

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Stuck?"

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." – Romans 12: 2

It has been a year. The last full and normal worship service we had in our church was on February 23, 2020. In the next two weeks, we became thinner and thinner in attendance. On the third week we shut down live worship completely (for the first time).

One of the things that I am noticing now a year later in 2021 is that many of us have been caught in a cycle of "stuck". This happens naturally in the best of times, but this is definitely not the best of times. We get stuck with all the slow-down of 2020, whether it is due to the pandemic or something completely different. We get stuck mentally when our options seem limited in whatever we are doing. We get stuck physically when the isolation of this last year overwhelms us. We get stuck emotionally when it seems that life is just too much for us to handle.

Stuck? Just stuck.

Now what? What do you do when you are stuck? Well, let me encourage you by telling you what you already know: With your eyes on Jesus Christ, you take one step forward.

Let me tell you about Vern.

I grew up with a one-legged man. Vern was the father of my best friends in high school. At the age of 14, he was in an accident, and almost his entire right leg had to be amputated. In the blink of an eye Vern's entire life changed. He had to learn how to do everything new: walk with only one leg, walk with crutches, eventually walk with a prosthesis. Yesterday I saw a photograph of Vern at the age of 24 on FaceBook. He was standing outside in the wide-open air with arms spread and this huge smile on his face. You couldn't see the artificial leg he was standing on. By this time he was an expert at living with one leg. That accident and that loss have defined Vern's life for over seventy years now. How did he not just survive but powerfully thrive? With his eyes

on God's healing power, there was a day decades ago when he simply took one step forward. And then he took one more step...and another...and another. Strangely, as I grew up with this amazing man, I never saw his leg as a disability. He had turned it into a blessing as he focused his energies not on what he could not do, but rather on all that he could do.

Stuck? Stop. Breathe. With your eyes on Jesus Christ, take one step forward. You don't have to stay conformed to the world as it is right now in 2021. You can be transformed by the renewing of your mind, but looking and stepping in new directions...one step at a time.

This is exactly what we are doing as a church. One day and one week and one month at a time we are figuring out our next steps. And with each step, God is opening the door. May God add the blessing in your life today, even in the middle of "stuck"!

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

2021 Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, March 27

"Blue Jeans" Worship – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

"Gathering" Worship – 8:15 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:25 a.m.

"Sanctuary" Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy

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Worship Service – 7:00 p.m. – UMC

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

"Good Friday" Worship – 7:00 p.m. – UMC

Saturday, April 3 – Lazarus Saturday

"Blue Jeans" Worship – 5:30 p.m. – UMC



Sunday, April 4 – Easter

“Sunrise” Worship – 6:30 a.m. – UMC

“Gathering” Worship – 8:15 a.m. - UMC

Sunday School – 9:25 a.m.

“Sanctuary” Worship – 10:30 a.m. – UMC

Monday, April 22 – Easter Monday

OFFICE CLOSED



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 meet online every week. Right now, Children, Youth and Family Ministry (CYFM) is looking for new additions to the team. We are thinking and praying for names as we go through a transition to find new additions. If interested in joining, please feel free to let me know.

CYFM is also planning an Easter Hunt Extravaganza. I am hoping to compile a list of members within the church who would be interested in giving out their address and also posting a giant Easter egg somewhere visible on their house. The Easter egg would have a letter on it and eventually will spell out a phrase when cars drive by all houses. I look forward to seeing how this event goes!

CYFM is continuing to work on the pillars and creating goals for this next year and years to come.

Spring Rummage Sale



Youth will be holding their spring rummage sale on Saturday, March 27th from 8 am to noon (barring any further pandemic issues!). **Donations will be**

accepted the week of March 22nd. We cannot accept TVs, computers or exercise equipment. But other useful, clean items are welcome!

All proceeds will go to summer camps and future mission trips.

Call Brenda (641-4864) if you have items you need picked up or if you’d like to volunteer to help with the sale set-up. Thanks!

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The Methodist Men had their first Saturday morning breakfast meeting February 20th. They will meet again March 6, and plan to return to a regular Saturday morning breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month. There were ten men at the breakfast, and we look forward to having more men at the March 6 breakfast. Hope you can be there.

