

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Next Step?"

"Where there is no vision, the people perish..." – Proverbs 29: 18

First, a HUGE word of THANKS to all of you who have been participating in our Discipleship Assessments in the last couple weeks. At the time of writing this, I have 171 assessments filled out and on my desk. There are more coming. This is a return rate of just over 80%, which is nothing short of stunning.

THANK YOU!

Second, a HUGE word of INVITATION to all of you who would still like to fill out one of Discipleship Assessments. These simple one-page forms are helping us to figure out how folks in our congregation are incorporating some of the basic faith practices into their lives. We have been asking simple questions about worship attendance, use of prayer, Bible usage, serving others and so much more. Every individual and every family who returns these forms is helping me so much as a pastor to understand more and more deeply what is going on in our church and therefore how best to cast vision into our future.

Remember! If you give us an assessment, we have a free CHURCH MUG to share with your family! I really want to hear from our children as well as every generation of our adults.

So.....

What's the next step? What am I going to do with all of this information?

I feel that these assessments have been done in the same way that you would take someone's temperature. They are helping me as a pastor determine where we are so that we can figure out where we want to go in both the immediate and distant future.

The assessments are in the three sections of our church's Vision Statement: Know God. Love God. Serve Others. This is saying how we relate to God with our heads, our hearts, and our hands. So, for instance, there are questions about worship attendance. This is going to help us evaluate more deeply what's going on as

we gather each week. It will also guide us in our ongoing "course corrections" as we seek to always make worship more relevant. (I was really surprised by some of the comments just in the first small handful I started to look through. It was immediately evident that I need to make some changes in how I deliver sermons. That's really helpful to know.) We are asking questions about so many things that are common in the lives of Christians, but may not be easy to implement on a day-to-day basis. This info will help us to "put the cookies on the bottom shelf." We are always seeking better ways to present and teach faith, better ways to be more effective.

So, THANK YOU! You are helping to guide your pastor, and I in turn will be more equipped in helping our congregation as we grow!

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Here Comes Lent!



This year you are invited to participate in the journey once again. Together as a church we will be experiencing a worship series called "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week". This is based on a study by Amy-Jill Levine. Study groups will be forming throughout February as we begin on March 1. Each week as we worship, we will be entering step-by-step into the last week of Jesus' life. You will be able to participate in this journey through the Grow-Pray-Study guide with daily devotions as well as through the study guide and small group discussion.

We would love to help you host or lead one of the study groups. Just talk with Pastor Scott!

Caring Meal Ministry Appreciated

The Caring Meals Ministry has provided 8 meals this past month. The people receiving the meals have been very appreciative. Some of the feedback has been “the church has been great to us and the meals have been truly appreciated.”

Thank you to the volunteers who have been so generous in helping to provide meals. We could not provide this meaningful ministry if it wasn't for your help! If you would like to assist with the Caring Meal Ministry, by providing food or delivering meals, your help would be very welcome. You may call the church office if you are able to help.

Please notify the church office (642-3457) when there is a need for a meal to be delivered for yourself or if you know of someone that needs this ministry. (Ex. During an illness or death, new baby,...). We appreciate your referrals.

“Build others up according to their needs.”
(Ephesians 4:29)

*Health Ministry Committee
“Caring Meal Ministry”*

Children's Church

Hello Friends! What an exciting month we've had this month! We had a VERY successful Parents Night out. Twenty kids and ten volunteers later it was a positive event, and we look forward to hosting another night out in the future.

This month we are looking forward to learning about forgiveness because God forgives us. I am excited to announce that this year's Vacation Bible School date and curriculum has been set! We will have VBS June 1st-5th. This year's theme is *Knights of the North Castle*. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Katie Clark or Brenda Swanson. Spring is fast approaching and we are excited!

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will meet Monday, March 9 at noon in the UMC parlor. The group will be reading and discussing *Go Get a Watchman* by Harper Lee. The books may be picked up in the church office.

Family Game Night

On Sunday, March 22 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 Balsamic Pork on Rice! Bring a side, dessert, or non-alcoholic beverage to go with that if you would like, or just bring yourself! All are welcome!

