

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"A New Year"

Evie and I enjoyed our Christmas celebrations. Three unique and delightful Christmas Eve services, followed by a Christmas morning gathering in the Fellowship Hall. A big thanks to all who helped make

each and all of these services into beautiful opportunities to worship and give thanks for God's greatest gift to us: Jesus Christ!

After watching some football and taking a nice nap on Christmas afternoon, we received our Christmas dinner guests, friends from Minnesota who were passing through on their way back home from skiing in Colorado. Evie prepared a fabulous meal, and one of our guests played the cello for us between dinner and dessert. We finished the evening with a simple, yet challenging board game.

In the morning, we fed our guests again and helped them find the best route to travel among the questionable roads marking the Dakotas of late. Another nap, and then we loaded up and headed to Deadwood for a night out. I had started feeling a bit under the weather on Sunday, but I wasn't going to miss our plans for our Christmas and Evie's birthday celebration. We had a fun night in Deadwood before heading to Rapid City for a bit of post-Christmas shopping.

On the way home, I decided I would take a home test for COVID, just to make sure it was a common cold that I was dealing with. I'd had my 3rd booster on the Monday before Christmas, so I wasn't all that concerned—until the test came back positive! So, I've moved into the basement for the next several days.

Having successfully avoided COVID for almost three years, it's interesting to reflect on the journey. I really got the sense that COVID could be seen (not by God, but by me) as a metaphor for sin. Before I go any further, I want to be clear that I am intentionally avoiding any political analysis, so please don't read any into what I'm reflecting on here.

So here we go...

For (almost) three years, I've been able to avoid COVID. When the pandemic first arrived, I was traveling regularly from Nebraska to Massachusetts. I took the regular precautions, and it was nice to be on relatively empty airplanes. I was also working part-time as a hospital chaplain, so I was one of the first to receive the vaccine, and received timely booster shots as well. I made it through my travel and chaplaincy experiences unscathed.

I lost a close friend early on to the disease, a golfing buddy who was also the husband of our conference superintendent. It was terrifying to see the isolation he experienced. I also heard from my sister-in-law, who was very frustrated to have gotten the virus despite all her attempts to avoid it. She also works in a hospital setting, with all the vaccinations available. She was "banished" to the basement for quarantine not just once, but twice.

In both of these cases, there seemed to be a stigma operating, attaching itself to the COVID virus. If you got it, you must have done something wrong. You failed to follow the protocols correctly. It didn't seem to matter whether or not you were vaccinated, but if you got it, it was somehow your fault. And folks like me, who sailed along without catching it, began to feel like we must have superior immune systems and/or protective protocols.

Here's my confession: Because I didn't get it, I felt superior to those who did. I didn't brag openly about it, it was just there, somewhere below the surface.

How is this a metaphor for sin? I can think of several ways:

- One can become prideful about not falling into some forms of sin.
- There are sins that are not even remotely attractive to us, and it's easy to shame others who fall into that sort of sin.
- Sin (and its punishment) is seen as the root cause of various illnesses (cf. John 9). The illness, and its ill effects, are the fault of the sinner.
- Sin leads to exclusion (eg. Quarantine) and shame.
- Sin eventually gets to everyone, and we all need a cure (Romans 3:23-24)

I'm sure there are numerous other ways that this pandemic serves as a metaphor for sin, but it's even better to remember that God has given us a remedy that can lead us back to health. It's the gift of Jesus, who took our sin/illness upon himself, and then brought it to the cross with him to die. And when Jesus rose from the dead, sin didn't rise with him—it stayed dead. And during Jesus' ministry, sin and illness were both overcome by his presence among them.

The Kingdom of God exists among and yet without sin and illness. It has arrived and been victorious with Jesus, and it awaits its completion with his return. In the meantime, we try to avoid sin (and COVID) but sometimes fail. Rather than dwell in shame, Jesus invites us to be healed. Which is exactly what I'm doing now, in the basement, with a nice warm fire and a bowl of chicken noodle soup.

May God richly bless you as we enter a new year together.

Peace,

Pastor John Maduig



Painting at the Church

January 2 – January 22

Starting January 2 Lamb Painting will be working in the Fellowship Hall doing painting, sanding and refinishing surfaces. The whole area will be off-limits for about 3 weeks.

