

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thank you all for a wonderful Pastor Appreciation Month in October. Evie and I are very grateful to be a part of this beautiful congregation in the breathtaking Black Hills of South Dakota. We have enjoyed our many drives, hikes, and bike rides, and we're bracing for another winter. I have enjoyed helping your church make the transition to its next pastor. I have also appreciated the church's commitment to the community, which has encouraged me to be actively involved with the Black Hills State Football team. In this, my second season with the team, I've had several in-depth, spiritual conversations with players and coaches. I've been invited to travel with the team to Colorado State Pueblo for their final game on November 11th.

Thanks again to all of those who helped restore the parsonage after this past year's flood. For a while there, it seemed like any visits from Evie's family were accompanied by water-based mini-disasters at the parsonage! The new floor looks great, and the walls have been restored and painted. Thanks also to all who contributed financially to the restoration product.

Speaking of financial contributions, thank you for your generosity! One of our values that describes and defines us at Spearfish United Methodist Church is "Overflowing Generosity". With your help, we will complete the work God has placed before us in 2023 and move into a financially healthy 2024. If you haven't already done so, today is a great day to submit your pledge card to the church office. The Apostle Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians: "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

I am also grateful for those who made the Trunk or Treat event a success once again this year. Children and chocolate seem to go together well, and it is good to see

all the young families that are drawn to this event.

Please plan to attend this year's Charge Conference, scheduled for November 12th. We'll have lunch together, and then our District Superintendent, Dan Bader will lead us through this year's meeting. It is a good opportunity to review the past year's ministry and look forward to what is ahead, both in Spearfish and for United Methodists around the globe.

Peace,

Pastor John Madvig

Interim Pastor John Madvig

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:4



The Charge Conference for Spearfish UMC is scheduled for **Sunday, November 12 at 1 p.m.** A lunch will be held after the 10:30 worship service. Sloppy Joe's will be provided. Bring a side dish to share such as salads, desserts, or chips to go with Sloppy Joe's. Everyone is invited to attend.



Mark your calendar and plan to attend this important all-church meeting.

All Saints Weekend Nov. 4 & 5

You're invited to bring pictures of friends and relatives who have passed, and we will place them on a table for people to pass by during our communion services. Bring them to the office by Nov. 3.



Fall Produce Needed for Altar Display

Pumpkins, squash, corn and gourds are needed for the November altar decorations (*no zucchini please*). Please bring your donations to the church office **by Wednesday, Nov. 15** so that Dennis Suiter can create his display for everyone's enjoyment.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the One called Bread of Life.

I call you into the gospel of John: *When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the*

world."—John 6: 5-12 (NRSV)

Friends, more than 34 million people in the U.S. face hunger or lack access to healthy food. Closer to home, nearly one in every 10 adults in the Dakotas and Minnesota have reported there is sometimes or often not enough to eat for their household. There are people in every one of our communities who face the very real struggle to make ends meet and provide for their families. Some of our beloved United Methodist siblings are likely among them.

Let us come together to make a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. I hope you'll join me in participating in our Dakotas-Minnesota Area 2023 *Thanksgiving Offering: Five and Two*—as in the story of Jesus taking five loaves of bread and two fish and feeding 5,000.

What might it look like for every United Methodist in the Dakotas and Minnesota to give at least \$5 to two food ministries this Thanksgiving season? Now, for those who are able: You can provide more—perhaps \$52 to a food ministry of your choice. However you choose to work out the math and whatever amount you're able to give, imagine the impact we will make in our schools, our communities, and our neighborhoods.

I encourage each faith community across our area to choose a local organization that reaches individuals and families facing food insecurity—and to explore how to partner to meet local needs. Could you assemble meals for schools to send home with food-insecure children on weekends to feed their families? Might you create and stock a makeshift food pantry that sits in front of your church? Perhaps you could find out which types of food items are most needed at your local food pantry and challenge the congregation to see how many they can bring on a given Sunday.

I hope you will share your gifts directly and/or through a coordinated effort by your local church, and then let's celebrate our collective work as the Dakota-Minnesota Episcopal Area. Please prayerfully consider your own capacity, and share your commitment to the 2023 Thanksgiving Offering: Five and Two by [completing this form](#).

