

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

“Created to Be Creating”

We were each created by our Creator. And not only that, we were created in the image of our Creator. What does this mean? If the Creator creates us, and we are the image of God then we are creators also! We have been given a huge canvas on which to create the art that is our world. We are artists. We are inventors. We are botanists and mathematicians. We are mechanics and social workers. We are parents and friends. We are all the things God created us to be... and so much more if we will only claim the role of STEWARDS of God's creation.

We were placed on this earth to care for it, and this means people as well as nature and all the created order. When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied, “You will love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength. And the second is like it, you will love your neighbor as yourself.”

All through October we are going to be talking about being stewards of God's creation. This means that we get to be exploring in deeper ways what it means to be creative when we care for...

... our Self! We are in a very different world when it comes to being healthy in body, mind, and soul.

... our Neighbor! Who is our neighbor and how do we care for them best?

... our Community! The Spearfish and Northern Hills community is calling for care in new ways. We have the ability... and the joy... to answer the call.

... our World! It's hard to remember that we are not the only ones working through these days. The whole world is dealing with stress.

... our Church! In a really odd year, our church is strongly present in the lives of those who call this congregation "home". But we are also figuring out

what it means to be even more present as we reach out into our greater community.

WE are stewards, and October is going to contain a lot of joy as we listen, learn, and grow in how we can become even more effective in stewarding the gifts that God has given us!

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Fall Rummage Sale!

It's time to gather up all the stuff we've cleaned out during the quarantine and bring it to church for the Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 10th! All clean, useful items will be accepted with the exception of TVs, computers, and exercise equipment and can be brought to the church the week of October 5th during office hours. If you need things picked up, you can make arrangements with Brenda by calling the church.



Set up for the sale will begin in the afternoon Thursday, October 8th and continue on Friday, the 9th. Volunteers are welcome to help.

All proceeds go to youth missions and camps.

Annual Charge Conference

Our church's annual meeting (our Charge Conference) will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. by Zoom. We will be covering parts of our annual business, but even more importantly are going to be spelling out more of our plans for the New Year 2021

as it approaches. We will be talking our "The Five Pillars", our long range visioning plan. We will be talking about how we are tailoring ministry to meet the needs of a community dealing with pandemic. We will be sharing what is fun, new, and innovative in so many aspects of what we do. **YOU ARE INVITED!** We will be letting you know how to connect on Zoom with us as we get closer to October 21!

Trunk or Treat



Join us for a safe, socially distanced fall event! Help us welcome families onto our church property by decorating trunks or truck beds in festive ways. You don't even have to provide candy! We'll have

prepackaged candies prepared and placed on tables near your vehicles. All you have to do is smile and say a few friendly words of welcome!

This event will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 2-4 pm in the church west parking lot. Give Brenda a call to reserve your parking place or if you have any questions!



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 Gollither: 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

God of all people.

- Guide the leaders of our families, communities, schools and businesses.
- Guide those who govern on the local, state, national and world level.
- Guide us to be good citizens.
- Guide our people to follow the example of Christ and love our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and love our neighbors as ourselves.



Amen.

United Methodist Men



The Methodist Men met September 19th for breakfast and discussed future plans for meetings. It was decided to continue to meet on the first and third Saturdays of the month starting in October. The meetings will be October 3rd & 17th at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at each meeting. Anyone interested in preparing breakfast, we will start at 7:00 a.m. All help is welcome and will be greatly appreciated.

Bill Lundgren volunteered be the Methodist Men's treasurer. Meetings will include a devotion and discussion as well as any business that needs to be addressed. Looking forward to meeting on a regular basis. All men are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

Terry Prante

Children First

Children First has been riding the COVID-19 roller coaster of 2020. After being closed for three months beginning mid-March, we opened on June 15th and had a great 3 months of fun and learning. We have now had to close our doors again due to positive cases and multiple exposures with our students and staff. Our goal is to try and keep COVID at bay as much as possible so that we can be open and providing the children in our care with a

wonderful learning experience and also to remain financially able to pay our exceptional staff.

This school year will look and feel different than any other school year we have experienced so far. We are continually working hard to make appropriate changes to our daily routines pertaining to cleaning and sanitizing and distancing the children from each other. The challenges are many, but our staff have adapted to making changes on short notice and they are always working to give the children the safest and best educational experience possible. Having the halls filled with the children's voices and enthusiasm while learning is a fabulous sound that we will be looking forward to hearing again soon.

