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Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Contentment"

Psalm 131: 1-2 "O Lord, my heart is not lifted up. My eyes are not raised too high. I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother. My soul wishing me is like the weaned child."

There is a lot of RSV pneumonia going around in our community. RSV typically affects children far more than adults, so it was not much of a surprise when our granddaughter, Maren, came down with the virus. When she is sick, our family simply rearranges schedules as a family and cover the care bases for her. As the morning I was preparing to write this article, Maren came to my house for breakfast and spending the day with us. She



was getting better. The cough was decreasing, and the fever had broken. But she still did not have much appetite or energy. So the two of us just sat in the quietness of the morning cuddling in the rocking chair. She curled up on my lap and in my arms, and we just quietly rocked.

I was so struck by the verse from Psalm 131. Maren was just content in my arms. There was no place she needed to be and nothing she needed to be doing. And that meant that there was no place that I needed to be, either. There was nothing more important I needed to be doing at that moment in my life.

I was reminded of the words of Robert Fulghum in his book *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down On It* (p. 196): "There is really nothing you must be. There is really nothing you must do." There is really nothing you must have. And there is really nothing you must know. There is really nothing you must become. However, it helps to understand that fire burns, and when it rains, the earth gets wet."

We live in a world and a culture that is constantly busy. It is, for many of us, high pressure. It is often fast-

paced. And all of this means that finding contentment can be really difficult. And that just seems....normal. I want to remind you that being too busy, too pressured, and too fast-paced is not normal. For the first three weeks of November in worship we are going to explore contentment.

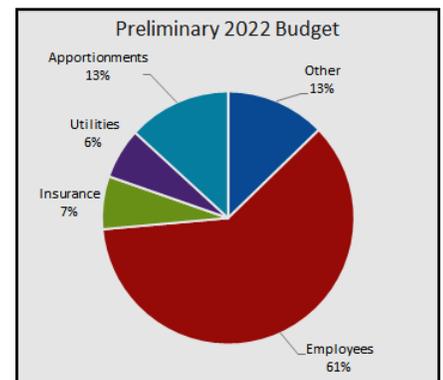
The apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians said this, "I have been hungry. I have been well-fed and satisfied. I have learned in whatever state I am to be content." What would it mean for us to be content in the middle of all the chaos created by COVID and politics and personal issues? I want to invite you to worship with us this month, either in-person or online. You don't have to live with the pressure. God has something to say to you about this!

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

An Update from the Stewardship & Finance Committee

Over the past couple of years the committee has been keeping a close eye on the impacts of COVID. We have seen good and bad. On the good side the church was able to qualify for CARES act. This program was designed to cover wages and utility expenses during the pandemic. The church received approximately \$43,000 in 2020 and again in 2021. This is about 10% of our annual income and happened to also match about the amount we missed from



our normal general fund income. We are not expecting another CARES act to help us in 2022. The church has accomplished a lot of good things all while the treasurer didn't have to stress about paying the bills.

Looking ahead things aren't looking as good. We are still waiting on some things to finish the budget, but we wanted to get the word out early. We are up against some pressure from both directions. Our income hasn't returned to Pre-COVID levels. Our expenses are expected to be up about 10%. Utilities, and insurance have increased. To stay competitive with wages in Spearfish we will almost certainly need to increase our wages. We wanted to take this opportunity to highlight that about 87% of our budget is in only a few categories that are pretty difficult to adjust. We are really hoping we can create a balanced budget with some help on the income side.

Please reach out if you have any questions. We would be more than willing to discuss what we see or any ideas on improving the outlook.

Stewardship and Finance Committee

Lunch with Pastor Scott

Sunday, October 31 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 contacting the church office at 642-3457 or Mary Ann Sheldon at minotmas@yahoo.com. 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.



Holiday Craft Bazaar

The UMC Quilt & Crafters will be hosting their yearly Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 20th from 9-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be open to the public on that day. The UMC Youth will also be serving Chili and Cinnamon Rolls at the Bazaar.

The congregation is welcome to shop after each worship service that weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

Advent Study

Our congregation's study during Advent this year is *The Redemption of Scrooge*. It will be exploring the

power of God's grace in our lives. Small groups will be forming during November with study materials made available. It will begin in the last week of November.