Additional information about the 2023 Thanksgiving Offering and [resources to help promote this opportunity](#) are available on the Dakotas and Minnesota Conference websites. Please invite the members and friends of your congregation to experience the joy of participating in this expression of ministry, modeled by the boy who shared what he had and saw that it was enough to feed those hungering.

Your Thanksgiving Offering is one key way we can show and share the love of God. Thank you in advance for your extravagant generosity. Thank you for blessing the Lord as you bless others and let us live out the gospel of John.

Let us pray: *Lord, sharing the loaves and fishes,*

You gave us an image of solidarity with the hungry. O Lord give us the hunger to be a part of the feeding and the healing of this world. Amen.

Alongside you on the journey,

Bishop Kenneth Plambeck

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*The Great Alone*" by Kristin Hannah. The group will meet on **Monday, November 13** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

United Methodist Men (UMM)



The Methodist Men (UMM) gathered on Oct. 7 & 21 for breakfast and devotions. Gabe Hicks gave devotions at the first meeting reading from Philippians.

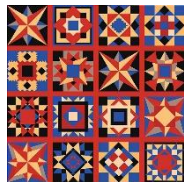
The passage reminds us to beware of the evil workers and worship in the spirit of God. At the Oct. 21 meeting Bill Lundgren read from the book of Mark and a short story from the Upper Room. The scripture teaches us to open our hearts. "Give, and it will be given to you." The gifts we give will be blessed by God.

The Methodist Men will meet again on **Nov. 4** for breakfast and devotions at 8:00 AM.

Bill Lundgren, President

UMC Quilt & Craft Bazaar

The Quilt and Craft group will be having a sale of a variety of created items at their bazaar on the weekend before Thanksgiving, **Saturday, November 18 from 8-2:00 PM** and is open to the public. There will be buying opportunities after each of the church services that weekend.



Sunday, the UM Women of Faith will also be hosting a bake sale. Please come shop for yourself or friends and support the efforts of these two organizations.

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 all of the above are encouraged. This month it will be **November 19** at 5pm and will feature a Swedish dish called Flying Jacob. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

It's a WIN-WIN...

Did you know that Safeway cards are available in the church office? These cards can be used to purchase gas or groceries and are very handy when only a small purchase needs to be made. No need to worry about cash, check or credit card for purchases. Safeway cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 and can be purchased in any desired quantity.



The holiday seasons will soon be upon us. Do you need gift ideas for neighbors, the paper boy, hairstylist, or anyone else in your life? Consider purchasing Safeway gift cards.

It's a WIN-WIN...stop in the church office to purchase your cards!!!

Spearfish UMC Values

The council summarized the values of this church in these brief statements:

1. Welcoming fellowship
2. Christ-centered worship
3. Multigenerational discipleship
4. Overflowing generosity
5. Compassionate outreach

The process of values discernment began with a group of 25 persons focusing on what is most important to this church and community. The council has continued that discussion and chose to state the values with a brief descriptor for each major area like worship and outreach. The order is intentional and progressive.

We gather and experience fellowship in many settings. We worship and strengthen our faith. We are a multigenerational body of believers, gaining understanding as disciples of Christ. We are overflowing in generosity. Then go out to serve others, near and far.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

The following dates show when our next meetings and special dates are right up through December so that

you can start planning what you want to attend. The Holidays will be here before we know it and it is not too soon to start planning.



Look for other articles with more details about the **Holiday Bow Making**, the **Candy Making**, and the

Christmas Lunch Event – “Children’s Christmas Toys.”

- Wed., Nov. 1 – **UWF Business Meeting** 10:00 a.m. Library
- Sat., Nov. 4 – **HOLIDAY BOW MAKING** 1:00 p.m. Library – Presented by Debra Richardson
- Wed., Nov. 15 – **UWF Unit Meeting** – Fellowship time 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m. Library. Hostess: Shirley Doten & Sandy Prante. Program & Facilitator: TBA
- Sat., Dec. 2 – **CANDY MAKING** – Church Kitchen Time TBA. Facilitated by Emma & Leadership Team
- Wed., Dec. 6 – **UWF Business Meeting** 10:00 a.m. Library
- Sat., Dec. 9 – **“UWF CHRISTMAS LUNCH EVENT”**. 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall. Hostess: Leadership Team & Volunteers. **RSVP to Church Office by Wednesday, Dec. 6**

We want our Women’s Ministry to meet the needs of more women in our Congregation and Community by providing a fellowship of sharing ourselves with each other. A reminder, you don’t have to be a member of UWF to participate in any of our special events; but, 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

United Women in Faith “Holiday Bow Making”



Come join us on Saturday, **November 4 at 1:00 PM** in the Spearfish UMC Library for Holiday Bow Making, led by Debra Richardson. Learn to make bows for your holiday wrapping! Please bring a pair of sharp scissors and a pair of wire cutters. Ribbon will be provided, unless you already have some you’d like to use.

