

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"The Obstacle in Our Path"

A fable for you: In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many people loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone out of the way. A peasant then came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. *Moral of the story:* Every obstacle we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances, and whilst the lazy complain, the others are creating opportunities through their kind hearts, generosity, and willingness to get things done.



There are always obstacles in our path. Not just for me. Not just for you. For all of us there are obstacles. There are ALWAYS huge obstacles for us as a church. This summer we are seeing our roofing project proceed. We are seeing the UMCOC fire suppression project start. We are seeing new challenges in children, youth, and family ministries as we get ready for the fall. We are welcoming new members into the congregation and are actively working to introduce ways for them to engage in the life of the church and grow as disciples of Christ.

Sometimes we get discouraged at the obstacles, but it is crucial to remember that it is exactly the obstacles that form us and become our biggest and best opportunities.

This week I was reading an article about Jean Vanier, who in 1964 founded a new way of living for those with developmental disabilities. Father Vanier lived in France and was appalled at the conditions he saw in the state-run mental facilities. The treatment that people received and the respect that they were given was abysmal. With huge obstacles in his road, Vanier went out, bought a house, and invited two men with developmental disabilities to come live with him. He called this house "L'Arche" ("The Ark"), and it became a powerful model for what healthy life based on mutual respect could look like. Today there are over 150 L'Arche communities in 37 countries around the world. The obstacles and challenges still exist, but a pattern and a work-ethic to overcome them has now been established. I love the pattern that has been set.

Jean Vanier gave the world a gift: He imagined communities where people can live in a spirit of mutual learning, dignity, and care. We can see the need for that same gift right here in our Northern Hills. Although Vanier specifically developed this for communities of developmentally disabled friends, we can use the same vision. In the article I was reading ("Designed to Care" by Stephanie Sandberg in the November 2018 Sojourners magazine on page 39), he was asked about the power of forgiveness and living together through conflict and troubles. He answered, "(There is a) very deep vision because it reflects what humanity was like a few thousand years ago. 'My tribe, my way.' The question is how can you break down the walls of tribe that then become the walls of war? We need to break these down and become plains of peace, pleasures where we can meet."

And in this lies the challenge of the church. In the face of obstacle and division, we are called by God to be uniters working for the good of all, transforming the world around us. May it be that you work with Christ to be a uniter this week past the obstacle in the path!

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

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 16th 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! **Who likes to plan parties?** We need your help!! To volunteer, call Brenda at 642-3457.

VBS is Coming!

Join us for **Knights of North Castle** Vacation Bible School August 17-19. VBS is open to children age 3 through 5th 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, enclosed in this mailing or at the church.

Servant Ministry

When discussing ministry, one idea that seems to always be present is the significance of servant ministry. This has always been a really hard concept for me to grasp because the word "servant" has negative connotations. I generally think of someone who is almost to the point of enslavement and has no say in what they are doing. Ever since entering into a formal, full-time, ministry position (even if it's just for 10 weeks), my perspective on this particular topic has begun to change. I have been given the opportunity to speak at services, preach, lead studies, and even do pastoral visits on my own. Having experienced these things, I have slowly, but

surely, begun perceiving them as acts of service. I am not forced to get up in front of the congregation and preach, I'm choosing to. In this regard, I am making the conscious decision to enter into a position of servanthood. This is what the idea of servant ministry entails.

At the annual conference this year, one thing that was emphasized was the meaning of being sent. Throughout the different meetings and services, the phrase: "Here I am Lord, Send Me" was continually brought forth. The idea behind this, is that you are giving yourself 100% to God, and asking for him to send you where you are needed.

Now I'm not suggesting that everyone should just drop everything and head straight to seminary; but rather reiterating the fact that everyone can serve in some way. Servant ministry doesn't imply that you have to enter into a full-time ministry position. It means that in some way, shape, or form, God uses everyone for good. Serving snacks after worship, participating in studies, donating your time or monetary assets, serving in committees, or even just participation in worship are all ways in which to serve.

I encourage you to think about all the different ways that God is leading you into servanthood. From Matthew 20:28: "Just as the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Amen.