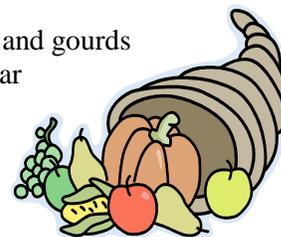


Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Supper and Game Night on November 21 at 5:00 pm!

The main course of a Beef Squash Casserole 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 at kevinmasanaka@gmail.com.

Fall Produce Needed for Altar Display

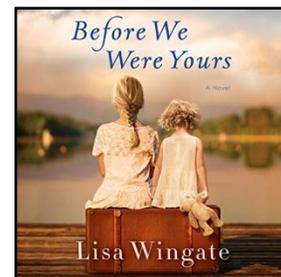
Pumpkins, squash, corn and gourds are needed for the November altar decorations (*no zucchini please*). Please bring your donations to the church office **by Thursday, Nov. 10** so that Dennis Suiter can create his display for everyone's enjoyment.



UMW Book of the Month

Check out the UMW Book of the Month for November:

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals - in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.



Available in the church library on the UMW Reading Program bookshelf.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

United Methodist Women is a group of women who works to know God through programs that support women, youth and children with creativity that helps experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; it is a supportive fellowship; that through missions locally, nationally, and globally making a difference wherever we are gathered. We educate ourselves by having different programs on as many subjects we come across and by an approved Reading Program. We invite all women of our congregation to come join us in our meetings. We want to get to know you.



On Wednesday, Nov. 3 will be our Business Meeting from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the library. It is an open meeting so that anyone can come if they wish.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17 is our regular UMW Meeting – Fellowship time begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. till about 11:30 a.m. in the library. Our Hostesses this month are Connie Swander-Ericsson and Sandy Prante and our Program Facilitator is Debra Richardson with the World Thank Offering Program.

Wouldn't it be nice to start an "Invite a Friend Campaign" as our members start to come back to our meetings? So, I Debra, as your President encourage each member to invite a friend and start coming again to UMW. We miss all your smiling faces!

We really would like to hear what programs you would like us to present that address children, youth, and women or something to educate us on new ideas. Just contact Debra at 717-2625. We invite all woman in the church and their friends to come, giving us your gift of presence as we learn together and doing missions by our giving.

Debra Richardson, UMW President

Prayer Requests

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer and would like to be on the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office at (605-642-3457). If you or your family would like to be prayed for you may complete the prayer card, in the slot in front of each pew, and place it in the offering plate. Pastor Scott and the Congregational Care Ministers will pray for you.

There is much power in prayer. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Prayers give hope, love, and peace!"

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris. They will meet at noon on Monday, November 8 in the Parlor. Books are available in the church office. Anyone may join in with the group.

Taizé Worship

Come experience the PEACE of taize, a candlelit contemplative service intertwining prayer, scripture, song and silence on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 PM in the UMC Sanctuary. This is for all Christian faiths and might just be the break you need from the business of life.



- Thank you to everyone who donated, shopped, organized, hauled and cleaned at the Fall Rummage Sale! What a great sale! We made over \$1900! Many thanks to all!
- **DakYouth** is just around the corner and Spearfish UMC will be sending 11 youth and 2 adults! Please hold us and the entire event in your prayers! May God be praised and glorified in our time there together with other youth and adults from around the Dakotas!
- Youth will be serving **chili and cinnamon rolls at the UMW Craft and Bake Sale** November 20 beginning at 9 am. YUM!
- Stay tuned for the **Christmas dinner** details for December 12th following worship at 11:30 am. You won't want to miss this!

Children First

Children First would like to thank all who donated funds toward our shade shelter project. We continue to make progress toward our goal and your generosity is deeply appreciated!

Melissa Raad, Children First Director

Prayer Partners

To the God of all families,

- Bless my family.
- Bless all families.
- Bless the family of God.
- Help me to appreciate the love of family.
- May I express gratitude each day for the many blessings from God.
- May I give thanks and show appreciation each day and be of service to those in need.



Amen

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
- Pre recording worship
- Recording live worship
- Editing worship for online

We will train you in any area you would like to help out. Contact Kevin Nakajima kevinmasanaka@gmail.com for more information.



