

# The Trumpeter

**Spearfish United Methodist Church**

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## Pastor's Page

### **"A Lithuanian Lesson"**

"Laba diena!" It's Lithuanian for "Good day!" In my lifetime I have been on three mission trips to

Lithuania. Let me share with you one of the lessons I learned there.

First, a word of history: Located in northeastern Europe as one of the small, Baltic nations, Lithuania had been an independent country until they were taken over by the communist Soviet Union after WW I. The Nazi's took them over in WW II, and then the Soviet Union held power again until 1991. During those years, the Christian churches pretty much all had to go underground. For three generations the Methodist Church was present but not seen.

It was hidden and survived in secret. They worshiped. They studied scripture. They taught their children the Christian faith. They cared for each other. All of it happened behind closed doors where the government could not find them. In 1989 the Soviet Union collapsed, and in 1991 the Baltic nations all declared nonviolent independence. Shortly after that, the Methodist Church in Lithuania emerged from hiding. Everything that they had been doing in unseen ways now came out into the open. Evangelism and growth now became possible once more.

I watched this process of re-entering the world happen as we were with the Lithuanians working side-by-side creating new ministries and teaching new techniques in their churches.

Today we as a nation and a church have been living a very similar process. In effect, we as a church have been in hiding from the COVID pandemic. Here in Spearfish our sanctuary has stood empty for the last three months as we have worshiped online and in our parking lot. Our coffeepots are hardly ever used. Our fellowship hall has to be dusted because of lack of activity. Our Bible studies are not meeting live but online. Although



the reasons are completely different, the lesson is pretty much the same as I learned in Lithuania: Churches need to be super creative when they come out into the open world again.

Right now, SUMC is learning how to be a church that lives and thrives in socially isolated ways behind closed doors as our ministries continue full-tilt outside the church building. We now know how to present online worship. We know how to do creative in-person worship. We know new and innovative ways of communicating, holding meetings, studying scripture, gathering youth, caring for each other when we can't be in-person, holding funerals, and reaching out.

This month we return to our sanctuary again. All of the social distancing and safety measures are in place, but there is just so much joy in being together again... even when that is in new and innovative ways. Here is one thing that is powerfully true: We are reaching out to meet people where they are, especially when that means dealing with COVID-19. We are coming out of our hiding. It will take time, and some things we will not go back to. But there are new and wonderful elements of ministry that we are just so excited about. You are invited to be a part of this church in new different ways as we come out into our world again.

*Pastor Scott*

## Participation Opportunities

### **Worship inside the Church resumes February 6-7!**

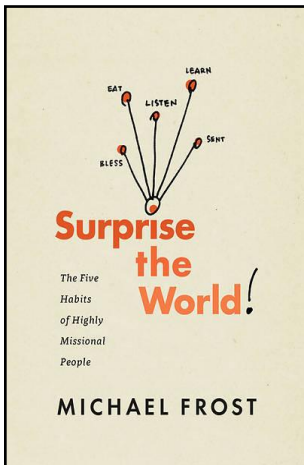
**Social distancing and use of masks are still encouraged while attending inside services.**

- Blue Jean Worship live on Saturdays at 5:30 PM
- Gathering Worship live on Sundays at 8:15 AM
- Sanctuary Worship live on Sundays at 10:30 AM

- Healing Garden Worship live outside on Sundays at 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM
- Worship in our parking lot can be heard Saturdays and Sundays on FM 90.5
- Online worship every week on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube
- CD's are available for delivery each week

**Ash Wednesday worship** will be held at the church on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

## Lenten Bible Study: *Surprise the World!*



Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday worship in our sanctuary at 7:00 pm on February 17.

The worship series and Bible study we will be starting February 21 and sharing all the way through Easter on April 4 is *“Surprise the World!: The Five Habits of Highly Missional People.”* This study has been selected to share across our entire Dakotas and Minnesota

Annual Conferences for those churches who wish to participate together.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter, this study guides us as followers of Jesus Christ in five specific habits. Christians seeking to actively follow Jesus Christ: 1) Bless others, 2) Eat with others, 3) Listen to others, 4) Learn from others, and 5) Are sent into our world. It is going to be a fascinating... and very practical... time of study together.

You can participate in *“Surprise the World!”* in multiple ways:

- Participate in weekly worship in any of the seven worship options.
- Purchase the book for \$6.50 from the church office or in worship.
- Use the weekly Grow, Pray, and Study Guide (GPS) to guide you in daily devotions.
- Join a small weekly discussion group either on Zoom or live in your own safe bubble of friends.

Our church Zoom studies led by Pastor Scott will be available on Sunday mornings during Lent at 9:25 am and on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm plus a college study Sundays at 5:00 pm. Contact Pastor Scott at [scott.mckirdy@spearfishumc.org](mailto:scott.mckirdy@spearfishumc.org) to connect to one of the Zoom studies.