A donation will be taken for supplies provided by Debra. Please RSVP to d.a.r.rosertree333@gmail.com or call or text 605-580-6846

“UWF Christmas Lunch Event”



UWF will have their Christmas Event on **Saturday, December 9 at 11:30** in the Fellowship Hall.

We have chosen this year with your help, to collect children's toys for the Salvation Army toy drive. All the toys are given to the northern hills area children. The toys need to be new and unwrapped for 0 to 14 years of age, puzzles, games, trucks, dolls, books are some ideas.

Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, Dec. 6, to attend the Christmas Lunch, bringing your toys. Christmas Carols will be sung!

We invite everyone to participate in the toy collection. Bring a friend, your husband and relatives. Containers will be ready November 25 through December 9 for toys if you are unable to attend the lunch.



CYFM October Update



October came and went so quickly, and here at CYFM, we have certainly been keeping busy this month! We had two big events this month with CYFM for families out in the community: A family community movie night & our annual Trunk or Treat!

Our **Family Community Movie Night** was on October 6th at 6PM, and we had a great turnout of about fifty people join us for a fun, cozy night of a pulled pork dinner, bouncy castle & balloon fun, popcorn, and a nostalgic indoor movie of “Honey, I Shrank the Kids!” The weather outside was cold and rainy that day, but inside the church, our hearts were warm with love, joy, and wonderful company! We thank Spearfish United Methodist’s Women’s Group for the wonderful opportunity to collaborate and provide a lovely and relaxing time for children and adults alike!

Our next event that the CYFM hosted was our annual **Trunk or Treat** on October 29th from 2-4PM! The weather was mighty cold, and some snow decorated the ground, but that didn’t stop us or the community of Spearfish from having an amazing afternoon inside Fellowship Hall! Families and volunteers were kept warm with the love, joy, and celebration inside our church as a bustling number of over a hundred people joined us despite the cold weather in festivities of carnival games, trick or treating decorated booths, face painting, and yummy popcorn treats! We are so thankful for all the donations of candy we received to help make that afternoon a memorable and sweet afternoon for families, and we are so very thankful for all the volunteers that helped make our Trunk or Treat possible. Through the time, love and prayers of our church members, whether through thoughts or actions, we are so very blessed to have such a supportive and generous church family ready to spread that love and support out to the surrounding communities and families!

Beyond our annual celebrations, we also have a weekly event that we are so very proud of lately: our **weekly Children’s Sunday School** from 9:20AM-10:AM! Children’s Sunday School started last month, and our numbers of children joining us for Sunday School has rapidly grown from an average of 5-8 children last year, to an average of 10-14 children each week. We are feeling SO very blessed to have so many families joining our church family through our many church activities!

Each week, we start off in the sermon as children are called up to participate in Children’s Sermon with our church volunteers during the 9AM service. After an engaging message and prayer, **children ages three and up** are then brought upstairs by our two Sunday School volunteers to our Sunday School room for an engaging Orange Curriculum-based bible story video, followed by children splitting off into younger and older age groups with the help of a third volunteer for a dedicated and fun time of games and crafts that help teach our Bible story and message. Next, children are brought back together to enjoy music time, as our children’s music director Colleen teaches our children hands-on, kid-approved church songs with fun lyrics and hand-motions! Lastly, our children gather for a moment of prayer and reflection, to then head back to their families waiting outside of the

Sunday School room, taking home a devotional and coloring page to help remind children and families of the lessons they learned for the week ahead!

With growing numbers of families joining our church means that our available volunteers are more important than ever to help meet the needs of these families. **If you are interested in volunteering as a Sunday School teacher**, willing to help do a **Children’s Sermon message**, or interested in **joining or helping CYFM** with their many family events, **please contact Katelyn Smith** at (419) 296-5723 or workksmith@gmail.com for more information!

