

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Building Community"

Here comes Christmas! I love this season, especially here in the church. There is just so much joy in the regular activities that we are doing, and then so much more in the special things that are happening. This year we are being very intentional about what we do and how we are doing it. Why? Because we are building community!

The past two years have been difficult for so many people in so many ways, and this is true in the church as well. So many of the things that we just normally did to bring people together to build healthy relationships have been affected.

So, we focus on faith-building AND community-building this December. Each and every worship service is designed to invite you closer to God. Each and every activity is designed to strengthen families and friendships.

It is just so much fun and so much joy to see the church coming back and sharing the joy. I want you to know this because so often when we extend invitations for worship and activities, people think it doesn't apply to them. It applies to your neighbor instead! Nope! Every single announcement in this newsletter is about inviting YOU closer to God and closer in community.

The invitation is for YOU!

Pastor Scott



Taizé & Longest Night Services

Thursday, Dec. 9 & 20 – 7:00 PM

A service of prayer, healing, remembrance. Come experience the season thru silence, scripture, prayer and music.

Christmas Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 12– 11:30 AM

Come together for an all-church Prime Rib or Chicken Dinner with the trimmings and dessert. Adults \$18, Children \$7 and Families with Children \$45. Tickets available in the church office.

UMW Christmas Brunch

Saturday, Dec. 11 – 10:00 AM

It's a time of FREE food, fun, fellowship and an opportunity to connect. Please RSVP by Dec. 8 by calling the church at 642-3457 or email at office@spearfishumc.org. Bring your donations for Artemis House.

UMC Christmas Program

**Saturday Dec. 11 & Sunday Dec. 12
at all worship services**

Children's Christmas Program. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

Christmas Caroling & Game Night

Sunday, Dec. 19 – 3:00 PM

We're getting ready for a fun afternoon of Christmas caroling. Meet at the church and dress appropriately for the outdoor weather. Everyone welcome as we spread some Christmas cheer. Soup supper served afterwards.



Christmas Eve Friday, Dec. 24 at UMC

We invite you, your family, friends, neighbors and your co-workers to come worship on this amazing day and evening.

12:00 Noon:

A joyous traditional service. There is a light lunch following. This service is perfect for those who don't like to go out at night and for families who love to come together with the youngest of children and the oldest of grandparents.

5:00 PM:

A traditional family candlelight Christmas Eve service with music shared on organ and with choir.

7:30 PM:

An acoustic guitar service led by our Blue Jean Worship team, this service is lit by candle light and is very intimate as it is held in our Fellowship Hall.



Participation Opportunities

Christmas Eve Offering Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund will provide food, medicine, or gas to those in need through the distribution of Safeway cards. This offering is the primary source for this fund, which helps people all year round. All donations made at the Christmas Eve services will be to this fund, unless otherwise designated.



Good News!!!

Spearfish United Methodist Church's soup luncheon is being planned this year after the December 24th noon Christmas Eve service! This has been cancelled the last couple of years due to the COVID virus.

If you would like to donate either cookies, a

Crockpot of soup, dinner rolls or saltine crackers, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Kathy Helmer at (605) 641-3755 or let Orvette know in the church office what you would like to bring that day and enjoy with others!

Prime Rib Dinner is Back!

The annual Christmas prime rib dinner is back! Following the 10:30 worship service which includes the Christmas program on December 12th the youth will be hosting a prime rib dinner.

On the menu will be:

Prime rib or Chicken Parmesan
Garlic mashed potatoes
Green beans w/bacon
Dinner roll w/butter
Relish tray
Pie



Tickets can be purchased beginning December 1st from the church office or after the worship services Dec. 4 & 5. All proceeds go to youth summer missions and camps.

Ticket prices:

Adults - \$18/person
Kids 6-12 yrs --- \$7 each
Under 6 years free
Family (w/children) - \$45

Christmas Bonuses for Staff

Christmas Bonuses for Staff are a tradition of Spearfish UMC. The funds are contributions from members and friends and are distributed to UMC staff and employees at Children First. There are currently 35 employees this year. These funds will be distributed mid-December so all donations are requested by December 12.