Alex Hunnes, Elisha Intern



Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Supper and Game Night on August 15 at 5:00 pm!

As it is National Peach Month, our food will center around peaches. The main course of Peach Pork Loin 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 to have you! For more information, contact Kevin Nakajima.

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

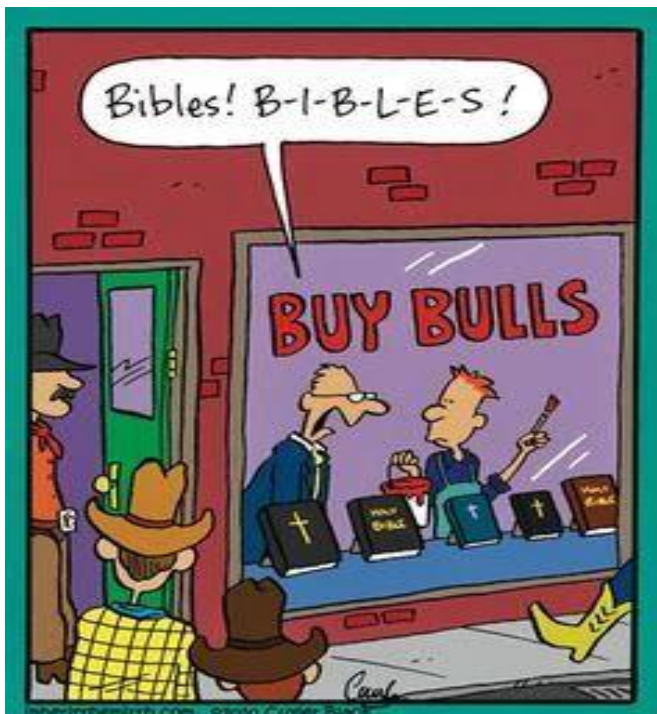
song to sing right away at the 10:30 worship. Anyone is welcome!

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)

Even though the Methodist Men are not meeting we are still collecting aluminum cans in the box outside on the northwest corner of the church. The recycling company in Sturgis where we take the cans bales

aluminum cans by themselves. They will not accept aluminum foil or other aluminum scrap with the cans. They will not accept any tin cans or plastic bottles. Please do not put any of these items in the aluminum can box.

We greatly appreciate your support and thank you for your contributions.

Terry Prante, UMM President

Commodities Needs Your Help

We have been asked to let other congregation members know that the Commodities distribution center in the UM Outreach Center building is in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in helping from 9:30 until 12:00 p.m. on either of the first two Saturdays each month, please call Sandy Prante at 308-253-1722.

Prayer Partners

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *Galatians 5:22*



Holy One. May I focus each day on that one trait to lead me closer to you, as I live out my faith.

Bless Pastor Scott, his family, and our church employees and volunteers. May God be present each part of each day for each person. May each of us be present for God. Guide me to be a servant wherever I may be. Amen



We are having a Women's Retreat this month and all are welcome. You do not have to be a UMW member to attend. Our Leader for the day is Debbie Follette-Feyh. She will present the workshop titled "Knitted Together: Restorative Practices; Respect Responsibility, Relationship."

Saturday August 14, 9-2 p.m. in the UMC Library—Lunch will be provided. Come for a day of renewal, laughter, fellowship, and exploration of the Restorative Principles Jesus Models.

Bring your Bible, markers or colored pencils,

curiosity, and willingness to explore and support your connection with God, Community, Ourselves. There is no cost to attend.

Debbie Follette-Feyh, a South Dakota native and Boulder, CO resident, is a graduate of the University of Colorado. Debbie is a trained Spiritual Director from the Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program of the Center at Benet Hills Monastery. She leads spiritual retreats and is a small group facilitator.

She has been a full-time mother and volunteer, leading Disciple Bible Studies, Companion in Christ Groups, and various Sunday school classes. She has served on numerous committees within the church including Church Council and Committee on Lay Leadership.

Debbie was trained as a facilitator with the Boulder County Restorative Justice initiative using her background in Non-violent communication. She has enjoyed the multitude of programs and workshops offered at nearby Iliff School of Theology.

