

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

Spring is Here!

With the recent rain, I believe the greening of Spring in Spearfish will now begin in earnest. This being our first Winter in the Black Hills, Evie and I weren't quite sure if the season

would end. But we suspect, even though there is some possible snow in the forecast, that we're well on our way to longer, warmer days. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

I want to express my pride in our congregation, especially considering our recent conversation with Superintendent Dan Bader on the topic of the United Methodist Church and churches that have made the difficult decision to disaffiliate. I believe we took time to listen to one another and to Dan, even as difficult questions were raised. Dan shared with me that some of these conversations have not gone as well, and a few even descended into personal attacks on his ministerial integrity. This is an ongoing conversation for most churches and denominations—and if it isn't, it will be soon—and it was good to see people with a diversity of opinion and conviction actively engaged in peaceable conversation.

Speaking of pride, I am excited to announce that four of our young people have chosen to confirm their faith and affirm their baptismal vows on Sunday, May 14th. We'll be celebrating their decision and also congratulating our 2023 Graduates (and there will be cake) on that day. The 2023 Confirmands are Griffin Brewer, Ailie Fischer, Charlie Pierson, and Peyton VanDeest.

Please take a moment to thank Brenda Swanson for her many years of ministry to youth, children, and to be honest, our entire congregation! Brenda will be retiring on May 24, and we plan to celebrate her and her ministry (and there will be cake) in early June. It has been a joy and an honor to get to know Brenda during my brief time here at Spearfish UMC.

God's peace be with you!

Pastor John Madvig



Children Youth & Family Ministry (CYFM) Update for the Summer

Here at CYFM, we thank everyone who came to the Spring Family Block Party for a time of joy and community on April 14! This has been our most successful event yet, and we are so very happy so many people came out to join us for a great night of crafts, science, games, food, castle bouncing, face painting, and balloon animals!



We thank not only the families that came out to join in the fun, but also all the spectacular volunteers and UMC Youth that helped to make the fantastic evening so successful and engaging, with a special shout to Black Hills Bricks Bots & Beakers for collaborating with us for some amazing STEAM fun!

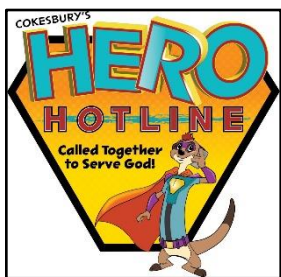
We hope all of you keep a lookout for our upcoming events, so we can continue to spread more joy through family-fun community engagement. Some upcoming events that we will be having include:

- **Sunday Sundaes** event on May 21 after the 9AM service to celebrate the last day of the school year's Sunday School
- **Summer Sunday School** from 9:20AM-10AM on June 11, July 9, and August 13.
- **Summer Family Block Party & VBS Kickoff** on August 13 from 5-7PM
- **Vacation Bible School** from August 14-18 from 9AM-11:30AM

Our **last day of regular Sunday School** will be **May 21** from 9:20AM-10AM, and we will be providing a Sundae-making station in the Fellowship Hall at 10AM to celebrate a successful and fun Sunday School year! Everyone is welcome to join us in our celebration!

Summer Sunday School will be **June 11, July 9, and August 13**. You may find online Sunday School videos each week to view on our website as well under: <https://www.spearfishumc.org/ministries/childrens-ministry/>

Next on our summer agenda is our **Summer Block Party & VBS Kickoff** on **August 13 from 5-7PM**, which will include similar activities to our Spring Block Party, with a Hero theme to go with our Hero-based VBS. There will be face painting, crafts, food, games, science, bubble & water gun activities, and bouncy castle fun! Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of family fun! This is also a great time to sign up your kids for Vacation Bible School!



Speaking of Vacation Bible School, **Vacation Bible School** registration is open and will take place from **August 14-18 from 9am to 11:30am!** We invite children of 3 years of age up through 5th grade to a heroic adventure to learn God's love and bravery at Hero Hotline

Vacation Bible School! At our Hero's VBS, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up – all through engaging art, music, recreational games, science, and creative snacks! Pick up a registration form in the church office, or download a VBS form to send to the church office at: <https://www.spearfishumc.org/vacation-bible-school/>

We have lots of fun events planned for the summer to engage our families and their children, and we hope you will join us either through prayer, volunteering, spreading the word, or visiting our upcoming events. Please keep a lookout for some of our informational flyers and sign-up sheets on our Facebook page or at our

church services as the dates continue to get closer.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to warmly support the events we put together!