As always, we thank everyone in our church that sends love, support, and prayers our way as we extend that love out to families both inside and outside of our church, and we are looking forward to more events occurring in the coming months as the important Christmas season gets closer and closer!

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, Nov. 16 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.

Grief and Loss Group

The “Grief and Loss” Group meets in the church Parlor at 1:00 pm each Thursday afternoon.



Roberta Hilliger RN and Mental Health Nurse for 40 years will pick up the group again where it left off last spring. All ages welcome for any grief or loss issues be it involving Holiday season, family, spouse fentanyl issues, Covid losses, ongoing sadness, difficulty in your day and grief. You will get a chance to speak and listen.

We do not have tapes or books or fees. Contact Roberta Hilliger with any questions at 605-389-1884.

The New Books Are Here!

The new UWF Reading Program books are in the library. Check them out!

- “How Beautiful We Were” Imbolo Mbue
- “Thirty Talks Weird Love” Alessandra N. Varela

(suitable for youth)

- “Beautiful Country: A Memoir” Qian Julie Wang
- “Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart” Gordon Livingston
- “I Am Golden” Eva Chen (suitable for children”
- “A Little Piece of Light” Donna Hylton
- “Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother’s Will to Survive” Stephanie Land
- “Blessed Youth” Sarah Griffith Lund (youth)
- “The Nickel Boys” Colson Whitehead
- “Willful Defiance” Mark Warren
- “Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants” Robin Wall Kimmerer
- “Land of Silence” Tessa Afshar
- “The Good for Nothing Tree” Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (suitable for children)
- “You Have a Voice” Vera Ahiiya (suitable for children)

If you wish to participate in the UWF Reading Program, all you need to do is read one book from each of 5 categories. The children’s books also qualify! Or you can just read and enjoy!

Christmas Decorating

We would love to have help decorating the church for Advent and Christmas on **November 26 at 2:00 PM**. We will need strong arms to get things up out of the basement as well as many hands to make short work of the decorating. Contact Kevin Nakajima or Michelle Jennings for more information.



Rummage Sale “Thank You”

The Rummage Sale that was held on October 29 & 30 was a huge success and we are so grateful to all those who helped. We made over \$3,400. That money will be split between the Parsonage Repair Fund and the Children First Scholarship Fund.

Thank you to the Children First Board of Directors who were in charge of the sale. Thank you to all the Children First staff, parents and church members who contributed items. We also appreciate everyone who worked the sale and came to purchase items. This was truly a community effort and many people came together for this great cause. We can accomplish much when we work together!

Children First News

Children First (CF) has been a busy place this fall. The rummage sale was a very successful cooperative event with donations from Children First families and church members and friends. Proceeds were shared with \$1,668.60 for CF scholarships and \$1,668.60 for parsonage repair. In addition, the recent mission of the month added \$1,365 to the CF scholarship fund to make up for limited investment returns.

Thank you to Jeanette Keck and many volunteers, including most of the CF Board, for their great work to conduct the Friday-Saturday sale. Cinnamon rolls were a big hit. Thank you to many donors, buyers, and workers.

Staff and children are spending time out of doors as much as possible in the nice fall weather. Hay bales and pumpkins were donated for the play area. One child said, “We get to climb on the hay bales but not the babies; they might fall off.” The asphalt within the playground fence was repaired and the cost paid by Children First. This solves a serious safety issue. Praise



God.

Mac and Cheese Day was held Friday, October 27. A great crew cooked mac & cheese from “scratch”, served apples and carrots to ages 3-4-5 in their classrooms.



Extra was prepared since it is a popular treat for all staff members. Thank you, mac & cheese team.

Janelle Jones

Prayer Partners



Holy God. We give thanks for all the love and blessings given so freely to each one of us. May we express gratitude each day for opportunities for work and leisure and for those who nurture our faith journey. Thank you for your grace. Be with me, my family, friends and neighbors. Amen

Cancer/Caregiver Books Available

The Health Ministry Committee would like to give you the book *May I Walk You Home*. It is a book for caregivers of the very ill. It provides courage and

comfort for caregivers and for the ill person.

We also have another very informative book, *CANCER-Now What?* The goal of this book is to help those with cancer and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges that cancer brings.

