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Pastor's Page

"Crucified"

"Never let anyone be humiliated in your presence." Rabbi Ariel Berger

Let's talk about guilt, shame, and humiliation. In very simple terms, guilt is based on what you DO. Shame is based on who you ARE. Humiliation is when or who you ARE or what you DO are used against you. Here's a simple example from my life: When I was seven years old I stole a ten-cent item from our local drug store. Of course, my parents figured this out within minutes of getting home. My father immediately walked with me back up to the store and made to return it with a very sincere apology. My parents were clear in this episode:

- 1) **GUILT:** I was guilty. I stole something. This is what I DID. This was wrong. This was unacceptable.
- 2) **SHAME:** Although I stole something, this did not make me a thief for the rest of my life. Once I corrected the issue, I did not have to feel shame about it. As a matter of fact, eventually I felt proud of having the courage as a child to face what was for my seven-year-old self a nightmare. My parents never shamed me with this incident. It was resolved, and therefore I was not a thief.
- 3) **HUMILIATION:** I made a mistake. My parents guided me as I fixed my mistake. The incident was never used as a weapon against me to embarrass or humiliate me...ever. My parents never spoke of this again because it was identified, corrected, and resolved. Needless to say, this was one of the most powerful learning moments in my life.

Now, think about Jesus. We celebrate the fact that God raised Jesus, but the road to that moment was awful and horrendous. Jesus was found guilty, shamed, and humiliated. He was found guilty by the Romans of sedition (trying to overthrow the government). In fact, he was indeed guilty of this. His goal was to establish the Kingdom of God in Jerusalem and in the hearts of lives of

the Jewish people. Because he was found guilty, even though in an illegal "kangaroo court", he was shamed. He was made to feel that he was a criminal abandoned by God who deserved to die. He was beaten, whipped, and made to carry his own cross through the crowded streets of Jerusalem up to the crucifixion hill. He was humiliated. Every time we see an image of Jesus on the cross we see him with some kind of clothes on, an undergarment of some sort. Yeah, well, that's not how it worked. Those whom the Romans crucified were stripped stark naked and put up on crosses in extremely visible areas. Their deaths were long, slow, agonizing, AND in full view of everyone. Guilt. Shame. Humiliation.



We all have to learn to live with these three crippling words. All of US carry some form of guilt, shame, and humiliation. Some of us carry it for a lifetime. Stop and think for a moment. This means that THEY carry guilt, shame, and humiliation also. Who are "THEY"? All of us. Every single one of us.

Remember your moments when you have been the one struggling with these emotions. It's just painful. I have personally decided one simple thing in the last couple weeks. I have decided that to the best of my ability I am going to follow Ariel Berger's advice above: "Never let anyone be humiliated in your presence." It is painful to see people be crucified on their own little hills of guilt, shame, and humiliation. If I can be a part of conversations that bring respect and honor vulnerability, I will do so. I invite you to join me. Today, I will try my best to protect those who are in danger of being humiliated. Today, I will watch for children who are vulnerable. I will watch for teens who are figuring out life and are so sensitive to destructive criticism. I will watch for adults of all ages who someone think that they are supposed to have everything figured out by now. I will watch for those who are being crucified and know that God provides resurrection even in the face of guilt, shame, and humiliation.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

2021 Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday

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

“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.

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:
THE HATE U GIVE by Angie Thomas (2017)

Starr, 16, moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and her fancy suburban prep school. This uneasy balance is shattered when she witnesses the fatal police shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil. Soon after, his death is a



national headline. Some are calling him a thug, a drug dealer or a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets. Cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What really went down that night? The only person who can answer that is Starr. (Suitable for youth)

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The United Methodist Men are meeting the first and third Saturdays of each month. The April dates are the 3rd and the 17th.

The group meets at 8:00 Saturday morning for breakfast, followed by a devotional and discussion. A short business meeting is included either before or after the devotional time. More men are attending each breakfast and the group looks forward to more participation in the future. The breakfast menu currently includes pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. It is a very enjoyable time and we look forward to seeing you there.