Super Bell Saturday



Four of us from Spearfish, Sandy Asheim, Babs Elving, Sue Cole and Orvette Stepper, ventured over to Sundance for the “Read and Ring Super Bell Saturday” on February 1. This is an annual event sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America (HMA) Area 11. We met up with ringers from Sundance, Beulah, Upton, Spearfish, Rapid City, Summerset, and Custer. These events allow us to meet fellow handbell musicians, sight read new music, practice new techniques, and enjoy a meal together! The leadership is passed around among several different directors which allows us all to expand our capabilities.

“Coffee & Conversation”

This group will be meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

So, what kind of hobbies do you have? Are they new or old hobbies? Bring a sample for “show & tell” to show everyone what it is you enjoy doing. Everyone is welcome so please bring your friends.



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Happy month of spring! It's actually a snowy day in my neighborhood and that makes it even more unbelievable that spring is almost here. Enough said. We



Women's Fellowship

live in SD/WY and we take every day as it is given. Praise God for variety!

ATTN: ALL

MEMBERS: (men and women). Friday, March 6, 2020 is World

Day of Prayer. This will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 1 p.m. WDP is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer, action and lifting up issues of mission, justice and peace that are important to them. Our study will be about the African country of Zimbabwe. The WDP Committee of Zimbabwe calls us to worship with the words: "Rise! Take your mat and walk" from John 5.

Rummage Around!

You know spring is around the corner when the youth Spring Rummage Sale approaches!



Saturday, March 28th is the date of the sale so there's no time like the present to get started rounding up donations for the event! As usual, we cannot take TVs, computers or exercise equipment. But other clean, useful items are welcome.

Items can be brought to the church the week of March 23-27 or arrangements can be made to have things picked up by calling Brenda at 642-3457.

All funds go to the youth summer mission trips and camps and are most appreciated!

Camp Booklets Are Here!

It's not too early to consider a summer camping adventure! Camp booklets are available at the hospitality tables in the main church entrances. Take one home and look at all the camps available for all age groups including adults and whole families!



Spearfish UMC pays half of the Early Bird camp fee and that also applies to friends you invite to camp with you! Register by April 30th to get \$5/night off the regular registration fee for the Early Bird discount.



We love sending folks to camp so let us know how we can help make it happen! Talk to Brenda, Katie Clark or Pastor Scott if you have any questions.

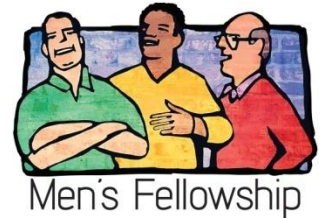
Stay tuned for Camp Worship coming April 25-26 with our special guest speaker, Beata Ferris, our Dakotas

Camping Marketing and Outreach Project Coordinator.

Beata was a former member of Spearfish UMC before moving to Pierre so let's give her a hearty welcome!

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The Methodist men met for breakfast on the first three Saturdays in February. The Men hosted the BHSU Girls Basketball Team on the second and third Saturdays of the month and the first



Saturday was a regular men's breakfast and meeting. With the end of the basketball season the men's breakfast will return to the first and third Saturday breakfast, starting at 8:00 each Saturday. Each breakfast will be followed by a short (very short) business meeting and a devotional presentation. All men are invited to breakfast.

Children First



On February 27th Children First sponsored a showing of the film *No Small Matter*. This movie explains the importance of quality early childhood care and learning. It has become a movement in the United States and Children First is trying to do our part to bring awareness in the state of South Dakota. We will showing it again on April 2nd. Be watching for more information and an invitation, as we will be encouraging the public to join us!

March 13th the church will be hosting Donuts with Dads from 7:00 to 8:30 am. If you are interested in helping please contact Janelle Jones.



- Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Italian dinner and concert! Special thanks to Barry Wood for cooking the wonderful meal!
- Youth from Spearfish UMC, Trinity UMC in Lead and 1st UMC in Rapid City joined together for an overnight at RC 1st. Tons of fun! Friendships made and renewed! Worship and sunrise communion! Thanks, 1st, for your hospitality!

- Youth made and delivered “Golden Valentines” to elders on Valentine’s Day.
- Be sure to note the youth calendar and the “pray for our youth” days. We would love to have you join us in prayer for our students in 6th-12th grades.