Thank you, Staff-Parish Committee

Taizé and Longest Night Worship



Come experience the PEACE of taize, a candlelit contemplative service intertwining prayer, scripture, song and silence on Thursday,

December 9 at 7:00 PM in the UMC Sanctuary. There will also be a Longest Night worship on Monday, December 20 at 7:00 PM. This is for all Christian faiths and might just be the break you need from the business of the holidays.

Caroling, Supper and Game Night



Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Caroling, Supper and Game Night on December 19 from 3-7:00 pm! Those who wish to carol will meet in the fellowship hall and we will travel around town and spread holiday cheer. We will return for supper at 5pm.

The main course will be a hearty soup and coffee, tea, hot cocoa, and wassail will be provided. You are also welcome to share some holiday potluck sides and treats. In lieu of food, just bring yourself! We would love to have you! Games to follow supper. For more information, contact Kevin Nakajima at kevinmasanaka@gmail.com or (605) 210-3984.

Holiday Movie Nights



We will be showing two versions of *A Christmas Carol* in December. On December 3rd, we will show *The Muppet Christmas Carol* and on December 17th, we will watch George C. Scott's version of *A Christmas Carol*. Both will be in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm and be accompanied by a holiday treat potluck. Bring your blankets and come get comfy before you become more filled with humbug than Scrooge! For more information, contact the office or Kevin Nakajima at kevinmasanaka@gmail.com or (605) 210-3984.



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 or (605) 210-3984 for more information.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

We want to thank all the bakers who donated baked goods for our Bake Sale over the weekend of November 20 & 21 that will help us do mission work locally and nationally. We are also thankful for all who bought said baked goods. Each of you support us so graciously.



On Wed., December 8 will be our Business Meeting from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the library. We will be addressing new officers and signing up for facilitators and hostesses for the New Year. Also, any old business we need to take care of before the end of the year. It is an open meeting so that anyone can come if they wish.

As we start to look forward to the New Year, 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 Richardson at 717-2625. We invite all women in the church and their friends to come, giving us your gift of presence as we learn together and doing missions by our giving financially or of our time.



On Saturday December 11 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall is our **“Christmas Shower Brunch”** for Artemis House. **Please call the church office with your RSVP by Wednesday, December 8. Limited seating available.** This is an end-of-year celebration. We will have a light brunch, special music and door prizes. There will also be a representative from Artemis House to bring us up to date with their programs. We encourage all our members, whether you can attend or not, and our church family to help us collect the following items that they need at this time.

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| • Toilet Paper | • Tissues |
| • Mr. Clean | • Clorox Wipes |
| • Body Wash | • Toilet Cleaner |
| • Ladies Sweat Shirts | • Greeting Cards |
| • Ladies Sweat Pants | • Paper Towels |
| • Hair Products | • Laundry Soap (no pods) |
| • Large Diapers (size 5-6) | |

Debra Richardson, United Methodist Women's President

Quilt & Craft Bazaar a Success!

The Quilt & Craft Bazaar was a tremendous success, exceeding previous years. This was a combined effort of many, many hands: sewers, crafters, volunteers, those who made craft and quilt donations. Generous

shoppers helped us in raising over \$3,500. These funds will be distributed to a variety of causes.

May the holiday season spread its blessings upon you as faithful and caring church community. Thanks for your support.

Quilt & Craft Group

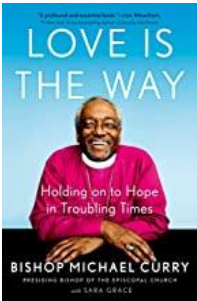
United Methodist Men

The Methodist Men will meet on December 4th and 18th. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. followed by a short business meeting and a devotional. Breakfast preparation will start at 7:00 a.m. and anyone interested in helping is invited to take part. We are looking forward to seeing you for breakfast.