Terry Prante, UMM President

Prayer Partners



O God. As we emerge from a year of pandemic into a season of “new normal,” show Pastor Scott the way and the means to move forward. Help him to sort out the most important priorities from the many wants and needs of our church family and community. Show him a vision for reaching new disciples for the Kingdom of God. Lead the pastor and laity to move into the future using the Five Pillars: family involvement, lay leadership, outreach, communication and capital needs. Hold this pastor, his family and this church in your loving care. Amen.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

All of us have been ready to get back to meeting in person and the time has come for us to start gathering again due to most of us now have at least one if not both of our Covid-19 shots.

April 7 at 10:00 a.m. we will meet in the Library for our business meeting. If you have anything that needs to be done, please bring it to the meeting. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

On April 21, our fellowship time starts at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. The

hostesses will be Shirley Doten and Doris Parke and the Program Facilitator is Kathy Harr. Her program is titled "The Bach Flower Essences – God's Gift to Us." Sounds like a fun program so come and join in seeing each other.

Children First

Things at Children First are going well. We are excited for spring, longer days and more opportunities to be outside! We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st, which is always tons of fun.

We are already filling up our enrollment for fall 2021 and it looks like we will have a waiting list again, which is a great "problem" to have. 😊

Children First received a Garden Grant from "Lived Well, Black Hills" and we are excited to start planting!

Due to increased need in our area, the Children First board of directors has decided to proceed with the process of gaining approval to expand what we offer. Our goal is to spend the next several months in preparation and hopefully next year add a couple of classrooms upstairs in the UMCOC building. As long as there are children in need, we hope to be able to accommodate them!

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will be meeting Monday, April 12th at noon in the parlor. The book they are discussing is *Earthsea, A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula K. LeGuin. Books are available at the Spearfish Library or the Matthews Opera House. This is part of the "Spearfish Big Read".



Taizé – April 29th 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** 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.
- **Good Friday worship** will be led by the youth and will focus on "Approaching Darkness". Join us at 7 pm on April 2nd for this service of remembrance and reflection.
- Thank you to all who helped, donated or shopped at the youth spring rummage sale! We couldn't do it without you!

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.

Register before **April 30th** to receive the **Early Bird** discount which gives you \$5 off per night of camp.

Safeway Cards for Sale!

Did you know that Spearfish UMC sells Safeway gift cards?

Did you know that 5% of the amount sold goes to help the youth of the church?

Did you know that the gift cards can be used for Safeway groceries, fuel, pharmaceuticals or as gifts?

Did you know that you can purchase cards at the church anytime the church is open from the office or Brenda?

Now you know!

If you shop at Safeway anyway, you can help the youth by purchasing a gift card first!





COVID-19 Vaccine is Recommended

The Communicable Disease Center (CDC) is recommending the COVID-19 vaccine for people ages 16 and older. Pfizer's vaccine has been authorized for ages 16 and up. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are currently authorized for ages 18 and up. (Studies are being done now regarding this vaccine for children). Due to the limited supply of the COVID-19 vaccine each state determines who is eligible to get vaccinated at this time.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been shown to help prevent very serious medical complications and even death. When you make the decision whether or not to get the vaccine, weigh the risk of COVID-19 which we know has caused very serious illness and death for a lot of people, against the risk of the vaccine which seems to be very effective and safe. This is based on the data we have received.

Deciding whether to get vaccinated is a choice each person must make for himself or herself. We urge you to consider that it is a decision that affects society as well as you as an individual. A vaccination doesn't protect just one individual. Vaccinating the people most likely to wind up in the hospital alleviates burdens on communities' health care systems. A vaccination also helps our families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to

stay healthy.

We are all looking forward to the time when we can return to some sense of normalcy. The more people that receive the COVID-19 vaccine, the sooner we will get closer to that normalcy. If you have questions or concerns about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage you to contact your health care provider.

Health Ministry Committee

Caring Meals Emergency Food Bags

Our Caring Meals Program not only reaches out to our congregation, but it also reaches out to the community by providing "Emergency Food Bags." When someone comes to our church and has a need for food right away, we give them a food bag with easy to eat foods such as peanut butter, crackers, juice, canned meat, canned fruit, etc.

Safeway Food Cards are often provided by the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, but sometimes people do not have transportation to get to the grocery store.

