

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"A Modern Parable"

*"Faith without action is dead." –
James 2: 26*

We look at everything happening in our world today and wonder. What part.... If any.... do we have to play in all the global goings-on? It's pretty tempting to just withdraw from the whole mess and let someone else do all the work. It's tempting...but not a real option for us. As followers of Christ, we have a part to play in this world. St. Teresa of Avalon centuries ago said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours, Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion to the world looks out; Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which he is to bless [people] now."

Just for fun and to make you think, here is a modern parable:



A Mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. "What food might this contain?" He

was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap. Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning. "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."



The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house." The pig sympathized but said, "I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured that you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow. She said, "Oh my, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you. But it is no skin off my nose." So the



mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone. That very night a sound was heard throughout the house like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife.



The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Now, everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard to search for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well. She died, and so many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

So, the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it doesn't concern you, remember that when one of us is in trouble, we are all at risk. In the book of Genesis, Cain said about his brother Abel, to our God: "Am I my brother's keeper?" And in the book of James, Jesus brother states that "Faith without action is dead."

We are all involved in the journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and be willing to make that extra effort to encourage each other. The problems of today's world are huge, but one by one and day by day, we journey together.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Our Church Cares!

Our church wants you to know that if you have a need for help feel free to call the church office (605-642-3457) and let us know of your need. We have people that

are glad to help with transportation to the doctor, pick up a prescription at the pharmacy, pray for you, deliver you a meal, etc. If you know of someone who is ill and would enjoy a prayer quilt please let us know. Our church knows of many resources that can help people in multiple situations.

A church member recently needed some medications picked up at the pharmacy and was too ill to go out. This man was alone and had no family in town to help him. When a friend of his notified the church office of the need, arrangements were made to pick up the medication and deliver it. We are a caring congregation who are very glad to help when there is a need.

There are prayer cards in the front of each pew. If you would like prayer for you or someone else complete the prayer card and place it in the offering plate. If you are worshipping on line, you may call the church office with your prayer request. Pastor Scott and our Congregational Care Ministers will pray for you. May we feel the healing love of God as we pray. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" Colossians 4:2. Notice the prayer list in the weekly E-News and Announcement sheet. We all are helping with our prayer ministry as we pray for the people listed each week.

Do not be afraid to ask for help or assistance. We all need help at times. Our church family is here for you. Please call the church office if you have a need or are aware of someone else's need. We are a church family who cares about our congregation.

Congregational Care Ministers

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:

ONE DRESS. ONE YEAR.: ONE GIRL'S STAND AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING by BETHANY WINZ AND SUSANA FOTH AUGHTMON
BAKER BOOKS (2016)

When sixteen-year-old Bethany Winz learned about the millions of men, women and children around the world trapped in slavery, she wondered: How can anyone do that to another human being? And why aren't we doing something? Journey with her as she wears the same black dress every day for a year to focus attention on the lack of choices people in modern-day slavery face and raises money to help end human trafficking. Suitable for youth.



Freezer Meals for Singles!

Attention individuals! Whether you are young, old, male or female makes no difference! We will be prepping freezer meals with folks that have to cook for one!



Watch for details to unfold as we join together March 26th to prepare and package meals to take home.

Space is limited to the first 10 individuals to sign up. Everything is provided to make 3 servings of 3 different meals.

Cards for Sale!

Have you looked at the price of greeting cards lately?? Well, have we got a deal for you! Check out the boxes of greeting cards for sale in the church library.

There are sympathy, birthday, all-occasion and thinking of you cards for sale by the box for only \$5-\$7! Individual cards are for sale for only \$.50 each!

GREETING CARDS

All funds go to the United Methodist Women and you can leave your payment in the blue box or in the church office.



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Wednesday, February 2 is our Business Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Wednesday, February 16 is our regular UMW Meeting in the library. Fellowship time begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting goes from 10:00 to about 11:30 a.m. Our Hostess this month is Kathy Harr and another volunteer. Our Program Facilitator is Mary Ann Sheldon.