If you feel so inclined Children First can always use donations of Clorox wipes, hand soap and hand sanitizer and of course monetary donations are always welcome, prayers too!!



- The fall rummage sale youth fundraiser is 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! ☺
- Youth have the option to wear masks. Social distancing is suggested as much as is possible.
- No Early Release activities are scheduled for the month of October. Youth groups will start at regular times on Wednesday, October 7th.
- Youth will be going to the haunted corn maze Friday, October 30th. Cost is \$15/person.
- The DakYouth event has been cancelled for this year.

Children's Church

Hello Friends! Fall is officially here, and children's church is back! Children's church does look a little different this fall compared to past years. CYFM has



made the decision to open children's church to an online version. A zoom link is sent out to all our families every week with a scheduled time to meet at 9:00 every Sunday.

We continue to look at

options to enhance our ministry to ensure that all children are engaged in this new format. As time goes on, we will continue to talk about the next steps to when we can meet face to face again in a safe format. Until then, we are embracing this new time to meet together!

This next month's theme is Integrity: Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do. Take care and stay healthy.

“The flu shot is more important than ever before.”



Have you had your annual flu shot? If not, it is time. October is a great month to get a flu shot, as it covers you through flu season. Getting a flu shot can greatly reduce your risk

of getting the flu and helps prevent you from spreading it, which is especially important during a pandemic.

Flu is a contagious disease. It usually spreads between Sept. and May. Each year thousands of Americans die from the flu, and many more are hospitalized.

Who should get the flu shot: The Communicable Disease Center (CDC) recommends everyone 6 months of age and older get vaccinated every flu season. The vaccine is considered to be “very safe.” It is also recommended for pregnant women. It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

It is recommended that people over 65 years get the “high-dose flu vaccine.” (It provides a higher degree of protection, as older people have decreased immune systems.) If you have questions regarding getting a flu vaccine, talk with your health care provider. (You may get the flu vaccine at local pharmacies and from your physician's office).

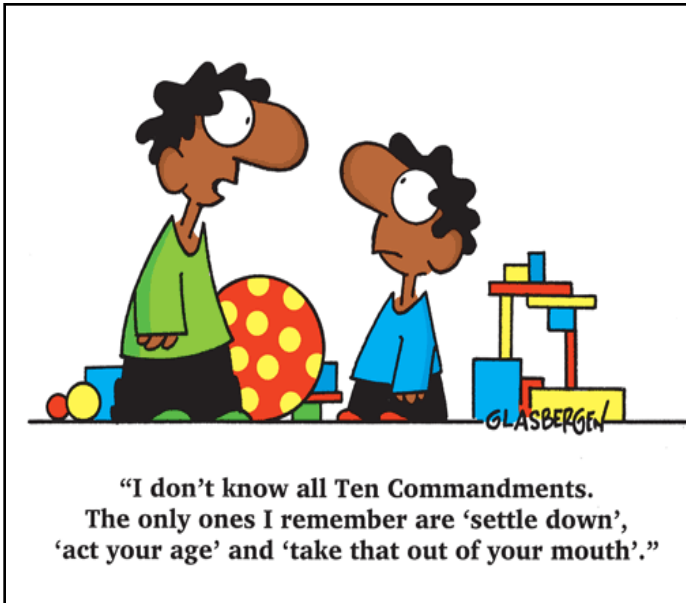
If you have never had the flu and don't see the reason for the vaccine, this is the year to start. More people getting the flu shot means fewer people who need to be hospitalized for flu. Save the hospital beds for the ill Covid-19 patients!

Physical distancing, mask wearing, and hand-washing will all help to prevent influenza, but the flu vaccine is THE MOST IMPORTANT! You will help protect your family and community when you get the flu shot.

Prayer Requests

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer and would like to be on the weekly prayer list, please

contact the church office at (605) 642-3457 or send an e-mail to Orvette at office@spearfishumc.org. Prayer gives hope, love, and peace.



