



The Trumpeter

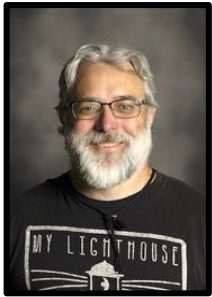
Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Contemplating with Clergy

Well, Now What?

“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So, they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

At first look, this verse from the 21st chapter of John’s gospel seems pretty unimportant in the greater context of God’s Good News. When a friend tells you, “I’m going fishing,” in is not usually a huge deal and your choice to invite yourself along is equally unremarkable. Then we add in the fact that they didn’t catch any fish, and we might wonder why this story ever got recorded.

This verse in context comes after the death a resurrection of Jesus and in John’s Gospel Jesus has already appeared to Mary Magdalene and to the eleven disciples at least two times (likely many more as John alludes to in the end of chapter 20). In some ways, this verse comes at the very place that we are as a congregation. We had this big build-up to Holy Week as we shared in a study on being restored by God. Then we experienced the pain and darkness of Maundy Thursday/Good Friday followed by the Joy of Easter Morning. We feel the power of that roller-coaster ride and now we look around at the world around us and think, “Now what?”

Simon, who had been renamed Peter, had been in the fishing business with his brother and his partners James and John when Jesus called them. Their entire life was turned upside down and tossed around by the movement of God in the world. It was a ride that ended in the worst days of Peter’s life and then Easter which threw them into another kind of chaos and confusion. We can understand why someone like Peter might look around at those who expected him to have the answers and say, “I think I still know how to catch fish, let’s do that.”

We are Easter people, blessed by the resurrection and filled with the Good News, but after the joy of the

Easter celebration, we may wonder what we could possibly do to top that. Should we just act like nothing changed and go back to business as usual? Should we do what we have always done well and just wait and see what happens?

Maybe, read on to see what God does with these “lost” disciples. We have a future that still involves the living Christ and our hands, feet, and voices will bring hope and healing to our world.

Pastor Paul



Update on Alex Hunnes



Bishop Kristin Stoneking intends to appoint Alex Hunnes to Cody United Methodist Church, in Cody, Wyoming in the Wyoming District of the Mountain Sky Conference, beginning July 1, 2025. Alex served as an intern at our church a few years ago.

Alex is seeking provisional status on the elder track within the Mountain Sky Annual Conference and is currently serving a pastoral internship at Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas as he works to complete his Master’s of Divinity at Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology looking to graduate in May.

Dinah’s Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading “*The Alchemist*” by Paulo Coelho. The group will meet on **Monday, May 12** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.



Shirley Doten

Shirley Doten has been a dedicated lay person in this church for many years. In recent years, she has been an active member of Trustees.



She often serves coffee fellowship treats, funerals or church meals. Shirley has always been part of the women's fellowship called United Women in Faith, formerly UMW. Shirley also helped with the painting when Children First opened and also helped with painting smaller rooms at the church.

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, May 15** 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.

Children First

From the very beginning, it has been a top priority for Children First to never be financially exclusive. We want all children to be able to have a great experience for the foundation of their educational journey, regardless of their race, religious beliefs, family situation, financial means, or anything else. We have been able to stay true to that part of our mission largely due to generous members of the Spearfish United Methodist Church and their donations to our scholarship fund.

To date, we have given out well over \$60,000 in scholarship funding to over 30 children. Those children would not have been able to attend preschool and/or childcare without the help of a scholarship. What a wonderful gift, to be able to help a child get a good start on their journey!

We typically give out between \$8,000 and \$15,000 each school year in scholarship funding, split between anywhere from 3 to 6 or 8 families. The bulk of our funding has come from donations from church members and from money coming from investment funds created

from memorial donations. Our investment funds have not done well the past couple of years, and our scholarship fund is at a point where we will have enough money to continue to fund our current recipients for about 6 more months and then the money will be gone. If you would like to donate toward the scholarship fund, you can do so at any time. You just need to note that the money needs to go to the Children First Scholarship fund. We will also be looking at some fundraising activities to help replenish the money.

Children First would like to thank all of you who have donated to our scholarship fund over the years. It has been a blessing to see the children who have received scholarships flourishing, and the relief and gratitude of the parents as well.

