaching time that will guide us not only through the life of John Wesley (the founder of the Methodist movement) but also through the establishment and development of our church through the last 250 years AND will help you see the foundations that we are laying for the next generation of ministry.

There will be a brown-bag lunch class offered on Thursdays at noon. There will be opportunities for you to learn, grow, understand and lead as we together learn more deeply the life and ministry of Christ in our church.

Happy New Year! Happy New Revival!

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Thank You from the UMC and Children First Staffs

The staff of UMC and Children First would like to thank the congregation for their donations to the Staff Christmas Fund. It is because of your generosity that everyone was able to receive a very nice bonus at this time of year. Thank you so much.



Cinnamon Rolls are Coming!



The Honduras medical team will be serving fresh cinnamon rolls after all services on January 4 & 5 as well as a soup supper after the Saturday service

on the 4th. This is the main fundraiser to pay for the medicine and supplies for the January and February mission teams to Honduras. Thank you for your support.
Honduras Mission Team

Quilt & Craft Group Sale a Success

In November the Quilt & Craft Group at UMC held a sale of a room full of items they had made for people to use as gifts for the holidays. It was very successful. They raised \$2,200 to give away to the following:

- \$700 – to Children First
- \$700 – to the Spearfish Coop Preschool
- \$700 – to the NH S.O.S group
- \$100 – to the UMC Coffee Fund

Children First

2019 was another great year for Children First and we look forward to 2020 being even better! With an enrollment of 75 children and 22 employees, all our classrooms are full to the max. Our waiting list is still long but we do our best to place as many children as possible.

Children First is very excited to have been added to the pledge card this year. We are overwhelmed and deeply grateful to all who have pledged! The extra funds will help us to continue to work toward making Children First a high-quality early learning center and a wonderful place to work.

If you would like to see for yourself what goes on at Children First on a daily basis, this is your formal invitation to do just that. We love visitors and would love for anyone from Spearfish UMC to come and see what you have helped create. If you would like to stop by for a tour or just spend some time observing what we do, you can call Melissa Raad at 645-1131, Sarah Hazledine at 641-6535 or call Children First at 642-1191.

“Amahl & the Night Visitors”



“Amahl & the Night Visitors,” a short opera by Menotti, will be presented at our church on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2:30 pm by BHSU faculty and community

members.

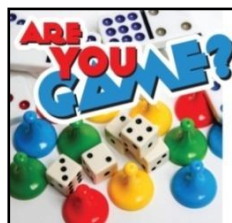
The opera tells the story of a young boy and his mother who experience a visit from the Wise Men and have their lives transformed. A free-will offering will be

taken, which will be divided between the church and the BHSU music department.

Dinah’s Book Club

The book club will meet Monday, January 13 at noon in the UMC parlor. The group will be reading and discussing *Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini. The books may be picked up in the church office.

Family Game Night



On Sunday, January 19th from 5-7 pm, join us for Family Game Night! We have been having so much fun and really want you to be a part of it!

This month's entree will be chicken enchiladas. Bring a side, dessert, or non-alcoholic beverage to go with that if you would like, or just bring yourself! All are welcome!

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Hello 2020, as we say good-by to 2019. It went so fast and now we cherish the memories and learn from the challenges.

We will start the new year with our first business meeting on January 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. All members and interested women of our church are invited to attend. It hardly seems possible that our main topics of discussion will be the annual Lenten Lunches and World Day of Prayer. Be prepared to volunteer for special committees. We always need lots of help. Our regular UMW meeting will be on January 15th. Fellowship at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Our first (hopefully annual) Christmas Brunch was a fun success with approximately 30 in attendance. New ideas are already coming to mind.

Debra Richardson is recovering nicely from knee surgery and will return to her home on December 31.

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 emergency 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: June, 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.



- Thank you to all who came to the youth Christmas dinner in December! Thanks especially to our cooks: Tad Brewer and Steve Bailey! It was a great day and we thank you!
- Between 7 and 9 youth attended the “Lunch and Learn” at the high school on Tuesdays in December as they discussed the Christmas stories from Matthew and Luke.

Register Now For Winter Connection!

Spend an overnight at Storm Mt. Center in the winter beauty of the Black Hills for Winter Connection January 24-25. All students in 6th through 12th grades are invited to join with other youth from western South Dakota as they share in activities, worship, service projects and ice skating!