We provide "food for the body and soul." The love of God reaches out to people in many ways. One basic way is food. We "Know God, Love God, and Serve Others" as we meet this basic need. If you know of someone who has a need for food or a meal, please call the church office (605-642-3457).

Caring Meals Ministry/Health Ministry

Council Highlights

March 17, 2021

The Good News :

- We are now seeing new families joining us for inside worship that began worshipping with us in the garden and the parking lot. Welcome!
- There is a new trend in our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Babies! Our pandemic babies are now coming to worship.
- Pastor Scott has received his second COVID immunization so is able to have more flexibility going out in public.
- The Staff Parish Committee is now full with the addition of Heather Brewer.
- Alex Hunnes has joined the Worship & Music Committee. He is from Billings, MT and is currently a junior at BHSU. Recently he delivered the sermon for our weekend services.
- Children First fall registration is filling up and it appears we may have a waiting list again.

Announcements:

- Our custodian Barry Penn will be having shoulder surgery in early April. His wife Jodi will take over his duties while he is recuperating.
- We continue to maintain pandemic safety standards in our worship services as well as during much of our weekly programming.

Thank You:

- A huge thank you to those in our congregation who have helped make our garden and parking lot worship happen: Rod Garrett, Dave Zanton, Arlys & Clyde Smith and Monica Ingalls.

Our Church Family

Condolences to the families of:

- *Barbara Lamb*, who died February 22, 2021 and whose graveside services were held March 5 at National Cemetery with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Barbara Hirschert*, who passed away March 6, 2021 and whose services were held at Spearfish UMC on March 15 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Joann Thieman*, who died March 16, 2021 and whose graveside service was held at Rose Hill Cemetery with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating on March 20.
- *Cash Stinson*, who died March 16, 2021 and whose services were held at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Home on March 20 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

MISSIONS

Artemis House

The Artemis House is a shelter located in Spearfish, South Dakota, serving Butte, Harding, and Lawrence counties, and the organization known as *Victims of Violence Intervention Program, Inc.*

2020 Numbers

- 1783 crisis calls fielded
- 341 clients assisted
- 81 people sheltered

As of 2020, two new courses are being offered, one for survivors, and one for offenders.

How Can We Help? Prayers of Support, monetary donations or become a Friend of Artemis House (for more information, visit their website).

We have ongoing needs that we are always grateful



if they are met through donations. For general donations we have an Amazon and Wal-Mart wish list:

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood/769dff21-1024-4efc-aeb8-62564c8504f9/view>

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2SYRG8V2BCSIH?ref=wl_share

We also would always love to receive donations of:

- Liquid laundry soap (must be high efficiency or marked "HE")
- Non-bleach cleaning supplies such as Mr. Clean, Pine Sol or multi-purpose cleaning concentrate
- 13 gallon size trash bags
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Diapers - especially size 5 & 6
- Laundry baskets
- Large tubs for storage (any size is appreciated - standard size is about 18 gallon)
- Slow cookers/crock pots
- Flowers for outside planters

"Adopt a Room" Plans are being made to 'spruce up' some of the older rooms at Artemis House, and they are hoping individuals/groups will adopt a room and help with that facelift. For more information, contact Artemis House.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Fruit
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Beef Stew
- Cookies

BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Voorhis	04-01	Brynne Looney	04-13
Baylee Hazledine	04-01	Mary Ann Sheldon	04-14
Elise Ligtenberg	04-02	Linda Lueders	04-17
Lanny Swisher	04-03	Jean Downing	04-17
Roger Garrett	04-03	Angel Jumping Bull	04-17
Clarence Moshier	04-03	Marie Hoffman	04-18
Steve Hanson	04-03	Bob Perry	04-19
Mike Stracco	04-03	Keith Haiar	04-19
Sidnee Short	04-03	Noelle Brill	04-21
Jacky Easton	04-04	Marie Post	04-22
Nate Jensen	04-04	MayBelle Loux	04-22
Alan Haag	04-05	Gordon Higgins	04-23
Kendra Beringer	04-05	David Ayer	04-23
Theo Grosz	04-06	Sandra Asheim	04-26
Alyss Warns-Louks	04-07	Charlie Hennessey	04-26
Jack Ammerman	04-07	Linda Stratton	04-28