Debbie enjoys Contemplative Prayer. Time; in nature, with family and friends, studying are important rejuvenation opportunities. She and husband German Feyh, have two married adult children.

We need a volunteer who would attend to help with music!

Please RSVP by August 11, 2021 to Debra Richardson, Spearfish UMW President at 717-2625, if no answer, leave your name and phone number and number of attending please. Please call Debra with any other questions?

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, August 19** 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.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will be meeting Monday, August 9 at noon in the parlor. The book they are discussing is *The Turkey Shack, a Journey to Love* by Dave Snyder. Books are available in the church office.

Confirmation Resumes!

Calling all students in 7th & 8th grades and their parents!



Confirmation starts up in September and will meet during the school year. This is a one-year program concluding in May of 2022.

Call Brenda or Pastor Scott if you have questions or wish to participate.

UMW Reading Program— Book Lists Due

Keep reading! Your UMW Reading List is due by August 15th. You can turn you list in at church or send to:



Cynthia Row, 13697 Dry Creek, Hermosa, SD

Help our unit receive their "Flame" certificate by your participation! Thanks!

New books will be coming for the 2021-2022 Reading Program!

Children First

Children First has been enjoying a busy and HOT summer with lots of playing in the water and riding bikes! We are already beginning preparation for the school year to start on September 1st. We are currently needing to hire at least 3 people as soon as we can, so if you know of anyone who loves children, has experience teaching or working in a childcare setting, and enjoys being in a fast paced, fun environment, please send them our way!



We are excited that our new shed has arrived! The old shed was much too small and very tired.

Children First staff members and several Children First families attended a Sasquatch game to share in some fun relaxing time together and also raise funds for Children

First. We love to spend time with our families outside of work so we can all get to know each other better. It was a great night!

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!



- Youth will continue to meet on various days and times through the summer. Please check the calendar! Incoming 6th graders through 12th graders are invited to join us.
- Attention Youth! Check the calendar for a chance to win FREE ice cream!
- Youth Fall Kick-Off will be Wednesday, September 8th at 4 pm. All 6th through 12th graders are invited to come and bring friends! We'll meet at a park, weather permitting for outdoor fun!
- We are planning a **Drive-In Movie Night** at the outdoor theater in Hermosa for August 19th. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available!

COVID-19 Vaccine Recommended

The COVID-19 vaccine will help to keep you from getting COVID-19. Safety is the CDC's (Communicable Disease Center) top priority and vaccination is a safer way to help build protection.

Recently there has been an upsurge in COVID-19. Almost every new case, hospitalization, and death could

be averted if the COVID-19 vaccine was taken. Studies are showing that the people who are being hospitalized and dying are people who have NOT received the COVID-19 vaccine.

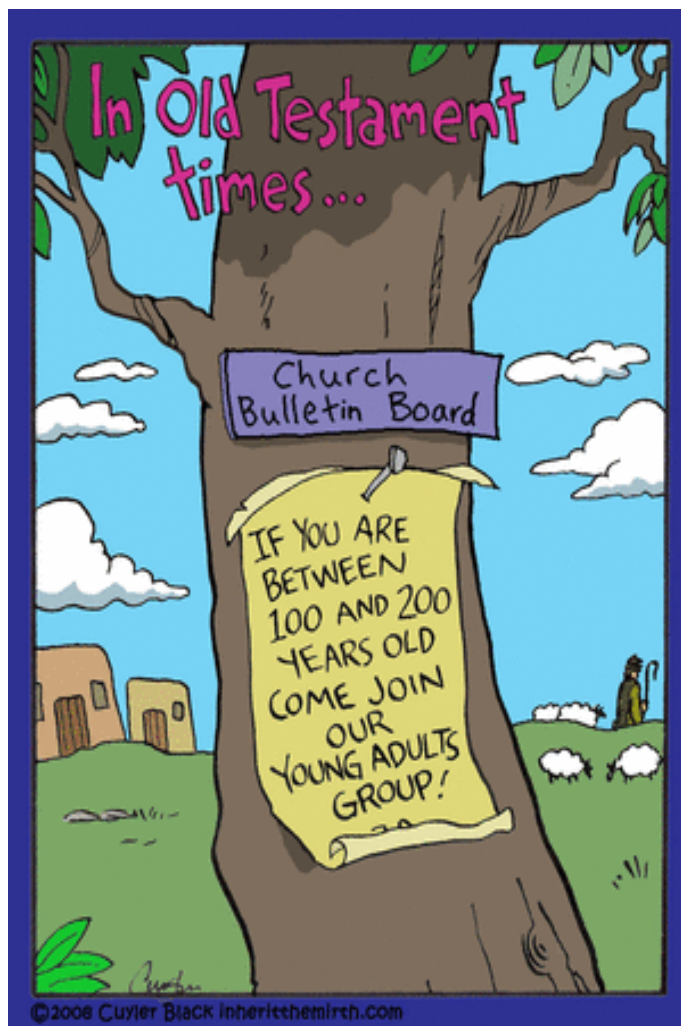
The CDC recommends every one 12 years and older should receive the COVID-19 vaccination to help protect them from this very serious disease. Vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic!