This year’s theme is “Love Is” from 1 Corinthians 13.

To register: go to www.dakoyouth.com/events. Or you can contact Brenda for more information.

Mission Colorado!

Calling all high school youth! A mission trip to Colorado Springs is coming up July 5-11! Registrations

are open this month (January) and the cost of the trip is only \$575!

We will mission to the poor and disadvantaged of Colorado Springs by serving in homeless shelters, food banks, community gardens, thrift stores, and with other agencies that meet the basic needs in the community and larger region.

For more information you may contact Brenda or check it out at www.dakoyouth.com/missiontrips.



Council Highlights November/December 2019

Note: Due to the cancellation of the November Council meeting due to weather and the Charge Conference held on Monday, December 16, highlights are combined.

TREASURER’S REPORT: A payment was made on the loan and the adjustment was made on the Balance Sheet. **General Fund** income for the month of October was \$37,631.14 and expenses were \$41,452.61. The General Fund ended the month \$3,821.47 in the red due mainly to an insurance payment being made. The year to date balance is \$4,190.11 in the black with all apportionments paid through October. **UMCOC Fund** income was \$3,335.00, and expenses were \$5,942.47 leaving the UMCOC Fund in the red \$2,607.47 for the month of October but still in the black \$7,625.26 for the YTD balance. The insurance payment affected the balance for the month. **Children First** income for October was \$38,038.80, and expenses were \$36,951.87. Children First ended October in the black \$1,086.93. The year to date balance is \$4,408.88. **Debt Retirement/Capital Fund** income for October was \$3,235.16. Expenses were \$7,738.0, reflecting the payment made on the loan and some more work on the boiler. Year to date balance is \$26,759.15. **Mission-Giving** for October was \$4,285.00.

Mission expenses (distributions) were \$3,747.08. Cornerstone Mission was the Mission of the Month and received \$1,294.00 in donations.

CHILDREN FIRST: Children First plans to revise the budget to increase some wages. Pledges to Children First are \$12,034 for 2020. NAEYC took place in Nashville, November 20-23, 2019, and Melissa Raad and Sarah Hazeldine attended. The National focus is “No Small Matter”. There are two new CF board members—Sandy Prante and Clarence Moshier (new rep for S&F). Muffins with Moms was held Friday, November 15.

HEALTH MINISTRIES: The October 20 "Prepare to Care" Seminar was cancelled due to the snow storm. It will be rescheduled in 2020. We are supporting the "Low Vision Support Group" which meets at the Hickory House, the second Monday of each month from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. each month. The "Cancer Support Group" meets the 3rd Monday of each month at our church at 6:30 P.M. Five people recently attended the "Communion Prayer Station" information session. They will be helping at the monthly prayer stations. We plan to do another AED training in 2020. Eighteen people received grief support" in the past year, and 105 caring meals were delivered this past year. Nine cancer books were distributed this year. If people know of someone in our congregation who has cancer, let the office know so Health Ministry can get them this very informative book. In October, we formed a list of prayer opportunities.

MEMORIALS REPORT: There are two new memorials for Joann Hoffman and Joann Follette. Darlene Telkamp is a new member to our committee, as of November.

MISSENS REPORT: The Missions Committee met on Nov. 14 and created the schedule of Mission-of-the-Month projects for 2020. They are as follows:

- January - Honduras Mission Team (team expenses and medicine) / Human Relations Day Jan. 18-19
- February - Spearfish Meals on Wheels
- March - UMCOR / UMCOR Day Mar. 21-22
- April - Tree of Life / Native American Ministries Day April 25-26
- May - Artemis House & Make Space
- June - Solar Oven Partners / Peace with Justice Day June 6-7
- July - Spearfish Food Pantry
- August - Health & School Kits
- September - Children First
- October - Cornerstone Mission / World Communion Oct. 3-4
- November - Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering / UM Student Day Nov. 28-29

- December - Northern Hills Sources of Support (SOS) / Pastor's Discretionary Fund Dec. 24

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS REPORT: The current items that we are working on are: hiring a youth and adult to work in the Children's Nursery during Sunday Services; the Annual Staff Evaluations; and Goal Setting for 2020.

