

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Contentment in the Face of Failure"

"In this life we are all walking up the mountain. We can sing as we climb, or we can complain about

our sore feet. Whichever we choose, we still gotta do the hike. I decided a long time ago singing made a lot more sense."--Unknown

There are moments that just stick with you and won't let you go. There are moments when you just have to declare something to be good enough and let go. In these moments, it changes everything to be able to claim contentment in the face of failure. One of the first times I learned this happened in a high school English class. I was blessed with two really amazing English teachers as a teenager. Mrs. Bult was one of them. She was fantastic at teaching. This meant that she was a really good communicator, and that she was really strict. If you wanted a good grade from her, you had to work your hind end off!

My final English class in my final semester of my final year was English Literature. It was super tough, and I was bound and determined to pull a good grade in it. My final grade in that final class came down to the final test, and in that test I missed the grade that I was aiming for by ONE point. To make matters worse in my own mind, there was ONE answer that Mrs. Bult marked wrong that I KNEW was right. I fought and squabbled and argued with her, but she never did give in. Because of ONE wrong answer (that was RIGHT, and we all know it!), I was marked down ONE point on that test which lowered my test score by ONE letter grade which lowered my entire class grade by ONE point and thus ONE letter grade. I was so disgusted. I was so angry. Part of my anger was aimed at Mrs. Bult, but part of that anger was also aimed at myself. I had tried so hard and failed to meet the goal... the important goal... that I had set for myself.

Now mind you, I know that this is not a big deal. I have failed in a myriad of more serious ways in the

decades since, but this was my first specific experience of what I qualified in my own mind to be failure. (Looking back, the whole class was a huge success for all that I learned.) But this was my learning moment. I was just mad... and irritated... and disgusted... yeah, all of the above. What I had to learn in that experience was how to gain contentment. There was nothing that I could do to change what happened. I had a choice to make: I could either live with the disappointment and let it eat on me for heaven knows how long, OR... I could shrug my shoulders, say, "Oh, well" and get on with life. I chose the latter. I chose contentment in the face of failure.

Learning to do this with such a small situation prepared and braced me for knowing how to deal with major issues that I would deal with in the years to come.

Contentment... in the face of failure.

This year in our Lenten worship and study series "Good Enough", we are learning together how to face the disappointments in life. Even (or especially) when we are faced with failure, we can deal with our realities through the power of faith. In her book "Good Enough", Kate Bowler speaks about this. On page 62 in her devotion entitled "Happy Enough", she says this:

"Desire can feel like an endless hunger, but there is a felling we get when we feel full: contentment.... The apostle Paul, sitting in prison, had something rather shocking to say about being content. His friends in Philippi sent him some gifts as he waited behind bars. But Paul made a point of letting them know that with or without their presents, hungry or full, in prison or free, in wealth or poverty, his contentedness remained. This helps to put the popular verse "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4: 13) in context.... If everything falls apart, you might, like the Apostle Paul, feel something else entirely: contentment. You might feel strangely, weirdly okay... the best life is the one we can actually have, where God promises that, even if there's very little to go around, there will still be Big Moments that feel like enough."



Good news! Even in the face of failure, we can find contentment. Because why? Because it turns out that we are good enough and can be happy enough!

Pastor Scott

Participation Opportunities

2022 Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, April 9

“Blue Jeans” Worship – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday

“Gathering” Worship – 8:15 a.m.

Children’s Church & SS – 9:15 a.m.

“Parade of Palms” – 10:15 a.m.

(An ecumenical blessing of our palms in St. Joseph’s Parking Lot)

“Sanctuary” Worship – 10:30 a.m.



Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday

UMC – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday

“Good Friday” Worship – 7:00 p.m. – UMC

Saturday, April 16 – Lazarus Saturday

“Blue Jeans” Worship – 5:30 p.m. – UMC

Sunday, April 17 – Easter

“SonRise” Worship – 6:30 a.m. – City Park Bandshell

(Bring your own chair – UMC if bad weather)

“Gathering” Worship – 8:15 a.m. – UMC

“Easter Brunch” – 9:15 a.m. – UMC

Easter Egg Hunt – 9:15 a.m. *(for all children up to Grade 5)*

“Sanctuary” Worship – 10:30 a.m. – UMC



Monday, April 18 – Easter Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

Welcome Katelyn Smith Children’s Ministry Director



Hello, my name is Katelyn Smith! For most of my life, I spent my years living and growing in the small town of Lima, Ohio with my parents, younger brother, and multiple dogs. During my time in Ohio, I enjoyed nurturing my abilities and my faith through participation at South Side Christian Church through Sunday