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:

LOVE IS THE WAY: HOLDING ON TO HOPE IN TROUBLING TIMES by BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY WITH SARA GRACE. AVERY PUBLISHING GROUP (2020) Much of the world met Bishop Michael Curry, the first African American to lead the Episcopal Church, when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on this message by inspiring readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love in a world that faces seemingly insurmountable challenges: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.



- Eight youth and 2 adults from our church attended DakYouth in Aberdeen along with over 200 youth and adults from around the Dakotas!

- Twenty-three Christmas shoeboxes were sent from Spearfish UMC to Spirit Lake Reservation in North Dakotas. The youth shopped for and filled 16 of those boxes!
- It was estimated that well over 400 adults and children came through our Trunk or Treat event! Thank you to all who helped, donated or participated! It was a fantastic day!
- Heads up, students! **Winter Connection** at Storm Mt. is coming up January 28-29. Reconnect with your friends from around the hills and beyond!
- Lunch & Learn at SHS Library is looking at "The Redemption of Scrooge" on Tuesdays (through December 14) over the lunch hour. Food is provided! Great conversation! All high schoolers welcome!

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin. They will meet at noon on Monday, Dec. 13 in the Parlor. Books are available in the church office. Anyone may join in with the group.

PRAYER PARTNERS



Dear God,

Bless Pastor Scott and his extended family. Bless each family as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Guide us toward contentment during this season of excitement and busyness.

Show others how to be calm and rely on Christ's love and grace. Be still. Amen

Volunteer at the Food Pantry

It's December and time to sign up for that feel good experience of volunteering at the Spearfish Food Pantry in January!!!

It is a great opportunity to share God's love by helping others. I can vouch for the fact that giving help to people in need benefits the giver as much as the receiver. We all need a reason for getting up in the morning and there's no better reason than this!

Please call or stop at the church office in December to sign up to help at the pantry any Monday, Wednesday or Friday the first 2 weeks of January. Volunteers always

leave in a good mood so please come join us in outreach to our community.

Signup sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall or in the church office throughout the month of December. Please call or stop in to sign up for this extraordinarily rewarding experience. We all need to see a smiling face!

Marilyn Halse – Food Pantry Board Member



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.

Our Church Family

Welcome to:

- *Jana Swanson* who became a member of the church on Sunday, November 28.

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month

Northern Hills Sources of Support

Northern Hills Sources of Support (SOS), located in Spearfish, exists to build relationships with those seeking assistance by connecting them with resources to further their position in life. Northern Hills SOS also collaborates with existing organizations to raise awareness about their services. By collaborating,

communicating, and advocating, we will build a poverty-aware community.

Your donation will help strengthen communication between assistance organizations, raise poverty awareness in the Northern Hills, and help our staff to create a safe, supportive environment for those in need. Find out more by visiting their website: www.northernhillssos.org



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Chunky Soups
- Pancake Mix
- Jam or Jelly
- Purchased Cookies (Chocolate Chip, etc.)
- Baked Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Oreos Cookies

BIRTHDAYS

Breanna Hawkins	12/01	Asher Foltz	12/13
Bob Baker	12/02	Emily English	12/13
Janet Ladson	12/02	Bernice Abraham	12/14
Kathy Bonnema	12/02	Sheri Perry	12/16
Marland Linafelter	12/03	Landree Ayer	12/16
Steve Bailey	12/03	Laura Lloyd-Smith	12/17
Isabell “Izzy” Jensen	12/03	Katie Clark	12/17
Helen Royall-McKeown	12/04	Lonnie TeBeest	12/18
Austin Kaddatz	12/04	Marty Davis	12/18
Kellan Alfstad	12/04	Floyd “Buzz” Stiles	12/19
Connie Eisma	12/05	Cal Hayenga	12/19
Jenn Tobin	12/05	Logan Burke	12/19
Victoria Brill	12/05	John Havemeier	12/19
Debra Richardson	12/06	Malaya Naescher	12/21
Carson Krogman	12/06	Vicky Bragg	12/22
Josephine Boyer	12/07	Cherry Hansen	12/24
Jesse Czaplewski	12/07	Wade Beringer	12/24
Jodi Johannesen	12/08	Penny Louks	12/27
Donald Keil	12/10	Harlan Horst	12/28
Bill Bosch	12/10	Barry Wood	12/29
Kaylee Johannesen	12/10	Margo Carnahan	12/31
Tara Niesent	12/11	Bev Hill	12/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Norma Perry	12/05~19 yrs.
Morie & Margo Carnahan	12/21~51 yrs.
John & Kim Tollison	12/21~36 yrs.

