

The

Trumpeter

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Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"Season of Lent"

Welcome to February! A whole month passed us by as we were getting used to saying and writing "2023". That said...

In worship, we'll be continuing "Healing Divisions" in 1st

Corinthians until the end of the month, when we'll start a new series during Lent. And that series is twofold—a preaching series that will run alongside a study series.

The preaching series during Lent (although this is subject to change depending on our worship location in March) will be called "One on One". We will focus on Jesus' encounters with several unique individuals in the Gospel of John.

At the same time, we'll look at more encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. Here's some information about our Lenten Study book for 2023:

In the Gospel of Luke, we find stories of Jesus' ministry with "Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws." As we explore Jesus' life through Luke's stories, we'll meet the ordinary, even unexpected, people who Jesus chose to be his friends and do his work – people who aren't perfect, may be struggling, and don't yet have their acts together – people just like us. During the season of Lent, read along in the Gospel of Luke as we meet Jesus, who loves us, whoever we are.

In Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories, we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those considered unimportant, we hear an encouraging and

inspiring word for our lives today.

Please consider forming and/or facilitating a group study around this book as we journey into Lent together. Copies will be available soon.

If you'd like to hear more about Spearfish United Methodist Church, please plan to join us after church for lunch and "Discover Spearfish UMC" on February 5th. We'll have a chance to learn and ask questions together.

Peace,

Pastor John Madvig



We Are an Oasis

Spearfish United Methodist Church is part of the Dakotas Oasis Network of Churches that will welcome persons who wish to remain United Methodist after a church has chosen to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church. In the Black Hills area, other Oasis churches are Rapid City Knollwood Heights and Rapid City Open Heart UMC. One of the 19 Dakotas churches who chose to disaffiliate is Belle Fourche. Some of those churches may become part of the Global Methodist Church due to the ongoing issues over sexuality.

The Oasis Network of Churches was started by a Texas Conference District Superintendent. The Dakotas Conference District Superintendents invited congregations to consider their capacity to offer pastoral care, hospitality and worship for the lay people seeking a United Methodist connection. Ten churches across the Dakotas have made this commitment. Spearfish UMC voted to participate at the annual Charge Conference on November 16, 2022.

Dan Bader, SW District Superintendent is the



contact person for the Dakotas if you have questions. The United Methodist Church is a connectional church as we care for those who wish to have a new church home and pastoral support. Please welcome all guests and visitors to our church.

Painting at the Church

February 27 – March 31

Lamb Painting will be working in the Sanctuary doing painting, sanding and refinishing surfaces during the month of March. The whole area will be off-limits for about 4 weeks.



The Trustee's and Pastor John are in the process of working out our worship solutions for that month. We will keep everyone up to date as soon as we have further information. 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 at office@spearfishumc.org.

“Close the Gap” Campaign



Thank you to those who donated to the “Close the Gap” Campaign in December. There was an overwhelming response. We received \$11,170 that was matched by the donors that helped to close the budget deficit for 2022. We also received additional funds after the campaign was closed that helped to close the year in good standing.

“UMC Help Fund”

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund has a new name. It is “UMC Help Fund”. This fund is used to provide Safeway gift cards to those who need help with gas or food.

Please make note of this when donating to this fund. If you have questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Property Manager for UMCOC Wanted

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

“Discover Spearfish UMC” Membership Class

On Sunday, Feb. 5 from 12-3:00 PM in the church library is a time for food and fellowship and a time to learn about membership and ways to become involved.



Please RSVP by calling the church office at (605) 642-3457 or office@spearfishumc.org so that we know how many to prepare for lunch. Let us know if you have children that will need care in the nursery.

“Discover Spearfish UMC” will be a fun time to meet the pastor and others, learn more about this church and ask questions. Lunch will be served at noon in the church library.

Discussion on Relationships

Sponsored by United Women of Faith

Spearfish United Women of Faith invite you to an interactive discussion on relationships in honor of Valentine's Day on February 12 at 11:45 AM. A discussion on all types of relationships will be led by Linda Farber, a licensed mental health professional with an MS in counseling.