Need Help with Your PC or Smart Phone?



On Wednesday, May 3 from 2-4:00 PM several middle school kids from the church will be available to help anyone with their PC or Smart Phone concerns. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kathy Harr if you have questions at (303) 908-8591 or the church office.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*Honoring Anna*" by Douglas Hoff. The group will meet Monday, May 8 in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

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 May 21 at 5 PM and will feature Garlic Mushroom Chicken Pasta. Please join us and contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Honoring Graduates

We will be honoring our high school graduates the weekend of May 13 and 14 at the worship service of their choice. Students to be recognized have been members of the church or a part of the youth group. This year's graduates are:



Jack Ammerman
Jacob Brewer
Logan Brewer
Noah Harlan

Bailey Jensen
Reagan Niesent
Evan Roles
Josie Tobin

Please let Brenda know if there may be others.

Confirmation Celebration

After a year of hard work, 4 students will be confirmed on the weekend of May 13 and 14.

Students from Spearfish UMC and UCC joined together for classes and mission work to complete their confirmation journey. Students from UMC to be honored are:

Griffin Brewer **Charles Pierson**
Ailie Fischer **Peyton VanDeest**

There will be cake following the services to celebrate their achievements!



- Thank you to everyone who donated, shopped or helped at our Spring Rummage Sale! It was a great success! Thank you to the UWF for serving cinnamon rolls and donating those proceeds! We took in over \$1700 for the day! So blessed!
- Thank you to Deb Carr and Hans Nelson for your leadership with the Good Friday service! Thank you to Carter and Erik Foltz; LyRic and Haroe Swanson and Kimber Baker for your hard work, dedication and great performance!
- Youth helped with the Spring Block Party and stayed following it for a lock-in at the church. Thank you to the UMM for serving breakfast for us!

Thanks!

It is with a heart full of great memories, lasting relationships and the awareness of God's many mercies that I announce my resignation as Youth Director of Spearfish UMC.

The last 20 years have been such a blessing and a privilege in serving the youth of this church, our community and the conference.

I will never forget the support of this generous congregation through gifts, service, prayers and time.

I feel it is time to move on and see where God is



taking this ministry in the future. My prayers are with the future of youth ministry in our church and I'm excited to see what that looks like. Please join me in that prayer. Thanks so much!

Brenda Swanson, Youth Director

Time to Celebrate!



Brenda Swanson is retiring after serving 20 years as our Youth Director. Please join us on Sunday, June 4 after the 10:30 worship service for cake and ice cream.

Please spread the word to former youth group members so they can join us.

Staff-Parish Committee

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 \$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.



“Request for Prayer” Cards

When you have a prayer request, please complete a prayer request card (found in the front of each pew). You may place it in the offering plate or take the card to the church office. These prayers can be for yourself/others, concerns, etc.

The Congregational Care Ministers (CCM) and Pastor John will pray for your request.

“For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20.

Circle of Friends Camp

by Janelle Jones

Circle of Friends Camp was started due to a conversation on Camp Sunday at Spearfish UMC in 2003 between Peggy Heckel and Scott Jensen, then director of Storm Mountain Camp near Rapid City. Peggy asked what camp was available for persons with special needs such as Melissa Heckel. Scott, "Oh yes, East River." Peggy, "I wish they could experience the beauty of the Black Hills, perhaps a weekend camp." Scott, "OK, you can start it out here." Peggy, "Not me!" But God had a plan.



Circle of Friends Banner was made the first year as a gift to Storm Mountain.



July 2003, there were 6 campers, most from Spearfish. After a few years, Rapid City added to the numbers as well as staffing. Over the 17 years, prior to the Covid interruption for camping, numbers ranged from 3 to 27 campers. The weekend experience became very special. Viola Sinner would cry at the end of camp each year, "I don't want to go home."

At the first camp, Dale Dale was last to arrive and very reluctant to step into that cabin. The group waited while he placed his belongings. He stepped out and looked around. "Oh, look at that rock. Isn't that beautiful, oh, look at that tree, isn't that beautiful."

Peggy want them to see God's glory and God's beauty.