You may call the church office at (605) 642-3457, if you would like a copy of these helpful books.

Health Ministry Committee

3 Vaccines Recommended This Fall

Vaccinations for seasonal viruses are a key part of protecting your health. That is especially true later in life, when your immune system can have a more difficult time fighting off infections. The flu, COVID-19, and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) vaccines are recommended this fall by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

If you have had COVID-19 vaccines or the disease, the protection wanes over time. The coronavirus continually churns out new variants that can dodge prior immunity.

Flu vaccine lowers the risk of flu illness by 40-60%. COVID-19 is up to 92% effective in preventing infection, and up to 97% effective in preventing severe illness. Protection weakens over time, so that is why people need to have additional doses.

The CDC has recommended that most Americans get the COVID-19 and flu vaccines if they are 6 months older and up.

The RSV virus is a respiratory virus that usually causes mild cold like symptoms, but can be severe and even deadly for older adults and infants. People in their 70's or 80, or those who have underlying health conditions that put them at greater risk-such-as chronic heart disease or diabetes-should seriously consider it. If you are in your 60s, it is recommended that you talk with your doctor about your risk for RSV and whether the vaccine makes sense for you.

The Health Ministry Committee recommends that you contact your health care provider if you have any questions about the flu, COVID-19, or RSV vaccine. **Per the CDC, getting vaccinated is the best way to protect against these infections.**

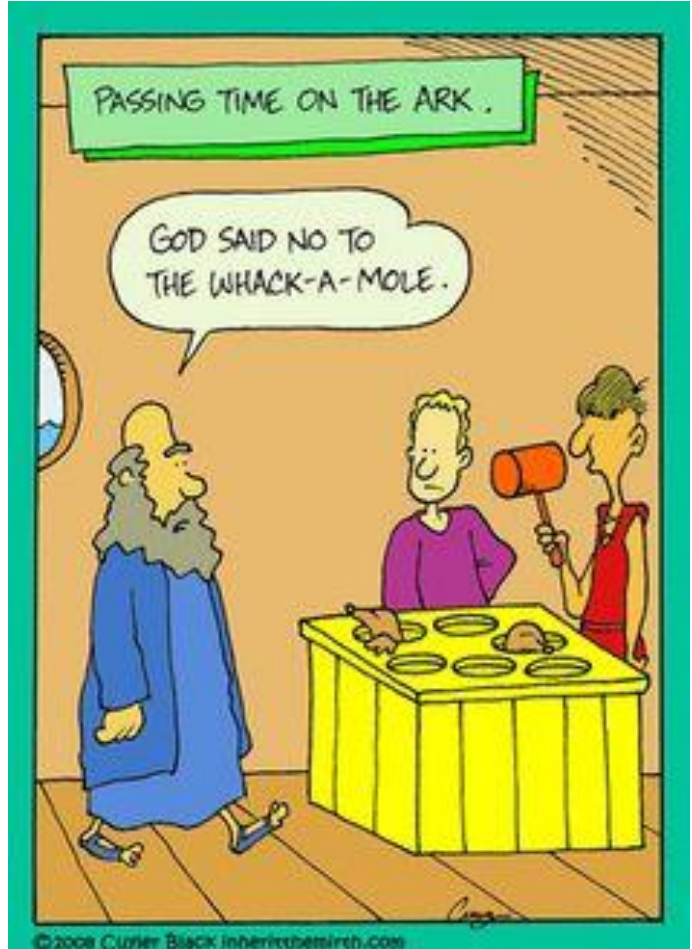
Prayer Request Cards

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.



Council Highlights

October 17, 2023

Motions

Motion I: Emblem

- Janelle moved: Spearfish UMC will officially use the UMC cross and flame symbol whenever possible and without removing existing signage. Keith seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

Motion II: Outreach Center

- Janelle moved: UMC will drop the name United Methodist Community Outreach Center and remove all lettering and signage from the building. After some discussion, Keith moved to table this motion. Brenda seconded and it was approved.

Motion III: Parsonage

- Janelle moved: Spearfish UMC shall continue to own a parsonage. Questions arose as to whether this should be a topic for charge conference and after discussing some pros and cons Kelvin moved to table this motion until the new pastor is here. Brenda seconded and it was

unanimously approved. This will be an agenda item for Trustees and Administrative Council for July, 2024.

