

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Practicing the Basics"

I gained my height early in life, standing my full adult height when I was 15 years old. Living in a smaller town where every person mattered, it was no surprise that I played a lot of basketball. However, it should also be no surprise that I wasn't very good at it. I loved playing, and I looked really good in the team picture. However, I didn't have the strength, coordination, or technique to really play a lot. I had a couple of really great coaches. Their advice to me was consistently simple: "Scott, practice the basics." I improved a lot over the years, but never had any fancy moves. I worked on running, rebounding, and shooting short shots. Eventually, focusing on basic techniques paid off in my adult years as I continued to play in the communities where I lived. My secret was no secret at all: Practice the basics.



So, it's going to be a really challenging two months in January and February as now I get to coach you in your faith to practice those basics. In worship, study, and personal devotions, we are going to be focusing on the Ten Commandments. (You can't get much more basic than that!). Although I have preached on the commandments here and there throughout my ministry, I have never focused on a series that covers all of them together.

I'm going to have a lot of fun with this worship

series. It's really easy to roll your eyes at the thought of all those "Thou shalt nots". But these basic Commandments are so much more than all the things we're NOT supposed to do. The Commandments in many ways are in reality a collection of "Here! Try it this way!" When we practice the Christian basics, like the Ten Commandments, what we find is that not just our faith is strengthened, but also our relationships and our communities. So! Here we go into practicing our basics!

By the way, you may have friends, family, and neighbors who are really interested in this. The series starts on January 8-9. Invite them to come worship with you whether that is in-person or online.

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

Cinnamon Rolls Fundraiser for Send Hope

Come and get those big yummy cinnamon rolls. Saturday January 22 the Honduras medical team will be serving soup and rolls after the evening service. Sunday January 23 rolls will be available after both services. Watch for more details as we get closer.



Thank you to the Congregation.

The staff of UMC and Children First would like to thank the congregation for their donations to the Staff Christmas Fund. It is because of your generosity that everyone was able to receive a very nice bonus at this time of year. Thank you so much.

Children First

All staff members at Children First would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donated toward Christmas bonuses. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

The year 2021 was like none other at Children First. We have been stretched beyond our comfort zone, adjusted to what seemed like constant changes and faced things we never thought we would. Through all of that, we have leaned on each other and grown as a team. We have learned that we are capable of more than we realized.

We have become more grateful for the good times, for all that we have and for each other. We are very grateful for the support we receive from the church and we cannot express in words how grateful we are for our Board of Directors. Their support and guidance through ALL the things is invaluable!!

We are proud to say that Children First continues to provide an excellent early educational experience for young children in a safe and nurturing environment. Bring on 2022!

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:

SMALL GREAT THINGS (A NOVEL) JODI PICOULT BALLANTINE BOOKS (2016)



During a routine checkup on a newborn, labor and delivery nurse Ruth Jefferson is told that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. When the baby goes into cardiac distress the next day while Ruth is alone in the nursery, a gripping series of events unfold that will lead readers to question everything they know about privilege, power and race.

Supper and Game Night

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Supper and Game Night on January 16 at 5:00 pm! Chili and Hot Cocoa 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.

United Methodist Women (UMW)



I want to thank all the people who helped the Christmas Shower Brunch to be such a wonderful success. There are just too many names to list. I am so thankful for

how I saw everyone just do whatever needed to be done. Thank you so much!

I decided to not have a Business Meeting on Wed., January 5th since there isn't any pressing business to take care of at this time.

On Wed., January 19, is our regular UMW Meeting. Fellowship time begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Our Hostess this month is Brenda Swanson and our Program Facilitator is Debra Richardson with the World Thank Offering Program that had been postponed from November 2021.

Just a reminder to our members, we are starting our "Invite a Friend Campaign" as our members start coming back to our meetings! So, I Debra, as your President encourage each member to invite a friend each month to our regular UMW meetings. We want to see all your smiling faces along with new friends!

As we start 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 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 financially or of our time.

Debra Richardson, UMW President

United Methodist Men (UMM)



The UMM will not meet on January 1 due to the New Year's holiday. We will have an 8:00 am Breakfast meeting on January 15.

The UMM have completed a Christian Service Project Priority Needs Assessment for the Year 2022. We will discuss the results at our January 15 Breakfast Meeting.

