

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

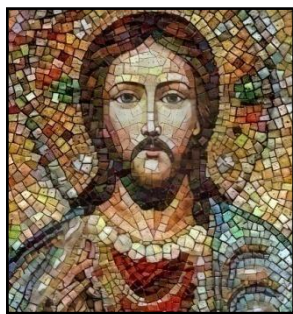
"The Big Tent"

I believe in "The Big Tent" when it comes to being part of a church. Our United Methodist Church has been a Big Tent since its inception. The phrase "Big Tent" refers to having enough space in our church to accommodate differences: differences in theology, differences in race, differences in biblical interpretation, differences in politics, differences in age, differences in economic strata, differences in educational experience.... In short, differences in anything and everything.

I love the vibrancy that happens in a church when we focus not on what could divide us but rather on what unites us: God's saving grace through Jesus Christ.

Typically, this has the potential to be a really dull conversation. We can easily take it for granted that everyone else in the church is pretty much just like me. There are times that we don't think of our church as a Big Tent. It just is what it is filled with the people it is filled with. In this day and age of polarization in our nation and around the globe however, it's really important to remind us all that God has a Big Tent vision.

God does not separate or seek to divide us. God doesn't play that game. Instead, God takes all our differences and blends them together.



The author Henri Nouwen said it like this, "Community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others ordinary. Some look valuable, others worthless. Some look gaudy, others delicate. As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question

the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the glory of God. That's community, a fellowship of little people who together make God visible in the world."

I believe in "The Big Tent"... Nouwen's mosaic... as God brings us together with all our differences to form community that is reflective of our unity. In the Gospel according to John, Jesus says, "I came that they all may be one." This is our task. We are here to welcome and build community past our differences into our unity. This is no easy task, but this God calls us to.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Membership for 50 Years or More

Below is a list of those that have been members of the Spearfish United Methodist Church for 50 years or more. They will be acknowledged this week in worship.

Name	Year of Membership
• Bev Carr	1945
• Doris Junek	1954
• Arne Koski	1955
• Alyce Schavone	1958
• Virginia Furrow	1959
• Phyllis Bury	1961
• Jim Jennings	1961
• Lola Pascoe	1962
• Pearl Swartz	1962
• Darlene Telkamp	1965
• Everett Follette	1967
• Donna Golliher	1968
• Jane Carlstrom	1969
• Carol Sander	1970
• Bernice Abraham	1971



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.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The Methodist Men will meet on the first and the fifteenth of May. Since resuming regular breakfast and meetings, we have been able to support some of the organizations and groups that we have supported in the past. There have been fifteen men present at each of our last two meetings.

We look forward to further growth and participation by other Methodist men. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. followed by devotions and a short meeting. While some choose to stay and help clean up or visit, we finish everything by about 9:00. We look forward to more people at our May meetings. I hope to see you there.

Terry Prante, UMM President

Prayer Partners



God of springtime, thank you for the variety of changing seasons and the beauty of new growth. We praise you, O God, for sunshine and showers,

moonlight and flowers. Bless Pastor Scott, Children First and church staff and laity as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. Guide our new outreach known as digital campus as well as Christian education, worship and building relationships. Amen

PS: A prayer for rain from McCabe UMC, Bismarck, ND: "God, shower our thirsty land with rain and fill us with your Spirit that we might bless one another."

Donna Golliher Retires

After 40 plus years as a Sunday School teacher teaching an adult class at the Spearfish United Methodist Church, Donna has decided to retire. Donna will continue to meet with the class as a participant.



Pastor Jennifer Seder will now be conducting the class. The name of the new class is "Table of Grace" and anyone may join the class which meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.



Front Row: Marilyn Burgeson and Donna Golliher. Back Row: Peggy Heckel, Perry Hansen, Vaughn Heckel, Monica Ingalls, Pastor Jennifer Seder and Dennis Suiter.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

As we begin May, our meetings are the following times:

Wed., May 5 – Business Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Library

Wed., May 19 – UMW Meeting

9:30 a.m. – Fellowship time – Library

10:00 a.m. – Meeting – Library

Hostess: Connie Swander-Ericsson & Sandy Prante

Program Facilitator: Brenda Swanson presenting "Call to Prayer & Self Denial"

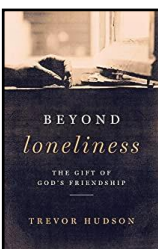
All of our meetings are open to all women of the church and community who enjoy learning and doing Missions together. So, UMW Members, keep your ears open, feeling free to invite any woman to our gatherings as sisters in faith.