Peggy always had the details worked out for each activity

and project. After a few years, she planned to send prayers down the creek. Scott Jensen and the staff at Storm Mountain made boats with sails for each camper. Prayer requests and specific names were written on each boat and sailed down the creek.

Circle of Friends is now being led by Rapid City United Methodists. There will be a fall overnight camp at Storm Mountain Center this year.

Thank you, Peggy, for your love of persons with special needs.



Taizé Worship

A Taizé worship service will be held Thursday, May 25 at 7 PM in the sanctuary at UMC. 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.



What is an "Oasis" Congregation?

by Mary Hayenga

If a person's church leaves the United Methodist Church, and they have always been and want to continue to be a United Methodist member, but love the people in their local congregation and want to continue to worship with them, what do they do?



They can transfer their United Methodist membership to a United Methodist "Oasis" congregation that is part of the Dakotas Oasis Network. They may choose to continue to worship with their beloved friends and family.

We have always been a "big tent" church meaning we accept each other with differing ideas and beliefs. Open minds, open hearts, and open doors is our basic model. We can and will continue to do so as United Methodists.

So, Spearfish UMC says: "Whoever and wherever you are, you are welcome to place your membership with this Oasis church, no questions asked. If at anytime you want to worship with us, you are welcome."

Options for folks at a longer distance from an Oasis congregation include online worship, Zoom Bible study or Sunday School by Zoom. We will offer worship and study options plus Christian hospitality.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

Our regular meeting dates for this month are listed below along with one special event to attend. May is the last Business Meeting till September. But we will have one fun get together meeting in June, July and August. Watch the upcoming Trumpeters for more details.



- **Wed., May 3 - Business Meeting** – 10 a.m. Church Library
- **Sat., May 13–10 a.m. All Church Brown Bag Hangout**, City Park Center Shelter (see details below)
- **Wed., May 17 – UWF Meeting** – Fellowship time 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m. Church Library. Hostess: Connie Swander-Ericsson Program and Facilitator: Debra Richardson

Any woman, from any denomination, can attend United Women in Faith so, we encourage all current members and those who wish to become a member to invite women from other churches that don't have a women's group to attend that are looking for a faith-based organization that enjoy being in fellowship with each other doing mission work uplifting children, youth and women.

For more information contact any of the following UWF Leadership Team members.

- Debra Richardson 605-580-6846
- Emma McKirdy-Wilsey 605-269-1063
- Colleen McKirdy 605-269-1054
- Brenda Swanson 605-642-5495

Submitted by Debra Richardson, Chair member of UWF Leadership Team.

All-Church Brown Bag Hangout

Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. will be an All-Church Brown Bag Hangout at the Spearfish City Park at the Center Shelter which is our UWF special event. We encourage everyone to come for fellowship and play. We invite anyone to also bring board or lawn games to set up. We reserved the Center Shelter so that parents could visit yet watch the little ones play and have fun. We will have a short devotion to feed the Spirit in each of us.

*Submitted by Debra Richardson,
Chair member of UWF Leadership Team.*

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The United Methodist Men had their breakfast / devotions on April 8 & 15. Bill Lundgren lead devotions at their first meeting and Everett Follette gave the devotions on the 15th.

On the 15th the men hosted Brenda Swanson and the youth group for breakfast.

The Methodist Men meet on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month. In May they will meet on the 6th & 20th at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall

Bill Lundgren, UMM President

Attention Gardeners!

Looking for a way to get your hands dirty? Have we got a deal for you?!



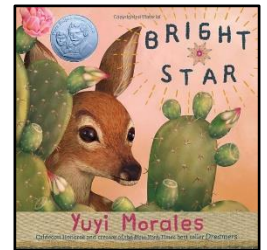
We have raised garden beds in the northwest corner of the church property for planting a small vegetable garden. The original idea was to provide some fresh produce to our folks seeking assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It would be great to have a team of folks that would take turns caring for the garden beds throughout the summer.

For more information or to volunteer, call the church office.

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: *Bright Star* by Yuyi Morales: With the combination of powerful, spare language and sumptuous, complex imagery characteristic of her work, Yuyi Morales weaves the tale of a fawn making her way through a landscape that is dangerous, beautiful—and full of potential. A gentle voice urges her onward, to face her fears and challenge the obstacles that seek to hold her back.



With a voice full of calm, contemplative wisdom, readers are invited to listen and observe, to accept themselves—and to dare to shout!

