

The Trumpeter

Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

Beloved,

It's hard to believe, but this will be my penultimate (second-to-last) monthly contribution to the *Trumpeter*. At this moment, the immediate future is uncertain, but

God's presence and participation in that future is guaranteed. Here's how things stand at the moment (as I understand them):

- Pastor Paul Lint, who has been appointed to be the next pastor at Spearfish United Methodist, continues to serve at the Wesley Acres Camp and Retreat Center as they interview candidates to take his place there.
- When they've hired a new director for Wesley Acres, they will implement a transition process there which will include a date for Pastor Paul, his wife Brenda, and their children to move to Spearfish.
- Evie and I are continuing our search for where God has planned for us to serve. At this time, we are hoping that we will land somewhere in the Chicago area. Our son Nathan attends North Park University in Chicago, and we have relatives in Chicago and others easily accessible from Chicago.
- At present, our plan is to be flexible so that there can be a smooth pastoral transition.

As my mother used to say, that's "about as clear as mud", but it's what I'm able to pass along at this time. We will let you know as these events start to come into focus.

Considering what I've just said, it's appropriate that the Revised Common Lectionary (from which pastors can get ideas for preaching texts) features the Book of Acts this month. With the celebration of Pentecost in our worship services on May 18-19, it's a good time to reflect on the unpredictable and delightful work of the Holy Spirit. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the promised Spirit arrives to equip and expel the early believers into mission. What had been a predominantly Jewish expression of faith moves beyond its borders and boundaries to include and pursue new followers from

unexpected places and backgrounds. Ancient Scriptures are rediscovered, reframed, and repurposed to accommodate new peoples and new practices. Baptism replaces circumcision as the mark of inclusion into the community. Change happens and is met with varying degrees of joy and resistance. Like the deck at the parsonage, it's as though everything is being torn down in order to be rebuilt!

Thanks to all who made last month's rummage sale a success!

I would like to ask each of you to consider how you might more actively participate in our worship services. Can you sign up to read Scripture, greet people at the doors, help serve communion, or provide and serve refreshments after our worship services? Signup sheets are usually available in the front lobby or the fellowship hall.

If you're an online worshipper, please consider the nice Spring-into-Summer weather as yet another personal invitation to join us in person. We'd love to see you!

God's peace,

Pastor John Madvig

Interim Pastor



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We have added another easy way to E-Give to the church. **VENMO** is convenient, you just need to follow the steps below:

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1. Download the Vanco Mobile App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Find your church and log in using your GivePlus Mobile username and password. Or set up your user account in minutes.
3. Give, chat or RSVP to an event!

If you have any questions about giving in this manner, contact Mary Tracy at the church (605) 642-3457 or at finance@spearfishumc.org.

Staff Tribute to:

By Gosh . . . **PEGGY BOSCH** 😊

Check this out. They moved to Spearfish in 2005 from Greely, Colorado. Stepping into serving:

2006 – 2019 Financial Officer

2019 – 2022 Treasurer

2006 – 2012 Choir Accompanist

2013 – 2014 Bell Choir Director

2008 – 2024 Edgewood Vista

Monthly Worship/ Pianist/Music

2024 - Currently, she is directing the Handbell Choir for the next couple months.

Peggy is accomplished at re-writing music and selecting appropriate genres.

DID YOU KNOW? The Bell Choir needs at least 7 people to play. Bell participants need to think about one or two notes throughout the complete piece of music. For performances, the whole group needs to attend. Dedicated players are a must and our UMC has been fortunate to have them here.

Thank you, Peggy for your smile, your talent and sharing all within our Spearfish United Methodist Church!

Staff/Parish Committee, Char Clark



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.



Keith Haiar



Keith Haiar has been very active in the church over the last 17 years. He has served on Staff-Parish several times, taught Sunday School with Penny Louks, and currently rings with the Bell Choir, and is serving as our Church Treasurer.

He and his wife ranch south of Beulah and have 3 children, Lauen in Seattle, Owen attending Michigan State University and Hayes a senior at Sundance High School.

His vision for the church is a vibrant, active congregation spreading the gospel to our community.

Dinah's Book Club

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

SPF UMC'S Upcoming Events!