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.

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month

Spearfish Nutrition Site and Meals-On-Wheels



Evergreen Management Services operates the local Meals-On-Wheels program for eligible residents of Spearfish. In our dining hall, we offer meals for \$7 per meal for anyone under the age of 60. For those 60 and older, there is a suggested donation per meal based on the cost to make the meal minus the states contribution per meal.

Hours are Mon.-Fri.: 11:00 am-1:00 pm (closed Sat.-Sun.). The amenities are indoor dining only with made-from-scratch cooking. Low sodium entrees are available.

The facility is located at 430 Oriole Drive, across the street from Monument Health Medical Clinic.

The State pays \$3.53 per meal. Each meal costs approximately \$8.00 to prepare. Donations are needed to make up the difference, and are greatly appreciated!

For further information contact Gayle Bercier at (605) 642-1277 or at gbercier@4-evergreen.net.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Canned Peaches
- Canned Vegetables
- Hamburger Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Baked Beans
- Stuffing Mix
- Tuna Helper
- Scalloped Potatoes

BIRTHDAYS

Jim Jennings	11-01	Susan Ellerton	11-19
Mya Meredith	11-01	Cameron Hendricks	11-19
Alyce Schavone	11-02	Penny Doering	11-20
Danielle Ligtenberg	11-02	Layton Loup	11-21
Melody Larsen	11-02	Carolyn Page	11-22
Isabelle Karinen	11-02	Everett Burgeson	11-22

Carol Veazie	11-03	Margie Hesson	11-22
Betsy Wilson	11-05	Mariatu Vaughn	11-22
Kiynan Deane	11-05	Bonnie Crain	11-23
Heather Schmidt	11-06	Vaughn Heckel	11-23
Holden Ayer	11-06	Craig Triplett	11-24
Patty Kruske	11-08	Jozie Hyatt	11-24
Corttnee Herman	11-09	Laura Oliver	11-25
Rob Bentley	11-10	Lollie Meade	11-25
LyRic Swanson	11-10	Parker Reede	11-25
Linnea Swanson	11-12	Peyton VanDeest	11-26
Lyle Ericsson	11-12	John Kissack	11-27
Perl Swartz	11-12	Paul Pierson	11-27
Pat Conger-Sweaney	11-12	Allan Bonnema	11-28
Walter Hurd	11-12	Lillian Mitchell	11-29
Joe Royall-McKeown	11-12	Connie Hubbard	11-29
Becky Dorsett	11-13	Nate DeMarcus	11-29
Lanee Powers	11-15	Ryder "Pablo" Niesent	11-29
Connie Johnson	11-16	Carrie Swanson	11-30
Sue Cole	11-16	Madison Downes	11-30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Tiffany Bolsta	11/02~8 yrs.
Sam & Sheri Perry	11/12~16 yrs.
Gerry & Pat Hazledine	11/21~67 yrs.
Raymond & Mariatu Vaughn	11/22~8 yrs.
Scott & Colleen McKirby	11/24~37 yrs.
Ricky & Misty Ball	11/26~5 yrs.
Donald & Lane Keil	11/28~51 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
2 nd Quarter	101,257.09	102,078.28	102,705
3 rd Quarter	91,154.43	122,876.39	102,705
YTD	285,237.48	328,685.11	239,644
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		-\$43,447.63	

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
Jul.	2,766.00	Aug.	3,198.75
Sept.	2,720.00		

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
Jul.	3,031.00	Aug.	38,243.00
Sept.	4,568.00		

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
Jul.	4,335.00	3,379.68	955.32
Aug.	4,345.00	6,286.56	-1,941.56
Sept.	3,940.00		

*Special Gifts for October 2021

Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
NH Sources of Support (NHSOS)	100.00
Adult Education Fund	30.00
Yoga Charity Fund	95.00
Children First Grant Income	14,700.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering	100.00
Meals on Wheels	100.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Cornerstone Mission	742.00
Youth Mission	2,048.91
Youth Fund	106.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,601.91

*As of October 25, 2021

*Special Funds for October 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 125.00
Pastor's Discretionary	690.00
TOTAL	\$ 815.00

*As of October 25, 2021

*Worship for October: 661(Avg./Wk = 165)



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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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