Now more than ever, we are learning the importance of offering small group Bible studies to keep people connected and growing. We are offering studies online on Zoom. All you have to do to join is contact the Bible study leader and you will be sent an online invitation. Currently, we are offering:

- Tuesday afternoon Men's study with Pastor Scott: Online at 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday School with Everett Follette: Online Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
- Children's Church for kids with Katie Clark: Online Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.



Hello friends! Children's church is continuing to succeed online. We meet every Sunday at 9:00 via zoom. If you are interested or you know of another family interested, please email me at [Katie.Clark@yellowjackets.bhsu.edu](mailto:Katie.Clark@yellowjackets.bhsu.edu) and I will get you on our email list to receive a zoom link.

CYFM is working with Children's First to create pillars for the next year. We are hoping to build on our community involvement thought Children's First. As the school year continues, we are looking to see when/if we can start in person.



# Lent

## Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will be meeting Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the parlor. The book we are reading is *Breathing Lessons* by Anne Tyler. Books are available in the church office.

## United Methodist Men (UMM)

UMM will start having Saturday Morning Breakfast meetings February 20, 2021. All men are invited. Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by devotions and a short business meeting. Anyone who has a devotion that they would like to present, please contact me at my new email address: [terryprante@yahoo.com](mailto:terryprante@yahoo.com). Anyone who would like to cook or setup for breakfast is invited to be at the church at 7:00 a.m. Hope to see you Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Terry Prante, UMM President*

## Prayer Partners



God of love, for such a time as this, guide me to love. Remind me to show respect for all living things. Be with leaders in our nation, world and community. Let us pray for our president, vice president and national government.

Blessings for Pastor Scott and his family: Colleen, his dad Rev Wayne McKirdy, Ben, Emma and two year old Maren, Grace and Eamon for pending adoption of a three year old boy.

For such a time as this, let me live a life of love and respect. Amen.

## United Methodist Women

The UMW group is still on hold for meetings allowing for our ladies to get their vaccinations and for them to take effect.

The plan is to start in April when the weather is also better. We are planning to meet through the summer months to help with spending more time together.

Our local Program Books are in the stage of the first proof reading before going to print. Thank you to all



for being patient. I know that all our members are ready to be in-person for meetings because we miss seeing and learning things with each other.

If anyone has any questions please call me, Debra Richardson, at 717-2625. It is a blessing to be back as your acting President with such wonderful members who love doing missions together and to learn as a caring group of women.

*Debra Richardson, UMW President.*



- Youth groups will meet together from 4-6:00 pm (note change of time) on Wednesdays until further notice. Come when you can! Leave when you need to! Supper at 5:30 pm. Enter at the preschool door. Call or text if the door is locked.
- See the calendar for information on special Wednesday youth group activities: Bubble Night and Movie Night coming in February!

## UMW Reading Program— Book of the Month



Check out the book of the month in the UMW section of the library for this month's book:

**GUM MOON: A NOVEL OF  
SAN FRANCISCO CHINATOWN**  
JEFFREY L. STALEY SELF-  
PUBLISHED (2018) In 1898, three-  
year-old Chinese-American girl Mei  
Chun Lai is sold to a cruel brothel

keeper, where a sympathetic prostitute befriends her. Two years later, at the height of a plague quarantine, a young Methodist woman rescues Chun and places her in a home for abused and trafficked girls. The home is destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire. Chun (aka "Maud") and a group of seven other Chinese children embark on a cross-country singing tour to raise funds to rebuild. When their home matron suffers a breakdown, 13-year-old Maud must lead the band of children home. Based on a true story.



## Summer Camps Are On!

Dakotas United Methodist Camps will be in operation again this summer! Check out the camping website for information as no physical camp booklets will be available:

[www.dakotasumc.org/camping](http://www.dakotasumc.org/camping) and click on the camps and events button.



## COVID-19 Vaccine Recommended

The Federal Drug Administration has issued emergency use authorization for two different COVID-19 Vaccines. One is developed by Pfizer-BioNTech and one by Moderna. Studies show that both vaccines are safe and exceedingly effective at preventing disease.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you get the vaccine as soon as it is available. Call your Health Care Provider to see if you are eligible to get the vaccine and/or if you have questions. The vaccine has recently become available in our area. Health Ministry Team



## Caring Meal was appreciated!

We recently received a thank you note from a family about how much they appreciated a meal delivered to them. They said, "Thank you SO MUCH for the show of care and concern. It meant so much to know our church cares!"

Our church wants to reach out to people in need. When you hear of an illness, death in the family, or any other need for a meal please call the church office (642-3457).

