



The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Being a United Methodist"

I love being United Methodist!

There is something so deep and so vital in our connection together, whether that means connecting in our local church or connecting across the globe in ministry. One of the things I love about it is that throughout history we have had the ability not just to be flexible but often times to play a leading role in our American religious scene in developing new ways to be the church. In the last six months I have been bombarded with information coming from our church's national level, our Dakotas Conference office, and from United Methodist pastors with whom I work around the world. I have been absorbing this mountain of information at my own rate. (You can only take in so much when you're drinking from a fire hose!)

Everything I am learning pertains not just to us as UM's but to any church and pastor willing to listen. This last week I was accessing one particular article talking about effects of the pandemic that were introduced as short-term helps for churches that are now developing into long-term trends. I'm not going to quote them directly, but I do want to share the general tenor of this piece:

- 1) **We're in a new place, and we can't go back to the old place.** In 1800 the Methodist movement helped introduce to the nation a new concept that was the Revival Meeting. Today that technique is continuously used still. It was a great idea then and still is now. I love tradition! I love how it has shaped us in past generations and will continue to shape us for generations to come. We have all of our tradition AND now new ideas and options. We didn't choose to be in the middle of a pandemic with all its restrictions, but with open hearts and open minds it is a fascinating place to be!
- 2) **The new ideas that are being introduced are powerfully helping older churches approach ministry in new ways.** Our congregation is

waaaaay over a century old. We actually still worship in our original church building. Unless an older organization can adapt and change, it will die. The pandemic has given us brand new motivations to try new ideas, which is exactly what we need.

- 3) **We now have a whole new presence online digitally while still maintaining our physical facilities.** We have talked about doing an online worship service for a few years now, but didn't know how to do it. As we have been forced into this option, we have discovered that we love it! We will continue to create online worship, and we will improve as we go. But we are still keeping our physical address and working powerfully in-person with the facilities we have. We are multiplying our ministries in many directions as we go.
- 4) **Agility and the willingness to explore new ideas is super important right now and in our future.** I just laugh as a pastor. Just when I might have been thinking that we as a church could become more settled in how we do things, our boat was capsized. We are scrambling as a church figuring out how to meet needs in both old and new ways. This means that we are listening powerfully to both old and new ideas and to the people who are presenting them. Sometimes they don't even come to us to tell us what they're doing. The ministry just appears, and we applaud!
- 5) **Spiritual formation that happens at home in family, small groups, or one-on-one is more powerful than ever.** This is not new. This is actually ancient. The best spiritual formation techniques originate at home, in the nest of family, in the laughter of friends, in the intimacy of mentoring.
Oh, make no mistake, there are days here in the church when we are just "deer-in-the-headlights." There are days when we don't know what to do or how to do it. But we are figuring it out. I want to invite you to become more, not less, active in our congregation. There is so much that is happening, especially as we now enter the fall. Some of it is old, and some of it is brand new, and

some of it has not even been invented yet. But you are a part of it.

In the name and in the love of Christ, pray for your church with your heart and mind, and then jump in and pray with us with your hands and your feet!

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities



As the fall now approaches, we are offering multiple Bible studies in multiple ways. We are also listening closely to anyone who asks how to start a new study and/or do it in a new way.

Any time that the church offers a Bible study online, all you have to do to join is contact the church office, Pastor Scott, or the Bible study leader and you will be sent an online invitation. Currently, we are offering:

- Tuesday morning Gospel study: Online at 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday afternoon Men's study: Online at 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday School with Everett Follette: Online Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday School with Donna Gollhofer: Live in the Library Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- Children's Church for kids: Online Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Partners



Holy God,
We turn to you for comfort. Bless us and calm our anxiety. Be with us as we start a new school year. Guide each child, parent, caregiver, teacher, and staff member who serve children and youth.