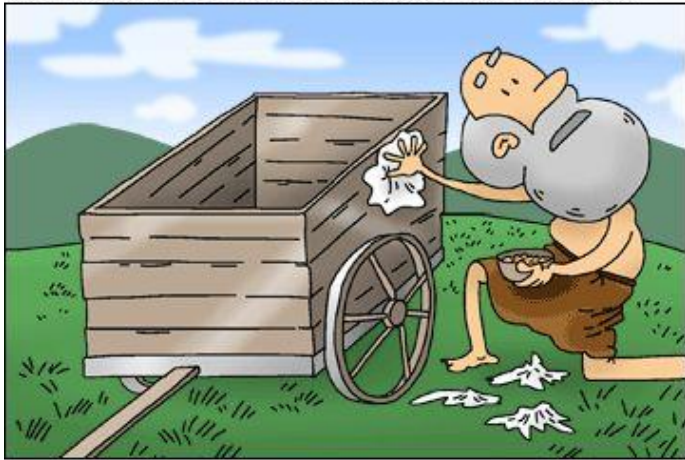
Dakotas United Methodist Camps
Dakotas Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Camp registration is open, and there are camps for every age! Sign up early to reserve your spot at one of our Dakota UM camps! Spaces are limited, so don't delay!
Register before April 30th and receive an early bird discount, and save even more by bringing a friend with you to camp!
- Call the Church Office for more details - www.dakacamps.org -

Vacation Bible School registration will be open in May 2024!
Keep a lookout on Facebook for more info to come!

We invite children of 3 years of age up through 5th grade to a heroic adventure to learn God's love and bravery at Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School! At our Camp's VBS, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. During each assembly session, Campers join our lightning bug puppet companion & counselor, and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, Campers see ways to face new challenges & to do great, enlightening things in God's name - all through engaging art, music, recreational games, science and creative snacks!

Pick up a registration form at our Church Office!
Looking for more information?
Please email Katelyn Smith at workksmith@gmail.com or call at (605)-642-3457



Thanks to Kerry Hodgkinson 12-06-2013

RAIN? 40 DAYS AND NIGHTS? RIGHT AFTER I FINISHED A MOST THOROUGH WAX JOB ON MY WAGON?

United Methodist Men (UMM)



United Methodist Men (UMM) met April 6 & 20. On the 6th the men voted to renew our charter for another 2 years, and our devotion was presented by Bill Lundgren. On the 20th the group made a donation to the American Legion Baseball youth, and our devotion was presented by Perry Hansen.

The May meetings will be on the 4th & 18th at 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For breakfast on May 4th we will be having breakfast burritos, so come join us.

*God Bless, Kelvin Lower
UMM President*

United Women in Faith (UWF)



In May we invite you to our Special event! Join us May 4th at 9:00 AM at Salem Park for a playdate and sunshine! Simply enjoying the outdoors, listening to the creek, catching up, and letting the kids run! All are welcome, kids or not. The creek is calling!

We will have our regular meeting times which are on the first and third Wednesday.

- Wed., May 1 – **UW in Faith Business Meeting** at 10:00 a.m. in the library at the church.
- Wed., May 15 – **UW in Faith Meeting** starting with a Fellowship time at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starting sharply at 10:00 a.m. in the library at the church. Our Hostesses this month are Connie Swander-Ericsson & Monica Ingalls. Just a reminder, May is the last month of our

regular meetings. June through August we only meet for Special Events. So, watch the Trumpeter for dates in those three months. Then in September we start again with our regular monthly meetings.

We encourage our members to invite other women from other churches to join us because United Women in Faith is open to all women, they don't have to be members of the United Methodist Church. 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

CYFM May Update



Here with Children, Youth, & Family Ministry (CYFM), we have some more exciting updates! First off, we had our Spring Family Block Party on Friday, April 12th at 5-7PM for bouncy castle time, yummy hot dogs and chips, spring planter craft, water science experiment with Bots & Beakers, a few carnival games, and a flower cookie decorating in the Fellowship Hall, and we thank our volunteers and those who came to join up on that beautiful sunny day; it was a fun time and we saw a lot of new faces at the event!

Next on our agenda, it's that time of year again to begin thinking about **Dakota United Methodist Camps** – Summer 2024 camp registration is open – we have camps for all ages K-12th grade, as well as family, intergenerational, and adult camps! 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@dakcamps.org or give

them a call at 855-622-1973.

We have some updates for Sunday School for our children as well, as summer is just rapidly around the corner! **The last day of regular Sunday School for the school year will be May 26th**, and then we will have **summer in-person Sunday School days** on June 9th, July 14th, and August 11th from 9:20AM-10AM. Weekly **Sunday School for Fall 2024** will then begin again on September 8th from 9:20AM-10AM! We appreciate all the families and volunteers that have been a part of our Sunday School family – it is always such a blast learning about God and God’s love through bible-based curriculum videos, games, crafts, songs and prayer!