Services, Youth Group, and through working in the church’s nursery and children’s church classes. I also explored my passions for working with children by doing a variety of fieldwork in various educational facilities and programs before ultimately obtaining an Individualized Studies bachelor’s degree at Bowling Green State University with a focus in Early Childhood Education in 2018 – which I then used to work as a preschool teacher at the local Head Start association.

Then, in the summer of 2020, after multiple wonderful visits to Spearfish to visit local family over the years, my parents, younger brother and I made the exciting decision to all move and call Spearfish our home to connect with our family in the Black Hills! I am now happily working locally at Spearfish Sports Academy as a preschool teacher during the day and pre-k ninja and gymnastics instructor in the evenings, while attending Dakota State University online to further my professional abilities through the bachelor’s degree of Elementary Education and Special Education with a minor in Reading and Technology.

I have a passion for building connection & confidence in children while helping them learn & grow, and as the new Children’s Ministry Director of Spearfish United Methodist Church, I am so excited to get to know and connect with the families and children of this church community!

Upcoming Family Events *Sponsored by CYFM*

Here at Spearfish United Methodist Church, we have been working lovingly and hard to adapt to world and local events that have been continually reshaping what our weekly, monthly and yearly lives look like with connections to the families in our congregation, local community, and outreach communities. Through grit, collaboration, creativity, compassion, and patience, we have been so glad to see in recent months a steady increase in participation in our church services, children and youth services, and hosted community events, and we are inspired more than ever now to spread the word of more opportunities to gather to love and grow together as a budding community!

With spring officially here and hopes of more chances of good weather days, our Spearfish United Methodist Children Youth & Family Ministry (CYFM) Committee has been especially excited to provide more opportunities for families within the local and outer

communities to get to know one another through engaging events for fun with families and their children through some spring-themed events!

Our first upcoming family spring event open to anyone and



everyone interested will be an **Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch** which will take place on **April 17th**! We will begin the brunch in the Fellowship Hall at **9:15 AM**, in which after good food and merriment, we will begin an Easter Egg Hunt for children to enjoy either outside on our playground or in a designated space within the church, as weather permits. Easter eggs collected during the hunt will include fun little prizes and yummy surprises for children to enjoy!

Our second family spring event on our April calendar will be a **Spring Family Block Party** on **April 29th** from **5:00-7:00 PM**! We are excited to provide a

hot dog dinner with a decorate-your-own-cookie event for dessert for anyone and everyone interested in attending. We will also provide plenty of entertainment for families and their children to enjoy through means of a bouncy castle fun, and a variety of fun spring-themed crafts and activities to explore at your own pace. Be sure to pick up at the Information Station at this event a goody bag filled with information on more Spearfish UMC upcoming family events on the way, along with a little treat to end the evening off sweetly!

We are so very much look forward to hosting more community events to gather families together into a supportive community that loves and grows together through fun shared experiences! All and anyone are more than welcome to join us at these events, and volunteers are also especially warmly welcomed, so keep a lookout for more news on our events on Facebook, in the BH Pioneer, and at our church as the year progresses!



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:

THE LEAVERS (A NOVEL) by LISA KO,
ALGONQUIN BOOKS (2017)

One morning, Deming Guo's mother, Polly, an undocumented Chinese immigrant, goes to her job at a nail salon—and never comes home. Set in New York and China, this moving story of how a boy comes into his own when everything he loves is taken away, and of a mother who is forced to make one heart-wrenching choice after another, is a vivid examination of borders and belonging.



United Methodist Women (UMW)

We have been hearing about changes coming for United Methodist Women and now hear the news with more to come. **But beginning this year, United Methodist Women will call ourselves United Women in Faith.** We will maintain the legal name United Methodist Women while operating as United Women in Faith.

We remain the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church. We remain the organization training women for leadership, growing spiritually, transforming through education and providing opportunities for service and advocacy. We remain women in mission who follow God's call for our time.

Our local unit has the following meetings to be held for you to consider attending.