Bless Pastor Scott as he leads our church family. Bless the church staff and Children First staff as servants of Christ. May God bless you and keep you. Please pray for the children, families, and workers who serve us.

From Ephesians 3:20-21: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sounds from Home

"Sounds from Home," the innovative online concert series sponsored by Spearfish United Methodist Church, will present a second round of events during September and October, 2020. We will continue to pursue our goals of introducing our church to new people around South Dakota and the world, supporting musicians, and helping all kinds of people connect through online musical performances.



Watch for upcoming events in the weekly UMC E-News and on the Arts South Dakota "Arts Calendar." It promises to be an exciting new season of music!

This link on our church website will take you to all eighteen of our previous "Sounds from Home" events. <https://www.spearfishumc.org/sounds-from-home-concerts/>

United Methodist Men

Due to COVID-19 the United Methodist Men's group has not met all summer. They are planning a meeting for Saturday, September 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast will be coffee, rolls and fruit. There will be a devotional and a short business meeting following breakfast. We still need a treasurer and another cook. Hope to see you there!

All men of the church are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Prante at 308-353-1721 or at stprante@gmail.com.

United Methodist Women

After 6 months of not being able to get together for regular meetings, UMW as we knew it, has and will change even more. We held our 2021 planning meeting with 9 members in attendance. Our plan is to take a month at a time and the membership will be notified either by email or personal phone call.

We gathered for coffee at a park once and enjoyed

a retreat session, presented by Colleen McKirdy: "Women Shaped by God Shaping History."

Lord, give us the patience to understand and comply with these new rules that life has given us. Many of us are getting on in years so we want to do as much as we can in the time we have left. Help us to realize that the little things will someday be the most remembered. AMEN.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will resume on Monday, September 14 at noon in the church parlor. Contact Marilyn Burgeson at marilyn.burgeson@yahoo.com or 641-1013 for more information.



- Youth groups will resume the regular fall schedule beginning September 9th with a "kick-off" at Spearfish City Park, North Shelter. All 6th through 12th graders are invited! Friends welcome too!
- September Youth Group meetings will take place outdoors (weather permitting) either at church or at a park. Check with Brenda if you have questions (641-4864).
- Youth have the option to wear masks if they choose. Social distancing is suggested as much as is possible.
- The fall rummage sale youth fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for October 10th. Any help in setting up is welcome prior to the sale and in cleaning up after the sale. Contact Brenda to volunteer! We know this will be a BIG sale! ☺
- An outdoor movie night is scheduled for Friday, September 25th at Spearfish UMC. Fun for all! Everyone welcome! Bring your own chair, blanket, jacket, etc.

Caring Meal Ministry

We ask you to call the church office (642-3457) when there is a need for a meal to be delivered during an illness, death, etc. What a great way to serve others as we prepare food for the body and soul.