A main dish will be provided for lunch, and we would appreciate additional side dishes, potluck style.

Childcare will be provided – if you know you will need it, please let us know in advance.

For questions or childcare RSVP, please contact Colleen McKirdy (269-1054) or Emma McKirdy-Wilsey (269-1063).

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 *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. The group will meet Monday, February 13 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, February 16 at 7 PM 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.



Dinner & Game Night

Dinner and Game night is a time for people of all ages to gather and enjoy some fellowship together. Kevin Nakajima provides a main dish and you are encouraged to bring sides, non-alcoholic drinks, or just yourselves. Stay for dinner, stay for games, just talk, or any and all of the above are encouraged. This month it will be February 19 at 5 PM and will feature stuffed pork chops and mashed potatoes. Please join us and contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Congregational Values Discernment Workshop

What are the main core values of Spearfish UMC? How could those values be determined? The Dakotas Conference offers a process, a workshop and a leader to help our church discern those top 3-5 core values.

Spearfish UMC has scheduled that workshop for **Saturday, February 25, 8:00 – 1:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. This will involve personal reflection, then small group discussion followed by large group conversation leading to defining 3-5 core values. A workshop leader was chosen by Rev Dan Bader, SW District Superintendent.

The Dakotas Conference Cabinet advises that the more people from our congregation that participate, the more accurate the expected results. It is important for all age groups to attend. Janelle Jones, who represents Children First on the church council advises, “Please encourage attendance by youth, young and middle aged adults and all those who will be part of this church for many years to come.”

One North Dakota pastor commented that this workshop was about evaluating what lay persons hold dear and feel that the defined values will help guide decisions for the future. A lay member at Pierre First UMC noted that attendees found that they could claim a value as being important and also recognize that they were not currently doing a great job of living that value.

The core values for Spearfish UMC will guide

future decisions and programs as well as who we serve and why. Council chair person, Kelvin Lower, has seen the values discernment process carried out in a Wyoming UMC. He encourages all to participate.



- 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!
- Heads up everyone! The **spring rummage sale** will be held April 1st (no foolin’).
- Broomball on ice! Very nice! (and slippery!)



Youth Summer Opportunity

This is the year! Youth 2023 is our national UM Youth event and since it only happens once every 4 years, we are excited for this opportunity. We will be attending as part of the Dakotas Conference group.

YOUTH 2023 will be in Daytona Beach, Florida from July 25-28, 2023. Worship and learning will be held at the Daytona Ocean Center and lodging at the Hilton Ocean Front Resort. And yes, you will literally be oceanfront with an amazing beach to enjoy!

Quick Facts:

- July 22-29, 2023
- Daytona Beach, Florida
- Cost: \$1800
- Includes travel, lodging, mission work, fun day, all meals
- 2+ days of mission work
- Thousands of United Methodist Youth
- Concerts, Worship, Bible Study, Fun!

Who?

YOUTH 2023 is for all United Methodist Youth, grades 6-12, and their leaders.

FAQ's

How often does this event happen?

This is the premier event for Youth and Youth Leaders in The United Methodist Church. It takes place every four years in a location in the United States. The Dakotas has taken a group to this event in 2003 (University of Tennessee), 2007 (Greenville, NC), 2011 (Purdue University), 2015 (Orlando, FL), and 2019 (Kansas City, MO). For the last several trips, we have been the largest single group, and the largest Conference by percentage by a mile.

Why is it so expensive?

With our trips to this event, we take a maximalist approach. Rather than an artificially low price that then requires youth leaders to raise money for food or “fun days” or asks parents to send their youth with several hundred dollars, this price will include airfare, meals, lodging, registration fees, mission work expenses, a t-shirt, journal, worship experiences, some of the best Youth and Youth Leader workshops anywhere, and a fantastic opportunity to explore, grow, and claim their faith.

Why are we flying?