The Commodity Distribution Center in the Children First building had a chest type freezer stop running and are in need of another chest type freezer. If anyone knows of a freezer that is available, and not very expensive, please let me know. Mark March 6th on your calendar and plan for a great breakfast with a great group of men, see you there.

Terry Prante, UMM President

Prayer Partners



Loving God,

Stir us this Lenten season to reflect more on the ways you guide our lives. Help us to obey and follow your word. Reflect on ways to *Surprise the World*, our Lenten study by Michael Frost. Bless others through affirmation, acts of kindness or gifts. Offer hospitality. Listen to the Holy Spirit to become a Spirit-led person. Learn more to become more Christ-like. Become one who is sent to be a missionary in our neighborhoods and communities. May God help us to surprise the world during 2021 Lent. Amen.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will be meeting Monday, March 8th at noon in the parlor. The book we are reading is *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Books are available in the church office.



Taizé – March 25th at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Socially distanced and masks strongly recommended.

This is a prayer service in the style of Taizé. Come enter into a time of prayer, quiet reflection and meditative singing. **Enjoy** the quiet. **Center** your spirit, heart and mind. **Refresh** your soul.



- 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.
- Join us for fun at WaTiki Waterpark on Wednesday, March 17th from 4 pm to 10 pm to kick off Spring Break!
- Look ahead to **Good Friday worship** on March 2nd as the youth of our church lead us in a time of reflection and remembrance.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for showing love and support to our neighbors in Honduras at Send Hope as we focused on them as the mission of the month in January.



And thank you for braving the cold to come out for the cinnamon roll fundraiser on Valentine's Day. Your

generous donations will provide many meals and assistance to those in need.

Michelle, Ellen, Glea, Jane, Halli, Ron and Gloria

Thank You from Food Pantry

A sincere thank you to all who served at the Food Pantry during the month of January when it was UMC's turn to manage the food distribution. Normally we just have this duty for two weeks, but this January we had the whole month. You who served so faithfully during the month are very much appreciated! We had a lot of fun and many laughs as we served, which by the way are supposed to be healthy for us! Thank you very much to these special people who served:

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| • Terry & Sandy Prante | • Bob & Kathy Schneider |
| • Dave & Claudia Little | • Jay & Yvonne Adrion |
| • Kim Tollison | • Kelvin Lower |
| • Bonnie Witt | • Bonnie Ellingsen |
| • Janet Bates | • Chris Davis |
| • Ellen Procek | • Connie Hubbard |
| • Donna Patterson | |

Special thanks to Terry Prante and Connie Hubbard for continuing to help with the Wal-Mart haul on Tuesdays and Fridays after the January service! Thanks to each of you again and God Bless each of you!

Bob & Laura Oliver and Marilyn Halse



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 and click on the camps and events button.

Children First

Children First is up and running at full capacity for the first time since March 13th, 2020. Our efforts to keep COVID out of our facility have been successful and we are maintaining a fairly healthy crew and full enrollment. Hooray!

We are getting ready to open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year and anticipate being full, with a waiting list. 2021 is off to a great start!

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:

GIRL GONE MISSING: A CASH BLACKBEAR MYSTERY
MARCIE R. RENDON
CINCO PUNTOS PRESS (2019)

Nineteen-year-old Anishinabe woman Renee “Cash” Blackbear hears about a blonde girl in her English class who has gone missing. And then another. She begins to dream about blonde girls calling for help; they're in Minneapolis. She's never been far from the Red River and she's never heard of white slavery. Then, suddenly, she's locked inside a room with the lost girls. She needs to find a way out.



What did Parking Lot Worship look like?



COVID-19 – Long- Term Effects

There can be many long- term medical problems after a person has the COVID-19 disease. The best way to prevent these long-term complications is to prevent

COVID-19. This is one of the reasons why it is VERY important to get the COVID-19 vaccine if possible.

The Corona Virus can cause damage to the lungs, heart, and brain, which increases the risk of health issues.

Most people who have the Corona Virus disease (COVID-19) recover completely within a few weeks. But some people can have serious lingering symptoms several months after their recovery. (Ex.-Some people say they experience "brain fog." This is where they cannot think clearly and can have memory issues).