*Caring Meal Ministry*

## Council Highlights January 20, 2021

### Discussion items:

- After much discussion it was decided we will be returning to sanctuary worship the first weekend in February on the 6th and 7th with our usual three services. Consequently we will be following the same sanitizing and social distancing protocol used prior to Thanksgiving. The rules are as follows:

### Use of facility during COVID-19 Pandemic

- Everyone is **STRONGLY** encouraged to wear a mask.
- Have a person at each door to open doors for people.
- Seat people at least 6 ft. apart according to CDC Guidelines.
- Have only one person dispensing coffee to reduce the number of people using items.
- Encourage people to go outside if they wish to visit with others.
- Sanitizer is available on the serving counter in the kitchen.
- Clean and sanitize all surfaces touched by people (tables, chairs, counters, etc.).
- Clean all bathroom sinks at the end of your meetings.

In addition, we will also be offering our online, garden and parking lot services as usual.

**Congregational Care Ministry** continues to work with the congregation but is still unable to visit facilities in person.

**Children First enrollment** is full with no active COVID cases at this time.

**Health Ministry Committee** continues to send out the well received prayer squares, sympathy cards and grief booklets. Several people have asked where more booklets can be purchased.

**Caring Meals Ministry** continues to supply meals.

**Youth Ministry** meets weekly between 4-6 PM and has combined the middle and high school students to better accommodate the kids schedules. Summer Camps seem to be up and running for 2021! The youth group "Bob Ross painting night" was a lot of fun. The works of art are presently drying in the Youth Room. Stop in and check them out!

**Summit School** has moved out of the UMCOC building. Barry, the custodian has done a good job managing the physical building but a Building Manager is still needed as Orvette and Pastor Scott do not have time to manage the tenants. Please contact the church office if you are or know someone who might be interested in this position.

**Children First** enrollment is full with no active COVID 19 cases at this time.

**NHSOS** still have not found appropriate office space to rent. They will be holding their yearly fundraising and strategic planning meeting for 2021 this month.

**Food Pantry.** We continue to manage for the month of January.

The GOOD NEWS this week is that Colleen and Pastor Scott are expecting a new grandson this summer. Their daughter Grace and her husband are adopting "Micky" a three year old boy. Wonderful news! Congratulations!

## Our Church Family

### Condolences to the family of:

- *Keith Allison*, who died January 3, 2021 and whose services were held January 8 at the church with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

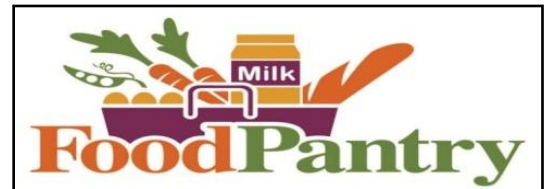
## MISSIONS

### UMC Benevolence Fund

The mission for the month of February for Spearfish United Methodist Church is our Benevolence Fund. We have two help funds in our church. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is designed to help with smaller issues that can often be handled with Safeway cards. The Benevolence Fund is set up to give assistance for major needs one might face such as rent, medical emergencies, family emergencies, or when a larger amount of assistance is needed.

John Wesley believed that salvation is not all about us. He claimed that love of God must move the believer

toward love of one's neighbor. He is quoted to have said, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." Christ's commandment to love thy neighbor is the strong foundation upon which this fund was created for. When one suffers an emergency need, it is comforting to know that their needs may be met through this fund. God Bless.



A special thank you to all who volunteered to help at the food pantry in January. We couldn't have done it without you, especially since we had the entire month this year and I was absent for several days due to a back injury. There are always members who show up when needed. Thank you so much!!

*Marilyn Halse*

### Donations are needed of the following items:

- Cereals
- Beef Stew
- Progresso Soups
- Peanut Butter
- Chunky Soups
- Jelly or Jams

## BIRTHDAYS

Landin Burke	02-01	Danika Brown	02-15
Dave Zanton	02-02	Clyde Smith	02-17
Donna Gollither	02-05	Maren McKirdy-Wilsey	02-18
Robertta Hilliger	02-06	Sandy Prante	02-20
Doris Parke	02-07	Hannah Chastain	02-20
Cynthia Bates	02-07	Caiden Gee	02-22
Wade Tobin	02-09	Layne Loup	02-23
Jessica Jennings	02-09	Clara Christensen	02-24
Kirk Easton	02-11	Brendan Hansen	02-24
Cameron Haag	02-11	Jody Emery	02-25
Annette Bailey	02-13	Sarah Hazledine	02-25
Stan Smith	02-14	Bridger Ferrell	02-26
Connie Ericsson	02-15	Terrance Grosz	02-27
Greta Stewart	02-15	Carter Foltz	02-28
Lisa Foltz	02-15		

## ANNIVERSARIES

Benjamin & Monica Burgeson	02/05~16 yrs.
Ed & Leslie Sewell	02/14
Lyle & Gladys McGarvin	02/14~40 yrs.
Allan & Kathy Bonnema	02/14~20 yrs.