Debra Richardson, UMW President

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:

BEYOND LONELINESS: THE GIFT OF GOD'S FRIENDSHIP by TREVOR HUDSON UPPER ROOM BOOKS (2016)



Loneliness touches everyone, and it can be one of the most painful experiences of life. People long for relationship with others, but what may surprise them is that God longs to be friends with them. This book provides guidance for building a close friendship with God and easing the ache of loneliness.



Taizé – May 20th 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.

Recognizing Our Kids!

In April we celebrated our Confirmation students who completed the program:

<i>Holden Ayer</i>	<i>Mya Meredith</i>
<i>Hayes Haiar</i>	<i>Ambrie Zanton</i>

We also presented Bibles to our 4th grade students:

<i>Gatlan Ayer</i>	<i>LyRic Swanson</i>
<i>Emerie Shank</i>	<i>Rylan VanDeest</i>
<i>Erik Foltz</i>	

In May we celebrate our high school graduate:

Lanee Powers

Children First



April was a great month at Children First! We had our annual Easter Egg Hunt and the children had a wonderful time.



May 15th we are having a work day for our playground. We are excited to get it “spruced up” for summer when we can spend more time outdoors.

The end of our school year is quickly approaching. Our last day of school is May 26th. We will start the first day of our Summer Program on June 1st.

All of our classrooms are full for summer and fall, with the exception of a few small part-time spots. We are happy to welcome several new families into our facility!

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will be meeting Monday, May 10th at noon in the parlor. The book they are discussing is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Books are available in the church office.

Spring Kitchen Cleaning

Our church kitchen is a busy place and is in need of a thorough cleaning. If you have enjoyed the use of the kitchen or the treats it provides and if you have an hour to spare, we can use your help!

Sign-up sheets will be available after the worship services or in the church office during the week. You can sign up to clean one section of the kitchen or as many areas as you want. Invite a friend to work with you. All cleaning products will be provided.



- 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.
- Youth end-of-the-year picnic will be May 26th at the City Park. Incoming 5th graders through graduating seniors are invited to join us! Friends are always welcome!

Mission Musings

Middle school and high school students who are longing for a mission experience this summer, we have a plan for you!

Northern Hills youth are planning summer service projects that will take place one day a week for 3 or 4 weeks in their local communities. In addition to their service, there will also be joint worship gatherings and fun activities with the youth from the other churches in the area.

Youth that participate in at least one day of service can attend the “fun day”. If they participate 3 days, they will also get the free t-shirt.

Following the Matthew 25 themes of providing food & drink, welcoming the stranger, clothing those in need, visiting sick or imprisoned will be the areas served.

Youth or adults who are interested in this summer mission can contact Brenda at 641-4864.



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!

Summer Camps Are On!



Dakotas United Methodist Camps will be in operation again this summer!

Check out the camping website

www.dakotasumc.org/campking for

information as no physical camp booklets

will be available and click on the camps and events button. Many camps have waitlists so don't delay!

“Food for the Body and Soul”

Please notify the church office (642-3457) when there is a need for a meal to be delivered for yourself or if you know of someone that needs this ministry. (Ex. during an illness or death, new baby,...). We appreciate your referrals. “Build others up according to their needs.” (Ephesians 4:29)

Health Ministry Committee- “Caring Meal Ministry”

Should I Receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

It is very important for people to receive the vaccine. To achieve “herd immunity,” which is needed for our lives to really return to normal—experts estimate that 80-85% of Americans may need to be vaccinated against COVID-19. So getting vaccinated helps to protect not just you and your family but also your whole community.

All the COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the US meet the strict safety standards established by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and have been found to be highly effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. (And even if you do contract the virus after

being vaccinated, you're far less likely to get seriously ill.)

Once you get vaccinated, experts advise that you continue to take precautions such as social distancing and wearing a mask when out in public, which are important for reducing the spread of all variants of the Coronavirus, says James Dickerson, PhD, Consumer Reports chief scientific officer. Even though vaccinated people are less likely to contract the virus, it's possible that they could still spread it to others. It is really important to get vaccinated for COVID-19! (*May 2021-Consumer Reports*).

