

# The Trumbeter

*Spearfish United Methodist Church*

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## Pastor's Page

### *"Take Time to Breathe"*

*"Be still and know that I am God."  
– Psalm 46: 10*

I was in conversation with one of the moms in our congregation this week. I asked her how their family's summer looked. She spoke to me of just how busy these next three months are going to be. So much activity. So much travel...especially on the weekends for sports. Family get-togethers and family busy-ness. It's going to be a super busy summer, and hopefully a fantastic busy summer.

Here's one of the things I am observing: Now that pandemic restrictions are lifting, there is a scramble to come back to normal. But in that scramble we are not just trying to do our old normal, we are also trying to cram in all the stuff we missed.

Look out. In a lot of ways we are all going to be cramming stuff together into this same summer. The state and national parks are full in their reservations. Motel room availability is very limited with these months booked up. Restaurants and tourist destinations are going to be incredibly busy. Summer sports programs are going great guns. The highways will be filled with travelers making up for lost time.

It's going to be a busy summer... for many of us, too busy. So, here's one more thing I want to invite you to schedule... literally: time to breathe. Remember that sometimes the best place in the world that you can go is your own backyard. Your summer does not have to be full to the brim. Sometimes we control our calendar, but other times our calendar controls us. The most important thing that will make your summer truly summer is that intentional space you create in your calendar just to breathe. It's OK to take a vacation from your vacation!

So, these last weeks in late May and early June I am planting my garden. For me, there is just nothing that is better for my soul in the summer than to spend time in a garden planting, weeding, and watering. It slows me down and makes me focus on something different.



Summer activity is fun. Summer travel is important, but the garden is where I rendezvous with God. I have to be careful and intentional to make this happen. If I am not both careful and intentional, the weeks just fill up with normal stuff again. I wind up unintentionally giving away my most important reflection and relaxation time. The fun part is that when I do indeed move with care and intention, I also wind up scheduling the time I need with my family and friends.

This summer, take time to breathe! God is waiting for you in that moment.

*Pastor Scott*

PS – And join us for worship each week. When you are out on the road, our online service is ready and waiting for you!

## Participation Opportunities

### 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!



Join us in the Sanctuary on June 13 at 5 PM for Game Night! We will have a casserole dinner and then play fun games together! Bring a side or dessert to share or just bring yourself! You being there is all that matters! Contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

## Digital Campus



Our digital campus is now up and running! We have a private place on Facebook where anyone around the world and throughout our home church can grow together in faith and discipleship. The best part is, even if you physically leave us or live far away, you can still be a part of this amazing community that is Spearfish United Methodist Church!

Through this new group we can take classes online on topics ranging from the sacraments to confirmation and everything in-between. There is an area to have virtual bible and book studies. We also plan to have a lot of fun with Christian memes and favorite songs. To do all of this, we need you to interact. The group is private so that we can have earnest discussion without prying eyes or bots. Your contributions will be important to the health of our community. At our best, we are all teachers, and you never know when your comment will inform and grow the faith of another person.

If you need help joining into our conversation, there is a video on the church website: [spearfishumc.org](http://spearfishumc.org) or schedule a time with me and I will be happy to help. I am your Tech Director, Kevin Nakajima and this is what I am here to do. Contact me at: [kevinmasanaka@gmail.com](mailto:kevinmasanaka@gmail.com).

## Lifting Pandemic Precautions

It has been two months now since we took the tape off the pews. The nursery is open and fully staffed. Masks are optional. Last week a very strong majority

chose not to mask (including me in the pulpit), but some still are. We are singing (and sometimes even standing!). We are at times doing responsive readings. The coffee pots are on, and the tables are open on Sunday mornings as fellowship time is in full swing. We are shaking hands, and some of us are even (gasp!) sharing hugs.

For some of you this information will seem repetitious, but we really want to make sure everybody is aware of what is going on in our worship services, especially with summer just around the corner!

There are still a few things that are yet to happen: We haven't had a potluck dinner yet. Our children's ministry is not up and running yet. This will happen again with Vacation Bible School in August.

All through this summer we will continue to offer worship in different ways. We continue the multiple ways not because of COVID precautions but because this pattern is really working well for us. Our attendance is up and has been getting stronger.

So, you can worship with us every weekend in person, in the Healing Garden or the Parking Lot outside. You may also join us online on Facebook and YouTube any time.



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 in June on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM for breakfast and a devotional in the Fellowship Hall. At the breakfast on June 20 we will decide about meeting in July. The summers are month to month according to member activities in or out of town.

There were 16 men present at the May 14 breakfast and we look forward to having even more participation at the June breakfasts. I hope to see you at breakfast on June 6 & 20.

*Terry Prante, UMM President*

# Prayer Partners



Loving God. Bless Pastor Scott as he guides and shepherds this community and Spearfish United Methodist Church. Praise God for staff and helpers who love and care and serve.