On Sun., April 3 is our **Sweet Dessert Buffet and Musical Treats for a Local Missions Fundraiser**. The Dessert Bar starts at 3:15 and the music starts at 4. We welcome any baker to bring any pies, ice cream, cakes, cookies, or bars they would like to share. Goodies can be brought to church anytime that weekend **by 2 pm Sunday** and marked as for the afternoon dessert buffet.

On Wednesday, April 6 is our Business Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend and anyone with business to be presented to the group should come at this time.

On Saturday, April 9 will be Focus Day in Spearfish with ladies from Belle Fourche, Sturgis, Deadwood, and Camp Cook and we invite all women in the church and their friends even if they are not Methodist. You don't have to be a current member of UMW and there is no cost to attend. Registration and coffee begin at 8:30 am and the Gathering starts at 9 am and will last to almost 2 pm. This is a day of fun and learning and sharing. The workshops are **"Pushout-The**

Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools” and “Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom.” There will be an offering during the opening service. We only request you RSVP to Debra Richardson 717-2625 by April 6th. Please leave a message if I am not home.

On Wednesday, April 20 is our regular UMW Meeting with Fellowship time starting at 9:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Our Hostesses are Doris Park and another Volunteer to be named. The Program Facilitator will be Jodi Picketton “Massage Therapy.”

In today’s world, 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. We do that by the workshops, the reading program, and missions that we identify to give support to. So, 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.

Submitted by Debra Richardson, UMW 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:

- Running the sound board during worship
- Running the computer in worship
- Pre recording worship
- Recording live worship

There is room on the team at any of the worship services, but 8:15 is where we currently have the smallest team. We will train you in any area you would like to help out. Contact Kevin Nakajima for more information at kevinmasanaka@gmail.com.

United Methodist Men (UMM)



The Spearfish UMM will meet for their breakfast devotional meetings on Saturday April 2 & 16. It was announced that on April 2 after the breakfast meeting, there is a church

yard Spring Clean-Up scheduled. All church members are encouraged to help make our property look spiffy for the spring and summer.

The men were reminded of the community noon Lenten lunches held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

Terry Prante will lead devotions on April 2 and John Seder will lead on April 16. We welcome all men to our devotional meetings to enjoy a hearty breakfast and Christian fellowship.

Perry L. Hansen, Spearfish UMM President



Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Supper and Game Night on April 24 at 5:00 pm! Coq au vin 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.

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.

Taizé Worship

Taize services: April 7th and 28th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. This is a prayer service in the style of Taizé. Enter into a time of prayer, quiet reflection and meditative singing. Center your spirit, heart and mind. Enjoy the quiet. Refresh your soul.



Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club will be meeting Monday, April 11 in the parlor at noon. We are reading *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. You are welcome to join us.



- **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! There are camps for every age! Call Brenda for the church code!
- Youth enjoyed an evening of water fun at WaTiki waterpark in mid-March! It was great to have Ambrie Zanton join us from Illinois during her spring break!
- Youth are enjoying having Anna cook us our Wednesday night suppers! Thanks, Anna!
- Youth & families are invited to the block party at Spearfish UMC on Friday, April 29th from 5-7 pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer is welcome too! Just call Brenda!

Service Weekend

We will be having a service weekend on May 28-29. More information will be coming next month on events of the weekend, but start thinking about any help you may need done around your house or in the community at large at that time.

Children First Grant Received

Children First was awarded \$120,586 in federal funds made available to SD as part of the American Recovery Plan Act. This portion was designated for childcare due to COVID impact. It was designed to cover three months of all general expenses up to a maximum of \$150,000. There will be a benefit to families with some tuition reduction. Normally tuition equals over \$30,000 each month as income.

Most of the Children First furniture has been used 13 years and needs to be replaced. For example, six small chairs cost \$450. One of the four-seat strollers needs to

be replaced. Staff bonuses or benefits may be considered. Children First always attempts to hire more highly qualified staff.

All classrooms at Children First conduct parent/teacher conferences. Some classrooms have already had conferences, and some are preparing to start that process soon. Melissa Raad and Sarah Hazledine attended a training in Phoenix to learn more about best practices for preschool and childcare centers.

In early April, several staff members are attending the annual SDAEYC Conference, held in Rapid City this year. This is an opportunity for our staff to gain new tools and resources, while also networking with others in the early education field throughout South Dakota.