Council Highlights April 16, 2023

Check In/Prayer

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

Committee Reports

- A discussion arose as to whether committees needed to send reports to the council each month. Different ideas were discussed: 1) not send reports any more since they are already in the Trumpeter (except for Finance) 2) do a quarterly report on a rotation calendar
- It was decided to continue what we have been doing at this time.
- If a committee chair wants something on the agenda, please let Kelvin know before the council meeting so

he can plan accordingly.

Parsonage Deck

- There are now two bids for the parsonage deck repair, but no decisions have been made yet as to what direction to go.

Understanding the Connection between SUMC – Children First – UMCOC

- UMC, Children First and UMCOC are 3 separate entities. Partly because the UMC's apportionments would go up if they were counted as one budget. UMCOC is part of the church's property under the Trustees Committee responsibility. Children First is owned and operated by the church. The other groups at the UMCOC building are non-profit organizations.

Values Workshop

- It is the Council's job to come up with a 'big picture' of what came out of the Values Workshop. We need to make the values more helpful and precise and decide how to evaluate the goals.
 - How is the staff reaching the values?
 - How is each committee meeting the goals of these values?
 - How are individuals meeting the values – a self-evaluation.

Committee Reports

Stewardship & Finance Committee Report, April 2023

(Keith Haiar)

- S&F met April 12th. Discussion highlights:
- S/P: Brenda will be retiring as the Youth Director this summer. The committee is replacing at a half time position.
- Trustees presented a prioritized list of upcoming projects. Some projects have an approaching deadline or have already started out of necessity.
- We supported CFs decision to transfer \$50,000 of their prior year balance from the money market account to a 6-7 month CD.
- Had a lengthy and lively discussion on the current health of the General Fund. Mary and Keith presented some areas/opportunities to reduce expenses. We are asking all committee chairs to cut costs where possible. Keith will attend the staff meeting Friday to solicit cost-saving measures from the staff.
- Our current financial situation is an income problem not an expense problem. However, reviewing expenses provides timely help to our bottom line. The Stewardship and Finance committee will need help in the planning, developing, and hosting of upcoming fundraising activities.
- Quarterly donation statements will no longer be mailed to the congregation. Instead, this information will be sent by email with an opt-out to the traditional paper statement by request. The year end statements will still be mailed to the congregation.

- Discussed improving the communication of the church's financial picture to the congregation. Information presented in the announcements will be made clearer and more concise.

March Treasurer's Report (Keith Haiar) **Balance Sheet / General Fund**

For the month of March, total income was \$25,723.22 and total expenses were \$34,275.86. Donations were down about \$5300 from February. The month of March ended in the red with \$8,430.74 leaving the General Fund year to date in the red of \$20,883.98. Monthly expenses exceed income by nearly \$7000. At this rate we will deplete our available prior year balance (67,442 – 20,883) of \$46,559 by November.

UMCOC

The income for UMCOC was \$5,255.00 and expenses were \$4,994.82 ending the month \$260.18 in the black. This improved their YTD balance to \$636.81 in the red.

Debt/Capital

We received \$1,965.29 in donations, down slightly from last month. The YTD balance for the fund is \$56,404.09.

Children First

March income for Children First was \$47,676.36 and expenses were \$37,421.73. Children First ended March \$10,254.63 in the black and year to date in the black \$24,285.36. This is the 8th month of their fiscal year.

Mission-Giving

Mission giving for March was \$6,463. We gave out \$4,399.73, Mission of the Month was Tree of Life (\$620). The income for the Honduras Mission trip of \$4,808 was a return of unspent donations.

CYFM Report (Brenda Swanson)

- Children's ministry continues to thrive. We have a couple new volunteer leaders. Yay!
- The spring block party was a great success! The new bouncy house was initiated and enjoyed by all. Youth volunteers at the event were a great help and did an awesome job!
- The last day of regular Sunday school is May 21 and will be celebrated by having a Sundae Sunday! Join us!
- Summer Sunday school will take place once a month on the second Sunday of June, July, and August.
- Vacation Bible school plans are moving forward for August 14-18 from 9 am to 11:30 am. Save the dates!
- Youth rummage sale took in over \$1700 between the sale and the cinnamon rolls the UWF sold.
- Brenda's last day as Youth Director is May 24th. She will volunteer as chaperone on the summer mission/conference trip in July.