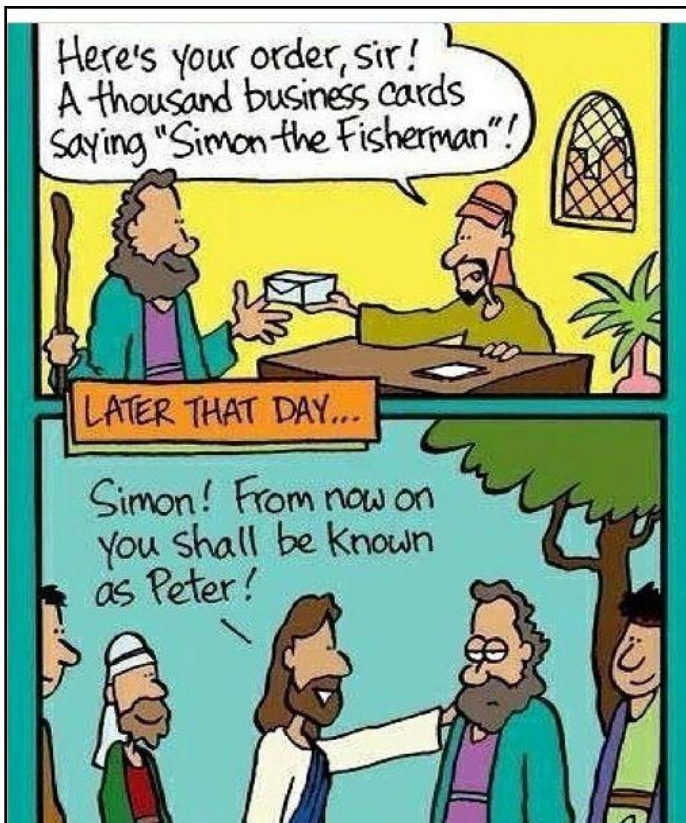
Prayer Requests

If you are aware of a hospitalization or need, please call the church office (605-3457) so Pastor Scott and the Congregational Care Ministers (CCM) can pray for you. Our church shows God's grace as we pray for you and offer assistance.

Sometimes there are needs and we are not aware. We appreciate you keeping us informed.

Also, there are prayer request cards in each pew. You may complete your requests and place them in the offering plate. If you prefer your concern be private, please indicate that on the card. Prayer is a vital part of our relationship with God.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12.



Bricks Bots & Beakers is offering summer STEAM camps for youth 5-11 yrs old. The STEAM Lab is located in the United Methodist Community Outreach Center and camps are now open for registration. 10% off registration with coupon code: earlybird. Raeann Mettler, PhD is the Owner/Director. Please visit the website for more info:

<https://bricksbotsbeakers.com/blackhills> or email blackhills@bricksbotsbeakers.com.

Council Highlights

April 21, 2021

The Good News:

- Confirmation was held with four new confirmands: Hayes Haiar, Holden Ayer, Mya Meredith and Ambrie Zanton
- Fourth Graders received their Bibles.
- Alex Hunnes has been appointed as the Elisha Intern with our Spearfish church for the summer.
- Solar Oven Partners is announcing the opening of their new workshop in Rapid City. We are hoping to soon be participating in their ministry by sending small teams.
- Brenda's Youth groups are looking at doing local missions for their summer missions project. They hope to join other Northern Hills youth (who will be doing the same) for some worship and fun activities to give it the feel of our typical larger conference mission trips.
- Work continues on setting up the Online Campus which will create a larger online presence for Spearfish United Methodist Church.
- Fall registration for Children First is almost full. There may be a need for another room for one year old children.

Pastor's Comments :

As a church we continue to search for "normal". We are seeing live attendance at weekend worship continue to increase. We recognize that there are still many who are not ready to come back to live worship yet. The number participating in online worship is leveling off.

Acknowledgements:

- Thank you to the worship team leaders Michelle Jennings and Colleen McKirdy and the many people who have participated in reading and providing music for our services this last month.
- We also thank Pastor Scott McKirdy, Kevin Nakajima, the SUMC Choir and all the members of our worship teams as they continue to lead us in worship.

Our Church Family

Condolences to the families of:

- *James Dorsett*, who died March 30, 2021 and whose funeral was held April 9 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Lucille Cudmore*, who passed away April 9, 2021 and whose services were held at Spearfish UMC on April 13 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *William "Bill" Robinson*, who died April 10, 2021 and whose service were held at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating on April 16.
- *David Irwin*, who died April 12, 2021 and whose services were held at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel on April 30 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

MISSIONS

Heifer International Mission of the Month

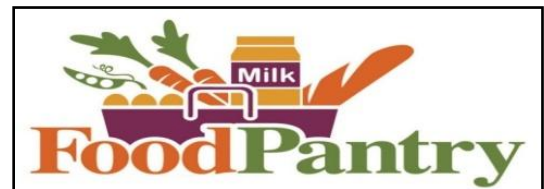
Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate hunger. At Heifer International people are able to get livestock that will help families in need. Depending on how much money is raised, depends on what animal they are able to get.