Plane travel is expensive, even booking the tickets seven months in advance. There is the idea that travel by bus would be cheaper, or “our school sent a bus to Florida.” Once you figure in the expense of a second driver (required by law) and the additional expense of paying for drivers’ hotel rooms and the rental of buses even on days you don’t use them, plus the hidden costs of empty seats, there is very little difference in cost between flying and driving. Finally, we will gain two days by flying, days we will use for mission work.

What about the mission work?

We are working with the VIM Missions coordinator for our Jurisdiction to organize our mission work when we arrive in Florida. Youth will also have opportunities to participate in mission work as a part of the Youth 2023 event.

It’s a lot of money to raise!

Yes, it is. We will be looking at fundraising events and donations to help us out. We love it when our church invests in our young people and this life-changing experience is a great investment!

Who is leading the trip?

Pastor Dayne Zachrison is leading this trip. He has led the trip since 2003 and planned it since 2007. There will also be youth leaders from your congregation, and from congregations across the Dakotas. Once we are assembled, the adults care for the Youth, rather than each church only caring for their own.

Tell me more about YOUTH 2023

This event is one of the best things we do for Youth in the UMC. There will be incredible, immersive worship, meaningful study of Scripture, small groups that bring together UM Youth from across the country, some of the

best workshops for Youth and Youth Leaders available, mission work, and the fun and excitement of 5000 youth gathered together!

More information about the event available here:

<https://www.umcyoungpeople.org/youth2023/about-y23>. To register or for more information, contact Brenda (641-4864).

Camp Registration is Open!

It may look and feel like winter (because it is!) but the camping season is right around the corner.

The Dakotas UM Camp booklets are available and the online registration is open. Now is the time to sign up for the camp of your choice before it fills up!

Spearfish UMC pays half of your camp cost. Other



discounts include an Early Bird discount if registered by April 30th and \$25 off for each new friend you bring to camp.

Check out the options at our Dakotas UM camps at Lake Poinsett, Storm Mountain, and Wesley Acres. Booklets are available in the fellowship hall or church office. For more information or to register go to www.dakcamps.org/camp-and-events or call Brenda at church.



The Envelope, Please!

As some of our youths are looking toward the summer youth conference and mission trip or others are looking forward to going to one of our UM camps, they will be seeking ways to earn money to help defray costs.



One way is the up-coming rummage sale. Another is our Easy Envelope fundraiser. Envelopes are numbered from \$1 to \$100. All you do is chose one and put the amount (or more!) in it that is shown on the envelope. If all envelopes are filled, they could earn \$5,050!

Envelopes will be made available at the worship services or at fellowship times beginning February 1st. They may be returned in the offering plate or to the church office. The deadline for envelopes to be returned is March 1st.

It will be fun to see how close they get to the \$5050!

United Women in Faith (UWF)

Our meeting times this month are listed below:



- Wed., Feb. 1 – 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting in the Library
- Sun., Feb. 12 – 11:45 a.m. Speaker on Relationships, all not just romantic – Fellowship Hall (*see other article for details in the Trumpeter*)
- Wed., Feb. 15 – UWF Meeting – Fellowship time 9:30 a.m.
- Meeting 10:00 a.m. Library
Hostess: Kathy Harr
Program: Reconnecting with Our Sacred Bodies
Facilitator: Debra Richardson

All women of the church are invited even if not a Spearfish United Methodist member. We encourage inviting women from other churches that don't have a women's group to attend that are looking for a faith-based organization.

For more information contact any of the following Leadership Team members:

Debra Richardson (717-2625)
Colleen McKirdy (269-1054)
Brenda Swanson (642-5495)
Emma McKirdy-Wilsey (269-1063)

Submitted by Debra Richardson, Chair

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The February Breakfast and Devotions meetings for UMM will be at 8:00 AM on Saturday, Feb. 4 and 18 in the Fellowship Hall. Perry Hansen will be giving the devotions on Feb. 4. We are still looking for someone to be vice-president and help with snow removal on the sidewalks.