UMM (Bill Lundgren)

- The Spearfish United Methodist Men meet on the first and third Saturday at 8:00 am for breakfast and devotions. Church members and non-members are welcome. Attendance is usually 12-15 men.

- Financial support for our organization comes from the collection of aluminum cans and offerings collected at breakfast. The total amount collected this year from the cans is \$261.10 and \$416.00 from offerings. The non-profit organizations that we supported were the following:
 - American Legion Teener Youth Baseball - \$200.00
 - Methodist Youth Florida Trip - \$300.00
 - Church of Christ Parents Gift - \$200.00
- The Methodist Men also helped the Spearfish Food Pantry, which included picking up food and delivering food to the pantry.

Children First (Janelle Jones)

- Children First is preparing to open a “waddler” room in June for the young toddlers. Volunteers have painted the room that had previously been used by the commodities program.
- Approved buying a 6-month CD with some of the funds similar to action by UMC Finance Committee.
- Staff turnover continues to be a concern with the end of the year for BHSU and relatively low wages.
- Auto accident 4-10-23 damaged fence and playground equipment. Wood chips were removed and replaced. The fence was promptly replaced, thanks to the Trustees.
- Children First is part of two studies—one on quality of child care in SD and one on financial impacts of daycare facilities.

Capital Needs Meeting

by Janelle Jones

Our new church treasurer, Keith Haiar, invited members of Trustees, Stewardship and Finance, and Council to brainstorm how to fund numerous capital needs of this church. Here is a partial list, rounded off and grouped by me:

1. Boiler issues at UMC and UMCOC – \$7,500
2. Repair of parsonage deck – \$2,500 (volunteers) -- \$34,000
3. Preparing Room 2 at UMCOC (commodities) for Children First – \$5,000 flooring, sink, repairs
4. Patching asphalt of playground & parking lot soon – ?????
5. Future asphalt work for playground & parking lot – \$250,000
6. Railing near office – \$2,500
7. Future bathroom remodeling at UMCOC – \$80,000

The good news is that Trustees voted to repair the parsonage deck with volunteer labor and materials for \$2,500. Contact John Swanson to offer your time and talent. This is planned to carry us over until professional work next spring (\$25,000).

The bad news is that some of the big projects sound scary expensive. Some will need to wait but are essential as we KNOW GOD, LOVE GOD, and SERVE OTHERS. Our values can guide our spending decisions.

The reality is that we have not been as generous or as consistent as God has been with blessings for us.

Numerous projects were listed by Keith Haiar that suggested “member donations” as a way to pay the bills, because available funding sources are limited, UMC can't spend what it does not have and we can't spend \$1 two or three times. I worry about expecting specific donations for specific capital needs projects. Instead, I would encourage increased giving to the General Fund and the Debt Retirement/Capital Needs Fund. Please try to keep current with pledged giving.

Let me illustrate. Having Room 2 at UMCOC ready by June 1 for “waddlers” (older infants) seemed to be dependent on raising funds for all updates. Many hours of Children First staff time were spent planning, fundraising and finding volunteers to help. Work included cleaning, painting the walls, removing shelving and three freezers left by commodities plus a desk, upgrading outlets, then organizing flooring and funding for that.

Thank you, Melissa and staff. Melissa's job is to manage the best preschool/childcare in Spearfish. The church needs to do their part to manage UMCOC because the Trustees serve as the landlord on behalf of UMC.

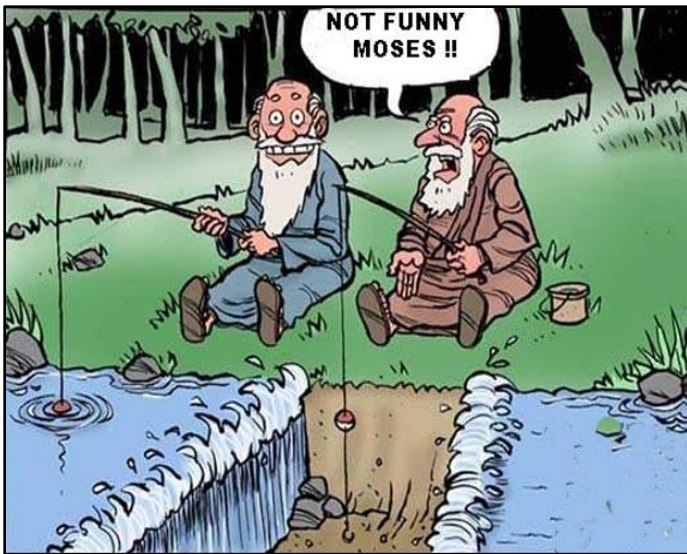
I hope this makes you more aware of the capital needs of this church. The Debt Retirement/Capital Needs Fund needs our support to make quarterly payments on a loan but also to support the improvement projects for the parsonage and our UMC campus. Let's try not to ask for donations one specific project at a time. Live in the spirit of generosity.