For fellowship time after worship there will be small coffee pots and hot water available in the Library and Welcome Center along with disposable cups. The Library and the Parlor will be available for people to sit for fellowship time. For those that sign-up to do fellowship please keep the treats simple due to the limited space available.

Painting of the Sanctuary will begin February 27 thru March 31.

If you have any questions about the procedures or need to do scheduling of an event, please contact Orvette in the church office at (605) 642-3457 or at office@spearfishumc.org.



Cinnamon Rolls are Coming Again!!

Those yummy CINNAMON ROLLS are coming one more time! The Honduras medical mission team is baking hundreds of delicious cinnamon rolls on Saturday

January 28 and Sunday January 29. We will also be serving soup after the Saturday evening service and will have rolls available for home or to take to your friends or neighbors.

This is a fundraiser for medicine and supplies we need for our work in Honduras in March. Please join us after one (or all) services that weekend, enjoy the rolls, and help provide care in Honduras.

Ron, Gloria, Michelle, Bobbi and team



Christmas Bonuses for Staff



“Thank You” from the staff at UMC and the Children First staff for the Christmas Bonuses provided by your donations. It is appreciated by all.

“Close the Gap” Campaign

Thank you to those who donated to the “Close the Gap” Campaign in December. \$11,170 was donated and matched by the donors that helped to close the budget deficit for 2022.



Dinner & Game Night

Dinner and Game night is a time for people of all ages to gather and enjoy some fellowship together. Due to the painting in the fellowship hall, January's Game Night will be a Bring Your Own Dinner time of fellowship in the Parlor. Join us at 5 PM on January 15th to eat together, enjoy some fellowship and play some games. Contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Property Manager for UMCOC Needed

For further information contact Orvette in the church office at 642-3457. This is a volunteer position.

Snow Shoveler Wanted



On the weekend before each of the worship services we need someone to shovel snow at the east and west entrances and the front sidewalk if it is less than 3". Anything over 3" will already be taken care of. This is a volunteer position. Contact Orvette in the church office at 642-3457.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The group will meet Monday, January 9 in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. This will be 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.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

The Leadership Team wants to thank everyone for all their hard work that made our "UWF Christmas Brunch" such a fun and joyful event. So many hands – too many names to list that made the work easy and creative. Well done and God Bless Ladies.

In January we have three meetings where all women of the church are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

- **Wednesday, January 4**, will be our Business Meeting in the Library at 10 a.m.
- **Wednesday, January 18**, will be our UWF Gathering Meeting. Fellowship time starts at 9:30 a.m. with the Meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Our hostess is Rene Porter-Stewart. Debra Richardson will present our program called "On Our Journeys to and with Christ."



- **Sunday, January 29**, we will have Devotions and a White Elephant Game at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please choose something from home you would like to give away wrapped up. No names on it! Don't go buy anything just find something around the house. Soups will be provided by the Leadership Team. Come and be fed - spiritually and physically.

Please keep a watch out for more details to come for a special event on Sunday, February 12!

Submitted by Debra Richardson

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The January Breakfast and Devotions meetings are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7th & 21st at 8:00 AM. Bill Lundgren will be giving the devotions.

We are looking for someone to be Vice President for 2023. Ron Borgman is our new treasurer. Kelvin Lower and Ron Borgman will be helping collect, crush and take cans to Sturgis. Thank you for all the aluminum can donations.

Bill Lundgren



- Youth suppers are served Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to: cook or pick up meals, assist with clean-up, help someone else with a meal, or any combination of these. Funds are available to cover the costs. Just let Brenda (641-4864) know if you can help! Many thanks!
- Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Dinner! It was a beautiful day with great help and tasty food! Thanks Chef Kody! You did an amazing job! Thanks all who helped! What a blessed day!
- The youth Christmas party that was scheduled for December will be held at a later (less blizzard-like) date.
- Youth sent Christmas wishes to soldiers along with a box of toiletries and supplies.

Children First News

The month of December has been a real whirlwind at Children First! It is a short month due to Christmas break and we were closed 5 ½ days due to the crazy

weather. Fingers crossed that the weather cooperates more in the new year! Before all the storms hit, we were able to take the older children to the Festival of Trees, which is always a fun field trip for them.

Winter Connection Youth Retreat

Youth are invited to a winter retreat January 27-28 with other students from western South Dakota.