Health Ministry Committee

Council Highlights

August 19, 2020

- ✓ **Treasurer's Report:** The insurance money, \$206,036.66, came in for the hail damage in late July which is reflected in the Checking account. Mary moved \$210,000 to the Money Market account so that the money can draw some interest until it is used. It is also reflected in the Insurance Hail Damage Fund, less already incurred expenses. The insurance money, \$4,767.00 for damage to the van, Mary put in the Van Fund. The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan/Grant still shows as the audit has not yet been completed. On advice from our banker that will be delayed a bit to see if Congress passes a bill simply forgiving any loan less than \$150,000 without so much paperwork. For the month of July income for the **General Fund** is \$32,637.49, and expenses are \$34,182.54. The ending balance for the month of July is \$1,545.05 in the red with apportionments paid. The year to date balance is \$19,322.89. For July the income for **UMCOC** is \$3,735.00, and expenses are \$2,627.80. This leaves the **UMCOC** Fund in the black \$1,107.20 for the month and in the black \$8,127.49 for the year to date balance. Income for July for **Children First** is \$25,077.88. Expenses are \$38,798.28. **Children First** ended the month in the red \$13,720.40, but in the black \$21,738.12 for the year to date balance eleven months into the CF fiscal year. July was expected to be a difficult month financially as CF recovers from the shut-down. The **Debt Retirement/Capital Fund** income for July is \$3,018.97. There was no expense for July since the July payment to our lender was made early in June. Year to date balance is \$53,778.03. **Mission**-giving for July is \$1,330.0. **Mission** expenses (distributions) are \$4,832.54 including \$2,400.00 for Elisha Intern salary. Distributions from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund totaled \$1,996.54.
- ✓ **Children First:** Children First was closed March 16- June 15. Summer has gone well but with lower income and more expenses. School starts for 20-21 on September 1. There are changes in staffing and enrollment, some due to COVID-19. State licensing inspection and SD Department of Health inspection both gave good results. Two grants of \$5300 were received for COVID expenses. Outdoor router for parental check out is estimated to cost \$300-500. Infant & toddler tuition was raised based on state reimbursement rates. Budget for 20-21 was approved with no salary increases, but 2 more staff are certified teachers. Please pray for our CF staff and subs: Emily Culver, Jordan Brooks, Ali Besler, Haley Madson, Rosalie Cooperman, Becky Hiermeier, Taylor Guthmiller, Baylee Hazledine, Jenna Geist, Kayla Garvin, Jo Madson, Grace Raad, Hunter Schmuck, Sarah Hazledine, Melissa Raad, Megan Koens, and Vicki Donnelly.
- ✓ **Health Ministries:** Our team is not meeting due to the Coronavirus. We continue to be actively involved in

our Caring Meal Ministry, Grief Follow-up, and Prayer Square/Card Ministry. We have mailed 50 cards out since June. We will be sending out this month - "Thinking of You" cards to all of the educators in our congregation.

- ✓ **Memorials:** Our group received a request to help fund the Technology department's plan for a digital soundboard and second camera for filming services. \$1000 was transferred from Memorial's undesignated fund to tech fund. Our present balance is \$844.60.
- ✓ **Missions:** The mission of the month for August was originally scheduled to be UMCOR kits, but because of the pandemic, kits are not being collected this year. Instead, we chose LaGonave Alive, a project in Haiti that provides help for school children and the elderly on the island of LaGonave.
- ✓ **Stewardship and Finance:** Stewardship and Finance canceled the August meeting but conducted business by email. After reviewing costs for improving the equipment for recording online services, Kevin Nakajima put forth an amount of \$5,048 that was needed for the project. There are \$3,000 in donations, Memorial Committee agreed that Kevin could use \$1,000 from Undesignated Memorials, S & F voted by email to give Kevin \$524 from Grace Huck Death Benefit and \$524 from Rebate Fund to complete the project. Discussion of carpet cleaning for both UMCOC and the church. CFIF, which is an offshoot of this committee, has met twice a month from April through August. They will continue the conversation for budget going into next year.
- ✓ **Trustees:** Liability guide lines set for contractors on the hail damage. The closing dates for bids were set for September 1. The roof is scheduled for replacement in July of 2021. Lowe Roofing was awarded the bid for the flat roofs. The church van was declared a total loss by insurance company. The Trustees approved buying back the van, and the windshield and battery have been replaced so it is now operational. The insurance deductibles for wind and hail damage have doubled. The new cost of the policy went up around 9.3%.
- ✓ **UMCOC:** Ron Borgman and Melissa Raad recommended a new COVID policy to be forwarded to the Transition Team, then to a vote approved by Council. Ron is looking to replace hail damaged air conditioners. The west side of UMCOC needs painting, and the bids are in progress.
- ✓ **Worship:** The Worship Committee has been busy making all of the various forms of worship available each week. We have not met, aside from informal meetings with Scott to discuss ways to improve each week.