The most common lingering symptoms are fatigue, shortness of breath, cough, joint pain, chest pain, headache, muscle pain, loss of smell and taste, rash, or hair loss.

COVID-19 can be a very serious, life threatening disease. DO NOT TAKE IT LIGHTLY. It has been called a "wicked disease," as the effects of it can be unpredictable.

Continue to do frequent hand washing, social distancing, and wear your mask fitted closely over your nose AND mouth.

The Center for Disease Control (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 or if you have any questions. In our area, you can get on the waiting list for the vaccine by signing up on the Internet at "Monument Health." If you do not have internet access your Health Care Provider will have a number for you to call to get on the waiting list.

Millions of people have received the COVID-19 vaccine. Studies show the side effects to be very minimal. Most people have no side effects.

The Health Ministry Committee is promoting a healthy congregation. Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine helps people to be healthy and prevents the serious complications of COVID-19!

Health Ministry Committee

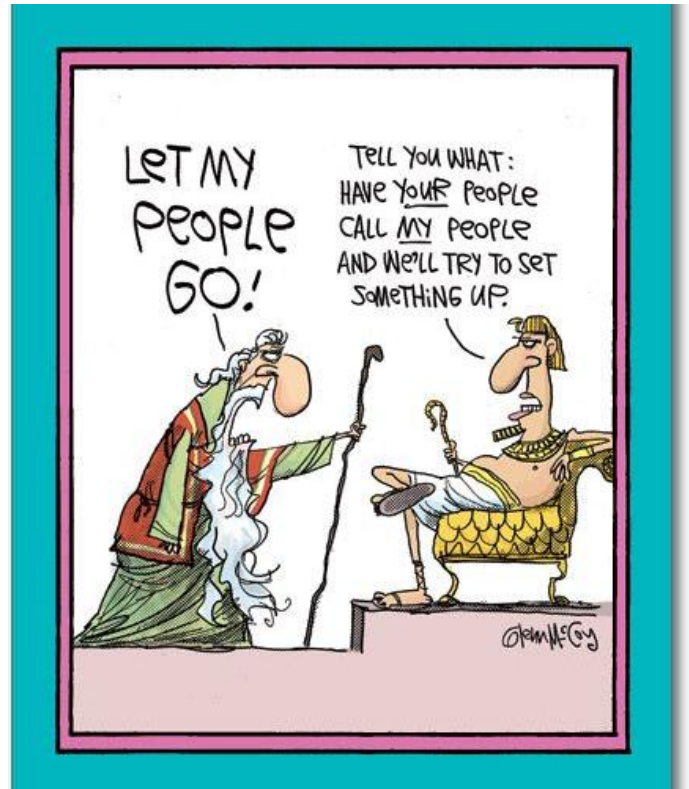
Our Church Cares!



Our church wants to reach out to people in need. "Food for the body and soul!"

When you hear of an illness, death in the family, the arrival of a new baby, or any other need for a meal please call the church office (642-3457).

Caring Meal Ministry



Council Highlights

February 24, 2021

Pastor's Report:

- Resuming Sanctuary worship had great results with the attendance numbers where they were before we discontinued live worship. The number of online worshipers is holding steady and last Sunday saw us picking up some new families and visitors that have been waiting for us to reopen.
- Kevin Nakajima and Pastor Scott are working on a new concept that will premiere at our church about May 21-22. The idea comes from a book by Nona Jones called "From Social Media to Social Ministry". It is a program under the umbrella of FaceBook and will make it easier for worshipers from our three services to interact. Pastor Scott and Kevin are asking for help getting this set up. ANYONE interested please contact the Pastor Scott at the church or Kevin at kevinmasanaka@gmail.com.
- Special Announcement by Pastor Scott. His brother Bruce is here and doing a "Communication Audit" for the church. There is an open invitation for anyone and everyone to come and check out the results this Friday the 26th of February from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- NHSOS has accepted rent-free office space at All Angels Episcopal Church. They along with two

other non-profits are planning a Pickle Ball Tournament and a cross country ski event to honor Joan Follette to raise funds. Since June they have had 148 calls with the most pressing need being housing.

