

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

It's August already? Really?

I have to admit, we've been spoiled by all the delightful weather that preceded the heat wave that

we're experiencing as I write this. It's nice here in the Hills.

I'll be away for the final weekend of July and the first weekend of August. Some of you have curiously asked what Evie and I will be doing on our "vacation". While that's what was listed in the weekly bulletin, this is actually a continuing education opportunity for me. It's a seminar called "Imaginative Reading for Creative Teaching", presented by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. It's being held on the campus of Calvin University, in Grand Rapids, MI. Here's the "elevator speech" for the seminar:

People often assume that preachers who read widely are on the prowl for illustrations. These people are right. Preachers are hunter-gatherers: they search not only the world's literary masterworks, but also contemporary middle-brow fiction, crime journalism, and biography, hoping to dig up fresh and angular illustrations. But preachers are not merely in search of useful stories. Reading deepens the preacher's knowledge of human cries of the heart—for example that we reap what we sow. In fact, the preacher's reading deepens preaching because it deepens the preacher. The preacher who presumes to speak for God, or even for the church, has to struggle every day to understand human character, divine grace, and the surprises that gather at their intersection. To do so faithfully, most preachers will need the kind of vicarious experience that arises from immersion in well-chosen

literature. Accordingly, this seminar will explore some of the sources, methods, and homiletical impact of imaginative reading for creative preaching.

I'm very much looking forward to this opportunity, and have already done most of the assigned reading, which was from a very diverse group of books and authors. I'm curious to see how they incorporate them into the preaching task.

I will admit that there are some significant side-benefits to attending this seminar. First of all, the cost of the seminar and part of the travel costs are completely covered by a grant. Second, it's in Grand Rapids, MI, which is where Evie's family lives. We will have a chance to spend time with them, and since she works remotely, Evie won't have to take the entire time as vacation. Third, a colleague and good friend of mine is also attending the seminar, and we're bringing our golf clubs. Fourth, our travels will take us through Omaha and Chicago, where our kids live! On the way back, we're planning to stop in Chicago for a Cubs game. Sounds like a lot—and it is. I imagine we'll probably be ready for a vacation when we get home!

Speaking of vacation – be sure to sign up to help at this year's Vacation Bible School, which takes place the mornings of August 14-15-16. We'll kick things off with a Block Party on Sunday the 13th.

We'll be worshipping in the City Park on August 27th. Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share, as there'll be a potluck after the service.

The motorcycling world is coming to our neck of the woods this month. It's a good time to ask, "How is God calling me to share the good news in word and deed?" Remember: behind the noise and beneath the leather is someone God loves!

Last but not least, do you have kids in middle school and/or high school who are interested in Confirmation? Please call the office and let Orvette know. If you have questions, please ask. Thanks!

Peace,

Pastor John Madvig

Interim Pastor



Worship in the Park and Church Picnic



The weekend of August 26-27 will include the usual Blue Jeans Service in the Church Sanctuary on Saturday, August 26 at 5:30 PM. On Sunday,

August 27 there will be only one service at 10:30 AM and it will be at the Spearfish City Park Bandshell.

Immediately following we will have a church "Potluck" picnic in the Center Shelter. We will start passing out sign-up sheets soon. It will include opportunities to bring buns, chips, salads, and desserts.

You will also be able to help set up, tear down, and grill. The church will provide Burgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages, Napkins and Condiments. We would ask that you bring your own plates and utensils, so we can be less wasteful. For more information, contact Kevin Nakajima. Hope to see you all there!



Youth 2023 Team



Emerie Shank, LyRic Swanson, Aurorah Culver, Haroe Swanson, Erik Foltz and Carter Foltz. The adults are Carrie Swanson and Brenda Swanson. All are at Warren Willis UMC Camp working on service projects before attending Youth 2023 in Daytona Beach.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry (CYFM) Update

Here at CYFM, we are excited to say we had yet another lovely and big turnout for our second in-person **Summer Children's Sunday School** session on July 9, and we look forward seeing some more friendly faces for our **last Summer Children's Sunday School session on August 13 at 9:20AM-10AM!**

While during the summer we have Children's Sunday School in person each second Sunday for June, July and August, you may also find online Children's Sunday School videos each week to view on our website as well under:

<https://www.spearfishumc.org/ministries/childrens-ministry/>.

With August comes our busiest summer month for CYFM! On top of it being our last Summer Children's Sunday School session of the year on August 13,

August 13 will also be our **Summer Family Block Party** from **5pm-7pm!**



This is an event open to anyone and everyone who wishes to join us for a family-fun evening full of food, games, crafts, water gun fun, and bouncy castle time. There will also be a booth open at the Block Party for those wishing to sign up for our Vacation Bible School that starts the next day!