TRUSTEES REPORT: The church roof was leaking from hail/wind in July. The insurance adjuster in July claimed no severe damage, but now the roof is leaking. The Trustees hired a handyman to repair it, and he used a full square of new shingles and reattached some flashing. John Kissack contacted the insurance agent to reopen the July claim, but the adjuster came and claimed there was no new damage! John has invited our insurance agent to attend the December Trustees meeting to get this settled. There is a difference in rent charges for Children First vs. Spearfish Coop Preschool. The Trustees are looking into this, and it will be discussed at the December meeting.

WORSHIP REPORT: There was a discussion of how to develop more lay leaders in worship services. Michelle Jennings recruits lay assistants for the Blue Jeans Services very effectively. Her quiet way of contacting and encouraging people is a good model. We need candle lighters, readers, and communion servers. Ideas were to pass the “Readers” and “Communion Helpers” clipboards in the two Sunday morning services. We will look into being able to get the exact text for readers in advance. We are working on recruiting people to help with meals, starting with the soup lunch on Dec. 24. We are also recruiting Christmas decoration leaders and Advent wreath readers. The 2020 Worship Committee Budget was reviewed, and some small adjustments were made. Kevin asked about our video license. Mary Tracy confirmed that it is paid from another account. Only CCLI is paid from our budget. Our worship committee membership will remain the same for this year. We will encourage some younger people to join us. The Advent study was *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent* by Amy-Jill Levine. For Thanksgiving on November 28, there was not a special service. Taize services were held on Dec. 5, 12, and 19. The Children's program was held at the 8:15 a.m. service on December 15. Christmas Eve featured three services: Noon, followed by soup lunch; 5 p.m., a traditional service; and 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On Dec. 29, fifth Sunday, it will be normal Sunday services. *Amahl and the Night Visitors* will be at SUMC on January 11 and 12.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT: Youth meet each Wednesday with middle school meeting at 4 pm and high school meeting at 6 pm. Supper is offered between meetings at 5:30. Fundraisers held recently were: Chili

& Cinnamon Rolls – Saturday, November 23 from 10 am – 2 pm; and Christmas Dinner – Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 am. The October rummage sale brought in over \$1000. Trunk or Treat brought in between 100-120 folks from the community in spite of the blustery weather. DakYouth in Aberdeen was attended by nearly 400 from across the Dakotas – 8 from Spearfish UMC.

Discussion Items. Pastor Scott and Kirk asked Penny Louks to send a reminder about the Charge Conference on Monday, December 16. The potluck will start at 6:00, followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

John Kissack shared that a handyman fixed the roof, but we will have someone look at it to see where to go in terms of an insurance claim. Peggy Bosch shared that Stewardship and Finance does not have a budget yet, but Pastor Scott said that Council does not need to approve it. Kirk Easton has volunteered to serve as Council Chair until another chair is found. **Action Items.** . . There were no Action Items. **Learning/Planning.** . . Three goals have emerged and will continue to be refined: 1. Increase Lay Leadership; 2. Develop a Discipleship Pathway; and 3. Increase Family Involvement/Engagement.

Next Council Meeting: January 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

MISSIONS

Off to Honduras!



January mission of the month is SUPPLIES FOR THE HONDURAS MEDICAL/DENTAL TEAMS working in Honduras in January and February. We work in remote villages as well as schools and orphanages to provide medical and dental care to well over 1,000

patients. Many of these people will have no access to care otherwise.

Team members volunteer their time and pay their own expenses. In addition we raise money to pay for the large amount of medicine and dental supplies used in our work and to supply the American medical missionary we work with. YOU can be part of this mission by your donations to the January mission of the month—

Honduras Mission Supplies. Thank you for your gifts.

Ron, Gloria, Michelle, Ellen, Glea, Kristen, Stephanie, Don, Joy, Cindy, and Rhonda

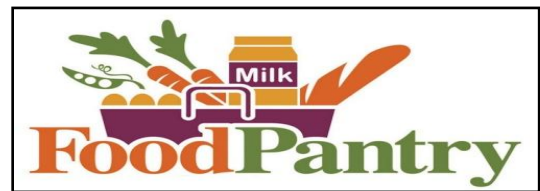
Human Relations Day

United Methodists celebrate Human Relations Day the Sunday before the official observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. One of six special offerings, Human Relations Day supports shared ministries through Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.

