

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

Courteous Finality

A few years ago, a friend from a church I had formerly served told me that he and his wife were in the process of leaving the church. I was no longer the pastor there—I had been gone for some time—so I knew his departure was not related to mine. When he shared this information with me, I was initially reluctant to hear about it. The denomination I served at that time observed what they called “courteous finality”, which meant that when a pastor left a church, s/he was no longer to be consulted or even informed about the activities, decisions, and direction of the church s/he had left. However, my friend insisted that this was not that sort of information; it was a personal decision for them.

The reason for their departure, he shared, had to do with their inability to find a way to use their gifts in the ministry and mission of the church. Both of them were highly gifted teachers, and the church had chosen to discontinue its Sunday School programs. He made it clear that he was not angry about the church’s decision. Instead, he let me know that he and his wife both agreed with it, even though it eliminated their opportunity to serve in that ministry. They had already taken the time to speak with their pastors about their ongoing support, and that their departure had nothing to do with them or the direction of the church (with which they agreed), but that they felt led to search for a new church where their gifts could be utilized.

What my friend shared with me is admirable in several ways. First of all, their decision was not based on their opinion of the pastors, or even on the decision that was made to suspend the Sunday School program. They agreed with their pastors and supported the decision. Secondly, they took the time to meet with their pastors directly. Third, he and his wife were leaving the church in peace, without disparaging (and in fact supporting) its leaders and the direction it was going. Fourth, they recognized the value of their own giftings, and sought to find a new place to utilize these gifts.

In the Methodist Church, this is often the way that pastors are placed and re-placed. It’s not always conflict or ethical/moral failure—thanks be to God! Pastors are moved to where they are needed, and where they can best use their gifts. Perhaps this can also true when persons and families choose to move to another church, perhaps even another denomination. My prayer is that when these moves take place, they take place with the same integrity shown by my friend and his wife.

September is here, and that marks the return of several of our programs. Check elsewhere in this edition of *The Trumpeter* to discover where you can participate and serve!

Peace,

Pastor John Madvig

Interim Pastor



Sunday School Starts Sept. 10



Spearfish UMC is ready to be there to support children and their families during the school year with weekly Children’s Sunday School starting on Sept. 10th at 9:20AM along with a Sunday Sundaes event after the 9AM service to celebrate the beginning of the new Sunday School year! Sunday School is open to children ages three and up. For children younger than three, we also have our Nursery open with loving staff ready to care for your young ones during church services.

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opportunities we have, or through volunteering.

We appreciate all that you all do to make our church the special home it is to be closer to others and God through love and action. Please watch for sign-up sheets in the church or info in the Trumpeter, bulletin, or Facebook posts for opportunities throughout the year! We thank you for your continued support and special part of our Spearfish UMC family!

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.

Sanctuary Choir

Choir rehearsal begins Wednesday, Sept. 6, 6:30-7:30 pm. All ages from middle school on up are welcome. No specific skills needed other than the enjoyment of singing!



Bell Choir Starts Sept. 10



The Bell Choir will begin practice on Sunday, Sept. 10 after the 10:30 AM worship service. Meet in the Choir Room upstairs at 11:45 AM.

All past and future musicians are welcome to come ring with the group. We have fun while sharing our musical gifts in worship to our Lord. Short term commitment is also okay. Contact Babs Elving at (605) 209-8216 if you have questions.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "Becoming" by Michelle Obama. The group will meet on Monday, September 11 in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

United Methodist Men (UMM)



The United Methodist Men (UMM) meet at the church on Saturday, September 9 & 16 for breakfast and devotions at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Their members are of all ages and backgrounds and they reach out to members and non-members of the church.

The group encourages anyone to lead devotions and discussions that are centered around a lesson in the Bible and how it relates to our daily lives. Each person has an opportunity to make new friends and grow in their faith.

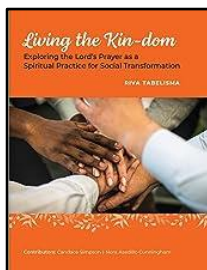
Methodist Men is funded by donations and money they get from their aluminum can drop off box. Funds are donated to various programs and charities as they are available.