Terry & Jean Downing
 Bill & Jeanette Keck
 Larry & Karen Miller
 Randy & Greta Stewart

12/22
 12/27~43 yrs.
 12/28
 12/28~46 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
September	30,935.02	45,145.78	34,235
October	47,934.78	36,480.50	34,235
YTD	364,107.28	410,311.39	376,584
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		-\$46,204.11	

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	Oct.	2,935.84

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	Oct.	2,165.83

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	4,335.22	-395.22
Oct.	3,955	4,158.29	-203.29

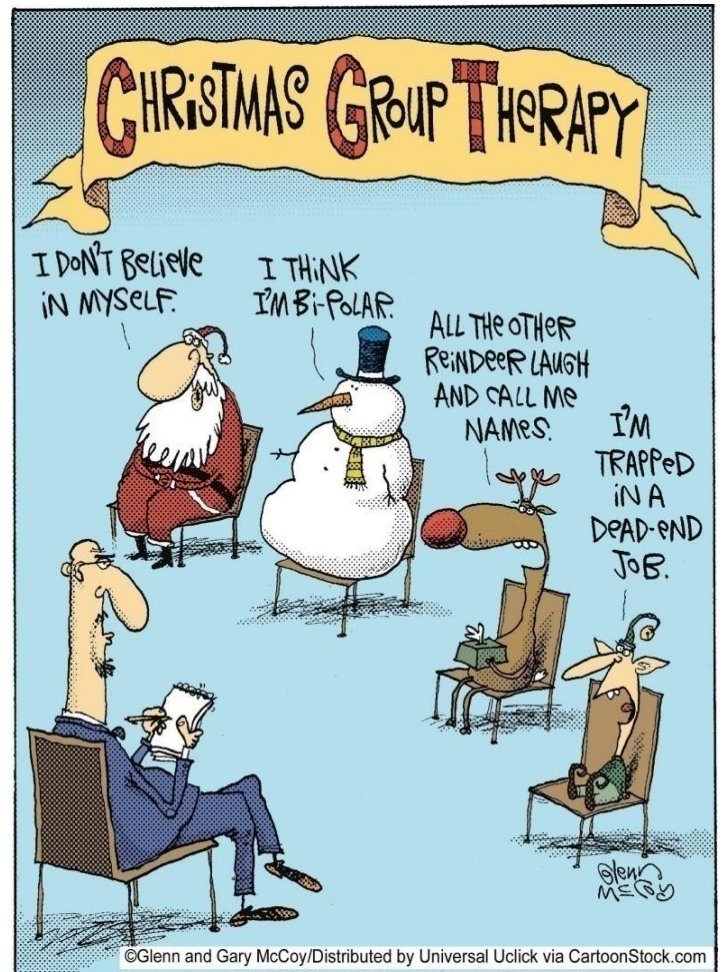
Special Gifts for November 2021

Food Pantry	\$ 160.00
Sound System Fund	40.00
Staff Christmas Fund	1,252.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Adult Education Fund	445.00
Yoga Charity Fund	307.00
Kitchen Committee Income	20.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering	200.00
Meals on Wheels	880.00
Solar Ovens	125.00
Youth Mission	298.54
Youth Fund	6.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,213.54

Special Funds for November 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 225.00
Pastor's Discretionary	960.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,185.00

Worship Attendance for November: 768 (Avg./Wk = 192)



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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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