Reducing Statement Expenses

In an effort to reduce our office expenses, we are switching to emailing your quarterly donation statements. This will help reduce costs in postage, paper and streamline work for our financial officer. These statements will be sent to the email address we have on file. If you need to update your email address with the church, please email Orvette at office@spearfishumc.org. If you would like to continue to receive quarterly statements by mail, please contact Mary Tracy at finance@spearfishumc.org or (605) 642-3457.



Please note that year end donation statements will still be mailed at the end of the year. If you have any further questions, please contact Keith Haiar, UMC Treasurer at kshaiar@gmail.com. Thank you for all your generous support. God Bless.



“Thank You for the Caring Meal!”

We recently received a thank you note from a family about how much they appreciated the meal delivered to them. They said, “How thoughtful of you to deliver the Caring Meal! We really appreciated it!”

Our church wants to reach out to people in need. When you hear of an illness, death in the family, or any other need for a meal please call the church office (642-3457).

Caring Meal Ministry

Prayer Partners

Holy God,

Thank you for blessings of faith, fellowship, and family. Guide us to live our faith in service and generosity to others. Heal us where we are broken. Bless Pastor John as we welcome him for year two of transitional ministry. Amen



Olivia Grosz	05-01	Gladys McGarvin	05-14
Kevin Nakajima	05-02	Orvette Stepper	05-15
Griffin Brewer	05-03	Bonnie Witt	05-17
Owynn Meredith	05-03	Ron Hendricks	05-17
Debbie Cline	05-04	Gary Smith	05-18
Josie Pearson	05-05	Thomas Wilsey	05-19
Silvee McCoy	05-05	Chari Hogsett	05-20
Arlys Smith	05-06	Michelle Jennings	05-21
Doug Stratton	05-06	Eric Schmidt	05-21
Lyle Harvey	05-08	Darrell Walking	05-22
Riley Chrisman	05-09	Robert Boppe	05-24
Elise Derrek	05-09	Joan Bockwoldt	05-26
Gatlan Ayer	05-10	Terry Downing	05-26
Aysha Fancher	05-11	Saidee Short	05-27
Lucy Schmidt	05-11	Connie Seymour	05-29
Kent Kennon	05-13	Kayla Garvin	05-29
Connie Pich	05-13	Dave Burris	05-31
Raymond Vaughn	05-13	Mary Kennon	05-31



Mission of the Month UMC Help Fund

This is the fund we use all through the year to help people with basics: food, gas, and medications. It is funded by your Christmas Eve Worship offering and with other donations throughout the year.



The Help Fund team meets on Tuesday and Thursday each week from 9-11:00 AM and has issued the following amounts:

- In 2021 the Help Fund gave out \$22,206
- In 2022 the Help Fund gave out \$21,633
- In 2023 the Help Fund gave out \$12,000 (as of 4/24)

As of the end of April we only have about \$2,000 left in the account. Any fund balance left at the end of each year is forwarded to the next year.

Donations to the UMC Help Fund help those in need through the distribution of Safeway cards. This fund is supported only by donations from the congregation. When funds run out, we stop giving them out until more funds come in.

Thank you to all those who support this much needed local ministry in our community.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Ketchup / Mustard
- Pork & Beans
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Beef Broth
- Pancake Mix (small bags)
- Instant Puddings
- Mandarin Oranges
- Chicken Broth
- Chunky Soups
- Jelly or Jam



Rod & Connie Eisma	05/02~48 yrs.
James & Melissa Hansen	05/07~9 yrs.
Doug & Donna Stanford	05/23~54 yrs.
John & Brenda Swanson	05/24~43 yrs.
Eric & Michelle Jennings	05/30~36 yrs.
Keith & Sherry Haiar	05/31~26 yrs.