William A. Lundgren, UMM Chair

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 September 17th at 5pm and will feature Kaiserschmarrn. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Spiritual Growth Study



A study on the Lord's Prayer will be offered in four sessions during the month of October. We will use the book, *Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation*.

You're invited to come and look at the Lord's Prayer through fresh eyes, and dive deep into the meaning of each line. Multiple classes will be scheduled at various times, so watch the announcement in September for details. For more information, contact Colleen McKirdy (605) 269-1054.

Health Forum

“Fraud Prevention and Ways to Prevent Scams”

A Health Forum will be held Sunday, Sept. 24 from 3-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Spearfish United Methodist Church. The topic will be “Fraud Prevention and Ways to Prevent Scams.” Ida Marie Snorteland will be leading this informative Health Forum. For information call: 605-644-9820. All are welcome!



United Women in Faith (UWF)

This September starts the 2023-2024 Quarter Calendar Year (September through August.) The first Wednesday of each month



is our Business Meeting which anyone can attend. This is the time for anyone to bring new ideas to us. The third Wednesday of each month is a monthly program starting at 10 a.m. from the National Program Resource Book or any subject we wish to consider studying or learn about from people in our community. We also have planned special events for each month too!

This month our Meetings will be held on the following days and times.

- **Wed., Sept. 6 – UWF Business Meeting** 10:00 a.m. Library
- **Wed., Sept. 20 – UWF Meeting** – Fellowship time 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m. Library Hostesses: Monica Ingalls & Debra Richardson Program will be “Exercising Faith: Spiritual Practice in Action; “Enoch, who walked with God” Facilitated by Debra Richardson
- **Fri., Sept. 22 – Supper & Movie** 6:00pm - Supper, bouncy house, and a movie in the parking lot! With kids or without, enjoy an evening outside with friends! Festivities will be moved inside the church as a weather back-up. Supper and a bouncy house start at 6:00, the movie will begin at dusk or near 7:30. Facilitated by Leadership Team. Pulled Pork Sandwiches by Brenda Swanson



Remember, Membership is not just for Methodists but any woman from any denomination is welcome to become a member of United Women in Faith. So, bring a

friend and come participate in any or all our gatherings.

If you have any questions, you can contact anyone on the Leadership Team which is listed below.

Spearfish United Women in Faith Leadership Team:

Chair, Debra Richardson 605-580-6846

Colleen McKirdy 605-269-1054

Brenda Swanson 605-641-4864

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey 605-269-1063

Submitted by Debra Richardson, Chair

Save the date!



Fall Tea benefiting our local six-town crises center, Artemis House, will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 14**. If you have an item for a silent auction or door prize, please contact Dyan Nagel at (605) 578-0021.

Gift certificates are welcome if you cannot attend and will be grouped for bidding.



September CYFM Update



School is back in session, and CYFM is excited to welcome the new school year and all the events it brings as we slowly get into the season of fall!

CYFM is a committee that is always looking for new members to help support the creation and execution of family-related events for both the church and the outside community during both the summer and school year. To engage children and their families during the summer, we provided a successful and really fun Family and Community Block Party, three Summer Children's Sunday School class sessions, and a three-day Hero-based Vacation Bible School through CYFM and the huge support of UMC staff and members, and through the support of members of the Spearfish community! We are so very thankful to say the number of families and individuals that attended all our summer events was joyfully high in attendance — a noticeably higher number in attendance overall from last year in Summer Sunday School, VBS, and Family Block Party!

Here with CYFM, we are now ready to be there to support children and their families during the school year through weekly **Children's Sunday School starting on September 10th at 9:20AM-10AM** during the 9AM Church Service, along with a **Sunday Sundaes event after the 9AM Service on September 10th** to celebrate the beginning of the new Sunday School year! Our Children's Sunday School is open to children ages three and up, and for children younger than three, we also have our Nursery open with loving staff ready to care for your young ones during church services. Our Sunday School follows the Orange Curriculum lesson plans to engage children through videos, music, games, art, Bible stories, prayer, and science, and we are always welcoming interested **new children and volunteers** to our Sunday School family! **Sunday School for Adults with Disabilities** also begins September 10, and is also looking for **new attendees and volunteers!**

Next on our agenda will be a family-oriented collaboration event with United Methodist Women (UMW). On **September 22nd at 6pm**, we invite families to join us for a **Family Movie Night!** During this event, families will be provided with a **pulled pork dinner**, along with **bouncy castle time** indoors, followed by a cozy, **outdoor family-friendly movie!** Regardless of what the weather may bring, we are prepared to welcome all who are interested in joining us in this fun event!