Motion IV: Values

- A small group of UMC members looked at the values and came up with some re-named values. These are: 1) Christ -centered worship 2) Welcoming fellowship 3) Compassionate outreach.
 - following values for our church:
 - Welcoming **Fellowship**
 - Christ-Centered **Worship**
 - Multi-Generational **Discipleship**
 - Overflowing **Generosity**
 - Compassionate **Outreach**

Motion was approved.

Membership

Keith wanted to make us aware some recent membership / attendance trends:

- We used to average about 200 per weekend for attendance (other than summertime), but this September the average was 170. Time will tell if this average stays below 200.
- Our pledged income is looking good and should be ahead by the end of the year, but our unpledged income is falling behind for the year.

Membership Record

- A committee was formed to audit the Membership Record prior to Charge Conference. The committee will consist of Kelvin Lower, Pastor John, Janelle Jones and Orvette Stepper.

Children First Representation

- Children First would like to have a representative on both Stewardship & Finance and Trustees. It was decided that it would be very valuable for a Children First board member to attend both committee meetings. It was also decided that while they can attend the meetings, they would not be a voting member of the committee.

Request from Lay Leadership on Committee Requirements

- Pastor John has been reading the 'Book of Discipline' to help clarify the required amount of members for various committees. He will have the Charge Conference decide which committees are required to have a representative and who should be a voting member. Following the 'Book of Discipline' for committee requirements should be a priority for all committees for the 2024 year.

Committee Reports

Children First (Janelle Jones)

- Busy, happy care for 82 children, a ministry for the community.
- Children First scholarship fund benefiting from rummage sale and mission of the month.
- Asphalt repair for playground safety is complete, donations welcome to CF asphalt fund.
- Washer & dryer donated to CF, willing to self-fund for plumbing & electrical work.
- Total staff of 25, starting wage \$14/hour.

Staff Parish

- At last month's SPRC meeting we finalized our 2024 Budget recommendations for staff compensation. This was presented to S&F and they will approve the final salaries.
- SPRC also completed the Clergy Compensation recommendations. This was also presented to S&F and will be approved at charge conference next month.
- Discussion also continued on the hiring of a UMCOC building manager for 2024.

United Women in Faith

- United Women in Faith began our new year with a slow start in September. But our Supper and a Movie night was a great success with several young families in attendance.
- The bounce castle was enjoyed very much.

Stewardship & Finance Committee Report

- S&F met Oct 11th. Discussion highlights:
 - Church attendance and giving trends. Giving is near the 2023 pre-summer level. Average September attendance at 170 is below the pre-summer level of 200.
 - Update on pledge drive
 - Budgeting – UMCOC budget (adding a paid building manager and playground maintenance expense lines)

September Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet

The fall rummage sale was very successful with over \$3200 raised to be split between the parsonage repair fund and CF scholarships. The memorial committee, after making the necessary contacts, has transferred money from several memorial funds into the parsonage and church boiler repair accounts. Therefore, the current balance of the parsonage repair fund (as of Oct 6) is \$1637 in the black. There was a very generous donation to the UMC Help Fund allowing this mission to resume.

General Fund

For the month of September, total income was \$32,983. Total expenses were \$28,691 which resulted in the month ending \$4,292 in the black. Year to date the General Fund is in the red \$47,306. Apportionments were paid at 12% instead of 14% for the month, a difference of \$664. Mary will keep track of the cumulative amount as we hope to pay in full by the end of the year.

UMCOC

The income for UMCOC was \$5,605 and expenses were \$2,724. The month ended in the black \$2,880. The year-to-date balance is in the black \$2,131.

Debt/Capital

We received \$11,175 in donations. Of this, \$8,355 was given for parsonage and church boiler repair. The year-to-date balance is \$65,440. Of these funds, up to \$17,000 will be needed to replace the pumps and fittings for the church boiler.

Children First

Children First September income totaled \$45,372 and expenses were \$42,982. Children First ended September in the black \$2,389 and also the year to date as this is the first

month of their fiscal year.

Mission-Giving

Mission giving for September totaled \$11,500 which was mainly due to a generous \$10,000 gift to the Help Fund. We distributed \$1,200 (\$550 – solar ovens, \$400 – UMCOR, \$250 Help fund).

Kelvin closed with a shared reading.