United Methodist Men



United Methodist Men (UMM) met on April 5th and 19th. At the April 5th meeting, our devotion was presented by Bill Lundgren. We had a Hash brown biscuit sausage gravy casserole, eggs, coffee and juice.

On April 19th we had some special guests, Debbie and German Feyh of Boulder, Colorado (daughter and son-in-law of Everett Follette) and Gabe Hicks of Rapid City (son of Rita Hicks). Debbie presented a special devotional on Holy Saturday. We had French Toast, eggs, hash browns, sausage, coffee and juice.

Our May meetings will be on the 3rd and 17th at 8 am. Come join us for breakfast, a short devotional and fellowship.

*God Bless,
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

Children, Youth & Family Ministry (CYFM)



Here at CYFM, we have had some exciting spring activities and events that we have provided for children and their families! Kids got to focus on how Hope can relate to the things Yet to come and how we can use our faith and growth mindset to conquer and grow through any type of challenging situation. We did this through the book "The Magical Yet" by Angela DiTerlizzi, doing games and discussion questions afterwards to practice growth mindset, and create our own magical Yet buddy and magical potion to

remind us how the power of hope is always there with us and within us, just like God.

We hope to see you at our next outdoor event on **Friday May 9th from 4PM-6:30PM** outside in the Church Parking lot for our **Family Fun Day** of Spring-themed crafts, cookie decorating, yummy food, and lots of fun carnival games for anyone inside the church or outside in the community to come join us for some family fun – as we begin to then change direction with our events to be more outdoors and community-oriented to encourage more people around the community to join us at our family-friendly events!

For the spring, going into summer, we have some upcoming events to keep focused on the importance of family and connections through:



- **Family Fun Day** will be a collaboration event of **Nourish to Flourish** and our usual **Spring Family Block Party** that will take place on **Friday May 9th from 4PM-6:30PM** outside in the Church Parking lot for Spring-themed crafts, cookie decorating, yummy food, and lots of fun carnival games for anyone inside the church or outside in the community to come join us for some family fun. Even if it's a rainy day, keep a lookout for Facebook announcements on where and what we have planned instead for some family friendly community fun!
- We will end the spring fun times with our **last day of Sunday School before summer** being **May 25th from 10am-11am**. Please expect some yummy ice cream and cookie treats. Some posters will be up showcasing some of the fun that we have had at multiple events throughout the year in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Summer Family Block Party & VBS Kickoff** will be in the **Fellowship Hall on July 27th from 5-7PM** – introducing our *Road Trip* VBS theme through crafts and games, as well as free food and bouncy castle fun!
- Our **Road Trip Themed VBS** will then be later that week on **July 30, July 31, and August 1 from 5PM-7:30PM**, with a free provided meal, bouncy castle fun, music, games, crafts, science experiments, stories and more surrounding the theme of being on the go with God, having God with us no matter where we are in the world and what we are doing. Registration will begin in May, so keep a lookout for more information on Facebook and places around in the church soon!

As with all these opportunities, these are all made possible through the love and support of our church, whether through attending church events, praying for success for events, spreading the word of the opportunities, or through volunteering. We appreciate all that you all do to make our church the special home it is to be closer with ourselves, others and God through love and action.

With the new year now in motion, we hope you will consider looking for ways to further support our church through **volunteering, donating or through joining a committee**, such as CYFM for family-related activities, please keep a lookout for sign-up sheets in the church, or read the Trumpeter, Sunday bulletins, or Facebook posts for the many opportunities that will arise throughout the year!

If you are interested in joining our CYFM Committee to keep up and have a bigger say in upcoming family events, or if you are interested in helping with already prepped Sunday School teaching or our helping give a five minute Children's Sermon, or helping out in the Nursery, please feel free to **contact Katelyn Smith at workksmith@gmail.com or call/text at 419-296-5723, or letting the Church Office know**, as we would absolutely love to have you!

We thank you all so much for being a continued support and special part of our Spearfish UMC family, and look forward to all the events and program we put on to build connections between families, youth and the overall local and church communities!