One more event on our agenda is that we are also looking to see what **7th and 8th graders** are interested in **Confirmation**. So, if this applies to you or someone you know, please reach out to **Children's Ministries Director Katelyn Smith at (419)296-5723 or workksmith@gmail.com** to let us know that your child would like to participate.

As with all these opportunities, these are all made possible through the love and support of our church, whether through attending our church events, praying for success for our events, spreading the word of the opportunities we have, or through volunteering. We appreciate all that you all do to make our church the special home it is to be closer with ourselves, others and God through love and action. If you are looking for a way to further support our church through **volunteering or through joining a committee**, such as CYFM for family-related activities, please keep a lookout for sign-up sheets in the church, or read our Trumpeter, Sunday bulletins, or Facebook posts for the many opportunities that will arise throughout the year! We thank you all so much for being a continued support and special part of our Spearfish UMC family!

Prayer Partners

Loving God, thank you for our many blessings. Guide us to meet the challenges for our church and for the world.

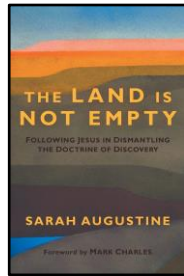


Be with all who have experienced the hardships of disasters. May we truly be Christ followers. Amen.

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 DISCOVERY** 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.



Council Highlights

August 15, 2023

Discussion/Action Items:

- Report from the Children First/UMC task force – Janelle reported that the group has met three times and are not ready to make a formal report.
- Signage at UMCOC – Ron reported that there were two unauthorized people in the building recently, when an upstairs tenant opened the door for them through the call system. He suggested it may be time to change the sign on the building's chimney, eliminating the word, "Outreach." Discussion followed. It was brought up that this has happened several times in the past, and that Melissa has logged each occurrence and put up signs at each entrance that state there is no assistance available there. An option would be a video surveillance camera at the main door, but someone would have to monitor it. Ideas on changing the signage included:
 - 1) Replace "Outreach" with "Education."
 - 2) Take the chimney sign down completely without replacing it. This would remove any association with the church, outreach, and children, and thus any reason unauthorized individuals may try to get in.
 - 3) Rent a lift and make changes ourselves rather than hire someone.

John Swanson will bring these ideas to the Trustees, as well as check with the insurance agent about liability if we do this ourselves.

- Asst. Council Chair – Kelvin suggested that an assistant chair be named, who would take over on Jan. 1, 2024. Any suggestions would be appreciated. On a related note, attendance at committee meetings

is barely sufficient to conduct business. An effort to increase participation is needed.

- Values/Pillars – Pastor John offered clarification on our Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Council Values, and the Pillars. The Mission Statement is our purpose, the Vision Statement is how that purpose is carried out, Council Values are how we are all evaluated, and the Pillars are our strategic plan. The Values discerned in February could be distilled down by adding an adjective: Spirit-Filled Worship, Compassionate Outreach, Multi-generational Discipleship, Welcoming Fellowship, and incorporating "Spirit-Filled Congregation" into the others. Another could be added – Generous Stewardship. When ready, these values should be shared with the congregation in many different media and used for all committee work. The Council is to ruminate on the Values until the next meeting and come back with ideas.
- Pursuing God's Will Together, Chapter 8 – The group discussed the concept of "covenant." The question arose about whether the council should have a covenant. It was agreed to table this until a new council chair is in place.

Committee Reports

Stewardship & Finance Committee Report, Discussion highlights:

- Insurance premium – overall the cost went up approximately 20%
- Parsonage flood repair – insulation being installed, sheet rocking next. Flooring and new heating to be decided.
- Church boiler repair – cost almost \$17,000. Will need to be completed by winter.
- CF budget for 2023-24 was accepted. Asphalt / playground repairs will be funded with donations.
- A fundraising campaign for to congregation for the parsonage and church boiler repairs will be launched on August 19-20.