With school coming to a close soon, if you have a high school senior and we have not reached out to you yet about honoring your senior at the end of the month, **please contact Katelyn Smith via text/phone call at 419-296-5723**, so we can make sure to get a quilt and bible gift and recognition ready to support your student’s amazing milestone!

One more thing to look forward to as school ends is that we’re cooking up some dates for our **Summer Family Block Party/VBS Kickoff**, as well as our **Vacation Bible School** days and hours! This year’s theme is **Camp Firelight** – a heroic adventure to learn God’s love and bravery through interactive, energizing Bible-based assemblies, crafts, games, science, music and storytelling. For **children ages 3 up to 5th grade**, we welcome you to join us and our lightning bug puppet companion & counselor for a time of learning to face new challenges and to do great, enlightening things in God’s name! For **children 5th grade and up**, if you would still like to join us, we’d love to have you as a volunteer to help and join in the fun as well – **keep a lookout for more information on Facebook and in the church for sign ups and times soon!**



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 9:20AM-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! **Youth volunteers are always welcome** too at any of our events and Sunday School

classes; we’d love to encourage that generosity, love and leadership in our youth while having a joyful, fun time!



Gathering Worship Musicians

Currently, two college music majors are bringing their talents to our Gathering Worship Team; Ethan on drums and Blake on bass. Several years ago, we started a tradition of “scholarshipping” these students with a small stipend whenever they play (or sing in the choir). This fund has to be replenished on a regular basis so we can continue to bless and be blessed by these students. If you have a desire to contribute, please drop a check or cash in the offering plate marked, “College Students,” and we can continue to enjoy these young people.

Children First

Children First is happy to announce that we have received a grant of \$5,000 to be used as an emergency tuition fund for families. This fund will be different from our scholarship fund. The scholarship fund is used for families who need a little extra assistance each month to cover their child’s tuition. The emergency fund will be used when a family faces an unexpected situation, such as

the loss of a job, unforeseen medical bills, or anything else that temporarily makes it difficult for them financially. We will use the emergency fund to help them short term so they can get back on their feet.

Now that we have received the initial \$5,000 grant, we need to match those funds as part of the agreement. If you would like to contribute to the Emergency Tuition Fund, please contact Mary Tracy or be sure to note *CF Emergency Tuition Fund* on your donation. We are always looking for ways to help our young families at Children First and this will be a blessing to anyone who faces a short-term hardship.

Low Vision Support Group



The Low Vision Support Group meeting will be held May 13, from 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be in the Parlor of the United Methodist Church, located at 845 N. 5th St., in Spearfish.

TOPIC: “Common Eye Diseases and

New Developments in Treatment.” Dr. Haivala, Optometrist, will be presenting the program. For more information call: 605-644-9820. All are welcome.

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 **May 19 at 5pm** and will feature a Bahia Shrimp in a Coconut Sauce, Pao de Queijo, and Rio-Style Ginger Beer Floats. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, May 23** 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.

Prayer Partners



Loving God, show the way to your preferred future in this church for children, youth, and family ministry. How might we use first Wednesdays for Christ's message of love to reach kids and their families?

We lift in prayer all families and children from birth to young adult. Empower us to build relationships with the Spearfish Cooperative Preschool, Children First, and Youth & Family Services in addition to all at church and Sunday School. Amen.

Medical Equipment Available

Occasionally, life throws a curve in which we need some help. Due to an accident, injury, surgery, or just the act of aging, assistance may be needed to help us perform our daily tasks. Did you know that the help that is needed may be found at our church?



The Congregational Care Ministry Team has medical equipment that is available to use. These items include: canes, crutches, commodes, grabbers, toilet seat risers, walkers and a shower seat. There is no cost to borrow these items. You are just asked to write your name and list the borrowed items on the Health Equipment Check-Out List, located in the equipment closet.

If you would like to borrow something, contact Chris Davis at 218-340-5610 or ask in the church office.

Council Highlights

April 21, 2024

- Timeline for New Pastor arrival is still in flux, pending his replacement at Wesley Acres
- Fundraising continues. The concert was a great success. Thanks to all who were involved, especially Colleen McKirdy for her work.
- Deck demolition is underway. The congregation can get involved in the project by "Buying a Board." Posters coming soon.

