

# The Trumpeter

*Spearfish United Methodist Church*

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## Pastor's Page

### **"Serenity. Courage. Wisdom"**

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things that cannot be changed, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

These words were written by Reinhold Neibuhr. Many of us know them by heart. They are words of power that help us day-by-day deal with the reality that is our life together. Today are you ready to pray for serenity, courage, wisdom?

Life can just be so frustrating. There is so much out there that we plain-and-simple just have no control over. You drive to the store, and somebody hits you with their car in the parking lot. You go to the doctor and find out that you have something seriously wrong going on in your body. You count on a friendship and then find that this friendship doesn't actually exist anymore. Yup. There is just so much over which we have no control.

If you want, this can poison your attitude toward life and love. There are all kinds of toxic people out there who believe that life is out to get them, but you don't have to be one of them. Maybe it's time to pray for serenity, courage, wisdom. God grant me:



"...the serenity to accept the things that cannot be changed" We would love to live in a place and a time where we could change anything we want to be the way that we want it. There is no such place. There is no such time. Things may go your way, but it's not actually because you have control. Illness, finances, romance, opinions, politics, environment... you name it, we have only a tiny amount of actual control in our lives and in our world. So, as Christians when we live in Christ, one of the things that we learn is the letting go. Some things cannot be changed. We cannot rewrite our histories. Our lives stand as they have happened. Let go. If it can't be changed, then quit banging your head against the wall. There are better things you can be doing with both your head and the wall.

"...the courage to change the things I can" There comes a time when you realize that if something is going to happen, it is up to you. It's one thing if we fail after we have tried incredibly hard, but it's something else completely to fail for the simple reason that we never tried at all. It's really wonderful when you want something to happen, and someone comes along to do it for you. But that's not usually the way it works. What does it take to make things happen? Sometimes it's luck. At other times it's skill. But a huge percentage of the time it's persistence. Just start. Take one step. Then take another. And another. That's what takes the courage: not the huge tasks of life but rather the small steps taken in persistence.

"...and the wisdom to know the difference." Most of the time, it's not obvious. There are things you can do and things you can't. Sometimes there are things you could do yesterday, but you can't do them today. At other times it's just the opposite: There are things you are capable right now, today, but this won't be true tomorrow. What's the difference in how you handle this? Wisdom. And it's not just human wisdom. We believe that there is a wisdom in God that gives to us the ability to discern. Stop. Think. Breathe. Reflect. Pray. Discern. And claim God's wisdom.

Today. Pray. Serenity. Courage. Wisdom.

*Pastor Scott*

# Participation Opportunities

## Church Potluck Picnic

Sunday, July 4 at 12:30 PM



You are invited to a **POTLUCK PICNIC** at Cal and Mary Hayenga's home, 574 Flat Top Circle. Wear patriotic or picnic attire to church, then car pool to Mountain Plains II. Plates and silverware will be provided. Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. Or "lug a mug" for water or lemonade. Try to bring cold foods in a cooler. Questions? Janelle Jones 722-5911 or Mary Hayenga 605-380-2151.

## Alex Hunnes, Elisha Intern



Hi! My name is Alex Hunnes and I am the Elisha Intern in Spearfish for the summer! Here is a little bit about me.

I am a middle child with two siblings: an older brother and a younger sister. I am from Montana and grew up going to church. This allowed me to start my faith journey

when I was very young. I would participate in the church productions every year and still remember my favorite one: Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat (the musical). This was the beginning of my performance career, which is still active today. One of my favorite things to do is perform, and this includes violin, vocal, and public speaking. I am one of the few people who enjoys getting up in front of large crowds.

I graduated high school in 2018 and immediately went to college. In 2020, I graduated with my Associates of Applied Science Degree in Photographic Communications from Northwest College in Powell, WY. From there, I transferred to Black Hills State University where I will graduate with my photography degree in the spring of 2022. Around 2020, I began to think about the possibility of going into ministry and have begun formally exploring that call. I am excited to see where God leads me!

When I am not in school or at church, there are lots of activities that I enjoy; so here are just a few. I enjoy all aspects of the outdoors. Whether I'm hiking,

fishing, or just exploring, I love being outside! One of my favorite outdoor activities is biking and I love to bike both on and off-road. I also love to dance! In fact, I have competed in two national West Coast Swing competitions! The first was in Boston and the Second was in Portland. I actually made the finals in both of them! (In my category of course). I love to travel and have been to about 25 countries and 23 states! I am extremely excited to be the Elisha Intern here this summer and look forward to seeing all of the growth and experience that comes from it!



Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Supper and Game Night on July 18 at 5:00pm! This month the food theme will be Hawaiian/Pineapple! The main course will be provided, but we would love it if you brought an appropriate side or special, non-alcoholic beverage to share! In lieu of food, just bring yourself! We would love it if you came and enjoyed the fun! For more information, contact Kevin Nakajima at (605) 210-3984.

## Grief Share Support Group

If you are grieving the loss of someone close to



you, help and encouragement are available at our weekly Grief Share support group. You don't have to grieve alone.

Grief Share meets each Tuesday at Spearfish UMC from 7:00-9:00 PM in the church Library, June 29 through September 21. You are welcome to join the group on any Tuesday during the series. Call the church office or contact Sam Perry at (806) 690-6838 for more information.

## Summer Music



Do you wish you could sing with the choir, but don't want to attend Wednesday rehearsals? Now's your chance! Most Sundays during the summer, a few singers meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary to learn an easy

song to sing right away at the 10:30 worship. Anyone is welcome!

Would you like to present a solo or duet for worship this summer? Talk to Colleen McKirdy for help in making that happen. Let's celebrate our talents!



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:

- Bible Study with Pastor Scott online Tuesday's at 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday afternoon "Carpenter's Apprentice" 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 not meet again this summer. The next meeting will be September 4. I hope everyone has a great summer and hope to see you at the September 4 meeting. Any changes will be posted in the Trumpeter.

*Terry Prante, UMM President*

## Lunch with Pastor Scott



**Sunday, July 11** at noon in the church library is your opportunity for "Lunch with Pastor Scott." This is a time for questions about life in the church or membership or ways to become involved.

Because lunch is being prepared for you, please **RSVP by July 5** by contacting the church office at [office@spearfishumc.org](mailto:office@spearfishumc.org) or 642-3457. Let us know if you have children that will need to be cared for in the nursery. It will be a fun time meeting others and learning more about life in the church.

# Prayer Partners



Praise God for Pastor Scott and Colleen McKirdy as we welcome them back for year 11 at Spearfish UMC. We thank God for your servant ministry and thank you for your years of service.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God for gifts and talents and ways to serve.

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

## United Methodist Women (UMW)

On Wednesday, July 7—we will get together at 11 a.m. in the church Library just to gather in fellowship. Bring your own sack lunch to eat while we are sharing.

Our 2021 **Mission u** will offer a study via Zoom: *Bearing Witness in the Kingdom; Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship* by Darryl W. Stephens on July 15-17 – 7:15-9:00 pm CDT, Sat. 10:00-11:45 am CDT taught by Michelle Brennan, pastor at First United Methodist Church, Jamestown, ND. The book can be bought at [umwmissionresources.org](http://umwmissionresources.org). There is a \$10:00 fee with a July 8<sup>th</sup> deadline registration. You can pick-up a registration at the church office if you are interested or call Debra at 717-2625 for more information.

*Debra Richardson, UMW President*

## Peace. Be still.



Come enjoy a service of song, silence, scripture and prayer offered in the style of *Taizé* on Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the UMC Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to come for the quiet time.

## Technology Help

With our congregation slowly emerging from social distancing and isolation, it is time that we rebuild our Tech Team. Areas where you could help are: making slides for Worship, running the sound board during worship, running the computer in worship, either pre recording worship or recording live worship, and editing worship for online.



We will train you in any area you would like to help out. Contact Kevin Nakajima at (605) 210-3984 for more information.

## Summer Mission Musings

Youth from around the Northern Hills gathered for a kick-off worship service at Grace UMC in Piedmont to begin their summer of mission and service in their communities.

Youth and adults from Spearfish UMC joined together for a mission morning at church and completed 4 fleece tied blankets for Artemis House children, made 12 dozen cookies for community first-responders, planted veggies in the raised garden bed and cleaned and weeded in the healing garden. A taco lunch was served following the work for those who could stay. Thank you to all who participated! It was a great morning!

The next local mission included a morning of volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul with youth organizing shelves, cleaning out glassware and doing a little floor sweeping.

Always a favorite, volunteering at the Humane Society gave the youth a chance to care for and love on their shelter friends at their next mission day.

To celebrate the summer missions, the northern hills youth will gather July 21<sup>st</sup> for a fun day of activities, supper at the mall and a final group worship service where they will share their experiences.

## Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will be meeting Monday, July 12 at noon in the parlor. The book they are discussing is *Educated* by Tara Westover. Books are available in the church office.

## VBS is Coming!



Join us for Knights of North Castle Vacation Bible School August 17-19. VBS is open to children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their friends at Spearfish United Methodist Church from 9 am to 11:30 am.