Winter Connection is an opportunity for youth to gather, share, worship, and serve others. Each year there is a focus on a particular theme and scripture along with a unique and important component of service. **Our theme for 2023 is *Follow Me (Call to be fishers of people)*, and our scripture is Matthew 4:19-20.**

The cost of this event is only \$40 and more details will be coming soon! Let Brenda know if you are interested! Bring friends!



UMW Reading Program Book of the Month

Check out the book of the month in the UMW section of the church library for this month's book: *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.



The Four Winds is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

Safe Sanctuary Training



Being in ministry with one another, in both our local churches and within the Conference, is a privilege and an honor; an invitation into the holiest of places and space as we grow more Christ-like in our

understanding of each other, our relationships as humans and our relationship to God.

To help us honor this sacred space and provide safety for every individual, every child of God we will be offering a Safe and Sacred Spaces training for all church volunteers.

If you volunteer in church in adult or student ministries of any kind, this training is for you!

Training will take place Sunday, January 22nd from noon to 2 p.m. A lunch will be served to all attendees.

Volunteers are welcome to provide and serve lunch.

Our Church Cares!

Our church wants to reach out to people in need. "FOOD FOR THE BODY AND SOUL!" When you hear of an illness, death in the family, the arrival of a new baby, or any other need for a meal please call the church office (642-3457).

Caring Meal Ministry

Thank You



I want to thank the following for all they volunteered to do for the Christmas Eve luncheon after the noon service. It was well attended with wonderful soups, buns, crackers and cookies!! The crew was amazing and the fellowship together was another wonderful Christian togetherness.

Everything was so smooth from set up to clean up!

THANK YOU: Evie Madvig, Beth Garrett, Chris Davis, Doris Parke, Ellen Plocek, Lori Kunka, Kathy Schneider, Janet Bates, Connie Pich, Orvette Stepper, Kathy Rost and Colleen McKirby.

Blessings, Kathy Helmer



Council Highlights

December 14, 2022

Members Present

Pastor John, Janelle Jones, Peggy Bosch, John Swanson, Colleen McKirdy, Brenda Swanson, Beth Bentley, and Kelvin Lower

Nominations Discussion

- Colleen asked for an update on the nominations process.
- Pastor John stated that he thought it was going well. The nominating committee was supposed to meet today but was postponed. Most committees have appointed new members without the help of the nominations committee.
- Pastor John is most concerned about finding the Stewardship and Finance committee members. Clyde Smith is planning on making phone calls to fill the positions.
- Colleen asked about the Missions Committee progress and offered to help in this area.
- Clyde Smith is also working with Pastor John in trying to find a replacement for Peggy B., UMC treasurer.

Values Workshop

- Janelle reported that 6 people have now been trained in our area to run the Values Workshop. The next step will be to schedule a date for the workshop.

Action Items

Staff Raises

- SPR recommended to Council that the staff receive a 5% raise.
 - Janelle moved that Council concur with Staff Parish and offer a 5% raise. John seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Peggy will then send this information to Stewardship and Finance and they will vote to send the final budget back to Council. At that time, Peggy will ask for final approval.
 - Kelvin suggested the final approval from Council wait until January.

Finances

- Peggy informed Council on the budget issues for 2022.
 - Peggy said we as a congregation did very well in November. We closed the gap – but – we also had a big insurance payment so we are still \$30,000 in the hole for the year. But we do have ‘padding’ to cover the loss.
- Peggy did not have any information on the Christmas bonuses.

Treasurer’s Report – November 2022 (Peggy Bosch)

Balance Sheet – No major changes.

General Fund – For the month of November income for the General Fund is \$45,838.69 and expenses are \$45,760.41. The ending balance for the month of November is \$78.28 in the black with all apportionments paid for the year. The year-to-date balance is \$29,638.13 in the red. November was a good month for income due to educating the congregation about the GF situation and to the Close the Gap campaign initiated by Mary Kennon. However, expenses were also high due to an insurance payment.

UMCOC Fund – For November the income for UMCOC is \$4,350.00 and expenses are \$7,486.36. The ending balance for the month of November is \$3,136.36 in the red. The year-to-date balance is \$5,492.47 in the red. High expenses for the month were due to an insurance payment and some repairs.

