

# The Trumpeter

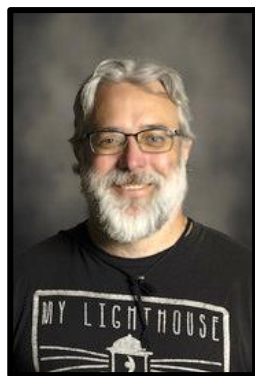
Spearfish United Methodist Church

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## Prayerful Ponderings from Pastor Paul

### “Seeking Wisdom”

During the month of September, we will be encountering the Old Testament Books that are often grouped

together as Wisdom Literature, and we will have an opportunity in our worship to explore the various types of wisdom that we can glean from the library that is our Bible. It seems appropriate to begin that series just 2 weeks after we journeyed with Solomon as he asked God for wisdom.

Solomon asked for wisdom for a specific purpose in 1 Kings chapter 3. He was concerned about fulfilling his role as King of Israel, a role to which he was chosen and appointed by his father and the prophets and priests of God in a rushed inauguration when he was only 20 years old.

It is interesting to ponder this rise to leadership and resulting level of responsibility in our current season. We read of the concern for the ability to discern what is right and wrong. Solomon began his time as King humbling himself before God claiming to not know his duties nor feel like he or anybody would be equipped to govern God’s people, even though he had witnessed David’s reign and knew better than most what it would take to be a king. How often do we witness false bravado or rushing ahead without thinking when people are given a position of power? How often do those who seek positions of leadership claim to have the answers and know what is best for those they would lead?

May we pray for ourselves, our leaders of all levels, and all those who would lead the nations of this world, that we would humbly seek God’s wisdom and long for great judgements to come from the discernment of God’s gifts, God’s provision, and God’s will. The world that God so loves deserves justice, deserves long life, deserves to prosper, and deserves the opportunity to live lives that

honor the God who calls each and every one of us.

*Pastor Paul*



## A Change in Times, A Change in Perspective

“It is with great joy that I invite you into a new opportunity in our ministry as Spearfish United Methodist Church. The people of our Worship and Music Team are dedicated to providing excellent worship opportunities within our community and they are a blessing to our congregation and to me personally. I am thankful for their care in seeking out the dreams, concerns, and opinions around worship times. This plan will bless our church and equip us well for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. My hope is that this community that embraced me and encouraged me in this transition into serving you will continue the energy of anticipation for what can be. None of us are naive about the ways this will make some of us uncomfortable, yet we know that greatness and joy can come in the uncomfortable times of life. May God’s Spirit of creativity bring forth rich possibilities and unforeseen victories in and through us.” *Pastor Paul*

After much discussion, guided by the thoughts and opinions shared by you, our church community, the Worship and Music Committee has decided our Sunday morning worship times will be Gathering service at 9 am, a time of combined fellowship at 10 am, and the Sanctuary service at 11 am. This change will occur starting September 8, 2024, and last at least till the end of 2024, when we will reassess the effectiveness of the



change. There will be no change to the Saturday night Blue Jeans service.

There is one thing that we hope this change will foster, GROWTH. GROWTH in our youth and young families. We hope that it will be more supportive of young families and give them more choice in the style of worship service they attend. We wanted to make it easier, not harder, for them to get their families ready for any of our worship services.

We hope it will GROW our fellowship across worship services. We would like to become one supportive community and not just Blue Jeans people and Gathering people and Sanctuary people. A combined fellowship is one small step toward that dream. We are also not going to stop an unofficial fellowship time from happening following Sanctuary service organically. It just would no longer have a sign up for a treat's provider.

We want it to GROW our spirituality by allowing Sunday schools, from children to adults, to utilize that Combined Fellowship time and let their members experience either worship time. And last but not least, we hope it will GROW the quality of both our Sunday worship services.

The main reason we started this discussion is that those of us who run the services were feeling less and less capable of being completely prepared for both services. Pastor Paul did not have time to truly be in fellowship with the Gathering Congregation. There was no flexibility to run even slightly long on the early service. Church musicians were juggling who was going to practice where and, honestly, dropping some balls along the way.

We hope that you will continue to join us on Spearfish UMC's faith journey through this time of adaptation. If you have any constructive criticisms, please let Kevin Nakajima or Pastor Paul know.