We know of a recent situation where a couple in their 60's refused the COVID-19 vaccine, because they said, "We are healthy and can fight it." The man subsequently got COVID-19 and died of its' complications. Now, the wife is contacting all friends and relatives strongly recommending that they get the COVID-19 vaccine. This is a very sad situation. (Foresight is better than hindsight).

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine please contact your health care provider. Our local physicians and physicians around the world are recommending the COVID-19 vaccine.

Our Health Ministry Team promotes a healthy congregation. If you have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage you to consider getting it to help protect yourself, other people, and our economy.

Health Ministry Team



MISSIONS

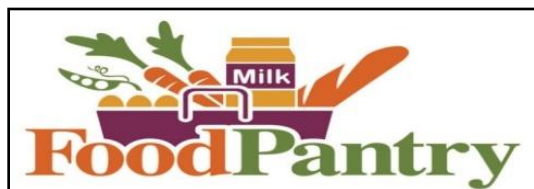
Spearfish Clothe-A-Kid

Do you remember how you felt as a youth anticipating your first day of school? New crayons, sharp pencils, shoes with no scuffs, shirts with no stains, and pants that were long enough. What a great feeling! That is the premise behind the Spearfish Clothe-A-Kid project that was started nearly 20 years ago at Spearfish UMC with the goal that all students started school with a positive self-image.



Clothe-A-Kid is a city-wide initiative, supported by churches, businesses and individuals to provide new clothes, school supplies, backpacks and Spartan hoodies to 150 less fortunate Spearfish students. Annually, over \$25,000 must be raised to cover the expense of these items through donations, grants and fundraising. Each student will pick up their supplies and hoodie at UMC, then are given a designated time to shop for their new clothes. The pride in their new things is obvious, and each student can feel they “fit in” on the first day of school.

Financial help is always accepted and appreciated. Please direct your donations to Spearfish UMC, Clothe-A-Kid or any questions to Karen Hahn, 631-0296, or karenhahn68@gmail.com



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Gelatins
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Carrots
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Puddings
- Canned Beets
- Cheerios
- Pork & Beans

Our Church Family

Blessings upon:

- *Owen Robert Mathis*, who was baptized July 7, 2021 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

Owen is the son of Jefferson & Katie Mathis. He has an older brother, Arlo.

Welcome to our New Members who joined on July 18:

- Deborah Mary Carr
- Rita Hicks
- Kathy Lower
- Kelvin Lower
- Hans Nelson
- Greta Stewart
- Randy Stewart
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Condolences to the families of:

- *Pastor Gordon Higgins*, who died June 24, 2021 and whose funeral service was held on July 8 at the United Church of Christ in Spearfish with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Sharon Gugel*, who died July 1, 2021. Her funeral was held on July 10 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Jeremy Alcanter*, who died July 4, 2021 and whose service was held at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *James “Jim” Swaby*, who died July 9, 2021 and whose service was held on July 14 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Fay Shields*, who died December 18, 2020 and whose memorial service was held on July 23, 2021 with Pastor Mary Ann Sheldon officiating.

