

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church
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Pastor's Page

Hello Beloved!

First things first – get this on your calendar: the Dakotas Methodist Foundation invites you to “Leaving a Legacy” on Friday, April 12, from 1:30-2:30pm. The location is Westhills Village (255 Texas Street) in Rapid City. There’s a copy of the brochure here in the *Trumpeter*, but I’d also like mention something here: First, one of our church’s values is Overflowing Generosity. That means that, because of our generous giving, the blessings we receive are overflowing into our community, nation, and world. This seminar will show us how we can make that part of our legacy as members of Spearfish Community Church—how we can leave a legacy of generosity for the generations that follow. Ask around—I’m hoping there will be opportunities to carpool to this event. If you’re planning to drive or need a ride, please let the church office know.

I’ve been enjoying sipping coffee and sharing conversation on Monday mornings at Common Grounds. Please take a moment to stop by between 9-11 am.

Black Hills State University Football is in its Spring season. I’m enjoying spending time with the team again. Their Spring Game will be on Friday, April 17, currently scheduled for 3:30 pm.

We’re continuing our study of the book of Genesis on Tuesday mornings. Even though we studied Noah and the Flood last month, it’s not too late to get on board! You don’t even have to leave home, as this Bible study takes place on Zoom. Please contact the office for a link.

Warm weather is coming – or is it here?

Peace,

Pastor John Madvig

Interim Pastor



Yeah! We're in the Black!!



Thank you to everyone for giving generously to the fundraisers and your extra donations to help the General Fund. We are now in the black as of March 26 by \$13,020.92. A total so far of \$6,181.23 has been raised by the fundraisers. We still have another Sunday to give in the month of March. Way to go!

Other fundraisers are planned throughout the year. Watch for more information and enjoy the fun and joy that everyone has in participating in these events.

Staff Tribute to: Carrie Swanson



Carrie Swanson is the Nursery Coordinator at Spearfish UMC. She has been working with the littlest of the congregation since the end of 2015. She provides care during the two Sunday morning services.

She attended Dakota Wesleyan University where she graduated with bachelor’s degrees in English and Religion/Philosophy. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, and working on various projects in her home.



Kelvin Lower

Kelvin Lower served as Council Chair at the end of Pastor Scott's time here, with a promise to serve through December 2023. He is now president of United Methodist Men and was the promoter and organizer, plus main cook for the Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed. He is currently on the Council representing UMM.



He is very knowledgeable about the United Methodist system and the Book of Discipline having served in Wheatland, WY UMC, and area conference. He was very helpful to Pastor John as a transitional pastor. He attends Finance and Trustees meetings periodically. His wife Kathy was a big help with the pancake special event. Both attend game night and supper regularly.

Coffee with Pastor John



If you'd like to grab a cup of coffee with Pastor John, he's at Common Grounds from **9:00-11:00 am most Mondays**. Everyone is welcome.

Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure Checks

The Congregational Care team is sponsoring free blood pressure and blood sugar checks after all church services on the weekend of **April 5 & 6**. Diabetes and high blood pressure are two of the major health issues facing adults in our country, so please drop by after church and check your numbers.

Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*Firefly Lane*" by Kristin Hannah. The group will meet on **Monday, April 8** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

Leaving a Legacy



The Dakotas Methodist Foundation invites you to join them for a presentation for "Leaving a Legacy" for your church or favorite ministry. This presentation will be held on **Friday, April 12 at 1:30 PM** at the Theater at Westhills village located at 255 Texas St., Rapid City.

What does it mean to leave a legacy? How can you support your church or favorite ministry, now or after you are gone? Join Sheri Meister, President/CEO and Diane Weller, Director of Foundation Relations of the Dakotas Methodist Foundation.

GriefShare News!

On Saturday, April 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm there will be a "Loss of a Spouse" session in the Fellowship Hall. If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a spouse, this two-hour session will provide some practical advice from those who have been there. Also, what to expect, how to cope, and that it won't always hurt this much.