In summary, starting Sunday, September 8, Gathering service will be at 9 am, combined fellowship and Sunday School at 10 am, and Sanctuary service will be at 11 am. Thank you for your continued support and ability to adapt to change.

## Home Gatherings



Home Gatherings are being scheduled to have a meet and greet time with Pastor Paul Lint. Some gatherings are in homes and are at 9:30 AM, some at 1:00 PM, and at 6:30 PM plus a few options at Edgewood Vista and the church parlor.

It is helpful for you to call or text to save the calling team from contacting every member and friend of our church. Please call Janelle Jones at (605) 641-7731 to schedule a time and date.



## John & Brenda Swanson



John and Brenda Swanson have been servants with Spearfish UMC for many years. Both have served on many committees and been part of the council in many ways. Brenda was a Sunday School teacher and a volunteer with children and youth long before

becoming a church employee as youth director. She has consistently been part of the women's group, United Women of Faith.

John is best known for care of all church property as part of Trustees and recent committee chairperson. He was part of a small group determining the amount to bid for the purchase of the rest of the block from the Spearfish School District because the church needed the parking areas. Hats off to John and Brenda.

## Staff Tribute to: *Orvette Stepper*



Orvette is the Administrative Assistant at the church and has been employed at the church since May of 1998. She has thoroughly enjoyed her position at the church since the very beginning. She loves helping people with answers to their questions and sharing information about events at the church.

She joined the Handbell Choir at the church about 15 years ago and has enjoyed learning how to play and perform with the group.

Orvette was born in Deadwood, SD and is the oldest of six children. She has three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren but none of them live in Spearfish. She has also lived in Las Vegas, NV for over 30 years and in Juneau, Alaska for almost four years but Spearfish has always been home for her.

## Weeding the Healing Garden

Anyone wishing to help weed the Healing Garden please come Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. Bring your own tools and gloves. Also need someone with a weed trimmer for going along parking lot and sidewalk areas.



## Name Change for UMCOC Building

The United Methodist Community Outreach Center building has a new name. The new name is the *Bev & Joe Carr Education Center* in honor of Bev Carr who was a schoolteacher for 27 years, mostly in this building. Teaching children was her love for a lifetime.

Bev Carr touched the lives of many students and parents at the old Central School. Her love of children and compassion for others of every age was obvious when you met her. Joe was her rock. Together they worked and volunteered their talents to make Central a safe place for children today. A good friend, Carol Sander

Bev was a charter member of Spearfish UMC, since 1945. Bev died January 2024 at the age of 92. Both she and Joe were very active with their time and talents within this community.

## Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*Horse*" by Geraldine Brooks. The group will meet on **Monday, September 9** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

## Choir Rehearsals to Begin

Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6:30-7:30 PM. All are welcome, from high schoolers to golden agers! The choir sings every week at the "Sanctuary" worship service.

## United Methodist Men



The United Methodist Men (UMM) will start meeting again, after the summer break, on Saturday, September 7, for breakfast and devotions at 8:00

AM in the Fellowship Hall.

The 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. Funds are donated to various programs and charities as they are available.

*God Bless,  
Kelvin Lower, UMM Chair*

## Yes, We Found a Bell Director Kevin Nakajima

"Anyone who is truly musical and who uses his/her brain will be a successful director . . . who learns and understands and enjoys the bells." **Arnold Rawls**, Opera Singer & Handbell Enthusiast from White Chapel



"A bell's not a bell 'til you ring it.  
A song is not a song 'til you sing it.  
Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay.  
Love isn't love 'til you give it away!"

*--Oscar Hammerstein, II-*

The question you may have asked: Does Kevin play the bells? The answer is "no." However, Kevin was the Chime Director for several years in Aberdeen Methodist Church while attending college at Northern – time, money and family concerns became priorities.

Kevin is an adaptive learner; he knows music and enjoys history; he is devoted to serving GOD and our congregation! For support, we are blessed to have musicians within the Bell Choir to mentor him and they will go forward together! Yet, we do need others to assist with setting up and taking down tables and cushions. So, we will be looking for helpful support.