Dear Congregation

The Stewardship and Finance committee greatly appreciates the generous support of the members of Spearfish UMC. Though the year has just begun, our General Fund, which supports the staff and mission of the church, has already run a deficit.

We understand that financial times are tough. These realities have affected the church too and we are pursuing cost-saving measures wherever we can, across all areas, while striving to maintain our service to our members. However, this can only help so much and so we are asking for your increased support. We believe in a God big enough to conquer our current situation. Prayerfully submitted. Keith Haiar, Treasurer. If you have any questions, please email me at kshaiar@gmail.com.



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.

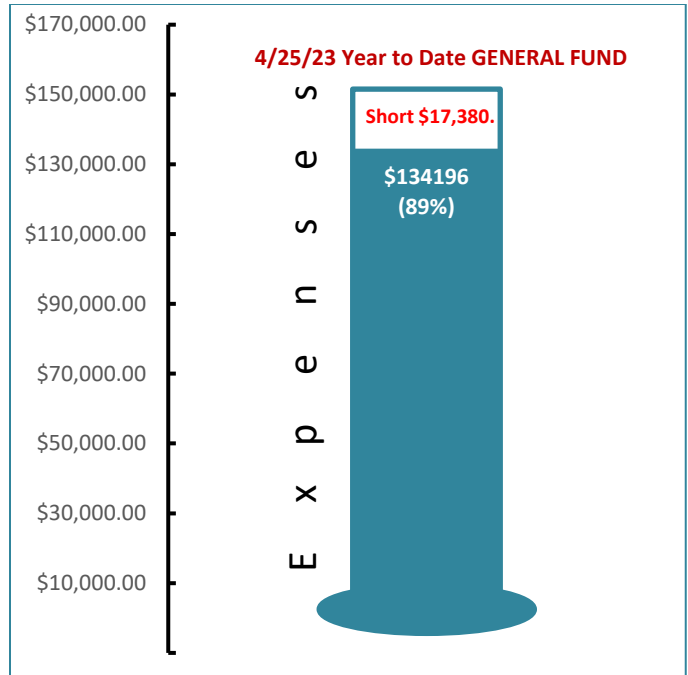
--2 Corinthians 9:11

Come, Share, Rejoice!

"Will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?"

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	69,029.31	Feb.	2,209.49
Mar.	1,965.29		

CHILDREN FIRST FUND			
Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	47,592.24	Feb.	44,339.49
Mar.	47,676.36		



Special Gifts for April

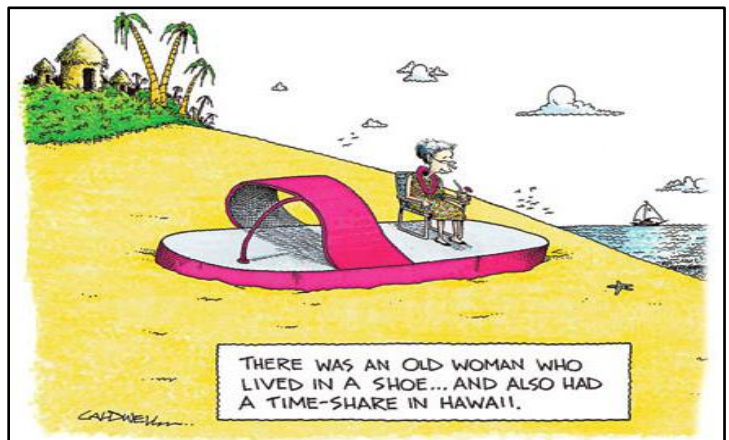
Camp Scholarships	\$ 1,220.00
Children Ministry Income	51.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Special Gifts/Non GF	200.00
Yoga Charity Fund	352.00
Honduras VIM Fund	500.00
UMCOC Donation	380.00
Donna Golliber Memorial	130.00
Heifer Project	20.00
Ukraine UMC Mission	100.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Youth Missions	2,027.22
Youth Fund	106.00
*TOTAL	\$ 5,286.22

Special Funds for April*

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	2,135.00
*TOTAL	\$ 2,145.00

*Worship Attendance for Apr.: 839 (Avg./Wk = 210)

*On-Line Attendance for Apr.: 563 (Avg./Wk=188) (3 wks)



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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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