Discussion Items...A meeting time for Council in the fall was discussed, and it was agreed that because choir will not be meeting for as long that Council could start at 7:00 for the time being. Therefore, the September meeting will start

at 7:00 p.m. as well.

Action Items...Ron Borgman presented Corona Virus Guidelines for the UMCOC building to the Trustees as Children First had already presented and had their previously approved, and he felt, as manager of the building, that a policy for the building as well. Ron brought his policy to be approved by us as a motion from the Trustees. Council approved the motion unanimously. Peggy Bosch brought the Children First budget to us as Treasurer. September 1 is the beginning of Children First's fiscal year, and while adjustments may need to be made, a tentative budget needs to be in place in order to operate. Stewardship and Finance passed it. Chris Davis made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Clarence Mosier seconded it. The motion carried. Janelle then brought to Council's attention the need for money to fund Methodist camps, even though camps did not take place because there are salaries for staff and maintenance that is ongoing. Janelle then made a motion that SUMC donate \$5,000.00 from the camping scholarship fund to go to Dakotas Conference camping. There was then discussion of whether Brenda Swanson was included in this plan, and it was confirmed by Brenda that she had been. It was also asked how much money was in the camp fund, and it was \$9,000.00. After the discussion concluded, Janelle repeated her motion for the group, and Katie Clark seconded it. The motion carried.



Our Church Family

Welcome our new babies born this year:

- *Charlotte Schmidt*, born April 11, 2020, daughter of Eric & Heather Schmidt.
- *Garrett English*, born July 21, 2020, son of Ross & Alyssa English and brother to Clara and Emily.
- Twins, *Grayson and Jaclyn Roberts* who were born August 4, 2020 to Jackson & Teri Roberts.

Condolences to the families of:

- *Bonnie Bentley*, who died August 4, 2020 and whose services were held at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating on August 7.
- *Beverly Hogarth*, who died August 22, 2020 and whose services were held at UMC on August 29 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

MISSIONS

September Mission of the Month *Children First General Fund*



Being our church's "offspring" and a provider of a community-centered ministry to children, Children First is our Mission of the Month for September. Their attention to a

quality learning experience for infants through five-year-olds is a unique and valuable presence in Spearfish.

Our donations this month will go to their general fund, to be used for facility improvements, teaching supplies, student materials, etc. Please help support our "daughter" in ministry and give generously to Children First.



Monetary donations are encouraged as the pantry is having to spend many times more than usual on meat items and slightly more on produce and groceries as well. We are able to get more food per dollar by ordering from

Feeding South Dakota and Lueder's who give us discounted prices.

For those who prefer to donate food items, the following are always needed:

- Canned Chicken
- Cheerios
- Pork & Beans
- Ramen
- Raisin Bran
- Chunky Soups

BIRTHDAYS

Gerald Guthmiller	09-01	Marissa Darrow	09-17
Gloria Borgman	09-01	Fahbia Ahmed	09-18
Don Hammerquist	09-01	Grace Ligtenberg	09-18
Kassidy Durfee	09-03	Christian Bradford	09-19
Sharon Culbertson	09-05	Owen Haiar	09-19
Tobi Miller-Ayer	09-05	Haroe Swanson	09-19
Michelle Triplett	09-05	Shirley McGilvrey	09-20
Clara English	09-05	Dyan Nagel	09-20
Sherry Haiar	09-06	Erik Foltz	09-21
Donna Peters	09-07	Ardan Fischer	09-22
Chad Bussiere	09-07	Bennett Christensen	09-22
Christine Pierson	09-08	James Hesson	09-23
Joe Dvorak	09-09	Kathy Helmer	09-23
Caleb Stricker	09-09	Rilea Moyer	09-24
Kohlter Goracke	09-09	Gabrielle Hansen	09-24
Becca Hayes	09-10	Jaida Noeller	09-24
Colleen McKirdy	09-10	Xander Triplett	09-24
Kenni Easton	09-10	Bev Carr	09-25
Parker Louks	09-10	Everett Follette	09-25
Ron Borgman	09-13	Raeann Mettler	09-25
Eric Ligtenberg	09-14	Chelsea Lueders	09-28
Dylan Bailey	09-14	Janna Swanson	09-28
Monica Ingalls	09-15	Zoey Stricker	09-28
Dorothy Horst	09-16	Doris Horner	09-29
Dennis Suiter	09-17	Brenda Hendricks	09-30
Kori Meredith	09-17	Elainna Brill	09-30
Nathan Swanson	09-17		