Children First – Income for November for Children First is \$44,219.60 including grant money to help with salaries. Expenses are \$42,752.61. The CF Fund ended the third month of their fiscal year in the black \$1,466.99. The year-to-date balance is \$11,007.08.

Debt Retirement/Capital Fund – The Debt Retirement/Capital Fund income for November is \$3,219.13 and expenses are \$3,675.03. The expenses were from the Capital part of the Fund for refurbishing the Cross and Flame on the south side of the church building and for replacing two toilets at UMCOC. Balance at the end of November is \$61,373.80.

Mission-Giving – Mission-giving for November is \$2,890.00. Mission expenses (distributions) are \$3,018.39 including \$1,175 for Pastor’s Discretionary. The Mission of the Month is UMCOR for which \$670.00 was collected and sent to the Conference. UMCOR Ukraine raised \$400.00 which was sent to the Conference as well.

Thank You, Peggy

John Swanson thanked Peggy for her years and years of dedication to the church. She has helped our church through many financial situations and in many ways. Her expert advice and knowledge have been much appreciated! Thank you, Peggy!

Prayer Partners

God of the past, present, and future. Bless Pastor John and Evie as they serve in ministry with us. Bless their children and extended family.

Guide us O God to love and care about all living things. Help us in this new year to use wisely all natural resources and to care for this earth we call home. Amen.





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Sympathy to the families of:

- Roger Bell who died December 2, 2022 and whose services will be held in June of 2023.
- Ida Moshier who died December 26, 2022 and whose services will be held February 10, 2023.



Mission of the Month
Honduras Medical Mission Team

Except for the 2 COVID years, since 2002 Spearfish UMC has sent 1-2 medical/dental teams a year to Honduras.

This year's team will again be working in the remote southeast section of Honduras, the poorest area of that very poor country. We



will be staying at the guest house at Send Hope (check out www.send-hope.org) and providing care to the Send Hope youth and people in villages in surrounding areas, working with local mission and healthcare people. The crops in that area have been wiped out by 2 hurricanes in 2021 and extreme flooding in 2020, increasing poverty and malnutrition.

COVID has kept all volunteer teams away, so medical supplies and medicine are even more scarce than usual and the need for care is increased.

We need your help. Team members pay their own way and attempt to raise money for medicine and supplies. Please help by your generous donations to the January mission of the month and help us treat lots of families in Honduras.

Thank you, Ron, Gloria, Michelle, Bobbi, Glea, Cindy, and Sue



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Saltines
- Cookies
- Oatmeal
- Grape Jelly
- Hamburger Helper
- Cheerios
- Box Potatoes
- Diced Tomatoes
- Spaghetti Sauce



Gertrude Thompson	01-02	Terry Nagel	01-14
Vic Fondy	01-03	Clara Currier	01-14
Heather Brewer	01-03	Rachel Sheffield	01-17
Noah Harlan	01-04	Reagan Niesent	01-17
Christian Burgeson	01-04	Hayes Haiar	01-18
Eliana Foltz	01-04	Beth Garrett	01-19
John McCarthy	01-05	Gabe Hicks	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
Tad Brewer	01-09	Jackson Dana	01-24
Hannah Andres	01-09	Marlyce Huyck	01-28
Preston Hazledine	01-10	Laurie Lloyd	01-30

Virginia Furrow	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



Joel & Jodi Johannesen	01/01~23 yrs.
Don & Peony Hammerquist	01/02~41 yrs.
Jason & Rebecca Hill	01/09~14 yrs.



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	403,371.55	433,009.68	401,335.00
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		-29,638.13	

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND 2022			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	3,728.28	Feb.	5,383.32
Mar.	2,869.13	Apr.	2,806.66
May	3,303.06	June	3,025.25
July	3,167.59	Aug.	3,390.00
Sept.	2,702.75	Oct.	3,315.85
Nov.	3,219.13		

CHILDREN FIRST FUND 2022			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	44,973.53	Feb.	41,997.79
Mar.	44,268.53	Apr.	50,934.38
May	48,664.43	June	120,764.25
July	92,241.40	Aug.	71,896.34
Sept.	55,205.22	Oct.	43,329.77
Nov.	44,219.60		