Last year we made \$991.50 collecting aluminum cans. Thanks to Kelvin Lower and Ron Borgman for their work with the cans.

Bill Lundgren

Children First News

All the employees at Children First want to extend a big “Thank You” to everyone who donated toward staff Christmas bonuses! We truly appreciate you thinking of us and being so generous. Feeling appreciated is good for the soul!

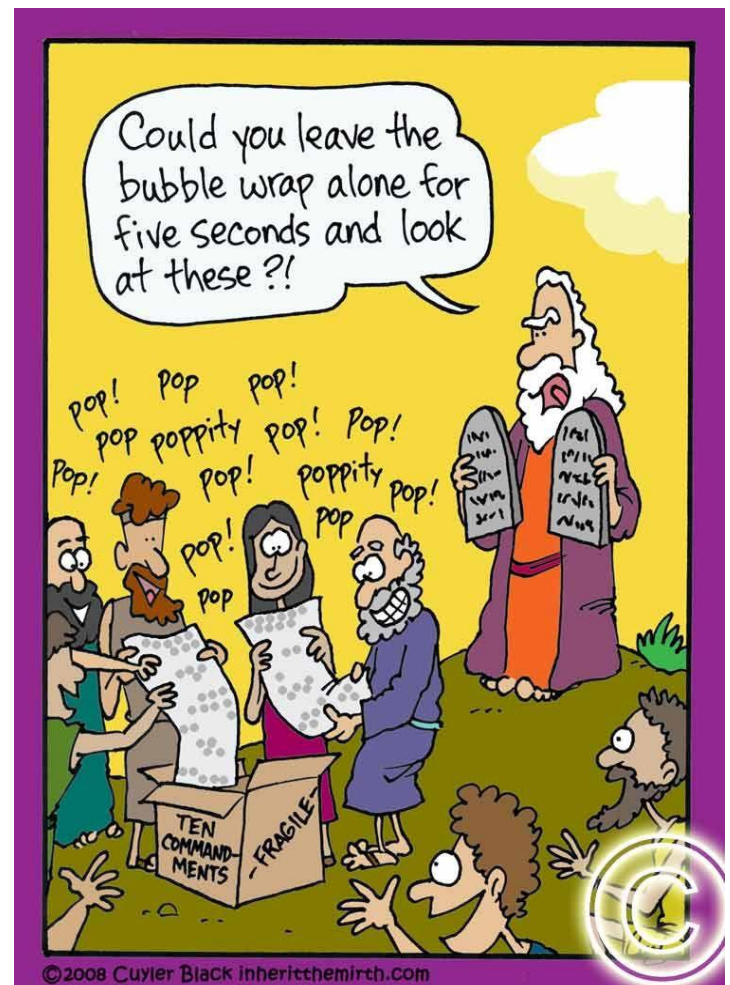
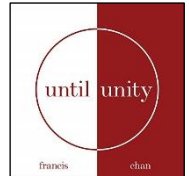
Due to the markets doing so poorly, our scholarship fund is starting to run low. If you feel led to donate, the scholarship fund could use a boost and there are several

families who would appreciate it! We have been blessed to be able to give out several thousand dollars in scholarship funding every year for the last 10 years.

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: UNTIL UNITY by Rev. Francis Chan David C Cook (2021).

If unity is so important to the heart of God, why is the church one of the most divided groups on earth? New York Times bestselling author Francis Chan calls for believers and churches everywhere to align hearts with God and start taking seriously God's numerous commands to unify. While many believe doctrine is at the root of the problem, Chan argues that the real problem is the shallowness or non-existence of our love for each other—rooted in a shallowness in our understanding of the gospel. This is what desperately needs to change.



How To Dispose of Unused Medications

Flushing pills down the toilet can be a water quality issue because wastewater treatment plants are not equipped to remove pharmaceuticals from the wastewater. Those medications could affect the environment and endanger public health.

The best way to dispose of most types of unused or expired medications (both prescription and over the counter) is to drop them off at a medicine take back site location. Here in Spearfish, it is at our local Spearfish City Police office. (located at 225 W. Illinois St.-behind the City Library).