Vacation Bible School



had its duration adjusted to three days instead of five and will be from **Monday August 14 to 16 from 9am-11:30am**. This Hero-themed Vacation Bible School is **open to children ranging from age three up to 5th grade** for a fun time filled with faith-based

crafts, stories, music, snacks, and recreational activities. Children 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.

Older youth volunteers are also welcome to join in the fun, floating around where they feel comfortable to help the VBS staff, and joining in activities they wish to join in!

Registration for Vacation Bible School will remain open through to the last day of VBS, and can be obtained at the Church Office, signing up at VBS, or by **signing up online** at this link:

<https://spfumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>.

Once our summer events come to a close, we hope you will look forward to **weekly in-person Children's Sunday School** coming back into full swing for ages 3+ starting on **September 11th from 9:20am-10am**.

Children wishing to join us will be escorted upstairs by staff to the Sunday School room during the 9am service,

after the Children's Message. During this time, students learn about God through Bible stories, engaging videos, music, games and crafts. Children can then be retrieved by families upstairs after the 9am service.

As we get closer to our Summer and Fall upcoming events, are you interested in **volunteering** at any of our events, like the **Summer Block Party** or **Vacation Bible School**? Or are you interested in shadowing to see how **Children's Sunday School** works? **We are very eager to gain some new volunteers** to get to know and spread some joy for the youth! Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall, or you can call Katelyn Smith at 419-296-5723 or email at workksmith@gmail.com.

We have lots of fun events planned for the summer and upcoming autumn 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 in the Fellowship Hall as the dates continue to get closer and thank you everyone for continuing to warmly support the events we put together!

Summer Choir

Summer Choir will continue on Sundays through August 20. All are welcome at 10:00 am to rehearse an easy song in the Choir Room and share it during Sanctuary Worship. No mid-week rehearsals. Join us!



Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*Heaven is for Real*" by Todd Burpo. The group will meet on Monday, Monday, August 14 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 **August 20** at 5 PM and will feature roast pork loin with peach sauce. Please join us and contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held Thursday, **August 17** 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.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

On July 22, UWF had their annual retreat at the church with 11 ladies present. Debra Richardson facilitated the 2023 May



Program from the National Program Resource "*Mosaic of Faith*" book written by Ilka Vegan. We had lively discussion over several questions and a pop Trivia Quiz on Women in the Bible with Monica Ingalls having a perfect score of 10.

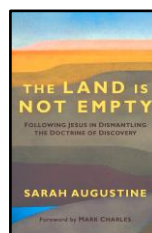
Rene Porter-Stewart shared a reading that was very warming to our hearts about the lamb and Jesus. Shirley Doten oversaw everything in the kitchen for us. She had prepared two different goodies for our coffee time and for lunch a lettuce salad with those in attendance bringing items to add so everyone could make their own salad. We also had cake and ice cream. There was learning and stretching our minds, great fellowship and delicious food.

Our next summer event is a **Sack lunch gathering, Wednesday, August 9 at 11:30 in Lions Park, 1020 N 3rd Street**. Please note the location has been changed.

Our New 2023-2024 Meeting Book will be available in late August for our New Quarter Calendar Year which starts in September thought August. The Leadership Team has planned some new events for all women in the church. Be sure to pick one up and plan which dates you can attend and who you might invite to come with you.

Debra Richardson, Chair of the Leadership Team.

UMW Book of the Month



Check out the UMW Book of the Month for August:
The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discover by Sarah Augustine.

In this prophetic book, Augustine, a Pueblo woman, reframes the colonization of North America as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate indigenous

cultures, and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people. This is a powerful call to reckon with the root causes of a legacy that continues to have devastating effects on indigenous peoples around the globe and a call to recognize how all of our lives and our choices are interwoven.

Clean the Closets! Sort the Toys! Rummage Sale Ahead



It's time to gather up your unwanted items for a rummage sale! On **Friday, Sept. 29 (9-5:00 PM) & Saturday, Sept. 30 (8-1:00 PM)** our church and Children First will have a combined sale. Cinnamon Rolls

will also be for sale. The proceeds will be split in half to benefit the parsonage repairs and Children First scholarships.

We will be collecting gently used items including household items and children's items. We will NOT be selling adult clothing or electronics such as TV's or computers.

Donations may be brought to the church starting on Monday, Sept. 25 through Thursday, Sept. 28. For information contact Jeanette Keck (605) 390-3068.