Summer choir will begin on **June 1**. No mid-week rehearsals! Just gather on Sundays at 10:20 am in the choir room to learn an easy song to sing during 11:00 worship. No one is too young or old to sing with us this summer!



Dinner & Talent Show

Enjoy a Potato Bar Dinner on Sunday, June 1 at noon, followed by our Talent Show at 1:00! Free-will offerings will be taken for both the dinner and the concert. And we need your TALENT! Anything goes...singing, juggling, joke-telling, headstands. ALL AGES have talents, so come and share yours! Please contact the church office or Colleen McKirdy to sign up.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

“Soul Care Saturday” is **May 10 at Canyon Lake UMC in Rapid City** from 9:00-3:00. The church van will transport those wishing to go. Take some “Me Time” and experience meditation, chair yoga, scripture study, and fellowship with like-minded women. The cost of the lunch is \$15. **Please RSVP to Colleen McKirdy by May 2.**

United Women in Faith will meet on **Saturday, May 17** in the library for a dramatic interpretation of a



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Bible woman by Rene Porter-Stewart. We'll also be creating and signing greeting cards that will be sent to our members living in care facilities. The program will begin at 10:00, with goodies served at 9:30. All are welcome!



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, May 18 at 5pm** and will feature Seafood Chowder. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

2025 Miracle Offering

“We love because God first loved us.” – 1 John 4:19



This year's Dakotas Annual Conference theme is “Created for Love” and will center around the words of 1 John 4:7-21 – a reminder that the love we were created for is lived out in tangible, incarnational ways. One such act of love is our Miracle Offering – an annual act of hope, generosity, and grace that extends our reach beyond what any one congregation could do alone.

This year, the 2025 Miracle Offering will support the ongoing, life-giving work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

The work of UMCOR is a true symbol of our United Methodist faith and connection in action and a powerful example of incarnational love. Whether responding to natural disasters, addressing global food insecurity, attending to urgent health needs, or equipping communities with clean water and hygiene kits, UMCOR is often the first to arrive and the last to leave. Every act of relief, every rebuilt home, every safe space provided, every life cared for is an embodiment of love made visible.



In a world where so many feel forgotten, abandoned, or overwhelmed by crisis, our partnership in the work of UMCOR bears witness to the love of Jesus in this world. We proclaim, with courage and compassion, that love still leads. Because God first loved us, we

extend that love through action—through giving, serving, and showing up. The role of the church—the Body of Christ that is created for the purpose of loving our neighbors—has never been more critical...Please invite the members and friends of your congregation to join in this shared act of generosity and incarnational love. Every gift, whether large or small, is part of a greater miracle that says to a hurting world: *You are not alone. You are beloved.* —Bishop Lanette Plambeck



Blessings on:

- *Halle Beltman* who was baptized Sunday, April 6, 2025, by Pastor Paul Lint. Halle is the daughter of Kyle & Felicia Beltman and Bode is her brother.

Sympathy to the family of:

- *Dennis Goracke* who died April 14, 2025. His Memorial Service was held April 21 at the Spearfish United Methodist Church with Pastor Paul Lint officiating.
- *Marlyce Huyck* who died January 9, 2025, and whose Memorial service will be held Monday, May 5, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Spearfish United Methodist Church with Pastor Paul Lint officiating.



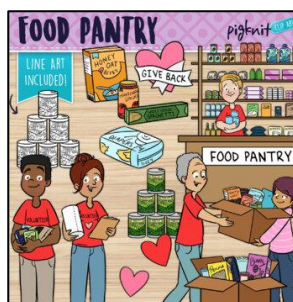
Donations for May needed are:

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| • Canned Fruit | • Chunky Soups |
| • Peanut Butter | • Pork & Beans |
| • Hamburger Helper | • Pasta Sauce |