July Treasurer's Report Balance Sheet

General Fund

For the month of July, total income was \$33,233. Total expenses were \$30,462 which resulted in the month ending \$2,770 in the black. However, the General Fund year to date is in the red \$34,491.

UMCOC

The income for UMCOC was \$6,080 and expenses were \$3,153. The month ended in the black \$2,926. The year-to-date balance is in the black \$1,173. The upstairs renter will be leaving in August which will leave two rooms vacant.

Debt/Capital

We received \$2,368 in donations. The quarterly loan payment of \$7000 was made bringing the YTD available balance for the fund to \$50,263.

Children First

Children First July income totaled \$33,652 and expenses were \$42,165. Children First ended July in the red \$8,513 and year to date in the black \$4,360.

Mission-Giving

Mission giving for July totaled \$4,790. We distributed \$6,008. Mission of the Month was Clothe a Kid which received \$2,785. For the month, the UMC Help fund collected \$1,795 and distributed \$2,275.

Children First (Janelle Jones)

1. Children First Board met Aug 3. Budget approved for 2023-24 (starting Sept 1).
2. New wage guidelines, starting at \$14. New tuition sent to parents.
3. Staff—need 4-5 more, usually from BHSU.
4. Melissa and Sarah are working to answer:
 1. What does CF expect of SUMC?
 2. What does SUMC expect of CF?
5. Rummage sale Sept 29-30 (50/50 CF scholarships & parsonage repair).
6. Infant outdoor area—considering different area due to accident.
7. Playground asphalt repair approved by Trustees, CF to seek funding.
8. Signage and entry system concerns—added note on the door; checking on video & better audio.



Mission of the Month
Children First



Children First is the Mission of the Month for September. All donations will be used to replenish the Children First Scholarship fund.

Children First regularly helps families in need to pay tuition through a scholarship fund. There are invested funds specifically to support scholarships. However, return on investments have not been good in 2023. Children First helps families with approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 in assistance given out each school year. Some scholarships are for a short time, if a parent is out of work, dealing with health issues or other crisis. Some scholarships run throughout the year with a parent paying a portion of the tuition and scholarship covering the remaining portion.

When Children First was started, it was decided that it would always be a priority for no child to be turned away due to the socio-economic status of their family. A

single parent may struggle to pay \$750 per month for all day infant care.

One way to support the Children First scholarship fund is to support the rummage sale on September 29 and 30. Funds raised will be split 50/50 for CF Scholarships and parsonage repair. Donate good, used items from children’s toys to small appliances. No computers, TVs, or adult clothing please.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Cheerios
- Ramen Noodles
- Saltine Crackers
- Kidney Beans
- Cookies
- Pork & Beans
- Can Peaches
- Chili Beans
- All Soups
- Jam or Jelly



Gloria Borgman	09-01	Fahbia Ahmed	09-18
Don Hammerquist	09-01	Christian Bradford	09-19
Clara Arnold	09-05	Owen Haiar	09-19
Sharon Culbertson	09-05	Haroe Swanson	09-19
Tobi Miller-Ayer	09-05	Shirley McGilvrey	09-20
Michelle Triplett	09-05	Dyan Nagel	09-20
Clara English	09-05	Erik Foltz	09-21
Sherry Haiar	09-06	Ardan Fischer	09-22
Donna Peters	09-07	Jim Hesson	09-23
Christine Pierson	09-08	Rilea Moyer	09-24
Caleb Stricker	09-09	Jaida Noeller	09-24
Colleen McKirdy	09-10	Xander Triplett	09-24
Kenni Easton	09-10	Bev Carr	09-25
Parker Louks	09-10	Everett Follette	09-25
Ron Borgman	09-13	Raeann Mettler	09-25
Monica Ingalls	09-15	Kay Fuhrer	09-26
Dennis Suiter	09-17	Mary Goerlich	09-27
Rod Garnett	09-17	Paul Sheffield	09-28
Kori Meredith	09-17	Janna Swanson	09-28
Nathan Swanson	09-17	Zoey Stricker	09-28
Anna Eisenbarth	09-17	Brenda Hendricks	09-30



Walt & Carolyn Marchant	09/01~55 yrs.
Stan Smith & Laura Lloyd-Smith	09/03~29 yrs.
Gary & Angie Smith	09/05~31 yrs.
Bill Lundgren & Bev Hill	09/09~24 yrs.