We thank Terry Prante, outgoing UMM President for his dedication and leadership the past 2 years. We also thank Bill Lundgren for his continued service as Secretary/Treasurer. We will elect a Vice President in the near future. I also thank all Spearfish UMM for their work as breakfast preparers, devotions, and volunteer project service.

We invite all men to our breakfast meetings to participate in Christian service. Thank you very much.

Perry Hansen, UMM President

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 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.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes for our meeting Monday, Jan 10, 2022 at noon in the parlor. Books are available in the church office. Everyone is welcome to join us. Happy New Year!

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.



- Heads up, students! **Winter Connection** at Storm Mt. is coming up January 28-29. Reconnect with your friends from around the hills and beyond!
- Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas prime rib dinner! Special thanks to Kody Nisly and Tad Brewer for creating such an amazing meal and thanks to those who donated food to make it all happen! So proud of our youth who worked so hard and long! It was a wonderful day of joy and festivity!



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.

PRAYER PARTNERS



Holy God,

May God bless each person with peace, hope, love and joy for the New Year. Help Pastor Scott and all who guide and lead this church to see God's vision for 2022 in Spearfish, this area and the world.

Give us grateful hearts to focus on what is right and good for each individual and family. May our staff of Children First and UMC live up to Christ's example of love and compassion. Amen

Taizé Worship



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

January 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the UMC Sanctuary. This is for all Christian faiths and might just be the break you need.

Caring Meal Ministry

We ask you to call the church office (642-3457) when there is a need for a meal to be delivered. (During an illness, death, birth, etc.).

Thank you to the volunteers who help to prepare the meals. The meals are much appreciated by our church family. It is very special to know that our church cares!

What a great way to serve others as we prepare food for the body and soul.

Health Ministry Committee

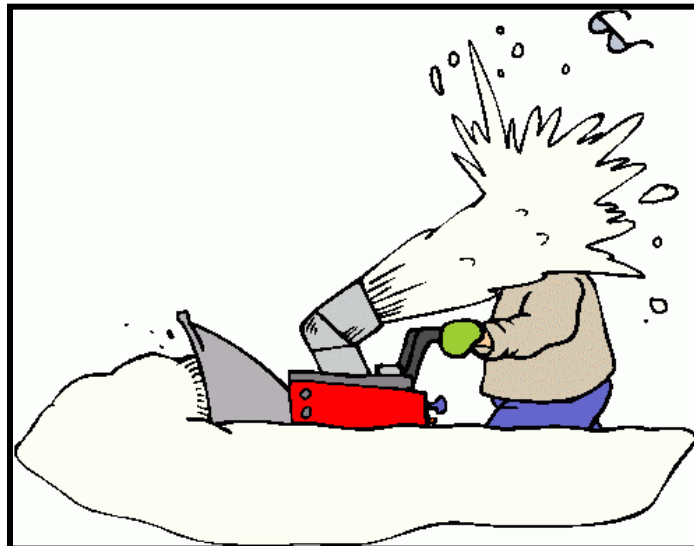
Cancer & Care Giving Books Available

We have a book available for caregivers of the very ill. *May I Walk You Home* provides courage and comfort for families.

Also, we have another book available, *Cancer-Now What?* for people who have cancer or their family members. The goal of this book is to help those with cancer, and their loved ones, navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges that cancer brings.

Please call the church office, at 642-3457, if you would like a copy of one or both of these books.

Health Ministry Committee



Stewardship Drive Update

During the Stewardship & Finance Committee held on December 8, we approved a proposed budget based on the information available at that time. Here is what was shared:

- **Total General Fund income:** \$467,828
- **Total General Fund expenses:** \$498,879
- **General Fund Budget Deficit:** \$31,051 This deficit would be \$61,051 without a \$30,000 transfer from reserve funds. Our goal is to minimize the amount that will need to be taken from reserve funds.

These numbers remain about the same as last month's report. Although we have received more pledges which increased the General Fund **Pledged** line item, adjustments were made to decrease the General Fund **Unpledged** line item, thus keeping Total General Fund Income at \$467,828.

We continue to receive pledges, which are appreciated. The more information we have about income, the better we can plan our expenses. Here are the ways in which you can help your church financially:

- Go to our website www.spearfishumc.org.
- Call our church office at 642-3457 about using electronic giving.
- Download the Vanco app from the App Store or Google Play.
- Send a check in to 845 N. 5th St, Spearfish
- Drop by the church office during weekday regular business hours.