Council Highlights

September 16, 2020

- ✓ **Treasurer's Report:** The checking account is low, but Mary transferred money on September 1 from the Money Market to the Checking Account. Mary is just now working with our banker, Tom Deis, to do the final reckoning on the PPP loan. It appears that SUMC will be forgiven the entire loan. For the month of August income for the **General Fund** is \$31,981.62, and expenses are \$33,809.39. The ending balance for the month of August is \$1,827.77 in the red with apportionments paid. The year to date balance is \$17,654.71. An insurance payment was made in August. For August the income for **UMCOC** is \$5,080.00, and expenses are \$4,461.46. This leaves the **UMCOC** Fund in the black \$618.54 for the month and in the black \$8,586.44 for the year to date balance. **UMCOC** pays part of the insurance payment. Income for August for **Children First** is \$21,089.60. Expenses are \$31,579.61. **Children First** ended the month in the red \$10,490.01, but in the black \$2,137.74 for the year to date balance which is also the balance for the end of the CF fiscal year. August was expected to be a difficult month financially as CF deals with the effect COVID 19 has had on them. CF pays part of the insurance payment, also. The **Debt Retirement / Capital Fund** income for August is \$3,127.64. There were no expenses for August. Year to date balance is \$56,905.67. **Mission-giving** for August is \$6,845.00 with Clothe-

A-Kid receiving \$4,775.00 and Pastor's Discretionary Fund receiving \$1,420.00. **Mission** expenses (distributions) are \$8,841.87 including \$4,877.23 used for Clothe-A-Kid, \$1,200.00 for Elisha Intern salary, and distributions from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund of \$1,775.00.

- ✓ **Children First:** Children First is the September Mission of the Month. CF started the fall term on September 1 with specific guidelines. Some ages have lower enrollment. Staff costs are higher due to staff to student ratio, keeping ages separated and other COVID demands. As CF ended a fiscal year, extra income from those who pledged to CF (\$12,000), unpledged funds (\$21,000) and a special COVID donation (\$22,000) kept CF in operation. End of year balance was \$2137.74. PPP loan for COVID relief added \$52,000 to CF income. This helped to keep staff employed while closed. The new budget has been approved.
- ✓ **Children Youth and Family Ministries:** Online Children's Church has started. They watch a Bible story together and do a small activity. They are looking to make it hands on and looking to add things such as Scott creating a Children's Sermon to watch. It was decided to remain online for the rest of the calendar year. The Youth have officially started weekly meetings, but they will be outside for as long as possible. Vacation Bible School only had two attendees, so they will use the same curriculum again next year.
- ✓ **Health Ministries:** Presently they are not meeting. Hopefully the Coronavirus will be controlled better in the near future. We continue on with our established programs and have started the card ministry.
- ✓ **Memorials:** There was no actual meeting, but two memorial plaques were ordered and mounted for Cliff Rusch and Gae Koski.
- ✓ **Missions:** The September Mission of the Month is Children First. Because their scholarship fund is not in need, they requested that we give to their general fund. Mission gifts during the month of August are as follows: Benevolence Fund, \$225; Pastor's Discretionary, \$1420; Solar Oven Partners, \$125; Clothe-a-Kid, \$4775; Food Pantry, \$90; and LaGonave Alive, \$210.
- ✓ **Stewardship and Finance Report:** A Motion made, seconded, and passed to give S & F blessing to Council's decision to send the Conference \$5,000 plus whatever additional was collected for Dakotas Camps. Charge Conference will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Barry Penn's wife, Jodi, will fill in for Barry who will likely have shoulder surgery on October 5. The Security Team met with Gene's lock shop for getting a quote for interior and exterior

cameras. The Team is also looking into creating a medical team in the event of a medical emergency during services. The PPP Loan helped all three entities, but especially helped Children First retain their staff so they could reopen with staff in place. The COVID Financial Task Force has dissolved after completing its task of monitoring church finances April through August. For the fall and beyond S & F will continue to monitor church finances closely. Scott will be leading the Stewardship Campaign using the "Enough" series. He has a timeline worked out for the various letters and presentations and will ask for S & F help as he needs it. Commitment Weekend will be the last weekend of October. A new van has been donated to the church.

✓ **Trustees:** Trustees have hired Lowe's Roofing to do the flat roof of UMCOC and the flat parts of the church roof which were damaged by hail. The shingling and the rest of the work due to the hail damage will be done by Tuff Storm Solutions. They can do all the work needed for the parsonage this fall, also the stucco on the church. The church and UMCOC roof projects will not take place until next summer. The new insurance policy is being reviewed by Mark Tracy of Trustees and others.