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

Mar.	4,340.00	3,541.84	798.16
Apr.	4,335.00	2,922.02	1,412.98
May	4,760.00	6,410.92	-1,650.92
June	4,750.00	5,312.91	-562.91
July	4,927.50	5,885.75	-958.25
Aug.	4,105.00	10,183.98	-6,078.98
Sept.	5,025.00	3,873.52	1,151.48
Oct.	4,355.00	3,039.15	1,315.85
Nov.	4,350.00	7,486.36	-3,136.36

Special Gifts for December 2022

Camp Scholarships	\$ 100.00
Staff Christmas Fund	4,885.00
Adult Education Fund Income	226.00
Sprinkler System	200.00
Yoga Charity Fund	204.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Honduras Donations Income	3,954.16
Marlene Perry Memorial	25.00
Heifer Project	600.00
Solar Ovens	315.00
Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering	125.00
Hope Center	100.00
UMCOR Ukraine Mission	500.00
UMCOR	80.00
Cornerstone Mission	400.00
Youth Mission	1,538.75
Youth Fund	6.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,638.91

Special Funds for December 2022

Benevolence Fund	\$ 275.00
Pastor's Discretionary	5,074.50
TOTAL	\$ 5,349.50

Worship Attendance for Nov.: 963 (Avg./Wk = 241)[4 wks]
On-Line Worship Attendance: 306 (Avg./Wk = 102) [3 wks]



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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 9:00 a.m.

“Sunday School” – 9:20 a.m.

“The Sanctuary” ~ 10:30 a.m.

Nursery care/Van rides to worship

CD's of worship

Adult Sunday School: 9:20 a.m.

Saturday “Blue Jean” Worship ~ 5:30 p.m.

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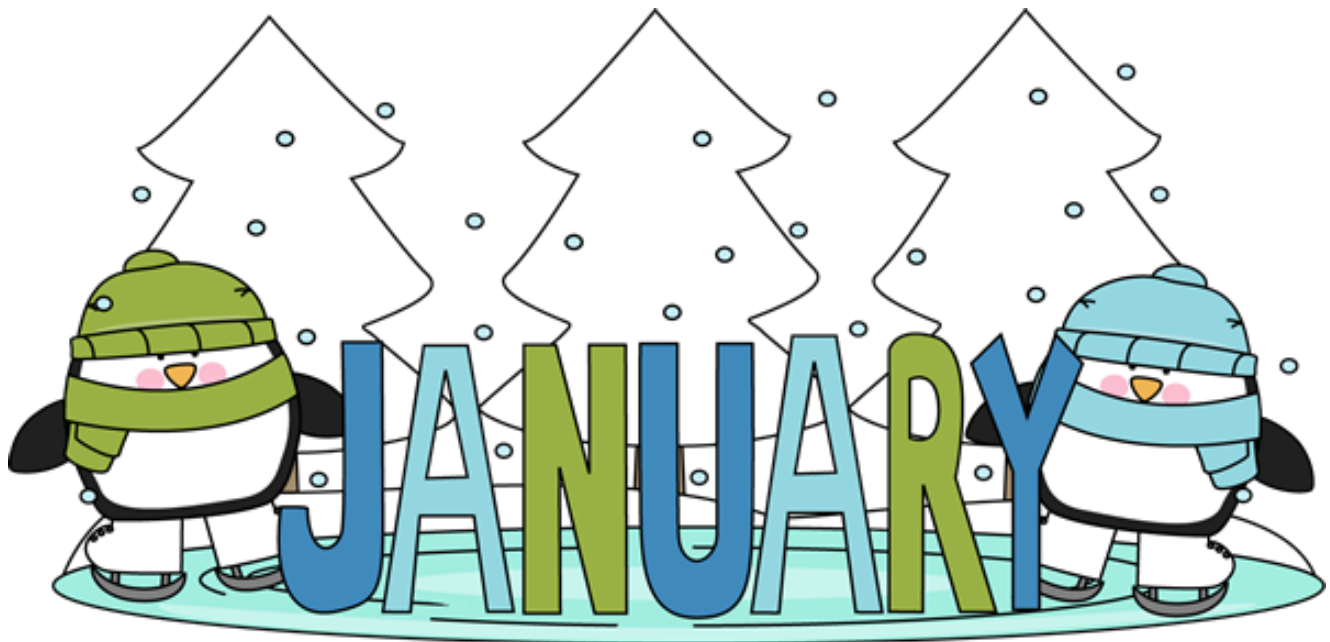
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