Children First A Mission to the Community

by Janelle Jones, Chairperson, Children First Board



What is this church known for in this community? One part of that answer is Children First (CF) as a high-quality preschool and childcare facility. I view Children First as a gift to the community and to this church.

If Spearfish UMC campus, a full block, disappeared from Spearfish, what would be missed? As the chairperson for the board, Children First is high on my list. In the big picture or balcony view, here's what Spearfish UMC means to this community:

1. Christ-centered worship and service (including local and distant missions)
2. Compassion and care (for example Safeway cards, funerals, meals, quilts, Food Pantry)
3. Focus on children (especially Children First)

What is Children First and what value does it hold for this community and this church?

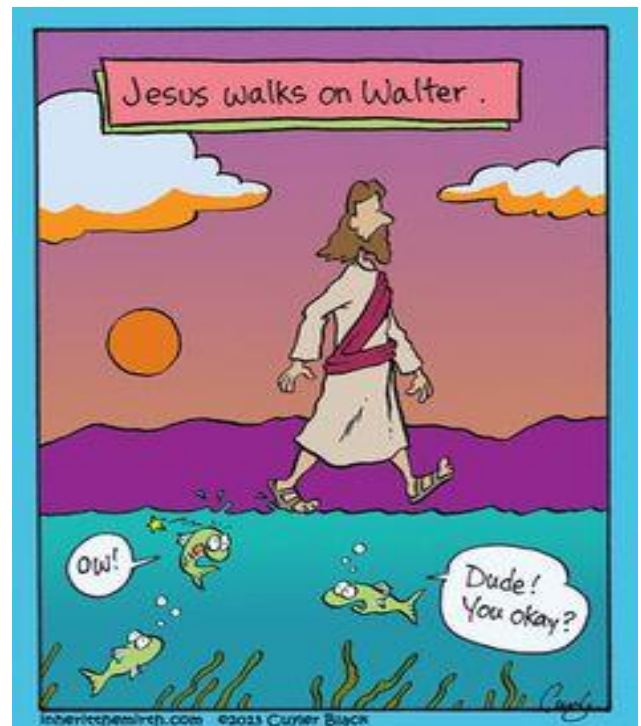
- Highest quality childcare for infants thru 5 year olds
- Part of a high demand service so that parents can work

- A mission of the church, reaching into the community
- A big business with 18-20 employees, 6-8 full time
- Managed in a fiscally responsible way
- Excellent reputation, known for high standards in care and safety
- Continual waiting list
- Montessori trained staff
- Partners with the church to share this campus in a prime location
- An important part of what happens in this old school building
- Jobs for many college students and young adults

As church members and friends, we generously support the work of Children First with:

- Pledged income (options to General Fund, Capital Needs, or Children First)
- Unpledged periodic giving
- Mission of the month such as CF scholarships in Sept 2023
- Support for staff needs and Christmas bonuses for all
- Special asking's for needs such as playground improvements.

Melissa Raad, director at Children First, has a wonderful story of sacrificial giving that occurred the first summer that we opened the preschool. A church member who lived in the "tree house" apartments, offered to help but wasn't sure how she could do that. She described that she used a card table in place of a kitchen table for her meals but offered to eat using a TV tray in order to give the card table to Children First. That very well used card table was donated and used for puzzles at Children First. God blesses each gift and each giver.



Prayer Cards

If you would like prayer for yourself or someone else, please complete the prayer card in the front of each pew and place in offering plate. The Congregational Care Ministers and Pastor John would like to pray for you.

Prayer gives strength, healing, and joy! Our Lord listens and hears our prayers. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God." Philippians 4:6.

Health Ministry Team

Council Highlights

July 18, 2023

Discussion / Action Items

Committee Member Protection

- There is no language in place on the UMC insurance coverage to protect committee members from lawsuits. If any lawsuit were filed against the church – the church should pay for damages and not individual committee members.

Focus on Values

- It was decided that we should review the Pillars (goals) that the church has already set up and compare them with the values we are working on.

Open Positions on Staff Parish Relations Committee

- According to the Book of Discipline, members of the SPR must be voted in by the Administrative Council if they join the committee after the original vote that is done at the Charge Conference.
 - Brenda moved to nominate Char Clark and Eric Schmidt to the SPR committee, John Swanson seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
- This situation led to other discussion points.
 - The only committees and people that need to be voted in are 1) Nominations 2) Finance 3) Trustees 4) SPR 5) Council Chairperson. This will free up the other committees to add members as needed throughout the year.
 - Children First is also free to add to their board without a council vote.
 - The Nominations Committee is understaffed. It is led by Pastor John and only 2 other people. It should also have a variety of members: young, old, male, female, etc.
 - Pastor John would like committees to look at their size and ask, "What size do you need to be for effectiveness?"