“Prepare to Care” Health Forum

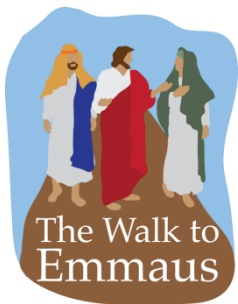
Sunday-April 26, -3:00-4:00 p.m. in the church Library. The presentation will be presented by AARP representatives Joanna Jones and Sheila Powell.

Most everyone has family or friends who are in need of extra help/care. This forum will give you the tools to best help your family and friends. Care giving might be one of our most important roles in life as we show grace to others. We hope you can attend this excellent program!

Health Ministry Committee

Spring “Walk to Emmaus”

- **The Men’s Walk** will be on April 23-26, 2020 at Lake Poinsett, near Arlington, SD.
- **The Women’s Walk** will be on April 30-May 3 at Lake Poinsett near Arlington, SD.



The Walk to Emmaus is named because the experience is similar to the Bible story in Luke 24:13-34 in which the risen Christ joins the two disciples with who were walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem. By walking with Jesus, reflecting on the scriptures, breaking bread together, and

sharing the resurrection stories, the disciples experienced Christ’s presence and their hearts felt a burning within them. It’s your opportunity to walk with the Lord.

The program is a 72-hour experience starting at 7:00 pm and ending about 7:00 pm on Sunday evening. There is no “physical walking distance,” but a “walk” with others in fellowship, learning and fun. The Walk focuses on God’s grace with 15 talks, 10 given by lay persons and 5 by clergy followed by discussion. There are special times of worship, daily celebration of Holy Communion, and the prayers surrounding the weekend.

The aim of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge and equip local Church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work and communities.

For more information, see www.upperroom.org and www.dakotaswalk.org or contact Pastor Scott at the Church office or Mary Ann Sheldon at minotmas@yahoo.com 605-871-9941.

Council Highlights

February 19, 2020

TREASURER’S REPORT: A payment was made on our debt reducing the amount owed to \$180,442.85. For the month of January income for the General Fund is \$30,160.16 and expenses are \$46,258.91. The General Fund ended the month \$16,098.75 in the red, however apportionments were paid since the Prior Years Balance has plenty of money. Income was low for the month and there were three payrolls. The year to date balance is also \$16,098.75 in the red. For January the income for **UMCOC** is \$7,265.00, which is high due to some pre-paid rents paid in 2019 for 2020, and expenses are \$4,794.75 leaving the UMCOC Fund in the black \$2,470.25 for the month and also for the year to date. Income for January for **Children First** is \$36,490.30 and expenses are \$46,097.36. Children First ended the month in the red \$9,607.36 due to the three payrolls in January. Year to date balance is \$3,894.48 in the black five months into the CF fiscal year. The **Debt Retirement/Capital Fund** income for January is \$2,900.80. Expenses are \$7,000.00 reflecting the payment on the loan. Year to date balance is \$46,894.34. **Mission-giving** for January is \$7,119.30. Mission expenses (distributions) were \$19,264.29 with much of this reflecting Honduras expenses. The Missions of the Month were Human Relations for which \$495.00 was given and Honduras VIM for which \$5,934.30 was collected.