There is a large green metal box, outside, to the right of the City Police door entrance. It is available 24 hours a day. No liquids or sharps are to be placed in the metal box. The medications you are discarding can be in the pill bottles. These medications will be incinerated.

We want to protect our environment! If you have any questions about this you may contact the Spearfish City Police Department.

Health Ministry Team

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).

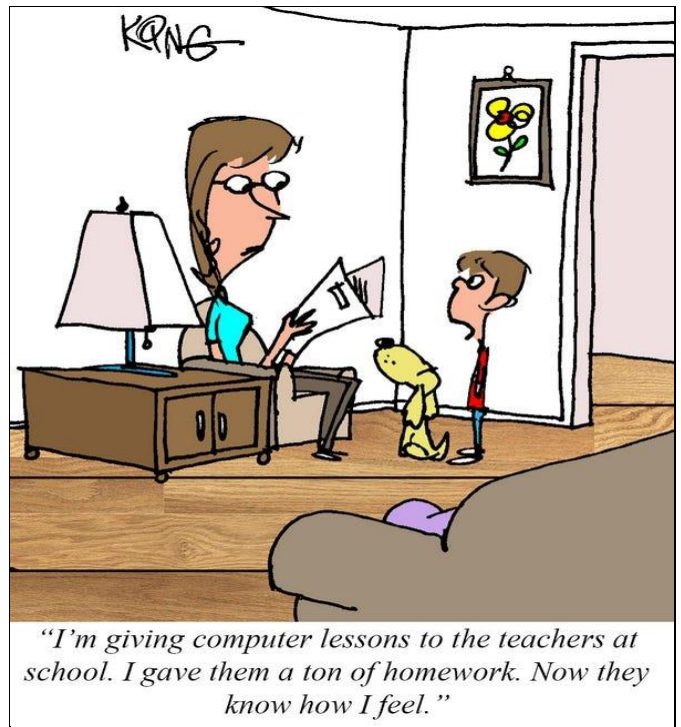
Caring Meal Ministry



Every weekend for worship we need people to be greeters, read scriptures at each of the worship services and provide refreshments after each of the Sunday services.

There are clip boards on a table in the Fellowship Hall ready for volunteers to sign up. This is an easy way to provide hospitality to those who are attending our church.

Orvette will send out reminders each week to those who have signed up. If you are reading scriptures she will provide a copy of the scriptures along with your reminder. If you have any questions contact the church office.



Council Highlights

January 18, 2023

Members Present

Kelvin Lower, Council Chr; John Madvig, Pastor; Janelle Jones, Children First Board; Brenda Swanson, Children Youth & Family Ministry; Colleen McKirdy, Missions; Kevin Nakajima, Worship & Tech. Excused: Beth Bentley, Secretary; Deb Richardson, UWF.

Members Absent

Chair or representative for lay member, lay leader, Staff Parish Relations Comm, Stewardship and Finance, treasurer, Trustees, UMM.

Check In/Prayer

The group did a check in exercise with Pastor John lifting concerns in prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Kelvin pointed out one correction to the December minutes, suggesting to move the following from the staff raises section to finances section (adding 2023 budget) as printed in the Trumpeter: "Kelvin suggested the final approval of 2023 budget by council will wait until January." Minutes were approved by consensus with that correction.

Values Discernment Workshop

Kelvin reported on recent communication with DS Dan Bader. The Values Discernment Workshop will require five hours and prefer not being held on a Sunday. Saturday, February 25 was suggested, 8 am-1 pm. Kelvin will prepare the GPS prayer page for Feb 18-19 to explain this workshop and its importance.

Painting

Location for worship during March was discussed, because the dates to paint the sanctuary will include most of March, starting February 27.

2023 Budget

Budget approval was tabled until it is presented to Council by Stewardship and Finance Committee.