From now until May, UMW will be sponsoring fundraising efforts to help cover transportation and motel cost for two ladies to attend in-person the General Assembly 2022 – “Turn it Up” May 20-22 in Orlando, Florida. Watch for upcoming events sponsored by UMW.

Assembly happens every 4 years where five thousand + women unite in one place and time, where hope is in the air. Women ready to heal, ready to celebrate and ready to act. At the Community Gatherings women will join our sisterhood to find spiritual healing, hope and renewal through impactful worship experiences, inspiring speakers, integrated performing arts and by lifting their voices in song. Rich, scriptural passages from James and Matthew will guide the celebration of our identity in a new time. Participatory workshops that will engage and nurture attendees provide skills and tools to inspire leadership and make a difference in our hometown communities. They will join others for a Fair Trade Marketplace, networking and gathering spaces, Partners and Sponsors areas, and much more. Town Hall meetings and film discussions will bring together experts on many topics while challenging them to think in new ways.

Now more than ever, women need to come together to reflect on today's challenges and find comfort and strength to move forward finding ways for faith-filled women to make a difference in the world.

Debra Richardson, UMW President

United Methodist Men (UMM)



The Spearfish UMM will hold two breakfast meetings in February, (5th & 19th). We have completed and compiled our Project Priority Assessment for the year 2022. The top two priorities are Spearfish Community Support Outreach and Methodist and Community Youth Support.

We selected a Vice President, Bill Lundgren. He will also serve as Treasurer for the year. We decided not to host the BHSU Women's Basketball Team for breakfast this year due to the spike in flu cases in our community. There is strong support among the men to continue this outreach in 2023.

We thank all community members who donate aluminum cans. We took in around \$1,700 last year. A

big thank you Terry Prante and Bill Lundgren for sorting and delivering the aluminum cans to Sturgis.

This income helps us support needy outlets in our community! Rev. Scott reported that this year's confirmation class is fun to work with and that they are growing spiritually. They meet for 2 hours twice per month and also participate in local and regional activities and camps.

We invite all men to join us for the breakfast, short meetings, devotions, and worthwhile projects. Help us make a great February!

Children's Ministry Director

As our church looks to expand the discipleship of children, we are seeking a person to become our Children's Ministry Director. Responsibilities include leading Children's Church, developing an afterschool program, and assisting with Vacation Bible School. This position is up to 15 hours per week. Please contact Orvette 642-3457 or Keith Haiar 605-639-1651 for more information and to apply.

Commercial Space Available

At the United Methodist Community Outreach Center (UMCOC) there are two rooms available on the 2nd floor for rent. Contact Orvette in the church office at 642-3457 for further information.



Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Supper and Game Night on Sunday, February 20 at 5:00pm! Pork Chops with a Cherry Sauce 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 kevinmasanaka@gmail.com.

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 for more information at kevinmasanaka@gmail.com.

Support Group for Losses and Grief



Roberta Hilliger, RN will be leading this Loss and Grief Support Group every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the UMC Parlor

beginning Jan. 6. This is a free program. Roberta is an RN with 45 years specialty in Psychiatry in adult care, adolescent care, hospice care and ministry, chemical dependency, and end of life care. Roberta is part of the Congregational Care Ministry of this church.

For deaths, drugs, hospice care, caretakers, depression, any loss you want to talk about. Feel free to drop in on a weekly basis. It is led by your questions and listening to other group members. We are here for you and hold you in prayer each week. For more information contact Roberta at uk.soon@yahoo.com.



- **Camp registration is open!** Sign up early to reserve your spot at one of our Dakotas UM camps! Spaces are limited so don't delay! www.dakcamps.org. Remember the church pays half of your camp fee! Call Brenda for the church code!
- Youth will make a great escape in February! We'll go to the BH Escape Rooms February 2nd. Make sure to put your thinking caps on!
- The Spring Rummage sale is just around the corner in early March! It's not too soon to start collecting items for donations.