Parsonage Repair

- A vote was passed at the Finance meeting to begin fundraising events to help offset the costs in the

parsonage because of flood damage. The estimated cost is \$6,000 for flooring. Already in place is:

- A \$1,000 donation from the Quilt and Craft group!
- A rummage sale is being organized right now to help with parsonage repair and the Children First scholarship fund.

Children First Concerns

- Janelle reported that a Children First parent came to Sarah and Melissa with two concerns.
 - The first concern was a reaction to the car accident that occurred on the playground. He would like to ensure that this doesn't happen again. He is planning on talking to the City Council about putting up decorative barriers. Before putting up barriers, Children First would like to expand the infant play area at their expense and will take the idea to Trustees for .

Committee Reports

Stewardship & Finance Committee Report, July 2023

(Keith Haiar)

S&F met July 12th. Discussion highlights:

- Staff/Parish presented plan to partner with Young Life for youth ministry
- Parsonage flood repair update
- Valve to fix water hammer installed at UMCOC
- Children First proposal to use Bruce Johnson Endowment funds for scholarships to children in need

June Treasurer's Report/Balance Sheet

General Fund

For the month of June, total income was \$29,650.04. The unpledged income was about \$5k lower than last month. Total expenses for the month were \$40,007.79 which included three payroll payments. The month of June ended \$10,357.75 in the red leaving the General Fund year to date in the red \$37,211.90. Several bills were paid for church upkeep and parsonage upkeep.

UMCOC

The income for UMCOC was \$6,115 and expenses were \$4,845.52. The month ended in the black \$1,269.48. The year-to-date balance is in the red at \$1,653.77. Several bills were paid for UMCOC upkeep and repairs.

Debt/Capital

We received \$2,187.73 in donations bringing the YTD available balance for the fund to \$56,273.33.

Children First

Children First June income totaled \$39,600.96 and expenses were \$54,552.56. CF also had three payroll payments for the month. Children First ended June in the red \$14,951.60 and year to date in the black \$12,899.09. This is the 10th month of their fiscal year.

Mission-Giving

Mission giving for June was \$5,525.00. We distributed \$4,070.00. Mission of the Month was the Food Pantry which received \$1,395. UMC Help fund collected \$3,790 and distributed \$2,475.

Children First (Janelle Jones)

- Awarded grant for infant care, \$3048.88
- Set guidelines for wage increases
- Proposed a rummage sale for Sept 30 with proceeds shared 50/50 for parsonage repair and CF scholarship fund
- Received \$2049.41 for scholarships for underprivileged children from Bruce M Johnson endowment
- Discussed the purpose for a task force appointed by council composed of Melissa Raad, director; Janelle Jones, CF board chr; Keith Haiar, UMC treasurer; Bill Keck, trustee; Colleen McKirdy, grandparent.

Prayer Partners

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,
Exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
To your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
You are mine, and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.



Mission of the Month Solar Oven Partners



Solar Oven Partners is our church's mission of the month for August. This is a project born in the Dakotas UMC and supported nationwide.

Oven parts are manufactured by volunteers in 3 sites in the Dakotas and shipped to poverty areas in the Dominican Republic, Sierra Leone, and the Navajo nation in the USA. Teams of volunteers from the USA and the host area assemble the ovens and teach the oven recipients how to cook with sunlight and care for their oven. People wanting ovens are required to attend 2 days of training and practice so they are comfortable with

cooking after they take their oven home. They pay a small price for their oven which includes the three pots, the bread pans, potholders etc. so they have ownership.

Cooking with solar ovens avoids the eye and respiratory illness caused by charcoal. It prevents the cutting of trees for firewood and is much more economical than gas or charcoal.

Volunteers are needed for all 3 shops in the Dakotas. Our nearest shop here is in Rapid City. We are always recruiting for volunteers for teams to Sierra Leone, Dominican Republic and the Navajo nation so please consider this opportunity to become involved as a donor or volunteer.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Box Cereals
- Ramen Noodles
- Pancake Syrup
- Chicken Broth
- Chunky Soups
- Canned Peaches or Fruit Cocktail
- Apple Juice
- Pancake Mix
- Chunky Soups
- Beef Broth
- Grape Jelly