- Brainstorming/Prayers regarding early release school day ideas to help the children/youth in town like afternoon activities with supper to complete the evening.
- UMCOC building Rename. Due to public confusion regarding the United Methodist Community Outreach Center building, a motion was made to rename the building. The motion was passed, and the building will now be known as "Bev Carr Hall".

Heather Brewer, Council Vice Chair



Each year, churches and individuals in the Dakotas Annual Conference demonstrate their love for God and their neighbors through the Miracle Offering that is presented during worship at our Annual Conference Session.

Drawing from Isaiah 43:1, the theme of this year's Annual Conference is "Jesus. Redeemer." This passage and theme remind us that as beloved children of God, we can live courageously as ambassadors of Christ. We are blessed to be a blessing to others—and that is precisely what our annual Miracle Offering is all about: expressing our gratitude for God's provisions in our lives and sharing God's redeeming love with a broken world. The 2024 Miracle Offering invites us to walk alongside our neighbors near and far, reminding them through our tangible actions that they too are worthy, loved, and beloved. Our generosity will have a lasting impact on each recipient—Bishop Lanette Plambeck

The Miracle Offering will be divided among these recipients:

31:8 Project: 31:8 Project's mission is to equip and challenge society to proactively address issues regarding human trafficking. Based in Bismarck, North Dakota, 31:8 offers informative seminars, conducts research, and creates curriculum applicable to all levels of education and forms of human trafficking. Donation support activities like the Bakken Human Trafficking Summit, mentorships for survivors of human trafficking, and the Demand Reduction Program—an education partnership designed to reduce recidivism.

Abbott House's Bridges Therapeutic Foster Care: In 2013-2014 supporters of Abbot House came together to build Bridges Therapeutic Foster Homes in Mitchell, SD,

so young girls could grow up with a family and a home. Today, there are 10 therapeutic foster homes serving, boys and girls, in Mitchell, Rapid City and Sioux Falls. **Recovery Ministry:** Through recovery ministries, people are building their relationship with Christ, and shaping a path to healthy living with those around them. Funds will be granted to United Methodist churches in the Dakotas Conference engaged in recovery ministry. **Clergy Sustentation Fund:** A special fund has been set up to assist clergy with direct financial support when a desperate need does arise. The Clergy Sustentation Fund is a means to tangibly care for our clergy and families in a time of need. Your gifts become signs of hope and grace in difficult times.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Kenneth Pascoe* who died April 13, 2024 and whose funeral service were held April 19 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel.



Mission of the Month UMC Help Fund

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.

When someone comes to the church for help, they are also given lists of other places they can go to get assistance with food and other services in the Black Hills area.

Spearfish UMC is the only place for people to come for help with gas with our Safeway Gift Cards.

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. The Help Fund has been closed for two weeks due to a lack of funds and can't open until sufficient funds are available. Usually, 10-20 people a week come in for



assistance.

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.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Jelly (all kinds)
- Kidney or Chili Beans
- Tuna Helper
- Peanut Butter
- Pudding or Jell-O
- Hamburger Helper
- Chicken Helper



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



Rod & Connie Eisma	05/02~49 yrs.
James & Melissa Hansen	05/07~10 yrs.
Doug & Donna Stanford	05/23~55 yrs.
John & Brenda Swansons	05/24~44 yrs.
Eric & Michelle Jennings	05/30~37 yrs.
Keith & Sherry Haiar	05/31~27 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?"

Special Gifts for April

Church Fundraisers	\$ 1,194.05
Children First Playground Asphalt Fund	100.00
Children First Emergency Fund	5,000.00
Choir Scholarship Fund	390.00
Yoga Charity Fund	260.00
UMCOC Donations	380.00
Parsonage Deck Fund	1,850.00
Young Life	2,150.00
Bev Carr Memorial	120.00
Solar Ovens	100.00
Tree of Life	725.00
Youth Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,279.05

Special Funds for April

Benevolence Fund	\$ 60.00
UMC Help Fund	670.00
TOTAL	\$ 730.00

*Worship Attendance for Apr.: 457 (Avg./Wk=152) (3 wks)

*On-Line Attendance for Apr.: 200 (Avg./Wk=100) (2 wks)



SHE CLAIMS IT'S BECAUSE OF LAST WEEK'S "CHEERFUL GIVER" SERMON, BUT I THINK SHE JUST MISSES HIGH SCHOOL

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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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Call the church office for more information at 642-3457.



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