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.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. We will meet at noon on Monday, February 14 in the parlor. Books are available in the church office. Everyone is welcome to join us.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, United Methodist Hymnal 384.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.



Jesus is the source of all love. May we love as Jesus taught all followers. Bless Pastor Scott, Colleen, and all of the family. Be with our families and staff at the church and Children First. Go now and love. Amen.

Taizé Worship



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

February 17 at 7:00 PM in the UMC Sanctuary. This is for all Christian faiths and might just be the break you need.

Council Highlights

January 19, 2022

Stewardship & Finance: Clyde Smith agreed to serve and was unanimously elected. Peggy Bosch, outgoing treasurer, introduced Kathy Helmer as the new treasurer.

Staff Parish reported that all employees both of the church and Children First were very grateful for the large Christmas bonuses.

Trustees projects in the works are a large TV screen for the Fellowship Hall and carpeting two rooms upstairs in the UMCOC building. Redoing the wheelchair ramp on the west side of the church building, upgrading the coffee area in the Fellowship Hall, and painting the sanctuary are future projects. Ron Borgman has agreed to serve as UMCOC Manager of Tenants. Barry Penn manages the physical part of the building.

Children First has several cases of COVID and influenza, however they are continuing to operate except for the three-year-olds room.

December 2021 Treasurer's Report:

Balance Sheet – No major changes.

General Fund – For the month of December income for the General Fund is \$47,464.14 and expenses are \$42,495.71. There were three payrolls in December. The ending balance for the month of December is \$4,968.43 in the black with apportionments paid. The year-to-date balance is \$6,252.12 in the black with the government grant received earlier this year included. All apportionments for the year 2021 were paid.

UMCOC Fund – For December the income for UMCOC is \$1,780.00 and expenses are \$5,665.58. This leaves the UMCOC Fund in the red \$3,885.58 for the month and with a year-to-date balance of \$1,955.64 in the black, the government grant included. There are three rooms upstairs that are still unoccupied, but the Fire Suppression System is complete and new carpet is being installed in two of the rooms so the rooms can then be rented.

Children First – Income for December for Children First is \$45,543.47 including some COVID grant money and expenses are \$54,294.99 leaving the CF Fund in the red \$8,751.52 for the fourth month of their fiscal year. CF also had three payrolls in December. The

year-to-date balance is \$1,573.89 in the black.

Debt Retirement/Capital Fund – The Debt Retirement/Capital Fund income for December is \$3,579.37 and expenses are \$536.58 for touch-ups on the UMCOC north door and on the Fire Suppression project. Balance at the end of December is \$63,641.45. A payment on the loan will be made in January.

Mission-Giving – Mission-giving for December is \$10,067.25 with most of the money coming from the Christmas Eve services for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Mission expenses (distributions) are \$3,463.50 including \$2,175.00 for Pastor's Discretionary. The mission of the month is Northern Hills Sources of Support for which \$605.00 was collected and sent to NHSOS.

Children First: Children First has had continued health challenges with Omicron variant of COVID and influenza A. This is affecting kids, families and staff. Please pray for health and hope for the future.

United Methodist Women: We meet September through May. There are other special meetings like Mission u and also a local Retreat in July. This year we have 3 woman attending Assembly 2022 in May in Orlando Florida. Colleen McKirdy, Emma McKirdy-Wilsey and Debra Richardson. Colleen and Emma are going in person, and Debra is attending virtually. Spearfish UMW is trying to figure out a way to help the 2 ladies with the cost of the flight and motel room. Their fee to attend is covered by our UMW Dakota Conference.

United Methodist Men: UMM continue to meet @ 8:00 am for a breakfast meeting and devotions on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. I urge all men of our church to attend and contribute at these breakfast fellowship meetings. Bill Lundgren is our Secretary/Treasurer and we are still seeking a Vice-President.