Starting Monday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and ending on July 8 will be the GriefShare 13-week program. The cost is \$20 for the Participant Guide that will be available when you arrive. This program offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. The GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. You will receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

For more information contact: Kelvin Lower at kelvinlower@gmail.com or at (307) 331-4619 or you may contact Sam Perry at sammy6661@yahoo.com or at (806) 690-6838.

United Methodist Men (UMM)



United Methodist Men (UMM) met March 2 & 16. On the 2nd we had cooked to order omelets, hashbrowns and toast. The devotion was presented by Perry Hansen. On the 16th we had pancakes, eggs, and sausage with a Honduras slide show presented by Ron and Gloria Borgman.

The April meetings will be on the 6th and the 20th both at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, so come join us.

*God Bless, Kelvin Lower
UMM President*

Cinnamon Rolls



Those yummy cinnamon rolls will be served by the Honduras team **April 13 & 14**. Cinnamon rolls will be available after the two Sunday services, with rolls and various soups after the Saturday service. Donations will be designated for the church's General Fund Drive.

Buy a Board! Build a Deck!

The parsonage deck needs replacement before our new pastor's family arrives. You can help build the deck by buying a board or boards at \$3/linear ft.:

- 20 ft. board is \$60
- 10 ft. board is \$30

You may purchase as many board feet as you wish to add to the stack of lumber for the new deck.

Board Buyers will then host a picnic around the new deck to celebrate... You Can Be a Builder!!!



All-Church Rummage Sale

Start setting aside your donations for this All-Church Rummage Sale. Time to clear out your closets, cupboards, and garages.



Donations may be brought to the church starting Monday, April 22. Old electronics or exercise equipment will NOT be accepted.

The rummage sale will be on **Friday, April 26** from 9-5 PM and on **Saturday, April 27** from 9-2 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

United Women in Faith and the United Methodist Men are working together for this event. If you would like to help with setting up or tearing down, please contact Shirley Doten (605) 642-2024, Doris Parke (309) 212-5870 or Kelvin Lower (307) 331-4619. All proceeds will go toward the General Fund.

Children First

Through an anonymous donor, Children First has been able to set up an Emergency Tuition Fund to help parents with brief unforeseen circumstances. This is different from our scholarship program as this would be a one-time gift. We are thankful for generous community

members who see a value in early education.

We are looking forward to warmer temps and more time outside.

Thank you to all of you who pray for Children First, staff and children.

United Women in Faith (UWF)



Last month on Sunday, March 10 we had 22 people who attended our special noon event with Carolyn Short, a mental health

professional from Spearfish Counseling, that led a discussion about keeping boundaries and relationships and caring for ourselves. We are grateful for all who attended the lively discussion.

In April, United Women in Faith will have its regular two meetings. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library which is a Business Meeting and is open to anyone who has something to bring to our group.

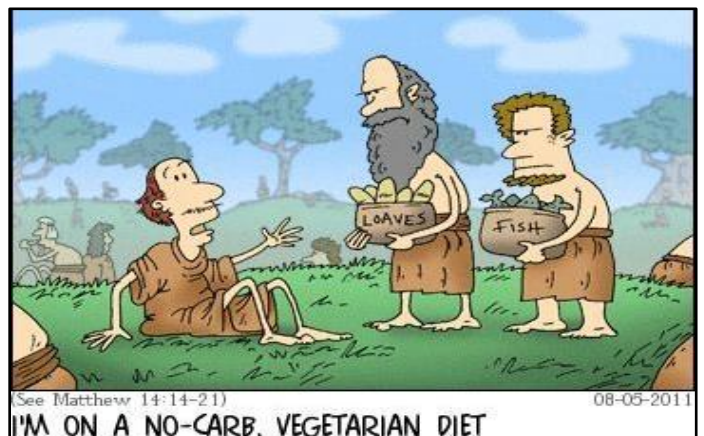
UWF will meet on Wednesday, April 17 with a Fellowship time beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Our hostesses will be Shirley Doten and Debra Richardson.

We invite all woman in the church and their friends to come, giving us your gift of presence. 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. You don't have to be a member to attend any of our 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. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the following members:

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, Spearfish UWF Chair



Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, April 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.