In 2019, United Methodists contributed more than \$300,000 to help neighborhood outreach and advocacy. You are invited to become part of building beloved community with your gifts today. Your contributions spark hope, develop skills and re-imagine neighborhoods. Please give generously.

Our chance to serve others is here!!

Our church will be manning the Spearfish Food Pantry every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:45 – 12 noon from Jan. 3 to Jan. 17. If you haven't signed up to help hand out food the list will be in the office or call Marilyn Halse at 605-880-5445. It's a very rewarding experience and fun to boot! Come join us!



January Food Pantry Needs

- Sliced Bread
- Cereals
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Chef-By-R-Dee Canned Pastas
- Quick Oatmeal
- Jars of Applesauce

Our Church Family

Blessings upon:

- *Asher Zanton*, son of Dave & Jessica Zanton, brother of Ambrie and grandson of John & Jennifer Seder was baptized on Sunday, December 15 by Pastor Scott McKirdy.

Condolences to the families of:

- *Virginia "Ginger" Massie*, who died November 20, 2019 and whose memorial service was held Dec. 6 at

10:00 a.m. at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

- *Tillie Stott*, who died December 16, 2019 and whose funeral service was held December 23 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

BIRTHDAYS

Gertrude Thompson	01-02	Patricia Wood	01-14
Don Miller	01-03	Terry Nagel	01-14
Clifford Rusch	01-03	Reagan Niesent	01-17
Vic Fondy	01-03	Hayes Haiar	01-18
Heather Brewer	01-03	Beth Garrett	01-19
Benjamin Burgeson	01-03	Conner Kugler	01-20
Christian Burgeson	01-04	Roger Bell	01-21
Eliana Foltz	01-04	Jessica Zanton	01-21
Rex Moyer	01-05	JoAnne Cleveland	01-22
Sasha Pursley	01-05	Madison Garvin	01-22
Alyssa Fall	01-05	Boaz Foltz	01-22
Peggy Heckel	01-06	Emmy Rollin	01-23
Hugh Roles	01-06	Kathy Schneider	01-23
Ambrie Zanton	01-07	Jackson Dana	01-24
Tad Brewer	01-09	Lou Allison	01-28
Frances Sanders	01-10	Marlyce Huyck	01-28
Preston Hazledine	01-10	John Sweaney	01-28
Thelma Davis	01-11	Jeff Winter	01-28
Virginia Furrow	01-11	Laurie Lloyd	01-30
Holly Heintz	01-11	Paige Larson	01-30
Cheryl Kissack	01-12	Ariana Anderson	01-31
Shirley Halse	01-13		

ANNIVERSARIES

Joel & Jodi Johannesen	01/01~20 yrs.
Don & Peony Hammerquist	01/02~38 yrs.
Jason & Rebecca Hill	01/09~11 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
July	35,064.05	34,669.89	394.16
Aug.	38,609.31	44,675.17	-6,155.86

Sept.	36,389.36	33,191.23	3,198.13
Oct.	37,631.14	41,452.61	-3,821.47
Nov.	38,404.78	34,484.21	3,920.57

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
July	3,663.18	Aug.	3,081.54
Sept.	3,203.63	Oct.	3,235.16
Nov.	23,120.76		

*Worship Attendance for Dec.: 1,032 (Avg/Wk = 258)

(includes Christmas Eve)

*Sunday School Attendance for Dec.: 72 (Avg/Wk = 36)

*as of Dec. 23

*Special Gifts for December

Seminary Scholarship Acct.	\$ 70.32
Food Pantry	60.00
Staff Christmas Fund	3,591.00
Adult Studies	391.00
Yoga Charity Fund	367.75
Honduras Trip Fund	2,000.00
Children First Scholarships	450.00
Children First Donations	780.00
Joann Follette Memorial	2,385.00
Hope Center	603.00
UMC Mission Scholarship Fund	2,000.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering	50.00
UMCOR	750.00
Youth Missions	94.00
Youth Fund	1,575.00
*TOTAL	\$ 15,267.07

*Special Funds for December

Benevolence Fund	\$ 800.00
Pastor's Discretionary	2,110.00
*TOTAL	\$ 2,910.00



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Return Service Requested

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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