A Workday will be held Saturday, April 2 for indoor and outdoor tasks at Children First. The American Legion Post 164 baseball team, coached by Parker Louks, will paint the new shed that day as a community service project. Chili has been donated to serve for lunch. Please sign up to bring sandwiches, crackers, fruit and veggies, cookies or donate money. Helpers will be needed 11 am – 1 pm. Estimated attendance is 25 teen boys, 25 kids, 25 parents and 8-10 staff. Contact: Janelle Jones 605.722.5911.

Prayer Partners

Dear Lord,

Bless Pastor Scott through the busy Lenten season and Easter. Guide each individual and family to be in relationship with Christ and the people around them. May we live into the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal 5:22) Amen



Prayer Needs

We want you to know your church is here for you and we want to pray for you. Our Lord hears our prayers. "Be joyful in hope, patient in afflictions, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

If you have any prayer needs (upcoming surgery, illness, family needs), please notify our church office at 605-642-3457 or by e-mail to office@spearfishumc.org.

Also, there are prayer request cards in the slot in front of each pew. You may place them in the offering plate. When your prayer requests are received they are forwarded on to the Prayer Team which includes the Congregational Care Ministers (CCM) and Pastor Scott. If you would like to be on the weekly e-news prayer list please let Orvette, in the church office, know. Prayer

gives hope, love, and peace!

Our church is here for you. If you have any other needs please call the church office. Our church has many resources and knows of many community resources to help people.

“Guide Dog Etiquette”



Jim Hoxie is a member of our congregation and he is visually impaired. He attends church services and events with his working guide dog “Mr. M.” The dog helps to increase Jim’s independence and safety. Below we have listed “Guide Dog Etiquette.”

1. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SAY YOUR NAME WHEN YOU MEET A BLIND PERSON AS HE CANNOT RECOGNIZE YOU.
2. Please do not stare at the dog or talk to the dog, as the dog gets distracted.
3. Please do not touch the dog as it is a working dog.
4. Please do not offer treats or feed the dog.
5. It is acceptable to let the handler know if the dog is doing something that he is unaware of. However, the handler should deal with the dog.
6. If the blind person seems to be disoriented or needs assistance, always ask if you can help.
7. Give verbal instructions if needed. (Ex. “The bathrooms are located at the end of the second hallway on your left.”)

Your help with following “Guide Dog Etiquette” will be greatly appreciated.

Council Highlights

March 16, 2022

Present: John Swanson, Janelle Jones, Kevin Nakajima, Beth Bentley and Katelyn Smith.

Trustee’s: Farmer Brothers Coffee has dropped the UMC account. Currently looking for another option. Need to replace the back ramp and portions of sidewalk. Wi-Fi needs better coverage in parts of the church. Looking for options.

Worship & Music: A new TV will be installed in the Fellowship Hall. Easter services are being planned along with a brunch and Easter Egg Hunt.

Children’s Ministries: Katelyn Smith is the new

Director of Children’s Ministries. There will be a Block Part on April 29. Children First and Coop Preschool will be invited.

Children First: Tuition will increase 4% for preschool and before school care. We have hired two new staff and have two student interns this semester. A Work Day is planned for April 2 at Children First with a lunch at UMC afterwards. CF always has a waiting list for students.

United Methodist Men: Meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. They will again support the Spearfish American Legion Youth Baseball program.

Pastor Scott: The Community Lenten Lunches are at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church this year. The church is studying the book “Good Enough” by Kate Bower.

Our Church Family

A Thank You Note

Dear Spearfish United Methodist Church Friends, thank you so much for all your good thoughts, prayers, emails, texts, and cards while our baby underwent heart surgery and recovery. Arianna is doing very well now. Thank you to the Quilters for the prayer quilt and to everyone who contributed to the meals that were sent our way, especially to Kathy Schneider and Linda Hoxie.

Thank you to Children First and Arianna’s class for the pictures and good wishes. We are so grateful to all of you.

Sincerely,
Peggy, Bill, and Julie Bosch

MISSIONS

Camp Scholarships

Mission of the Month

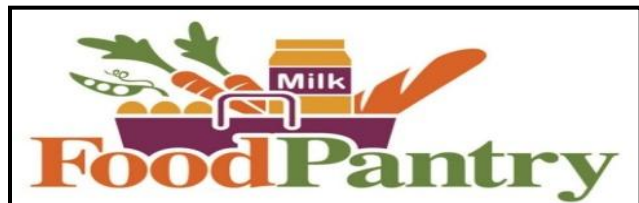


Dakotas United Methodist Camp Summer 2022 registration is now open.