Allison Jensen	08-01	Jim Hoxie	08-21
Wayne Lueders	08-03	Melissa Raad	08-22
Barb Brady	08-03	Donald Wood	08-22
Ryan Meredith	08-05	Elizabeth Hubbard	08-22
Alexandra Kaddatz	08-05	John Tollison	08-23
Marci Stanford	08-06	Barry Penn	08-23
Donna Fondy	08-08	Lori Kunka	08-24
Katelynn Benham	08-09	Bob Cline	08-24
Linda Hoxie	08-13	JoAnna Loux	08-26
Verna Mae Thomas	08-14	Kim Tollison	08-27
Atalie Foltz	08-16	Eric Jennings	08-28
Jordan Louks	08-19	Jodi Penn	08-30
Wyatt Ross	08-19	Ben McKirdy-Wilsey	08-30
Bob Oliver	08-20	Lane Keil	08-31
Charlie Pierson	08-20	LexiBurtzlaff	08-31
McIntyre McKirdy-Wilsey	08-20		



Bob & Laura Oliver	08/03~49 yrs.
Sid & Linda Foltz	08/07~47 yrs.
Jordan Louks & Alyssa Warns-Louks	08/08~8 yrs.
Vaughn & Peggy Heckel	08/09~48 yrs.
Dave & Cindy Burris	08/09~43 yrs.
Terry & Dyan Nagel	08/12~51 yrs.
Bill & Peggy Bosch	08/13~45 yrs.
Floyd "Buzz" & Helen Stiles	08/15~59 yrs.
Ross & Alyssa English	08/15~11 yrs.
Ken & Jessica Ellerton	08/18~22 yrs.
Nathan & Janna Swanson	08/18~11 yrs.
Riley & Barbara Chrisman	08/20~57 yrs.
Eric & Heather Schmidt	08/20~7 yrs.
Ron & Gloria Borgman	08/21~57 yrs.
Bob & Carolyn Baker	08/22~63 yrs.
Don & Bobbi Looney	08/23~49 yrs.
Steve & Donna Peters	08/24~49 yrs.
Kenneth "KC" & Suzanne Phillips	08/26~45 yrs.
Rex & Rilea Moyer	08/26~41 yrs.
Rod & Kay Fuhrer	08/31~46 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?"

DEBT RETIREMENT/CAPITAL FUND

Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	69,029.31	Feb.	2,209.49
Mar.	1,965.29	Apr.	2,435.25
May	2,246.26	Jun.	2,187.73

CHILDREN FIRST FUND

Month	Actual Income	Month	Actual Income
Jan.	47,592.24	Feb.	44,339.49
Mar.	47,676.36	Apr.	45,128.09
May	43,431.58	Jun.	39,600.96

Special Gifts for July

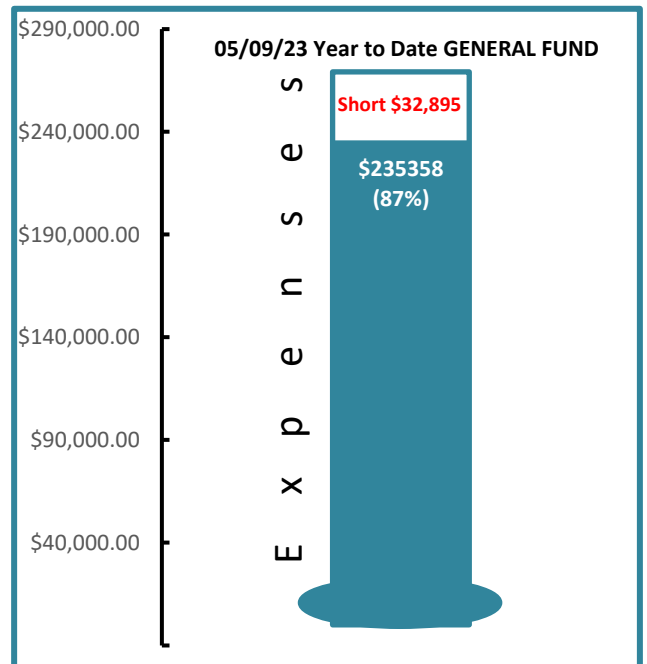
Food Pantry	\$ 600.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Special Gifts/Non GF	65.00
Yoga Charity Fund	435.00
Honduras VIM Fund	100.00
UMCOC Donation	380.00
Parsonage Repair Fund	2,185.00
Thelma Davis Memorial	245.00
Terry Prante Memorial	50.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Clothe-A-Kid	2,140.00
Youth Fund	6.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,406.00

Special Funds for July

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	1,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,110.00

*Worship Attendance for July: 597 (Avg./Wk = 149)

*On-Line Attendance for July: 443 (Avg./Wk=148) (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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