Marland & Seanna Linafelter 09/12~53 yrs.
 Ryan & Jessica Jennings 09/12~14 yrs.
 Craig & Michelle Triplett 09/12~8 yrs.
 Marty & Chris Davis 09/15~44 yrs.
 Roman & Jen Roberts 09/20~29 yrs.

BUDGET

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
July	2,368.49		

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
July	33,652.01		

Special Gifts for August

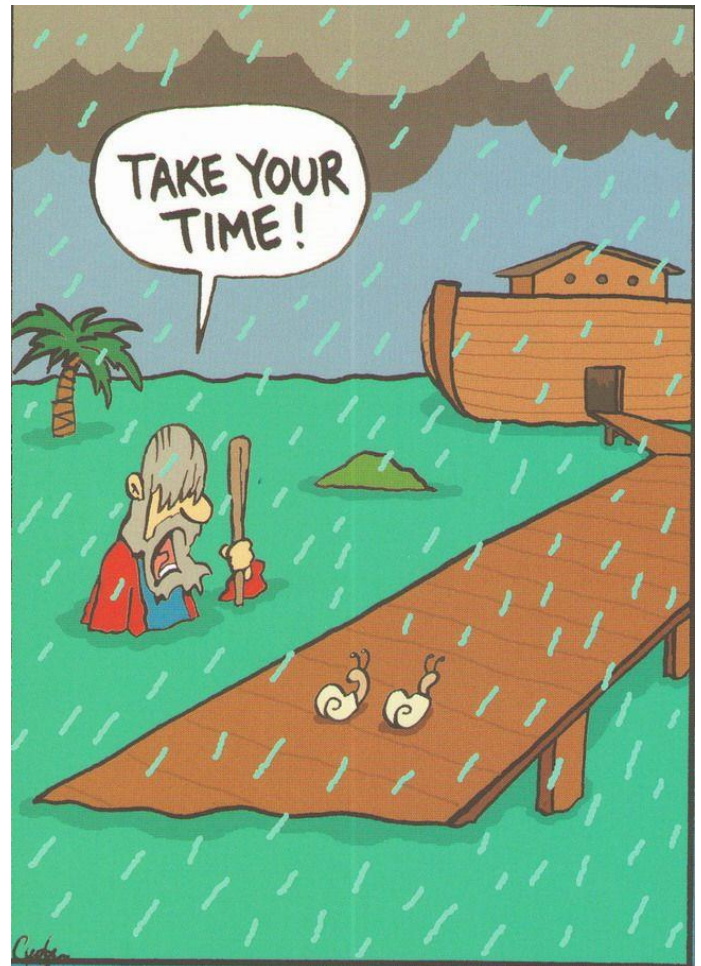
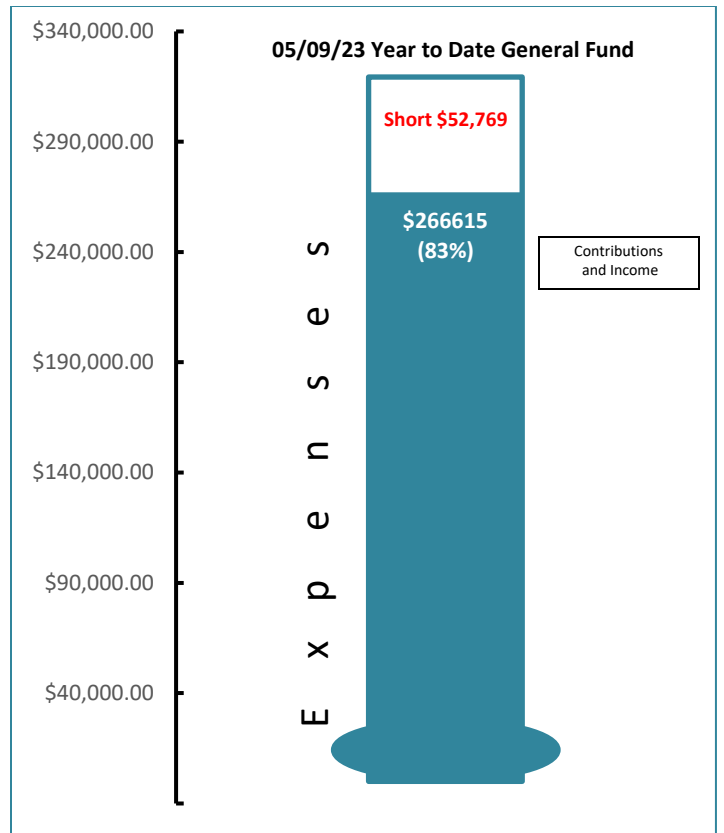
Choir Scholarship Fund	\$ 750.00
Sprinkler System	100.00
Yoga Charity Fund	765.00
Children First Grant Income	250.00
UMCOC Donation	380.00
Parsonage Repair Fund	800.00
Children First Scholarships	400.00
Clothe-A-Kid	575.00
Solar Ovens	1,470.00
UMCOR	60.00
Youth Fund	6.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,556.00