Dates to Remember:

- Charge Conference: November 12th @ 1:00 pm
- Next Council Meeting: November 21 @ 6:00 pm



Mission of the Month
Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels helps seniors to stay at home, where they want to be, through one of the most successful social solutions in America. At the core of the Meals on Wheels service is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of

our seniors. For those who have trouble getting around, they bring the service to each individual. For those who can still venture out into the community, meals are served at Hickory House.

Meals on Wheels operates in virtually every community in America through their network of more than 5,000 independently-run local programs. While the diversity of each program's services and operations may vary based on the needs and resources of their communities, they are all committed to supporting their senior neighbors to live healthier and more nourished lives in their own homes.

Your donations to this community program are greatly appreciated to support those who use this meals program. Thank you.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Saltine Crackers
- All Kinds of Soup
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Vegetables

- Grape Jelly
- Hamburger Helpers
- Egg Noodles



Jim Jennings	11/01	Susan Ellerton	11/19
Mya Meredith	11/01	Cameron Hendricks	11/19
Alyce Schavone	11/02	Kathy Rost	11/20
Donna Stanford	11/02	Penny Doering	11/20
Carol Veazie	11/03	Layton Loup	11/21
Betsy Wilson	11/05	Carolyn Page	11/22
Kiynan Deane	11/05	Margie Hesson	11/22
Heather Schmidt	11/06	Mariatu Vaughn	11/22
Holden Ayer	11/06	Bonnie Crain	11/23
Connie Weisbeck	11/07	Vaughn Heckel	11/23
Patty Kruske	11/08	Craig Triplett	11/24
Sarah Madvig	11/09	Laura Oliver	11/25
Rob Bentley	11/10	Lollie Meade	11/25
LyRic Swanson	11/10	Peyton VanDeest	11/26
Linnea Swanson	11/11	John Kissack	11/27
Lyle Ericsson	11/12	Paul Pierson	11/27
Pearl Swartz	11/12	Allan Bonnema	11/28
Walter Hurd	11/12	Connie Hubbard	11/29
Becky Dorsett	11/13	Ryder Niesent	11/29
Lanee Powers	11/15	Carrie Swanson	11/30
Sue Cole	11/16		



Sam & Sheri Perry	11/12~18 yrs.
Raymond & Mariatu Vaughn	11/22~10 yrs.
Scott & Colleen McKirdy	11/24~39 yrs.
Donald & Lane Keil	11/28~53 yrs.



Blessings on:

- *John Elliot Swanson*, born June 13, 2023, and was baptized October 15, 2023 by Pastor John Madvig. His parents are Nathan & Janna Swanson and his sister is Linnea. Grandparents

are John & Brenda Swanson and Ronny & Ute Luehmann.

- *Johnathan Edward Scott Loux*, born March 10, 2023 and was baptized October 22, 2023 by Pastor John Madvig. His parents are John & Shaina Loux and his two sisters are MayBelle and JoAnna. Grandparents are Darcy Engel and John & Janet Loux.

Sympathy to the family of:

- *Bernice Abraham* who died October 1, 2023 and whose graveside services were held Sunday, Oct. 8 at Rose Hill by Pastor John Madvig.
- *Bob Christofferson* who died October 5, 2023 and whose services were held Oct. 12 at Spearfish UMC.
- *Loren Christensen* who died October 25, 2023 and whose services were held on October 31 at Spearfish UMC with burial in Alva, Wyoming.

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	Aug.	4,000.80
Sept.	11,175.55		

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	Aug.	35,282.68
Sept.	45,372.40		

Special Gifts for October

Sprinkler System	\$ 200.00
DF Playground Asphalt Fund	2,200.00
Yoga Charity Fund	534.00
Children First Grant Income	2,541.81
UMCOC Donations	760.00
Parsonage Repair Fund	5,582.60
Children First Scholarships	2,060.10
Josephine Boyer Memorial	25.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
UMCOR	920.00
Youth Fund	6.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,929.51

Special Funds for October

Benevolence Fund	\$ 40.00
UMC Help Fund	727.00
TOTAL	\$ 767.00

*Worship Attendance for Oct.: 890 (Avg./Wk = 178)

*On-Line Attendance for Oct.: 443(Avg./Wk=111) (4 wks)



BUDGET

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



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“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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