Your donation to the Scholarship fund will help campers experience God’s Love and Grace at one of the 3 Dakota Conference camps. Lake Poinsett Camp is on the south shore of Lake Poinsett, Storm Mountain Center is in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wesley Acres Camp and Retreat Center is located in Valley City, North Dakota. Campers that register by April 30 will receive

the Early Bird Discount. They can bring a friend to receive the friend discount.

Please help our children attend a UMC camp by donating to the Camp Scholarships fund.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Apple Juice
- Applesauce
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Pancake Mix
- Jell-O Pudding & Gelatin
- Cheerios
- Honey Bunches of Oats
- Chicken Helper
- Empty Egg Cartons

BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Voorhis	04-01	Brynne Looney	04-13
Baylee Hazledine	04-01	Mary Ann Sheldon	04-14
Jarrett Smith	04-02	Linda Lueders	04-17
Elise Ligtenberg	04-02	Jean Downing	04-17
Lanny Swisher	04-03	Angel Jumping Bull	04-17
Roger Garrett	04-03	Marie Hoffman	04-18
Clarence Moshier	04-03	Lily Nore	04-18
Steve Hanson	04-03	Bob Perry	04-19
Mike Stracco	04-03	Keith Haiar	04-19
Sidnee Short	04-03	Noelle Brill	04-21
Jacky Easton	04-04	Marie Post	04-22
Alan Haag	04-05	MayBelle Loux	04-22
Kendra Beringer	04-05	David Ayer	04-23
Theo Grosz	04-06	Warren Johnson	04-24
Alyssa Warns-Louks	04-07	Sandra Asheim	04-26
Jack Ammerman	04-07	Charlie Hennessey	04-26
Katelyn Smith	04-08	Linda Stratton	04-28
Jennifer Nelson	04-09	Rylee Niesent	04-28
Sonya Albers	04-10	Bob Davis	04-29
Judy Wagner	04-10	Daryl Emery	04-29
Russell Bauer	04-10	Steve Peters	04-29
Shyla Crawford	04-11	Emma McKirdy-Wilsey	04-29
Paiten Gee	04-11	Ailie Fischer	04-29
Charlotte Schmidt	04-11	Jay Adrion	04-30
Steve Ammerman	04-12	Jordan West	04-30
Shirley Doten	04-13		

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Sheila Powell	04/01~55 yrs.
Eamon Forslund & Grace McKirdy	04/04~4 yrs.
Everett & Marilyn Burgeson	04/07~43 yrs.
Alexandra & Austin Kaddatz	04/07~4 yrs.
Kelvin & Kathy Lower	04/10~40 yrs.
Roger Beth Garrett	04/25~35 yrs.
Steven & Kimberly Ammerman	04/29~33 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 2022			
	Income	Expense	Budget
YTD	96,352.00	75,631.44	83,144.00
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		20,720.56	

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2022			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	3,728.28	Feb.	5,383.32

CHILDREN FIRST FUND 2022			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	44,973.53	Feb.	41,997.79

UMCOC 2022			
Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
Jan.	6,100.00	3,342.90	2,757.10
Feb.	3,940.00	5,490.45	-1,550.45

Special Gifts for March 2022

Camp Scholarships	\$ 750.00
Food Pantry	100.00
Luena Lent Bequest Income	101,052.04
Honduras Disaster Fund	1,944.00
Sprinkler System	200.00
Werremeyer Endowment Income	1,268.88
Yoga Charity Fund	237.00
Children First Grant Income	120,586.17
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Bob Schneider Memorial	75.00
Gladys Nicholas Memorial	50.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
UMCOR Ukraine Mission	1,140.00
Youth Fund	306.00
TOTAL	\$ 228,189.09

Special Funds for March 2022

Benevolence Fund	\$ 1,426.00
Pastor's Discretionary	400.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,826.00

Worship Attendance for March: 805 (Avg./Wk = 201)

On-Line Worship: 224 (Avg./Wk = 75) (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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Nursery Supervisor: carriejoydaily@gmail.com

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



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