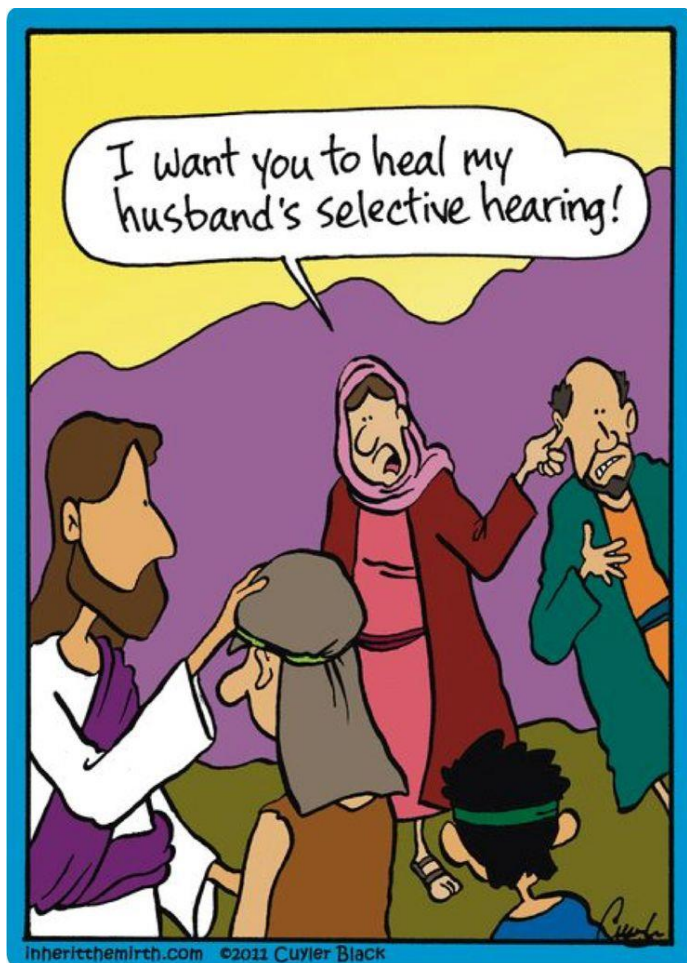
Mission of the Month

Spearfish Community Food Pantry Needs Your Support



The Spearfish Community Food Pantry is seeking additional financial support to provide nutritional assistance to needy families in the Spearfish and St. Onge communities.

The number of families seeking assistance has



Prayer Partners



Dear God.

Be with our pastor as he leads us into the next season of serving as Jesus teaches. Bless his family.

May we serve in many ways—funerals, children and youth, prayers and quilts, missions, worship and fellowship.

Lead us toward God's preferred future. Amen.

increased 17% over last year. Our facility averages just over 300 families receiving food each month. This includes 750 people who receive food monthly. Locally we purchased just over \$80,000 of food last year. With an increase of 50 families per month this year and high food prices, that cost will definitely increase significantly this year.

This week we removed some items from our purchasing list in order to reduce expenses. We hope that this will be a temporary situation and that future funding will increase to enable us to return to previous amounts.

Checks made out to Spearfish Community Pantry can be mailed to PO Box 65, Spearfish, SD 57783 or a check can be written to UMC with Spearfish Community Pantry in the memo area.

We thank you for your past support and for whatever you can do to help in the future.

Marilyn Halse, Pantry Board Member



Rod & Connie Eisma
James & Melissa Hansen
Doug & Donna Stanford
John & Brenda Swanson
Eric & Michelle Jennings
Keith & Sherry Haiar

05/02~50 yrs.
05/07~11 yrs.
05/23~56 yrs.
05/24~45 yrs.
05/30~38 yrs.
05/31~28 yrs.



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



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

Adult Studies	\$ 36.00
Yoga Charity Fund	590.00
Honduras VIM Fund	5,774.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
ERC Income	116,716.98
KC Phillips Memorial	30.00
Arllys Smith Memorial	55.00
Spearfish Coop Preschool	500.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
Foster Parent Group	1,075.00
TOTAL	\$ 125,181.98

Special Funds for April

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	720.00
TOTAL	\$ 730.00

Worship Attendance for Apr.: 617 (Avg./Wk=206) (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.



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Sunday Worship:

“The Gathering” ~ 9:00 a.m.

“Sunday School” – 10:00 a.m.

“The Sanctuary” ~ 11:00 a.m.

Nursery care/Van rides to worship

CD's of worship

Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Saturday “Blue Jean” Worship ~ 5:30 p.m.

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