CYFM Spring Update



Here is Children, Youth, and Family Ministry (CYFM), we are so very blessed to say that we have had a lot of support from families, volunteers, and church members in providing opportunities to share the knowledge and love of God with families and their children within and outside of the church – and now that spring is here, we’ve got some exciting opportunities for all ages upon us to bring us all that much closer to one another and to God!

Our first upcoming event will be our **Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch on March 31st at 10AM!** We plan to still have Sunday School for children ages 3+ at 9:20AM during the Sunday Sermon, and then will bring kids down to the Fellowship Hall to prepare kids and families for our **Easter Egg Hunt** – which we plan to take place on our playground, weather permitting; but we also have a backup plan for if the easter egg hunt needs to take place indoors! During and after this hunt in between church services, brunch will be provided for families to enjoy!

We are *extremely* thankful for the very generous amount of donations that we received from church members for both Easter eggs and candy, which allowed us to put together 414 eggs for children within the church and surrounding community to enjoy hunting for Easter Sunday! Thank you so much everyone for your support in making these experiences for our children all that much more meaningful through the love and support you pour into these events!

Our next big event will be our **Spring Family Block Party**, open free to the public for families and people of all ages! Please join us on **Friday, April 12 at 5-7PM** for bouncy castle time, free food, spring crafts and games, and a cookie decorating station in the Fellowship Hall! We will be looking for volunteers to help with the stations, clean and decorate, as well as would very much appreciate some strong help in getting the bouncy castle set up and put away! Please keep a lookout for signup sheets and flyers in the Fellowship Hall soon!



Lastly on our agenda, it’s that time of year again to begin thinking about **Dakota United Methodist Camps** – Summer 2024 camp registration is open! If you register before **April 30**, you can receive a \$5/night discount, plus you can save even more by bringing a friend with you to camp! Please check out our registration forms for summer camp events for all ages at www.dakotasumc.org. If you need further assistance, contact the camping office at info@dakacamps.org, or give us a call at 855-622-1973.

We thank the church again for all your love and support as we continue to put together opportunities that draw in and connect families together through God’s love! If you are interested in finding out more ways that you can connect to God through our family-friendly church opportunities, please send an email to workksmith@gmail.com, or call/text at 419-296-5723 to get ahold of Katelyn Smith for more details! We’d love to help you find ways to engage with us through 9:20-10AM **Children’s Sunday School** for ages 3 and up, **Children’s Sermons**, seasonal events, or with our **CYFM Meetings** on the third Wednesdays of every month at 7PM! If you see an event we’re doing, whether you give us heads up or not, please do warmly join us – we’d love to have you!

Blessing the Table

During the first weekend of each month, our congregation celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion. We share the body and blood of Jesus

Christ and remember Him as the sacrificial lamb.

In preparation to celebrate communion, the elements of juice and bread are purchased, the juice is poured into cups, the bread is cut and placed on serving trays, and then both juice and bread are placed on the altar to be blessed before serving.

Communion is something we celebrate as a church family and help is needed for its preparation. Can you help with one of the following opportunities:

1. Saturday evening...Set up for the 5:30pm worship service, clean up and set up for the 9:00am Sunday service.
2. Sunday morning...Clean up after the 9:00am service and set up for the 10:30am service. Clean up after service.

The more people that help, the more people bless the communion service.

The more people that help, the more the preparation is shared through the year, so no individual is responsible each month.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to schedule a time to help, contact Marsha Dangel at 605-350-3691 or mdangel1@live.com.

Sign up sheets will be available in the back of the church.

PLEASE NOTE: The preparation duties are different than assisting the pastor and serving communion during the service.

United Methodist Churches are Connectional

By Janelle Jones



United Methodist Churches are connectional which means we support the mission and ministries of this district, Dakotas Conference, Episcopal area (ND, SD, MN), North Central Jurisdiction and General Conference. Examples include support for three camps in the Dakotas as well as Africa University. Global mission projects include Volunteers in Mission (VIM).