Trustee Committee by John Swanson:

- Thanks to my committee for all their input and support. Ron Borgman is the new assistant to the chair and has helped do much!
- We have problems with heating at the UMCOC building in three rooms. Climate Control has been contracted to do the repairs at a cost of \$4,400. There is money in the UMCOC to cover this. Three rooms were repaired last year and this will continue to be a problem until the whole building is done.

We ended the meeting with a BRAINSTORMING EXERCISE. It went like this: In my dreams the best church ever has/does/is...some answers were laughter, a coffee bar, community garden, meaningful message, a BIG choir, a gym, sanctuary painted in warm colors...what dreams do you have?



Our Church Family

Congratulations to the family of:

- *Drew & Linnea, Grosz*, with the birth of their daughter, *Isabella Rose Grosz* on February 3. She is joining her siblings; Theo, Olivia and Terrance.

Condolences to the family of:

- *Gayle Durgin*, who died January 31, 2021 and whose services were held February 4 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Home with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

MISSIONS

UMCOR Disaster Relief

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on

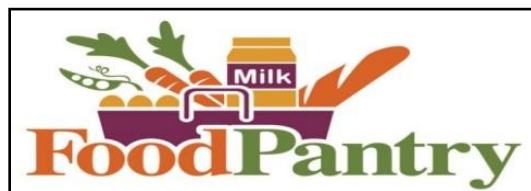


its own. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their

communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters.

Whether it's a hurricane, flood, tornado, or fire, UMCOR is there to help. Please consider being a part of that assistance by giving a cash donation this month.

When making a donation be sure to mark your check "UMCOR" on the comment line.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Cereals
- Ramen
- Jell-O Gelatin
- Pork & Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jell-O Pudding
- Jelly or Jams
- Spaghetti Sauce

BIRTHDAYS

Robert Schneider	03-01	Logan Smith	03-16
Mary Hayenga	03-01	Deborah Mary Carr	03-18
Terry Powell	03-02	Vi Zwickl	03-19
Arlo Mathis	03-02	Ken Munro	03-19
Kimberly Ammerman	03-03	Randy Stewart	03-19
Livia Ellsbury	03-04	Nevaeh Gee	03-19
Ezekiel Foltz	03-04	Phyllis Bury	03-20
Owen Ligtenberg	03-05	Bailey Jensen	03-20
Walt Marchant	03-06	Dave Wagner	03-21
Blake Burtzloff	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	Lori Swick	03-31

ANNIVERSARIES

Cal & Mary Hayenga	03/03~54 yrs.
Kirk & Jacky Easton	03/17~31 yrs.
Glenn & Lisa Foltz	03/29~7 yrs.

FINANCES

The church (including Children First and the Community Outreach Center) qualified for the second Payroll Protection Program (PPP) of 2021. We qualified for a grant/loan of \$109,186 that will assist with covering our payroll and utility costs. As the funds are used they will be reported as shown below.

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 2021			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan.	30,160.16	46,258.91	-16,098.75
*Feb.	30,636.26	18,865.75	11,770.51

*As of Feb. 26 - \$7,634.14 covered by the 2021 PPP Plan

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2021			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	53,894.34	*Feb.	2,370.00

*As of Feb. 26, 2021

CHILDREN FIRST FUND 2021			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	1,152.87	*Feb.	1,429.00

*As of Feb. 26, 2021

UMCOC 2021			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan	4,695.00	7,928.72	-3,233.72
*Feb.	901.00	1,480.00	-579.00

*As of Feb. 26 - \$511.00 covered by the 2021 PPP Plan

Special Gifts for February 2021

Food Pantry	\$ 1,010.00
Honduras Disaster Fund	1,073.00
Adult Education Fund	134.75
Yoga Charity Fund	163.00
Bruce M. Johnson Endowment	1,911.57
Grace Huck Endowment	1,043.81
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Children First Scholarships	11,968.65
Solar Ovens	100.00
UMCOR	100.00
Youth Fund	5.00
*TOTAL	\$ 17,889.78

*As of Feb. 26, 2021

Special Funds for February 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 980.00
Pastor's Discretionary	855.00
*TOTAL	\$ 1,835.00

*As of Feb. 26, 2021

*In-House Worship for Feb.: 305 (Avg./Wk = 102)



THE TRUMPETER

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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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