Health Ministry: The Caring Meal Ministry had a busy month in Dec. (20 meals were delivered to homes). We appreciate the volunteers who have helped. Each committee member continues to send a monthly greeting/card to 2-3 people who are limited in getting out.

Pastor's Report for January:

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF) 2021 wrap up. Serving a total of 468 individuals, the breakdown is as follows:

On Safeway Cards: Food – \$6,775.00; Gas – \$12,275.00; Medications – \$1,050.00. Total Safeway Cards: \$20,100.00
Other Resources: Motels / Lodging – \$1,619.84; Cleaning Supplies – \$75.00; Phone Card – \$50.00; Car Parts – \$27.17. Total Other – \$1,772.01
PDF 2021 Total: \$21, 872.01

Attendance: Surprisingly, we are almost back to our pre-pandemic numbers for attendance. The three live worship services are lower in number, but this is made up for in the online worship figures. We will typically have 50 – 80 in attendance online. Christmas Eve was amazing with 307 in-person and 139 online for a total of 446.

Leadership Discernment Workshop: Spearfish is hosting, and I am co-teaching two annual conference sessions of a workshop aimed at discerning roles in leadership. With fifteen participating, this class is specifically aimed at identifying and training local church leadership. It is giving me deeper ideas of our own local leadership training.

Our Church Family

Condolences to the families of:

- Joe Dvorak who died December 25, 2021 and whose memorial service will be held at UMC on June 11 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.

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 the dining hall, they offer meals for \$7 per meal for anyone under the age of 60.

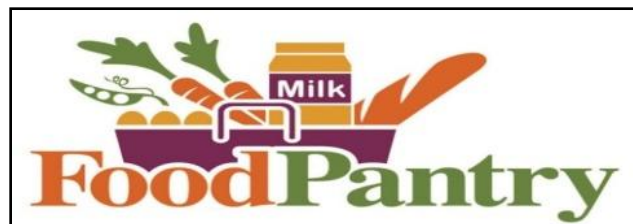
Hours are Mon.-Fri.:

11:00-1:00 p.m. (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.

Donations are greatly appreciated!

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



Thank
YOU

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped man the Food Pantry the first half of January. You were a wonderful group to work with! Hope we can work together again in August. *Marilyn Halse*

Donations are needed of the following items:

- Raisin Bran
- Honey Nut Cheerio's
- Canned Peaches
- Mandarin Oranges
- Apple Juice (64 oz.)
- Jams or Jellies (16 oz.)
- Honey Bunches of Oats
- Rice Krispies
- Canned Pineapple
- Applesauce
- Grape Juice (64 oz.)

BIRTHDAYS

Landin Burke	02-01	Lisa Foltz	02-15
Dave Zanton	02-02	Danika Brown	02-15
Isabella Grosz	02-03	Clyde Smith	02-17
Donna Gollhofer	02-05	John Loux	02-17
Robertta Hilliger	02-06	Maren McKirdy-Wilsey	02-18
Doris Parke	02-07	Sandy Prante	02-20
Cynthia Bates	02-07	Hannah Chastain	02-20
Wade Tobin	02-09	Caiden Gee	02-22
Jessica Jennings	02-09	Layne Loup	02-23
Kirk Easton	02-11	Clara Christensen	02-24
Cameron Haag	02-11	Brendan Hansen	02-24
Annette Bailey	02-13	Jody Emery	02-25
Alicia Pennel	02-13	Sarah Hazledine	02-25
Stan Smith	02-14	Bridger Ferrell	02-26
Connie Ericsson	02-15	Terrance Grosz	02-27
Greta Stewart	02-15	Carter Foltz	02-28