In June's Trumpeter you read a bit about Kevin Nakajima, but it is always nice to know some background. He was born in Prescott, Arizona where he lived until about thirteen. Then the family moved to the Newell area, where a friend coaxed him into joining the choir. Kevin has always had a beautiful speaking and singing voice.

During the same time, Kevin learned how to play



the Baritone Euphonium. He was entered into competition events where he received Superior Awards and recognition. So much so, that Northern University encouraged him to attend their school in Aberdeen. While there, Kevin attended the North Highland United Methodist Church where he assumed responsibility for directing their Chime Choir.

Due to family circumstances, Kevin moved to Belle Fourche in 2016 to assist his ailing parents. He attended Spearfish United Methodist Church; as of April 2019. Kevin became the Worship Committee Chair, replacing John Elving who passed away. Kevin was a natural asset. Soon after, he assumed technology responsibilities. This was his job.

Kevin *volunteers* so much. He is a resolute choir member; he is the chef and organizer of dinner and Game Night; he takes part in the monthly Thursday night Taizé Worship Services; and he enjoys being a part of the Methodist Men's Group. He has done this for six years!

Kevin is a gifted and talented musician. He has an amazing singing voice. He is kind and thoughtful and willing to help out wherever he can. He is willing to study and learn the bells! We look forward to beginning our '24-'25 school year with our resolute and accomplished bell musicians. **We are thankful and grateful to have Kevin as our new bell-choir director!**

## Fresh Expressions

Fresh Expressions is a movement within the United Methodist Church that reaches out to the unchurched, the uncommitted, and people who have been disenfranchised by the traditional church. It provides a context in which they may explore their beliefs, their spirituality, and their connections to others in their communities.

This September, we will begin a Fresh Expression called "NOURISH" to reach out specifically to the families associated with Children First and Co-op Preschool. It will be held once or twice a month, and will include a supper meal, story/music/craft time for the children, talk-time for the parents, and a short worship for everyone, to be completed in 75-90 minutes. Because we are still in the planning stages, the day of the week has not yet been established, nor have we engaged all the people we'll need.

That's where YOU come in. If you would like to be part of a helping team, please consider these options:

- Publicity/Inviting
- Greeting/Hosting
- Meal prep and serving
- Children's story/music/craft
- Worship
- Set up/clean up
- Funding

Contact the church office or Colleen McKirdy to volunteer or ask questions.



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 **Sunday, September 15 at 5pm** and will feature a fancy meatloaf. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

## Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, September 26** at 7 PM in the sanctuary at UMC. This is a prayer service in the style of Taizé. Enter into a time of prayer, quiet reflection and meditative singing. Center your spirit, heart, and mind. Enjoy the quiet. Refresh your soul.



## United Women in Faith (UWF)

September has arrived and we start again with our regular monthly meetings but instead of Wednesdays, we will meet on Saturdays. A new format – a new beginning. We are praying that more ladies will be able to attend and be a part of the sisters in Faith fellowship.

Our first **Business Meeting** is Saturday, September 7 at 10 a.m. in the library. Anyone can attend that has any Business to bring to our group.

Our first **Unit Meeting** is Saturday, September 21 in the library starting at 9:30 a.m. with Fellowship Time and our meeting starting at 10 a.m. We will start with a minute for Mission and this month will be about The Least Coin. We have invited Pastor Paul to come and share anything the Spirit would have him share with us at that time. (Just a reminder there we be no business at this meeting.)

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 meetings. 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 of the 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

## Council Highlights

*August 18, 2024*

- Children First budget approved for 2024-2025
- New employees/staff positions: Kevin Nakajima hired as Bell Choir Director, Ethan Garrido hired as Gathering musician (was contracted previously)
- New Insurance company. Will significantly decrease the cost of insurance for the properties.
- Fresh Expressions. Work underway to start planning dinners/outreach to families of Children First and Coop Preschool. Volunteers will be needed so be on the lookout for that.
- Home Gatherings. Meet and greets with Pastor Paul as well as conversations about hopes/dreams for the church. Many meetings have been set up

at various times/dates. Be expecting a call regarding signing up to join one of the meetings.

*Heather Brewer*

## PRAYER PARTNERS



O God,

May this be a time of new beginnings as we bless children and youth going to school, staff and caregivers with the fall routine and our church family as we share God's love.