Kids will go on a quest for the King's Armor at this year's VBS. Our noble adventure includes new music, amazing science, creative crafts, yummy snacks, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories that will help kids experience God's amazing strength.

Registration forms can be found on the website: [www.spearfishumc.org](http://www.spearfishumc.org), enclosed in this mailing or at the church.

## Help Us Kick Off VBS!

Let's welcome our community, church, friends, families to our church campus as we kick off our VBS!



Monday evening, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm there will be a bouncy castle, kids' activities, supper and fellowship open to all!

Help us celebrate our kids and families! To volunteer, call Brenda at 642-3457.



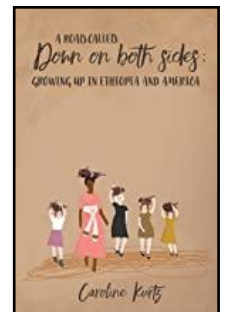
- Youth will continue to meet on various days and times through the summer. Please check the calendar! Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us.
- Attention Youth! Check the calendar for a chance to win FREE ice cream!

## 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:

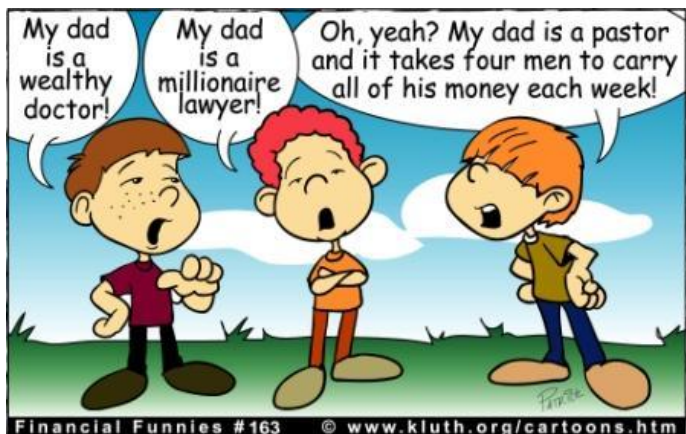
A ROAD CALLED DOWN ON BOTH SIDES:  
GROWING UP IN ETHIOPIA AND AMERICA

CAROLINE KURTZ CATALYST PRESS (2019) Growing up in the remote mountains of 1950's Ethiopia, Caroline enjoyed American missionary family life. Outside, her world was shaped by drums and the joy cry; treks into the countryside; ostriches on the airstrip; and the crackle of several languages she barely understood but longed to learn. She felt exiled to a foreign country when she went to Illinois for college and later returned to Ethiopia to



teach. But rather than returning to her childhood home, maybe it would have been better just to treasure her memories

*Keep reading through the summer. UMW Book reading lists are due in August!*



## **“CANCER-Now What?” “May I Walk You Home?”**

We have 2 excellent books available to you. The goal of “CANCER-Now What?” is to help those with cancer, and their loved ones, navigate the medical, emotional, relational changes that cancer brings. “May I Walk You Home,” is a book for caregivers of the very ill. Both books provide courage and comfort to families.

Please call the church office, at 642-3457, if you would like a copy of one or both books.

*Health Ministry Team*

## **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!

## **We Care**

Our “Caring Meal Ministry” is a great way to show our congregation that we care! We need your help in notifying the church office (642-3457) when there is a

need for a meal to be delivered due to an illness, new baby, death, etc. Food for the body, mind, and soul is a great way to show caring.

“Build others up according to their needs.”

Ephesians 4:29.

*Health Ministry Team*

## **United Methodist Community Outreach Center (UMCOC) Fire Suppression Systems Upgrade**

During the past year, the Trustees have been working on creating a capital plan as part of the church-wide Five Pillars program. One of the higher priority items on this list is an upgrade to the current fire suppression system on the first and second floors of the UMCOC. Currently, the system does not



meet the State’s standards for uses geared towards children under the third grade age group. This restriction would not allow Children First to expand into the upper floor, as they are planning to do in the near future.

Recently it came to the attention of the Trustees that current and potential tenants could be restricted in their operations without this system as well. This changed the project from being a high priority to being the highest priority. Trustees have been working with city officials to determine exactly what is needed. A previous bid for this project was received earlier and the quoted price was \$42,860.

This item was sent to Stewardship/Finance for approval and guidance. The committee voted to approve the project and, to account for any taxes and contingencies, to allow up to \$50,000 to be spent on this project. Discussion followed on how to fund the project and, although some church money is available, it was agreed to also ask the congregation for help with supporting this project.