Because we are a connectional church, the appointive cabinet, which consists of Bishop Lanette Plambeck and four district superintendents, discern, seek and decide on the best pastor for each church. Spearfish UMC was named as a “clear open” to inform clergy that our church would be ready for a new pastor July 1, 2024. The new pastor and spouse have been introduced to the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). An introductory video was shown in worship February 18.

Each month, the UM Churches contribute to the Dakotas Conference a specific percentage of general fund

income to support what we do together as a connectional denomination. Over the years, that “tithing” of our general fund has been decreased due to votes held at Dakotas Annual Conference: 16%, 15%, 14% down to 13.5% for 2024. Because the projected income of SUMC is \$30,000 below anticipated expenses, Council decided to delay payment of apportionments the first months of this year. About \$5,000 was not submitted for apportionments during January to meet the 13.5% obligation.

Income was high in January 2024 because some donations are made for the year. Normal expenses include staff salaries, utilities, and upkeep. Snow removal bills are sometimes high and a quarterly bill for insurance was paid in February.

Considering the \$30,000 income gap, one idea to increase donations is to hold special events during the year. The first two events brought in net income of about \$730 & \$1,000. It seems like at that rate of return, SUMC needs 30 special events (at the rate of \$1,000 each).

How do we meet this need? First, prayers for God’s guidance, then a spirit of generosity and hope. All that we have is a gift from God. How can we give to the work of God?

UMC Help Fund Update

There are a lot of people in our community that are in need of a little help with gas to get to work or medical appointments. They also need help with food in between paydays when things are stretched tight. This is what the UMC Help Fund is for.

Right now the Help Fund is in need of funds to be able to help these people. We know that finances are tight for everyone but every little bit helps.

If you would like to hear some of the life-stories that are heard each week contact Bonnie Witt, Doris Parke, Lane Keil or Claudia Little, who are the ones that help distribute the funds.

Thank you for thinking of others with this mission of the church.



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 **April 21** at 5pm and will feature a Chicken Chasseur, Tartiflette, and Crème Brulee. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Prayer Partners



Holy One,
 Bless Pastor John Madvig and Pastor Paul Lint in this season of transition. Guide us into prayer and planning for our future. Help us to see God’s preferred future in this church and community for children, youth and family ministry.

May our reminder be—“Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world...” All the children of all ages. Amen

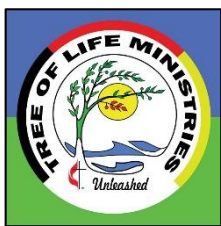
Council Highlights March 17, 2024

- Staff Parish committee completed annual training.
- Trustees moving forward with new deck for Parsonage and other repairs needed for incoming pastor.
- Fundraising efforts continue to help with budget shortage.

Heather Brewer, Council Vice Chair



Mission of the Month Tree of Life



Tree of Life ministry is located on the Rosebud reservation in Mission, South Dakota. That reservation has more than 50% of the population living below the poverty level. Working through staff and volunteers from all over the

USA, Tree of Life addresses poverty issues by:

1. **Warm Welcome Feeding Program** – more than 200 families are fed a nourishing meal 4 days a week – over 52,000 meals last year! They also distribute donated grocery items, 1,500,000 pounds last year through their food pantry.

2. **Tree of Life Thrift Store** sells new and used clothing and household goods at low cost so families can afford decent clothing.



3. **Tree of Life and Volunteer Teams** repair about 50 houses a year. Those who live in tribal owned housing are not allowed to do repairs themselves, and may wait years for requested repairs, but Tree of Life teams are allowed to do badly needed repairs with tribal permission.
4. **Interaction With Christian Volunteers** and mission teams from all over the USA demonstrates the caring of others to those in poverty.