Special Funds for August

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	300.00
TOTAL	\$ 310.00

*Worship Attendance for August: 574 (Avg./Wk = 144)

*On-Line Attendance for August: 352 (Avg./Wk=117) (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.

E-mail Addresses:



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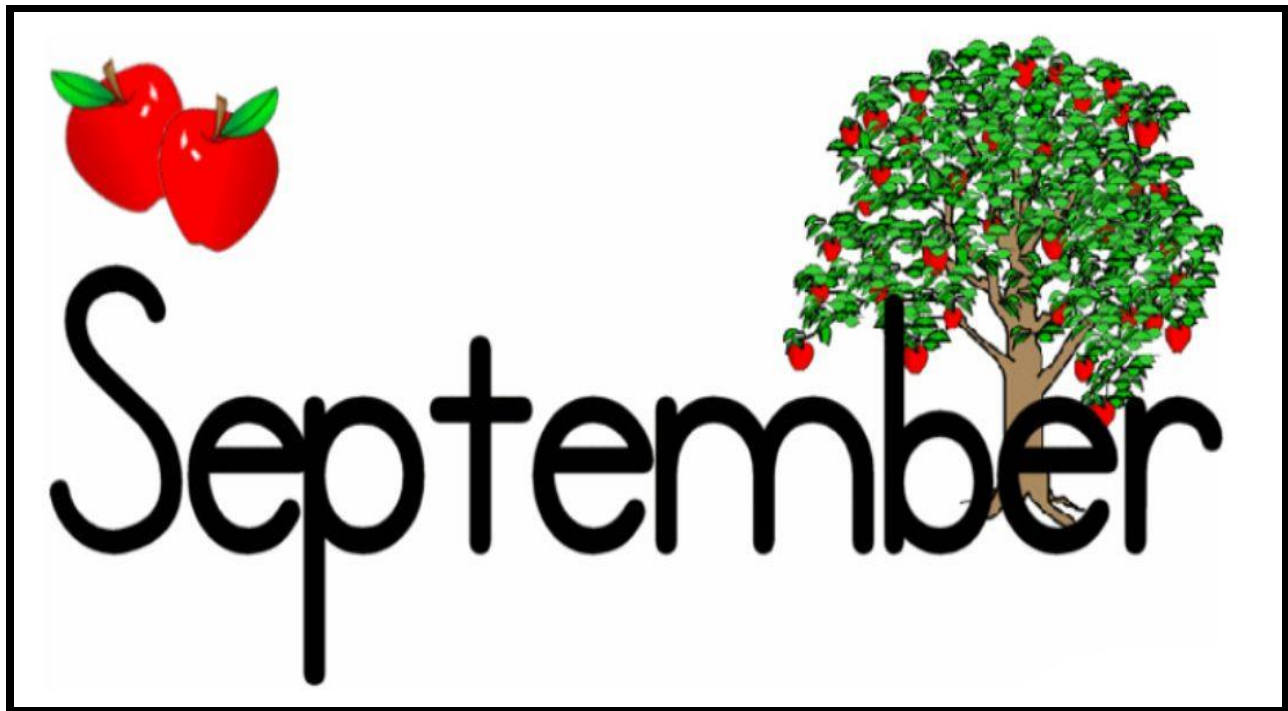
Finance: finance@spearfishumc.org

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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