Bless Pastor Paul Lint and his family near and far. Bless our staff at

Spearfish UMC and at Children First.

Guide your people dear Lord as we remember – God speaks one language: LOVE. Amen.



### Sympathy to the family of:

- *Lola Pascoe* who died July 22, 2024. Her funeral was held on Friday, August 30 with Pastor Paul officiating.

### Blessing to the family of:

- *Sophie Schmidt* who was born on July 3, 2024. Her parents are Eric & Heather Schmidt and her sisters are Charlotte and Lucy. Sophie was baptized by Pastor Paul on Sunday, August 25, 2024.



*Mission of the Month*

**Children First**



Children First is the Mission of the Month for September. This year we hope to use the funds raised to contribute to classroom supplies. This is fairly large item on our yearly budget and helps pay for many of the items we use to help the children learn in a safe, engaging and comfortable environment.



With 6 full classrooms of children, we purchase new books each year to make sure that all classrooms have books available to the children. All classrooms always have multiple sets of blocks or other items the children can explore and build with, along with several other manipulatives and learning materials for the children to explore. These items get well loved and end up needing to be replaced regularly, especially with the cleaning and sanitizing we are required to do to be compliant with state regulations.

We have been blessed to almost always be able to purchase items that the teachers need for their classrooms, but it sometimes takes a toll on the budget. We are grateful to be the mission of the month and always deeply appreciative for your generosity and support as we strive to be a wonderful place for children to learn and grow!



**Donations are needed of the following items:**

- Elbow Macaroni
- Jell-O Gelatin
- Chili
- Oatmeal
- Ramen Noodles
- Jell-O Pudding
- Beef Stew



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|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| 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 | Xander Triplett    | 09-24 |
| Colleen McKirdy   | 09-10 | Everett Follette   | 09-25 |
| Parker Louks      | 09-10 | Raeann Mettler     | 09-25 |
| Ron Borgman       | 09-13 | Kay Fuhrer         | 09-26 |
| Monica Ingalls    | 09-15 | Mary Goerlich      | 09-27 |
| Dennis Suiter     | 09-17 | Paul Sheffield     | 09-28 |
| Rod Garnett       | 09-17 | Janna Swanson      | 09-28 |
| Kori Meredith     | 09-17 | Zoey Stricker      | 09-28 |
| Nathan Swanson    | 09-17 | Brenda Hendricks   | 09-30 |
| Anna Eisenbarth   | 09-17 |                    |       |



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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Walt & Carolyn Marchant        | 09/01~56 yrs. |
| Stan Smith & Laura Lloyd-Smith | 09/03~30 yrs. |
| Gary & Angie Smith             | 09/05~32 yrs. |
| Bill Lundgren & Bev Hill       | 09/09~25 yrs. |
| Marland & Seanna Linafelter    | 09/12~54 yrs. |
| Ryan & Jessica Jennings        | 09/12~15 yrs. |
| Craig & Michelle Triplett      | 09/12~9 yrs.  |
| Marty & Chris Davis            | 09/15~45 yrs. |
| Roman & Jennifer Roberts       | 09/20~30 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 August**

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Church Fund Raiser Seed Fund    | \$ 100.00          |
| Yoga Charity Fund               | 529.00             |
| Carr Education Center Donations | 580.00             |
| Bev Carr Memorial               | 196.10             |
| Lola Pascoe Memorial            | 25.00              |
| Solar Ovens                     | 995.00             |
| UMCOR                           | 50.00              |
| Clothe-A-Kid                    | 220.00             |
| Youth Fund                      | 10.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$ 2,655.10</b> |

**Special Funds for August**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Benevolence Fund | \$ 10.00         |
| UMC Help Fund    | 110.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>\$ 120.00</b> |

**Worship Attendance for Aug.:** 668 (Avg./Wk=167) (4 wks)

**On-Line Attendance for July:** 792 (Avg./Wk=264) (3 wks)

**E-Giving is EASY**

We have added another easy way to E-Give to the church. **VENMO** is convenient, you just need to Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone. Make your gift.



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We still have **VANCO** where you set up to give on a regular basis.

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

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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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