Thank you for helping Tree of Life serve others this month.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Pork & Beans
- Canned Chicken
- Cookies
- Saltine Crackers
- Applesauce
- Grape Jelly



Cheryl Voorhis	04-01	Jean Downing	04-17
Baylee Hazledine	04-01	Bob Perry	04-19
Jarrett Smith	04-02	Keith Haiar	04-19
Lanny Swisher	04-03	Marie Post	04-22
Roger Garrett	04-03	MayBelle Loux	04-22
Mike Stracco	04-03	David Ayer	04-23
Sidnee Short	04-03	Warren Johnson	04-24
Theo Grosz	04-06	Gordon Hogsett	04-25
Alyssa Warns-Louks	04-07	Sandra Asheim	04-26
Jack Ammerman	04-07	Charlie Hennessey	04-26
Kathelyn Smith	04-08	Nathan Madvig	04-27
Sonya Albers	04-10	Linda Stratton	04-28
Judy Wagner	04-10	Rylee Niesent	04-28

Charlotte Schmidt	04-11	Bob Davis	04-29
Steven Ammerman	04-12	Steve Peters	04-29
Shirley Doten	04-13	Emma McKirdy-Wilsey	04-29
Mary Ann Sheldon	04-14	Ailie Fischer	04-29
Linda Lueders	04-17	Jay Adrion	04-30



Terry & Sheila Powell	04/01~57 yrs.
Austin & Alexandra Kaddatz	04/07~6 yrs.
Kelvin & Kathy Lower	04/10~42 yrs.
Roger & Beth Garrett	04/25~37 yrs.
Gordon & Chari Hogsett	04/28~34 yrs.
Steven & Kimberly Ammerman	04/29~35 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?"

Special Gifts for March

Camp Scholarships	\$ 300.00
Church Fundraisers	4,194.00
Church Fundraiser Seed Money	2,000.00
Adult Studies	125.00
Children First Emergency Fund	3,000.00
Children First Washer/Dryer Fund	3,000.00
Yoga Charity Fund	424.00
Honduras VIM Fund	600.00
Ministerial Association Income	731.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Children First Scholarships	1,000.00
Jane Carlstrom Memorial	275.00

Jim Jennings Memorial	25.00
Ukraine UMC Mission	100.00
Solar Ovens	50.00
Phoenix Rising Mission Fund	1,100.00
Youth Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,314.00

Special Funds for March

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	1,150.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,160.00

*Worship Attendance for Mar.: 664 (Avg./Wk=166) (4 wks)

*On-Line Attendance for Mar.: 455 (Avg./Wk=152) (3 wks)

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Daniel 6)

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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.

E-mail Addresses:

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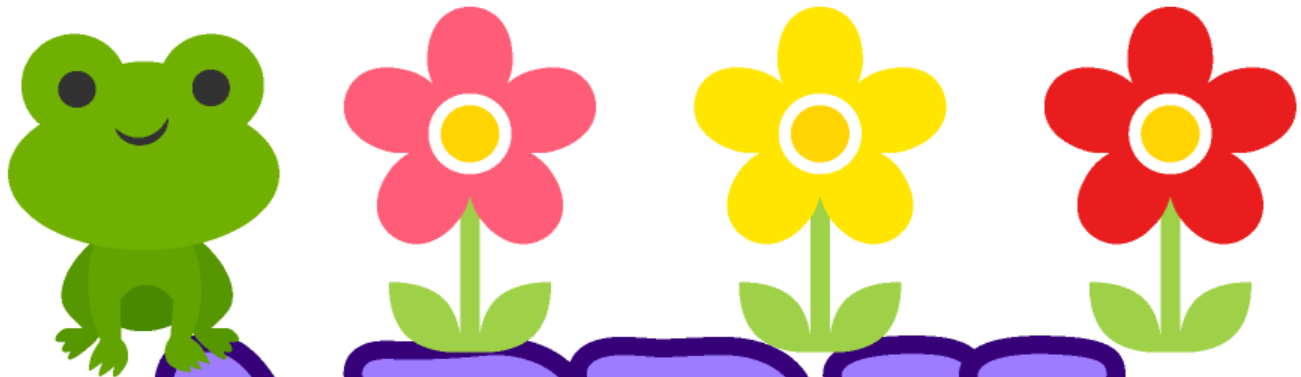
Finance: finance@spearfishumc.org

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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