ANNIVERSARIES

Ben & Monica Burgeson	02/05~17 yrs.
Ed & Leslie Sewell	02/14~30 yrs.
Lyle & Gladys McGarvin	02/14~41 yrs.
Allan & Kathy Bonnema	02/14~21 yrs.
Connie Pich & Chuck Bossert	02/16~9 yrs.
Lyle Ericsson & Connie Swander-Ericsson	02/17~21 yrs.
Bob & Debbie Cline	02/18~38 yrs.
Dave & Judy Wagner	02/22~58 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
YTD	453,432.41	447,680.29	470,053
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		5,752.12	

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
Nov.	3,347.26	Dec.	3,579.37

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
Nov.	1,576.84	Dec.	45,543.47

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.	3,955.00	4,158.29	-203.29
Nov.	3,940.00	4,973.13	-1,033.13
Dec.	1,780.00	5,665.58	-3885.58

Special Gifts for January 2022

Sprinkler System	\$ 100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	525.00

UMCOC Donations	380.00
Bob Schneider Memorial	780.00
Honduras Send Hope Fund	652.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
Youth Mission	819.00
Youth Fund	44.79
*TOTAL	\$ 3,325.79

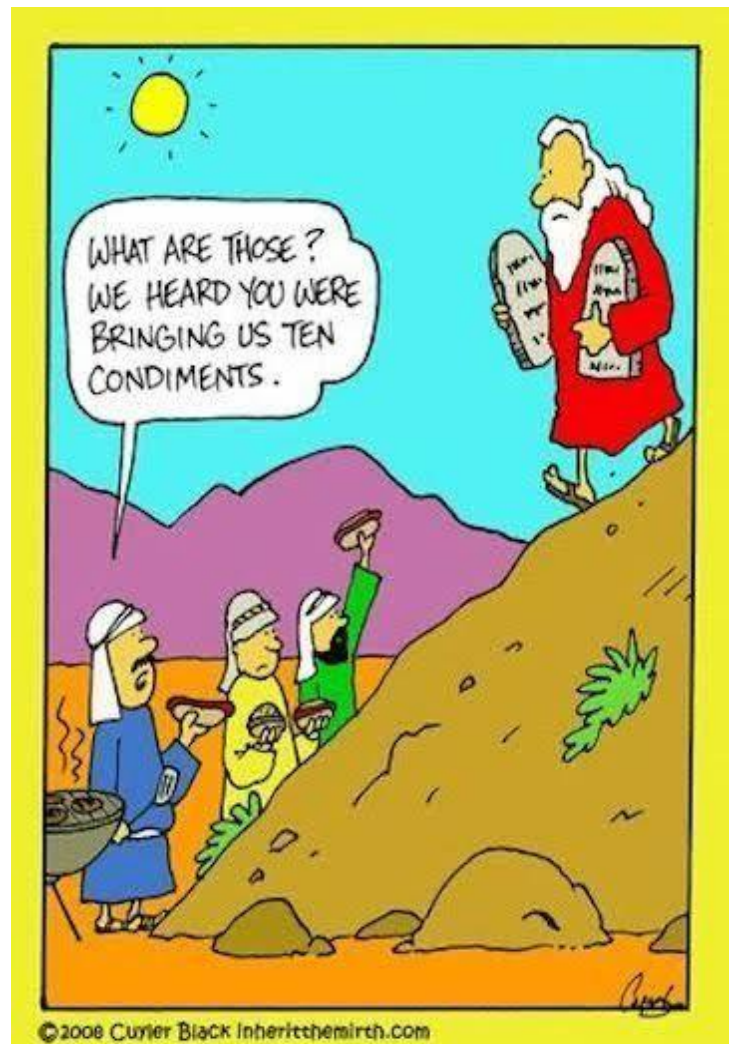
Special Funds for January 2022

Benevolence Fund	\$ 100.00
Pastor's Discretionary	640.00
*TOTAL	\$ 740.00

*As of January 25

*Worship Attendance for January: 581 (Avg./Wk = 145)

*On-Line Worship: 324 (Avg./Wk = 108) (3 weekends)



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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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Call the church office for more information at 642-3457.



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