Any financial help from the congregation is greatly appreciated. If this is something you would be willing to assist with, please note “fire suppression system” on your donation. The Trustees plan to begin moving on this project soon, so expect subsequent updates on the progress of this project.

If you have any questions please contact John Swanson, Trustees Chair, 642-5495, or Peggy Bosch, Treasurer, 641-9302. Thank you.

# MISSIONS



## Time to Sink That Canoe Again!

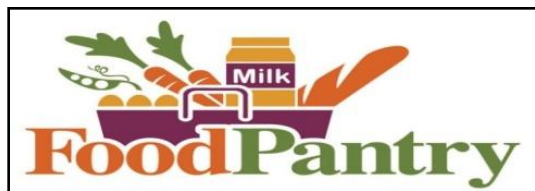
In 2020 Spearfish Food Pantry provided food assistance each month to an average of **215 families**, consisting of approximately **540 people** of which **170 were children**. Over **670** different families utilized the Pantry at least one time during the year.

In 2020 the Pantry **purchased an average of \$5,756.00 of food each month** from Feeding South Dakota in Rapid City and area grocery stores to supplement the 53,494 pounds of produce, meat, & bakery items received from Wal-Mart and the 89,182 pounds received from food drives and individual donations. There are additional expenses of office & cleaning supplies, equipment repairs & upkeep, insurance premiums etc. Our monetary donations in 2020 exceeded our expectations. But now that many are fully vaccinated, and the fear of the pandemic has diminished, donations have dropped dramatically. We are still averaging 175 families per month and busier months are still to come. So we continue to need the support of our generous community.

If you prefer to give actual food items, some items we can always use are: Apple Juice, jars of Applesauce, Saltine Crackers, Canned fruit, Cereals, Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter, 4 pack toilet paper, Pork & beans, Canned tomatoes, beets, carrots, & mixed vegetables, Chunky soups, & Hamburger, Tuna & Chicken Helper. Start shopping sales now!

Sign-up sheets will be in the fellowship hall during the month of July for volunteers to sign up for our first 2 weeks of pantry duty in August. If you have never worked at the pantry, you are missing a very rewarding experience. Pick one day & give it a try from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

See you there. Marilyn Halse



**Donations are always needed of the following items:**

- Apple Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Saltine Crackers
- Cereals

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Beets
- Tuna Helper
- Hamburger Helper
- 4 Pack of Toilet Paper
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Carrots
- Chunky Soups
- Jars of Applesauce
- Chicken Helper

## Our Church Family

### Blessings upon:

- *Garrett Francis English*, who was baptized June 16, 2021 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating. Garrett is the son of Ross & Alyssa English. He has two older sisters, Clara and Emily.

### Welcome to our New Members who joined on June 19 & June 20:

- Marsha Dangel
- Sandie Hem
- Bill Keck
- Jeanette Keck
- Angie Smith
- Gary Smith
- Jarrett Smith
- Katelyn Smith

### Condolences to the families of:

- *Barbara Lamb*, who died February 22, 2021. A celebration of life was held on June 26 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Pastor Gordon Higgins*, who died June 25, 2021 and whose funeral service is yet to be scheduled.

## BIRTHDAYS

Arne Koski	07-01	Jack Beringer	07-20
Terry Prante	07-01	Dorothy Swanson	07-21
Rylan VanDeest	07-01	Lindsey Hahn	07-21
Jeanette Keck	07-02	Garrett English	07-21
Jaron Hyatt	07-02	Angie Smith	07-22
Payton Reede	07-02	Jocelyn Brown	07-22
Rita Knipfer	07-03	Vicki Wood	07-23
Daryl Hayes	07-03	Betty Wilson	07-23
Bobbi Looney	07-04	Ryan Jennings	07-23
Vivian Besler	07-04	Irma Means	07-24
Nick Jensen	07-05	Tammie Wood	07-24
Claire Bussiere	07-05	Norma Perry	07-25
Anthony Swanson	07-07	Mary Hallenbeck	07-25
Nathan Gaddis	07-08	Jason Leonard	07-25
Ross English	07-08	Shaina Engel	07-25
Evan Roles	07-08	Helen Stiles	07-26
Peggy Bosch	07-09	Ida Moshier	07-26
Sam Jennings	07-10	Barbara Elving	07-27
Luena Lent	07-12	Beth Bentley	07-27
Odessa Eddie	07-12	Ival Jones-Hazledine	07-27
Karlee Paulson	07-12	Joanna Jones	07-28
Austin Hendricks	07-13	Glenn Foltz	07-28
Misty Ball	07-14	Jayde Engel	07-28