✓ **UMCOC:** The Covid-19 recommendations presented and approved at last month's council meeting are posted at the North entry to building. Faucet repairs were requested and completed. Children First is functioning as normal for time of year. Youth and Family Services plan on using multi-purpose room for yearly screenings yet this fall virus screening in their upstairs office area in the past. Summit Church doing home schooling outside during the month of September, as described to Ron Borgman. Spearfish Community Action continues to function per Covid-19 status of delivering commodities outside to clients. September 28th is the day the boiler will be fired for the heating season. An engineer from Sioux Falls will be here to complete that task.

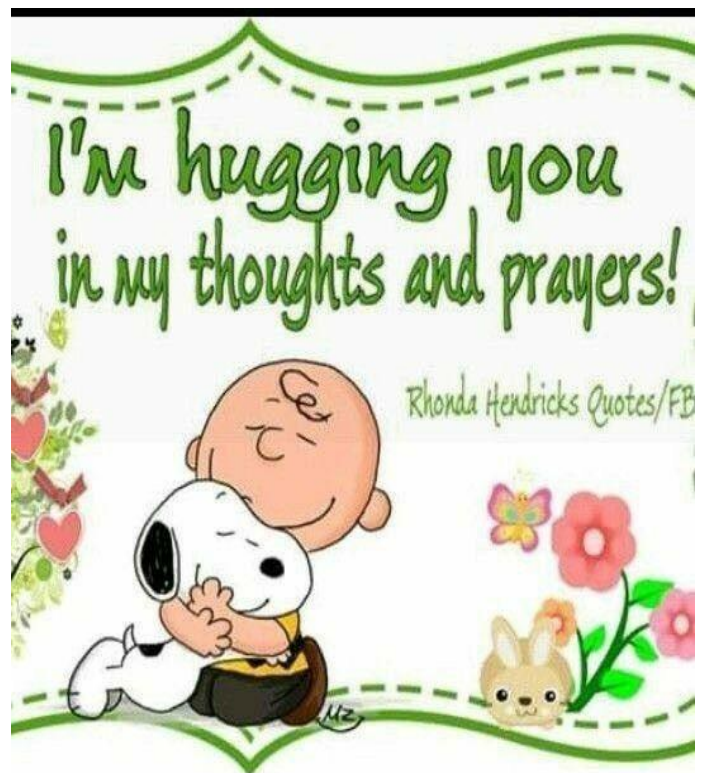
✓ **Worship:** We have not held group meetings during the pandemic months. Members of the committee along with worship team members and volunteers from the congregation have made extraordinary efforts to create communal worship opportunities online and in person. The committee has discussed ways to adjust to the recent surge of Covid cases in our county and state, and ways to anticipate changes as autumn continues. We especially appreciate the hard work of the following people: Scott McKirdy, Kevin Nakajima, and the worship teams led by Michelle Jennings, Colleen McKirdy, and Emma McKirdy-Wilsey.

✓ **Youth Council:** Youth met outdoors through the summer months, and the September youth meetings will be outdoors or offsite. We welcomed 5 new youth at our first September gathering. An outdoor movie night is scheduled for Sept. 25, weather permitting and if the screen arrives. Everyone is welcome. The fall rummage sale is scheduled for October 10th. Covid policies will be in place for sale and set up, including masks and sanitation. We are sorry to lose Jean Lewers-Brail as our special friend to youth and a mentor in youth ministry. Thank you to her and her family for the memorial in her name being donated to the youth! Church members who would be willing to serve a youth meal on a Wednesday can contact Brenda.

Discussion Items. . . It was decided to go month by month as to whether to meet in person or by Zoom and also to keep the time flexible. For October, Council will meet by Zoom at 7:00 on October 21.

Action Items. . . There were no Action items.

Learning/Planning. . . Scott reminded us that last year under the leadership of Kirk Easton Council developed 5 pillars with goals listed under each as future endeavors of Spearfish United Methodist Church. The pillars are Family Involvement, Lay Leadership, Outreach, Communication, and Capital Needs. The pillars and goals are now ready to be implemented. Connie Hubbard and Scott have worked together to create a Google Document on the pillars and goals which Connie will send to each Committee Chair to present to their committee at the committee's next meeting.



Our Church Family

Condolences to the families of:

- *Jean Lewers-Brail*, who died September 3, 2020 and whose services will be held in Ohio with her late husband at a later date.
- *Dick Jones*, who died September 8, 2020 and whose services will be held at a later date. He was laid to rest with his wife, Eileen, who died in July, at Black Hills National Cemetery.