Be with our Bishop, Extended Cabinet, clergy and laity that gather for the Dakotas Annual Conference. Guide each church to welcome and support new and returning pastors.

May we each use our spiritual gifts for the glory of God. Amen.

## United Methodist Women (UMW)

June 16<sup>th</sup> the group will meet at 11 AM in the library at the church and watch part of the Focus Day Video that was produced by UMW Members in the SW District of South Dakota. All woman in the church and their friends are invited to come, giving us your gift of presence.

Bring a sack lunch and come and enjoy fellowship with each other! Our discussions after questions can be so funny, yet can be so deep, rich in our faith and daily living. We would love to get to know you! (UMW members, this is a time change from 10 AM that was discussed at our last meeting!)

## 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:

**DANGLING: I MAY HAVE CANCER, BUT CANCER DOESN'T HAVE ME!**  
AMY CARR WESTBOW PRESS  
(2016)

Are you or someone you love facing cancer? Perhaps you are coping with a chronic illness or facing one of the biggest disappointments of your life. Have you ever wondered how such a trial could change your life for the better? This is a personal story about how sometimes God teaches life-changing lessons that we otherwise would not have learned.



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

## Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will be meeting Monday, June 14 at noon in the parlor. The book they are discussing is *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate. Books are available in the church office.



- 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.
- We honored **two high school graduates in May: Owen Haiar and Lanee Powers**. Each was gifted quilts from the Quilt and Craft group along with a Message Bible. Congrats to our graduating seniors! May God bless you as you walk into the future!

## Summer 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.



Our **Mission Kick-Off** will begin with worship at Grace UMC in Piedmont on Wednesday, **June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm**.

June 7<sup>th</sup> is our first mission day and will be at Spearfish UMC and include: baking for our city workers, tie blankets for Artemis House, gardening around the church and possible paint projects. All are welcome to join us beginning at 10 am. Lunch will be provided and volunteers are needed to help with lunch too!

## 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!

## Loss of a Spouse Seminar



The Spearfish United Methodist Church will be hosting a free seminar for those dealing with grief following the loss of a spouse on Sunday, June 6 from 3-

5:00 p.m. in the church Library. You will hear practical advice from others who have been there, what to expect in your grief, how to cope with life without your spouse, why it won't always hurt this much, and so much more.

For more information call (806) 690-6838 or visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) (type in zip code 57783 and click on "Loss of a Spouse").

## Pew Prayer Cards

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In front of each pew there is a holder with a "Prayer Request" card. If you would like the prayer team to pray for you please complete the card. You may also request to be put on the prayer list.

We know that our Lord hears our prayers and answers our prayers!

*Health Ministry Team*



## Council Highlights

*May 19, 2021*

The council met Wednesday, May 19 both on Zoom and in the church library.

- Pastor Scott reported that the Digital Campus will launch this weekend. Eight people are already accessing it.
- Alex Hunnes, our Elisha Intern for this summer, will begin work June 14.
- Janelle added that Annual Conference will be held in Sioux Falls the beginning of June. For Western SD there will be an option to attend at Rapid City First for voting on issues, etc. The Zoom option is also available.
- There was discussion regarding security issues at UMCOC. Various options to improve security were considered, ending with the decision that the trustees are the entity that will handle the issue.

As the council continues to refine the Five Pillars, they are entering the next step of transforming goals under each pillar into more specific and relevant SMART goals. The acronym SMART refers keeping goals: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic or Relevant, Timely. The trustees have created a healthy list of goals

and are in the process or re-prioritizing them. The Children, Youth and Family Ministry reported that it had met and discussed some family.

The Five Pillars will soon be presented to the congregation!

*Respectfully submitted by Connie Hubbard*

## Thank You from Bob Oliver!

A big thank you to all of you for your prayers, concerns, calls, cards, and visits during my eye surgery and recovery. These were all deeply appreciated. It is so nice to be a part of such a loving and caring Church Family!

Special thanks to Terry and Sheila Powell for giving me the benefit of their experience and for their visit and coaching. Special thanks to Linda Hoxie for her visit and delicious bread. And last but not least special thanks to Sandy and Terry Prante for the wonderful meal they brought to us and a great big thank you to Terry and Rod for stepping up and taking my place at the Pantry. Each of you are appreciated more than you know!

# MISSIONS

## Solar Oven Partners Mission of the Month



Did you know???

- Solar Oven Partners distributes ovens in severe poverty areas in the Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone, etc., working with local partners.
- Solar ovens promote health—solar cooks avoid the eye and lung damage cooking over charcoal or wood may cause.

- Solar ovens save money—cooking with charcoal, gas or wood may cost a large portion of a family's income.
- Solar cooking frees money for better food, school, etc.
- Solar ovens protect the environment by preventing the destruction of forests in order to obtain wood or create charcoal for cooking.
- Solar oven recipients are required to attend 2 days of class to practice cooking this new way and learn care of the ovens. They also pay a small portion of the cost of their oven so the ovens are valued and used properly.