- **CHILDREN FIRST REPORT:** Children First closed on Friday, February 7, because of the number of children and staff that had influenza A & B, strep, and RSV. They are considering what the reimbursement will be for the parents and staff. Children First will be using the Chapman Fund distribution for children scholarships and, if any is remaining, for staff certification and training. Mac and Cheese was served Tuesday, February 4 in UMC Sunday school rooms. January had 3 payrolls, insurance payment, thus \$9607.36 of expenses over income. Next special event at UMC is Friday, March 13 for Donuts with Dads at 7 am.
- **CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTRIES:** March teachers are lined up for Children’s Church as well as set up. Vacation Bible School will be the first week of June. Curriculum will be Cokesbury Nights of the North Castle. Camp Sunday will be the weekend of April 25/26. A discussion was held about Easter Sunday as well as the Parents Day Out what went well and what to improve.
- **HEALTH MINISTRIES:** A Health Forum, "Prepare to Care," is set up for April 26 from 3 to 4 p.m. with AARP representatives, Joanna Jones and Sheila Powell. This forum will give people tools on how to best help family and friends who need extra help/care. This is an excellent program. It will be open to the community. All 5 First Aid Kits, throughout the church, have been updated. The Health Ministry section on the church website has been updated. The Emergency Food Bags in the church office have been updated. This is for people who need food immediately and/or cannot travel to Safeway to use a Safeway card.
- **MISSIONS:** Giving for January -Benevolence Fund \$200; Pastor’s Discretionary \$210; Human Relations Day \$495; Solar Oven Project \$100; Hope Center \$100; and the Food Pantry \$80. The January Mission of the Month was Honduras VIM and \$5934 was distributed immediately. The February "Mission of the Month" is Meals on Wheels.

- **STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS REPORT:** Pastor Scott led a discussion on outcome-based job descriptions. We will rewrite for both full and part time positions. The most current versions of the current job descriptions will be collected and an OBD template will be developed. This will be done by the April meeting. Then each individual committee member will work with their staff member to complete the details of the OBD. There was discussion of a possible fundraiser for Barry and his family in coordination with the Worship Committee. The committee will continue looking for adults to help provide substitute help in the nursery.
- **STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE REPORT:** Peggy presented the following updated policies which were approved by the Stewardship and Finance board: Pastor Discretionary Fund, Contribution, Benevolence Fund, Safe-Guarding Church Revenue, and the Mission Trip policy. The church received \$982.23 from the Grace Huck Endowment. Scott asked that \$500 of the money be used to cover the part of the cost on the new church mugs. He will be doing a survey in worship in the next few weeks and when the individual turns the survey back in they will receive one of the new mugs. The total cost of the mugs is \$1690. Half the cost (\$845) will be for the survey. The other \$845 Scott will cover with his accountable plan. The rest of the \$846 will come from the Mug Ministry Fund. A motion was made and seconded and approved for the money to be used for Scott's assessment. Karen requested that the remaining Grace Huck Endowment money be used for the Clothe-a-Kid mission. Grace Huck had started the program around 20 years ago and now most of the churches and other organizations in Spearfish support and contribute to it. There are 150 children that are given the money to shop at Wal-Mart before the school year begins for their school clothing. The children must apply and meet a certain criterion to receive the funds. The church hosts an ice cream social as part of the program. A motion was made and seconded and approved for the money to be used for The Clothe a Kid mission
- **WORSHIP REPORT:** There will be special altar decorations for Lent and Easter, and the palms are ordered. February 23 is Transfiguration Sunday and Children's Church will stay for service. Assessment forms will be completed with mugs for completed forms. The committee is planning for Lent and Easter: February 26 – Ash Wednesday (Scott); March 5 – Taize (Michelle); March 28-29 (Ideas for fifth Sunday event); April 4-5 (Jews for Jesus guest) – Communion - Palm Sunday; April 9 – Taize for Maundy Thursday (Michelle); April 10 – Good Friday – Church youth will plan and lead service.; April 11 – Lazarus Saturday (Michelle); April 12 – Easter @ Sunrise: (Rod, Annette, others – 6:30 a.m.); Continental breakfast between services ; Gathering: (Colleen – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast – egg bake) Sanctuary: (Colleen and Emma – 10:30 a.m.)
- **Discussion Items...** There were no discussion items for this month.
- **Action Items ...** There were five policies that were brought from the Stewardship and Finance Committee to the Council for approval. They included the following: Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Benevolence Fund, Contributions, Safeguarding Church Revenue, and Mission Trips. The first four were just updated; however, the last policy was new. Clarence Moshier presented them from Stewardship and

Finance to the Council and made a motion to approve them. The motion carried.

- **Learning/Planning...** Kirk and Pastor Scott led us in a lengthy discussion of the 5 Spearfish UMC 2020-2022 Goals under the pillars of Family Involvement, Lay Leadership, Outreach, Communication, and Capital Needs. After much discussion, Kirk asked for leaders to take this back to their group meetings and create SMART goals with a strategy designed by their committee to contribute to the fulfillment of the one or more of the goals in the time frame indicated. The council will then discuss in March how best to direct our efforts and work together on any overlapping strategies. Kirk will send a Guideline Sheet to Penny who will email it to all council chairs to work on before the March meeting.