Council Participation

Discussion about low attendance at Council led to a change in day and time. Janelle Jones moved: **Council shall meet at 6 pm each third Tuesday until further notice.** Seconded and passed. Pastor John will contact each council member about the importance of attending council meetings or sending a representative for each committee.

Pastor John closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting

Council will meet Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6-7pm.

Prayer Partners



Almighty Loving God. Thank you for loving and blessing me. Guide me to love and care for all those around me. "Love divine, all loves excelling." Help me to love, care and show kindness through the power of Christ our Lord. Amen.



Congratulations to the family of:

- *Raya Joy Triplett* who was born on January 19, 2023 to Craig & Michelle Triplett and Raya's brother, Zander.

Sympathy to the family of:

- *Ida Moshier* who died December 26, 2022 and whose services will be held Friday, February 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM at the church.



Mission of the Month Cornerstone Rescue Mission

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City provides a multitude of services for the homeless and hungry of the Black Hills. In addition to housing men, women, & children, they offer three meals a day, clothing, case management, transportation to and from jobs, personal needs items, and Biblical counseling.

A special program for veterans provides temporary assistance and services to those who are homeless or on the brink of homelessness.

Future plans include adding Addiction Recovery Housing that will accommodate men who are participating in a recovery program and are awaiting permanent housing. Please consider giving generously to this very worthwhile mission.

In addition to money, we will be taking donations of winter apparel, such as coats, hats, gloves, boots, and thick socks.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Saltines
- Pork & Beans
- Oatmeal
- Jell-O Pudding
- Jelly
- Canned Peaches
- 2 lb. Sugar
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Jell-O
- Apple Juice – 64 oz.



Isabella Grosz	02-03	Lisa Foltz	02-15
Donna Gollither	02-05	Danika Brown	02-15
Roberta Hilliger	02-06	Clyde Smith	02-17
Doris Parke	02-07	John Loux	02-17
Cynthia Bates	02-07	Maren McKirdy-Wilsey	02-18
Jessica Jennings	02-09	Sandy Prante	02-20

Kirk Easton	02-11	Layne Loup	02-23
Annette Bailey	02-13	Clara Christensen	02-24
Stan Smith	02-14	Sarah Hazledine	02-25
Connie Ericsson	02-15	Terrance Grosz	02-27
Greta Stewart	02-15	Carter Foltz	02-28



Lyle & Gladys McGarvin	02/04~42 yrs.
Ed & Leslie Sewell	02/14~31 yrs.
Allan & Kathy Bonnema	02/14~22 yrs.
Connie Pich & Chuck Bossert	02/16~10 yrs.
Lyle Ericsson & Connie Swander-Ericsson	02/17~22 yrs.
Bob & Debbie Cline	02/18~39 yrs.
Dave & Judy Wagner	02/22~59 yrs.
Joe & Mary Hallenbeck	02/28~42 yrs.



You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through 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	480,375.73	480,375.73	498,879.00
YTD Income Less YTD Expense		0.00	

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	Ag.	3,390.00
Sept.	2,702.75	Oct.	3,315.85
Nov.	3,219.13	Dec.	3,456.66

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	Dec.	42,020.76

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
Dec.	4,350.00	3,555.24	794.76

Special Gifts for January 2023

Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	346.00
Honduras VIM Fund	1,771.00
UMCOC Donation	380.00
Roger Bell Memorial	75.00
Ida Moshier Memorial	75.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Youth Missions	6.00
*TOTAL	\$ 2,953.00

*as of Jan. 22

Special Funds for January 2023

Benevolence Fund	\$ 20.00
UMC Help Fund	320.00
*TOTAL	\$ 340.00

Worship Attendance for Dec.: 963 (Avg./Wk = 241)

(Includes Christmas Eve worship)

On-Line Worship Attendance: 435 (Avg./Wk = 109)



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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.

E-mail Addresses:



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Technology Coordinator: kevinmasanaka@gmail.com

Bell Choir Director: hcm.kerchel@yahoo.com

Nursery Supervisor: carriejoydaily@gmail.com

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



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