MISSIONS

Cornerstone Mission



Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City has served the area since 1982. It provides temporary housing for veterans, non-veteran men, and women & children. All residents are provided with three meals a day, and have medical care available at the on-site Community Health Clinic. Other services provided include clothing, case management, transportation, and counseling.

Please consider donating money or any of the following items. These can be dropped off at the church during office hours or worship hours.

- Money - to purchase items as they are needed
- New or gently-used men's coats, sizes X, XX, XXX
- Men's gloves, hats, socks
- Regular or travel sizes of:

<i>Shampoo</i>	<i>Deodorant</i>	<i>Razors</i>
<i>Soap</i>	<i>Lotion</i>	<i>Toothbrushes</i>
<i>Toothpaste</i>	<i>Laundry Soap</i>	

World Communion Sunday

Your choice to give today to World Communion Sunday empowers a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion Scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries; the remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduates studying in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training.



To make a donation write your check to the United Methodist Church and put "World Communion" on the memo line.

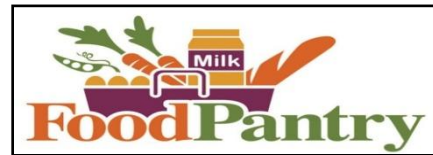
A Letter of Thanks

Bruce Blumer, LaGonave Alive Board President sent the following thank you letter to our church...

"Thank you for your contribution of \$210 received on Sept. 9. The funds will be used to support the projects and ministries of LaGonave Alive.

Your gift helps us to provide hope, health, and happiness to the people on the island of LaGonave, Haiti. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others!"

Bruce also sent a personal note that said that he had an unexpected expense of \$220 in Haiti, so this donation was a wonderful way to cover the expense.



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.

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

Joshua Ross	10-01	Steward Stracco	10-15
Rachel Jensen	10-01	Martha Stinson	10-17
Claire Jennings	10-01	Les Pribble	10-18
Janelle Jones	10-03	Sidney Foltz	10-19
Suzanne Phillips	10-04	Lola Pascoe	10-19
Jayne Brenneisen	10-04	Susan Bauer	10-20
Sara Ross	10-04	Danielle Beasley	10-21
Allie Johnson	10-04	Marilyn Burgeson	10-22
Dalton Ferrell	10-04	Dnyee Swisher	10-22
Donna Patterson	10-05	Dianne Darling	10-22
Mike Clark	10-05	Donald Chase	10-24
"KC" Phillips	10-08	Joel Johannesen	10-24
Seth Donald	10-08	Betsy Williams	10-27
Micah Peters	10-09	Alex Hendricks	10-27
Barbara Chrisman	10-10	Ed Sewell	10-28
Eden Shank	10-10	Ryan Niesnet	10-28
Avalon Vaughn	10-12	Tristany Swanson	10-28
Harper Wilkinson	10-12	Kenneth Pascoe	10-29
Leslie Sewell	10-13	Morgan Roberts	10-29
Lydia Darling	10-13	Tristin Hendricks	10-29
Carolyn Marchant	10-15	Ernie Trudo	10-31

ANNIVERSARIES

Chad & Katie Bussiere	10/01~4 yrs.
Tad & Heather Brewer	10/02~21 yrs.
Harlan & Dorothy Horst	10/06~36 yrs.
Jay & Christi Swaby	10/07~14 yrs.
Paul & Christine Pierson	10/08~16 yrs.
Kent & Mary Kennon	10/19~41 yrs.
Sam & Kelsey Meehan	10/25~6 yrs.
Brent & Teri Morford	10/27~8 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
Aug.	31,981.62	33,809.39	-1,827.77

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	Aug.	3,127.64

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	Aug.	1,842.00

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
Aug.	5,080.00	4,461.46	618.54

Special Gifts for September

Camp Scholarships	\$ 200.00
Sounds from Home	2,466.00

Food Pantry	200.00
Caring Meals Income	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	145.00
UMCOC Donation	380.00
Children First Scholarships	1,100.00
Bev Hogarth Memorial	100.00
Emily Jennings Memorial	100.00
Solar Ovens	110.00
Youth Fund	105.00
*TOTAL	\$ 5,006.00

Special Funds for September

Benevolence Fund	\$ 300.00
Pastor's Discretionary	900.00
*TOTAL	\$ 1,200.00

*Actual Worship Attendance for Sept.: 346 (Avg/Wk = 87)



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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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