Next Meeting of the Council: March 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. These meetings are open to everyone.

Our Church Family

Please welcome the following New Members who also joined the church on January 19, 2020:

- Milton & Vicky Bragg



Condolences to the family of:

- *Marie Louise Jarvis*, who died January 28, 2020 and whose memorial service was held Friday, February 7 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel in Spearfish with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

MISSIONS

UMCOR
March 21 & 22

Do you know UMCOR? UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be the focal point of a Special Sunday Service in March. When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can actually do to help. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to help.

UMCOR offers aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded.
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded.
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded.

And when the next crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond.

On this Special Sunday in March our generosity as a church covers the operating budget of UMCOR. This allows them to funnel 100% of other donations received throughout the year directly to relief efforts. UMCOR Sunday is where we come together to help.



March Food Pantry Needs

- Pork & Beans
- Pancake Syrup
- Cheerios
- Egg Noodles, Rotini, Penne, etc.
- Jars of Applesauce
- Prego or Ragu Sauce
- Honey Bunches of Oats

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Schneider	03-01	Deb Carr	03-18
Mary Hayenga	03-01	Vi Zwickl	03-19
Terry Powell	03-02	Ken Munro	03-19
Arlo Mathis	03-02	Randy Stewart	03-19
Kim Ammerman	03-03	Nevaeh Gee	03-19
Livia Ellsbury	03-04	Phyllis Bury	03-20
Ezekiel Foltz	03-04	Bailey Jensen	03-20
Owen Ligtenberg	03-05	Dave Wagner	03-21
Walt Marchant	03-06	Olivia Ellerton	03-21
Hunter Kelley	03-06	Jay Thiel	03-23
Brenda Swanson	03-08	Marlene Perry	03-24
John Swanson	03-08	Jim Meade	03-24
Elisabeth Hiermeier	03-08	Remington Ross	03-24
Pat Hazledine	03-09	Todd Hubbard	03-27
Grayson Donald	03-10	Joe Hallenbeck	03-27
Doug Speirs	03-11	Chris Davis	03-27
Jamie VanDeest	03-11	Monica Powell	03-27
Jesse Hiermeier	03-11	Tracy Darling-DeMarcus	03-28
Thea Kae Bradford	03-12	Joey West	03-28
Andy VanDeest	03-13	Delaina Burgeson	03-29
Gerry Hazledine	03-15	Milton Bragg	03-30
Perry Hansen	03-16	Marvin Doering	03-30
Griffin Smith	03-16	Akeyna Hudson	03-30
Logan Smith	03-16	Lori Swick	03-31

ANNIVERSARIES

Cal & Mary Hayenga	03/03~53 yrs.
Kirk & Jacky Easton	03/17~30 yrs.
Duane & Phyllis Bury	03/20~65 yrs.
Glenn & Lisa Foltz	03/29~6 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 2020			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan.	30,160.16	46,258.91	-16,098.75

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2020			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	53,894.34		

CHILDREN FIRST FUND 2020			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	1,152.87		

Worship Attendance for Feb.: 797 (Avg/Wk = 199)

Sunday School Attendance for Feb.: 119 (Avg/Wk = 30)

Special Gifts for February

Food Pantry	\$ 80.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Adult Education Fund	155.00
Yoga Charity Fund	444.00
Honduras Trip Fund	166.25
Children First Scholarships	14,282.78
Grief Share Fund	500.00
Marj Balo Memorial	90.00
Cliff Rusch Memorial	1,150.00
Bruce Johnson Memorial	100.00
Joann Follette Memorial	20.00
Meals on Wheels	450.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Youth Missions	1,792.50
Youth Fund	499.80
*TOTAL	\$ 19,930.36

Special Funds for February

Benevolence Fund	\$ 200.00
Pastor's Discretionary	466.00
*TOTAL	\$ 666.00



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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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Call the church office for more information at 642-3457.