BIRTHDAYS

Allison Jensen	08-01	Grace McKirdy	08-20
Mitzie Brown	08-01	Charlie Pierson	08-20
Wayne Lueders	08-03	Jim Hoxie	08-21
Marissa Tuttle	08-03	Melissa Raad	08-22
Cody Warns	08-03	Don Wood	08-22
Grayson Roberts	08-04	Elizabeth Hubbard	08-22
Jaclyn Roberts	08-04	John Tollison	08-23
Ryan Meredith	08-05	Barry Penn	08-23
Alexandra Kaddatz	08-05	Samantha Wood	08-23
Chuck Bossert	08-06	Charity Crenshaw	08-23
Wyatt Krogman	08-06	Lori Kinka	08-24
Teri Roberts	08-06	Bob Cline	08-24
Donna Fondy	08-08	JoAnna Loux	08-26
Katelynn Benham	08-09	Kim Tollison	08-27
Jennifer Seder	08-10	Tyce Christensen	08-27
Remington Wood	08-11	Eric Jennings	08-28
Linda Hoxie	08-13	Oaklyn West	08-28
Lori Kiewel	08-13	Nancy Czaplewski	08-29
Amy Sumners	08-13	Jodi Penn	08-30
Verna Mae Thomas	08-14	Ben McKirdy-Wilsey	08-30
Sandy TeBeest	08-14	Bri Prewitt	08-30
Jordan Louks	08-19	Lane Keil	08-31
Wyatt Ross	08-19	Jill Leonard	08-31
Bob Oliver	08-20	Lexi Burtzlaff	08-31
Lana Trasmondi	08-20	Ella Ellsbury	08-31

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Laura Oliver	08/03~47 yrs.
Sid & Linda Foltz	08/07~45 yrs.
Jordan Louks & Alyssa Warns-Louks	08/08~6 yrs.
Vaughn & Peggy Heckel	08/09~46 yrs.
Terry & Dyan Nagel	08/12~49 yrs.
Bill & Peggy Bosch	08/13~43 yrs.
Floyd "Buzz" & Helen Stiles	08/15~57 yrs.
Lonnie & Sandy TeBeest	08/15~41 yrs.
Ross & Alyssa English	08/15~9 yrs.
Kenneth & Jessica Ellerton	08/18~20 yrs.
Nathan & Janna Swanson	08/18~9 yrs.
Riley & Barbara Chrisman	08/20~55 yrs.
James & Penny Louks	08/20~38 yrs.
Eric & Heather Schmidt	08/20~5 yrs.
Ron & Gloria Borgman	08/21~55 yrs.
Bob & Carolyn Baker	08/22~61 yrs.
Don & Bobbi Looney	08/23~49 yrs.
Steve & Donna Peters	08/24~47 yrs.
Branden & Tara Ginter	08/24~8 yrs.
Ken "KC" & Suzanne Phillips	08/26~43 yrs.
Rex & Rilea Moyer	08/26~39 yrs.
Russell & Susan Bauer	08/26~4 yrs.
Jason & Jill Leonard	08/29~12 yrs.
Daryl & Jody Emery	08/29~5 yrs.
Kevin & Lori Cook	08/30~13 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 st 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
June	32,545.09	30,646.60	34,235
YTD	194,083.05	205,808.72	205,409
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		-\$11,725.67	

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	Jun.	3,050.00

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	Jun.	3,506.00

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
Jun.	3,940.00	3,745.89	194.11

Special Gifts for July 2021

Grief Share Fund	\$ 160.00
Food Pantry	1,345.00
Sprinkler System	200.00
NH Sources of Support (NHSOS)	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	354.00
Fire Suppression Fund	515.00
Rebate Income	40,898.23
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Fay Shields Memorial	270.00
Clothe-A-Kid	485.00
Solar Ovens	600.00
UMCOR	3,000.00
Youth Fund	56.00
TOTAL	\$ 48,363.23

Special Funds for July 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 200.00
Pastor's Discretionary	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 300.00

In-House Worship for July: 594 (Avg./Wk = 149)



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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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