Your support for the General Fund will allow the church to pay its monthly utility and service bills, support

payroll, support the work of our committees and teams, pay apportionments to the conference, and continue to provide you with a welcoming and mission-driven church. Thank You

Your Stewardship & Finance Committee

Our Church Family

Condolences to the families of:

- *Luena Lent* who died December 1, 2021 and whose memorial service was held at UMC on December 16 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Robert "Bob" Schneider* who died December 22, 2021. A private family memorial service was held on December 23 with Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

MISSIONS

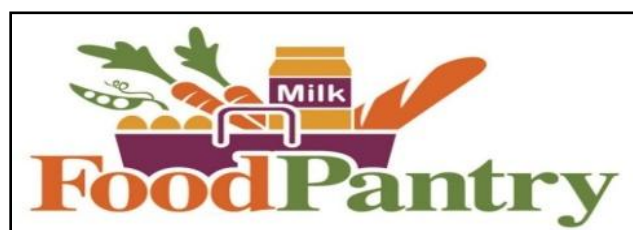
Mission of the Month Send Hope



Send Hope has been the "base" for our church's medical mission teams to Honduras for many years. The team can't travel to Honduras again this year because of COVID but Send Hope still needs our help.

Send Hope is located in Puerto Lempira, Honduras, one of the most remote areas of a very poor country. Send Hope is a Methodist nonprofit mission supported entirely by donations. Send Hope is the home of 35-45 children who may have lost their family or may have medical issues needing care. Children receive housing, health care, education, and love.

Send Hope also runs a huge feeding program. Malnourished children and their families can receive food supplements and health care so the children can grow and regain health. Currently the feeding program is supplementing several hundred families as well as providing 2 meals a day to two large mission schools. Send Hope funding has been greatly impacted by COVID, but the needs don't change. Please join our team and help provide care for so many children in Honduras.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Ramen Noodles
- Cereals
- Hamburger Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Pork & Beans
- Applesauce (Jars)
- Tuna Helper
- Apple Juice (64 oz.)

BIRTHDAYS

Gertrude Thompson	01-02	Terry Nagel	01-14
Vic Fondy	01-03	Reagan Niesent	01-17
Heather Brewer	01-03	Hayce Haiar	01-18
Noah Harlan	01-04	Beth Garrett	01-19
Christian Burgeson	01-04	Roger Bell	01-21
Eliana Foltz	01-04	Jessica Zanton	01-21
Sandie Hem	01-05	JoAnne Cleveland	01-22
Rex Moyer	01-05	Madison Garvin	01-22
Sasha Pursley	01-05	Boaz Foltz	01-22
Alyssa Fall	01-05	Emmy Rollin	01-23
Peggy Heckel	01-06	Kathy Schneider	01-23
Hugh Roles	01-06	Savanah Allen-Richards	01-23
Ambrie Zanton	01-07	Jackson Dana	01-24
Tad Brewer	01-09	Marlyce Huyck	01-28
Hannah Andres	01-09	John Sweaney	01-28
Frances Sanders	01-10	Jeff Winter	01-28
Preston Hazledine	01-10	Brittany Krogman	01-29
Virginia Furrow	01-11	Laurie Lloyd	01-30
Holly Heintz	01-11	Paige Larson	01-30
Cheryl Kissack	01-12	Oliver Prante	01-30
Shirley Halse	01-13	Ariana Short	01-31
Patricia Wood	01-14	Emmett Kaddatz	01-31

ANNIVERSARIES

Joel & Jodi Johannesen
Don & Peony Hammerquist
Jason & Rebecca Hill

01/01~22 yrs.
01/02~40 yrs.
01/09~13 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
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
November	33,676.23	40,529.05	34,235
YTD	397,783.51	450,840.44	410,819
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		-\$53,056.93	

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		

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		

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

Special Gifts for December 2021

Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Staff Christmas Fund	5,840.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
NH Sources of Support (NHSOS)	450.00
Adult Education Fund	245.00
Yoga Charity Fund	620.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Meals on Wheels	100.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Artemis House	100.00
Youth Mission	3,445.25
Youth Fund	206.00
Christmas Shoe Boxes	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,696.25

Special Funds for December 2021

Benevolence Fund	\$ 200.00
Pastor's Discretionary	7,657.25
TOTAL	\$ 7,857.25

Worship Attendance for December: 636(Avg./Wk = 159)
Christmas Eve Worship: 287



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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.

E-mail Addresses:



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



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