And we have exciting news! One of the 3 workshops where volunteers make solar oven parts has moved to Open Heart UMC in Rapid City. This makes it much easier for volunteers from this part of the state to become involved. We will be organizing teams from our church in the near future.

Solar oven distribution has been slowed by the Covid pandemic, but the demand for ovens continues to rapidly increase. Please become involved with your contributions in June and with your volunteer time as the new workshop in Rapid City opens.



**Donations are needed of the following items for June:**

- Pork & Beans
- Beef Stew
- Canned Peaches
- Jell-O Pudding
- Peanut Butter
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Pineapple
- Jell-O Gelatin

## Our Church Family

**Blessings on:**

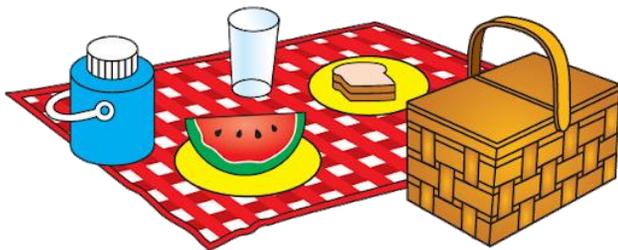
- *JoAnna Leslie Loux*, who was baptized May 16 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating. JoAnna is the daughter of Shaina Engel and John Loux. She has an older sister, MayBelle Loux.

**Condolences to the family of:**

- *Laura LoCoco*, who died May 4, 2021 and whose services were held at Spearfish UMC on May 13 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

# BIRTHDAYS

Alyssa English	06-02	Emily Rettinghouse	06-17
Angie Brown	06-06	Jackson Roberts	06-17
Seanna Linafelter	06-07	Cora Tobin	06-18
Jessica Bradford	06-07	Jasmine Henwood	06-18
Lyle McGarvin	06-08	Isabella Rodriguez	06-19
Cora Pierson	06-08	Katie Bussiere	06-20
Rod Eisma	06-09	Peony Hammerquist	06-21
Sam Perry	06-11	Stratton Krogman	06-23
Marsha Dangel	06-11	Kris Bradford	06-24
Shea Jones	06-11	Anna Tegtmeyer	06-24
Noah Jensen	06-11	Tyler Johannesen	06-24
Morie Carnahan	06-12	Braylon Brekke	06-24
Jacob Sandgren	06-12	Richard Hunt	06-25
Jacob Brewer	06-13	Logan Ammerman	06-25
Logan Brewer	06-13	Marlene Johnson	06-26
Asher Zanton	06-13	Aloysius Dangel	06-26
Bill Lundgren	06-14	Carolyn Baker	06-27
Sheila Ahmed	06-14	Yvonne Adrion	06-27
Karson Shaffer	06-14	Alietha Balo	06-27
Eric Vaughn	06-14	Sheila Powell	06-29
Carol Sander	06-15	Creighton Kelley	06-29
Marilyn Halse	06-15	Chris Brown	06-30
Nick Christensen	06-15		



# ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony & Tristany Swanson	06/02~3 yrs.
Barry & Tammie Wood	06/04~27 yrs.
Ken & Lola Pascoe	06/05~72 yrs.
Bob & Kathy Schneider	06/05~61 yrs.
Daryl & Becca Hayes	06/05~39 yrs.
Blake & Lexi Burtzloff	06/06~1 yr.
Wayne & Linda Lueders	06/08~47 yrs.
Dana & Emily Hovaldt	06/14~12 yrs.
Brent & Taylor Fox	06/14~7 yrs.
Jim & Margie Hesson	06/16~47 yrs.
Milton & Vicky Bragg	06/18~60 yrs.
John & Cheryl Kissack	06/21~47 yrs.
Steve & Annette Bailey	06/21~30 yrs.
Jackson & Teri Roberts	06/22~3 yrs.
Ryan & Kori Meredith	06/23~20 yrs.
Matthew & Lisa Kostelecky	06/23~9 yrs.
Alex & Emily Rettinghouse	06/24~4 yrs.
David Ayer & Tobi Miller-Ayer	06/26~17 yrs.
Ben & Emma McKirdy-Wilsey	06/26~6 yrs.
Aloysius & Marsha Dangel	06/27~46 yrs.
Dustin & Breanna Hawkins	06/28~7 yrs.
Vic & Donna Fondy	06/30~31 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 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
YTD	\$131,226.83	\$146,904.51	\$136,939
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		-\$15,677.68	

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

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

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

### Special Gifts for May 2021

Camp Scholarships	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	160.00
Yoga Charity Fund	708.00
Children First Grant Income	38.20
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Heifer Project	610.00
Youth Fund	6.00
<b>*TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,354.20</b>

\*As of May 24

### Special Funds for May 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 100.00
Pastor's Discretionary	900.00
<b>*TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>

\*As of May 24

**In-House Worship for May:** 689 (Avg./Wk = 172)



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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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