Connie Pich & Chuck Bossert	05/16~8 yrs.
Lyle Ericsson & Connie Swander-Ericsson	02/17~20 yrs.
Bob & Debbie Cline	02/18~37 yrs.
Dave & Judy Wagner	02/22~57 yrs.
Alek & Shyla Crawford	02/24~4 yrs.
Joe & Mary Hallenbeck	02/28~40 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
Sept.	27,088.85	32,230.69	-5,141.84
Oct.	32,820.19	40,149.96	-7,329.77
Nov.	39,431.20	32,811.49	6,619.71
Dec.	52,503.75	32,619.50	19,884.25

### 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
Sept.	2,746.56	Oct.	3,246.56
Nov.	3,467.66	Dec.	3,586.00

### 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
Sept.	3,170.33	Oct.	4,025.33
Nov.	2,210.32	Dec.	3,225.72

### 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
Sept.	7,815.00	3,346.29	4,468.71
Oct.	3,730.00	4,521.33	-791.33
Nov.	6,510.13	3,823.41	2,686.72

Dec.	3,710.00	3,357.13	352.87
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### Special Gifts for January 2021

Food Pantry	\$ 385.00
Honduras Disaster Fund	2,015.00
Yoga Charity Fund	223.00
Children First Grant Income	25.70
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Solar Ovens	50.00
Youth Fund	38.35
<b>*TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,117.05</b>

\*As of Jan. 29, 2021

### Special Funds for January 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 350.00
Pastor's Discretionary	1,810.00
<b>*TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,160.00</b>

\*As of Jan. 29, 2021

\*Parking Lot Worship for Jan.: 199 (Avg./Wk = 50)





## 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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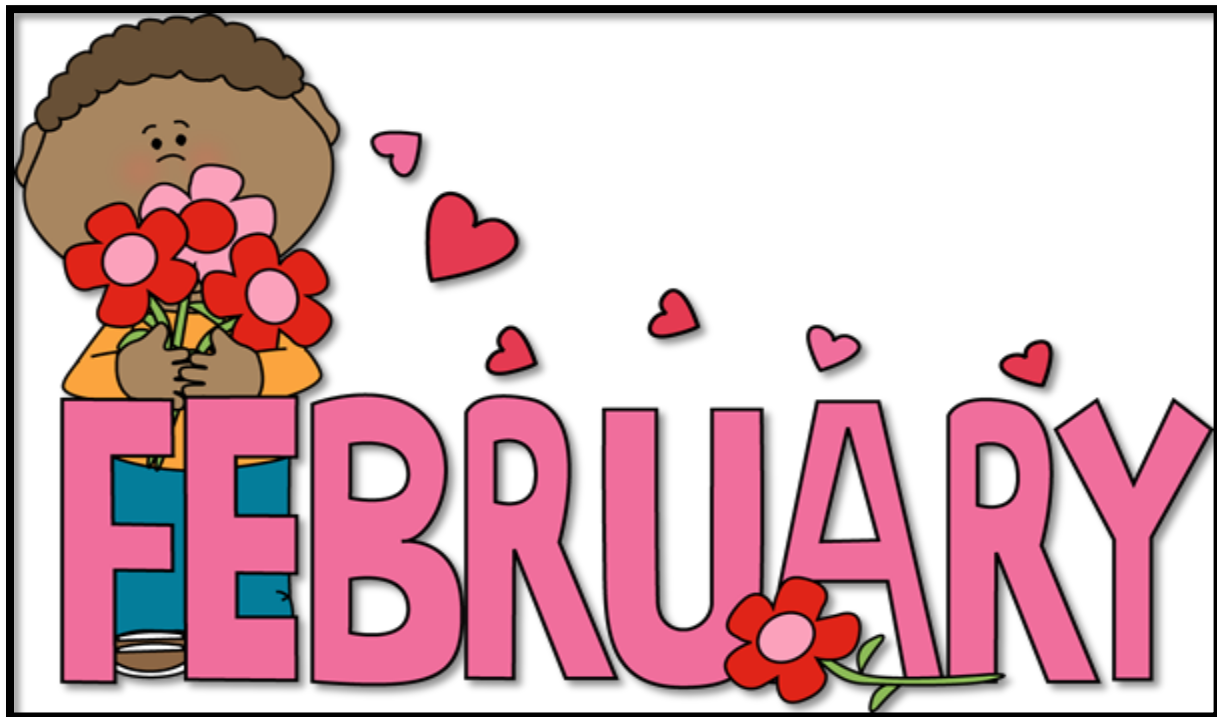
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