- Flock of Chickens- \$20 a flock
- Bees- \$30
- Goat- \$120
- Pig- \$120
- Sheep- \$120
- Heifer- \$500
- Water Buffalo- \$250

The families can use these animals as farm labor, medicines, food, and sustainability. They also have on-

going donations at https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/animals/index.html?msource=KIK1K19BS0001&gclid=Cj0KCQjwgtWDBhDZARIsADEKwgMqTuSnBd8xKa-JpF7dgdEN17cV7R704fxQOnz0pVQ-ikD80TJGZwaAm8sEALw_wcB.

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1: 24-26



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Pork & Beans
- Cereals
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Apple Juice
- Saltines



BIRTHDAYS

Olivia Smith	05-01	Ron Adcock	05-16
Matthew Sumners	05-01	Max Ellingsen	05-16
Olivia Grosz	05-01	Bonnie Witt	05-17
Kevin Nakajima	05-02	Barry Lloyd	05-17
Josie Tobin	05-03	Ron Hendricks	05-17
Griffin Brewer	05-03	Skyler Beringer	05-17
Owynn Meredith	05-03	Jacob Swick	05-17
Ramona McFarland	05-04	Alyssa Jensen	05-18
Debbie Cline	05-04	Cami Lyons	05-18
Sarah Hill	05-04	Petricka Peters	05-19
Silvee McCoy	05-05	Taya Christensen	05-19
Arllys Smith	05-06	Kyle Tuttle	05-19
Doug Stratton	05-06	Alex Rettinghouse	05-19
Rebecca Hiermeier	05-08	Zachary Wilson	05-19
Lyle Harvey	05-08	Taylor Krogman	05-20
Riley Chrisman	05-09	Alek Crawford	05-20
Elise Derrek	05-09	James Crenshaw	05-20
John Ladson	05-10	Norma Landsberger	05-21
Gatlan Ayer	05-10	Michelle Jennings	05-21
Aysha Fancher	05-11	Eric Schmidt	05-21
Kaylynn Laub	05-11	Darrell Walking	05-22
Brian Kassel	05-12	Robert Boppe	05-24
Aeriell Jastorff	05-12	Jeremy Johnson	05-24
Kent Kennon	05-13	Joan Bockwoldt	05-26
Connie Pich	05-13	Terry Downing	05-26
Scott McKirdy	05-13	Saidee Short	05-27
Raymond Vaughn	05-13	Connie Seymour	05-29
Karlie Shaffer	05-13	Mary Tracy	05-29
Gladys McGarvin	05-14	Kayla Garvin	05-29
Ryleigh Ellingsen	05-14	Will Larsen	05-29
Orvette Stepper	05-15	Mary Kennon	05-31
Deb Henriksen	05-16		

ANNIVERSARIES

Rod & Connie Eisma	05/02~46 yrs..
Mark & Melissa Nore	05/06~15 yrs.
James & Melissa Hansen	05/07~7 yrs.
Dylan & Amy Wilde	05/20~5 yrs.
John & Brenda Swanson	05/24~41 yrs.
Wade & Kendra Beringer	05/25~13 yrs.
Scott & Sherrie Dassinger	05/26~9 yrs.
Eric & Michelle Jennings	05/30~34 yrs.
Wade & Jenn Tobin	05/30~23 yrs.
Keith & Sherry Haiar	05/31~24 yrs.
Joe & Helen Royall-McKeown	05/31~18 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.	33,243.92	28,368.55	4,875.37
Mar.	57,344.59*	31,411.96	25,932.63

* \$19,274.43 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
Mar.*	4,305.75		

CHILDREN FIRST FUND 2021

Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	1,152.87	Feb.	1,114.00
Mar.	4,123.50		

*\$30,326.90 covered by the 2021 PPP Plan

UMCOC 2021

Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan	4,695.00	7,928.72	-3,233.72
Feb.	4,613.62	2,275.02	2,338.60
Mar.	5,844.27*	3,642.48	2,201.79

*\$2,134.27 covered by the 2021 PPP Plan

Special Gifts for April 2021

Camp Scholarships	\$ 1,050.00
Sound System Fund	1,400.00
Food Pantry	235.00
Caring Meals Income	210.00
NH Sources of Support	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	477.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Artemis House	614.00
Youth Missions	191.43
Youth Fund	6.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,463.43

Special Funds for April 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 200.00
Pastor's Discretionary	412.00
TOTAL	\$ 612.00

*Worship for April: 842 (Avg./Wk = 211)

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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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Call the church office for more information at 642-3457.



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