Tessa Haag	07-14	Jade Clayton	07-28
Gladys Nicholas	07-16	Cassondra Gee	07-29
Jane Carlstrom	07-16	Derek Larsen	07-29
Melissa Heckel	07-16	Kadyn Loup	07-29
Lauren Haiar	07-16	Elijah Shank	07-29
Sam Tobin	07-16	Josiah Foltz	07-29
John Seder	07-17	Don Looney	07-30
Ricky Ball	07-18		

# ANNIVERSARIES

Samantha & Justin Stricker	07/04~7 yrs.
Joel & Heather Lensegrav	07/06~8 yrs.
Doug & Linda Stratton	07/07~14 yrs.
Andy & Jamie VanDeest	07/08~15 yrs.
Brendan & Gabrielle Hansen	07/09~3 yrs.
Derek & Melody Larsen	07/11~6 yrs.
Ron & Norma Landsberger	07/13~47 yrs.
Stephen & Stacey Lust	07/15~15 yrs.
John & Jennifer Seder	07/17~50 yrs.
Isaac & Colleen Johnson	07/17~6 yrs.
Michael & Margie Hildebrand	07/19~8 yrs.
Perry & Cherry Hansen	07/21~20 yrs.
Shane & Sarah Hazledine	07/22~21 yrs.
Eric & Danielle Ligtenberg	07/22~21 yrs.
Luke & Meloney Bushor	07/24~11 yrs.
Dave & Jessica Zanton	07/25~23 yrs.
Wyatt & Brittany Krogman	07/25~3 yrs.
Ron & Brenda Hendricks	07/27~25 yrs.
Rob & Beth Bentley	07/29~43 yrs.
Jay & Yvonne Adrion	07/29~16 yrs.
James & Ashley Reiner	07/29~15 yrs.
Jerrod & Rena Bartol	07/30~16 yrs.

# FINANCES

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

--2 Corinthians 9:11

## 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			
	Income	Expense	Budget
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	\$92,825.96	\$103,730.44	\$102,704
April	\$38,400.87	\$43,174.07	\$34,235
May	\$30,311.13	\$28,257.61	\$34,235
YTD	\$161,537.96	\$175,162.12	\$171,174
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		-\$13,624.16	

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2021			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	53,894.34	Feb.	2,370.00
Mar.	4,305.75	Apr.	3,116.00
May	2,892.00		

CHILDREN FIRST FUND 2021			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	1,152.87	Feb.	1,114.00
Mar.	4,123.50	Apr.	3,026.00
May	1,485.00		

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
Apr.	5,610.65	5,322.39	288.26
May	4,380.00	2,379.46	2,000.54

## Special Gifts for June 2021

Camp Scholarships	\$ 100.00
Grief Share Fund	36.00
Elisha Project Income	4,000.00
Food Pantry	230.00
Caring Meals Income	100.00
NH Sources of Support (NHSOS)	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	605.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Conference Miracle Offering	100.00
Solar Ovens	810.00
Heifer Project	200.00
Artemis House	300.00
Youth Fund	6.00
<b>*TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,967.00</b>

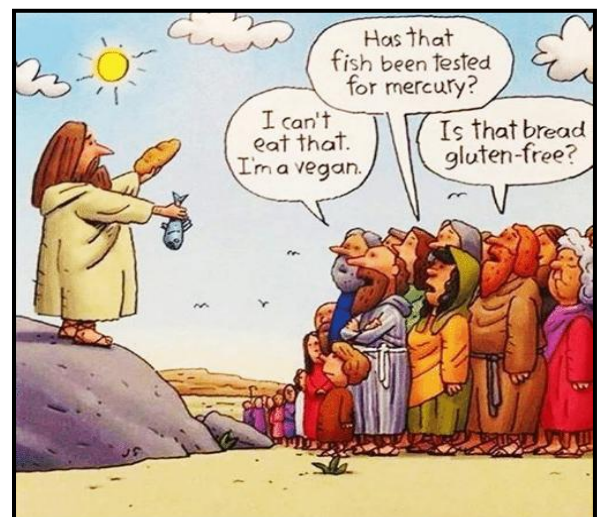
\*As of June 24

## Special Funds for June 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 300.00
Pastor's Discretionary	445.00
<b>*TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 745.00</b>

\*As of June 24

\*In-House Worship for June: 505 (Avg./Wk = 168)



If Jesus offered the crowd loaves and fishes in today's culture...

## 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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