ANNIVERSARIES

Walt & Carolyn Marchant	09/01~52 yrs.
John & Sarah Chamley	09/01~13 yrs.
Cole & Allison Pagnac	09/01~2 yrs.
Stan Smith & Laura Lloyd-Smith	09/03~26 yrs.
Terry & Sandy Prante	09/07~52 yrs.
Bill Lundgren & Bev Hill	09/09~21 yrs.
Marland & Seanna Linafelter	09/12~50 yrs.
Clarence & Ida Moshier	09/12~50 yrs.
Ryan & Jessica Jennings	09/12~11 yrs.
Craig & Michelle Triplett	09/12~5 yrs.
Kyle & Marissa Tuttle	09/13~6 yrs.
Marty & Chris Davis	09/15~41 yrs.
John Sweaney & Pat Conger-Sweaney	09/15~19 yrs.
Nick & Taya Christensen	09/16~9 yrs.
Roman & Jennifer Roberts	09/20~26 yrs.
Jeremy & Allie Johnson	09/22~2 yrs.

Jason & Jessica West
 Luke & Amber Peterson
 Chris & Angie Brown

09/25~16 yrs.
 09/26~12 yrs.
 09/30~14 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
Feb.	35,905.16	31,128.63	4,776.53
Mar.	38,574.09	35,909.00	2,665.09
Apr.	32,135.02	42,990.73	-10,855.71
May	32,638.94	21,644.68	10,994.26
Jun.*	26,524.03	31,785.60	-5,261.57
July	32,637.49	34,182.54	-1,545.05

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2020

Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	53,894.34	Feb.	3,548.74
Mar.	3,809.06	Apr.	3,061.66
May	2,772.50	Jun.	4,672.76
July	3,018.97		

CHILDREN FIRST FUND 2020

Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	1,152.87	Feb.	3,548.74
Mar.	3,546.33	Apr.	25,809.67
May	4,393.00	Jun.*	3,261.00
July	2,041.33		

UMCOC 2020

Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Apr.	4,695.00	7,928.72	-3,233.72
May*	3,125.00	2,818.11	307.00
Jun.*	5,185.00	2,775.81	2,409.19
July	3,735.00	2,627.80	1,107.20

Special Gifts for August

Camp Scholarships	\$ 150.00
Sounds from Home	50.00
Sound System Fund	100.00
Food Pantry	90.00
Lawn Care Fund	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	215.00
Adult Education Fund	60.00
UMCOC Donation	380.00
Children First Grant Income	3,100
Gae Koski Memorial	20.00
Emily Jennings Memorial	20.00
Eileen Jones Memorial	10.00
Clothe-A-Kid	3,675.00

Solar Ovens	100.00
Haiti Donations	210.00
Youth Fund	205.00
*TOTAL	\$ 8,485.00

*As of August 23

Special Funds for August

Benevolence Fund	\$ 200.00
Pastor's Discretionary	1,670.00
*TOTAL	\$ 1,870.00

*As of August 23

*Actual Worship Attendance for Aug.: 367 (Avg/Wk = 92)

**Actual On-Line Attendance for Aug.: 194 (Avg/Wk = 65)

** (for 3 weeks only)

**A DAY
 WITHOUT
 LAUGHTER
 IS A DAY
 WASTED.**

~Charlie Chaplin

THE TRUMPETER

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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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