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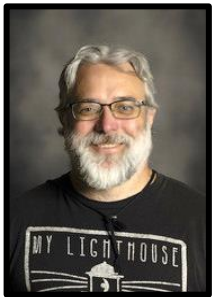
Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Pondering Prayerfully with the Pastor

The Connection- Acts 2:42-47

Recently the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church met in Mitchell, South

Dakota. Other conferences have also met or will meet this summer. This time of holy conferencing is meant to support and strengthen the ministry of the United Methodists on a local through global scale. While I might complain about the need to sit in meetings for three days, this event is so much more than a business meeting. Everything we do is about connection.

Yes, it is about building and maintaining relationships with our friends and colleagues. Yes, it is about debating and finalizing a budget for the whole conference. Yes, it is about worship and prayer together. All of this ties back to the same thing The Connection. We, United Methodists believe that we are so much better together than we would be separate. We can efficiently and quickly respond to disasters around the world. We can support Colleges and Universities throughout the world. We can maintain missions and ministries that would be too big for one local church to fund or properly resource with skilled employees.

We celebrated together how the churches of the Black Hills and surrounding area stepped up when a young man was hurt in a motorcycle accident. We were blessed by great leadership of youth from all over the conference sharing in leadership. We rejoiced in the movement of God in and through our camping ministries. We gathered money and supplies for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

All of this represents The Connection, yet it is not The Connection. In 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4 we can read about how the connection is that we are the BODY OF CHRIST. That means we thrive together, grieve together, hurt together, and heal together. When one person or local church is in need, THE BODY RESPONDS. When damage occurs or maintenance is required within one aspect of our ministry, THE BODY

RESPONDS. The beauty of this is that Christ in us connects us so that we can both celebrate together and protect the brokenness we experience together. The power of the Holy Spirit moves in and through each part and the whole of the Body of Christ that we may reach into places together that would be unreachable alone. The Connection is not a business plan or project motto it is the incarnation of God in our world.

The challenge to each of us is to raise our awareness of the needs of the body and respond together in ways that others could not do alone. God bless you and in doing so God will bless us!

Pastor Paul



Dakotas United Methodist Camps

We have several campers going to camp in July. Would you be interested in writing a letter, sending a card or an email to them that they receive while at camp? The church office has a list of camper names and the camp they are attending. Here are the camps in July:



July 13-18 – “Stepping Stones” Camp

Lake Poinsett Camp
40 S. Lake Dr., Arlington SD 57212
lpc@dakcamps.org

July 13-18 – “The Next Normal” Camp

Storm Mountain Camp
23740 Storm Mountain Rd.
Rapid City 57702
smc@dakcamps.org

July 25-27 – “Family Fun-4-All” Camp

Storm Mountain Camp

23740 Storm Mountain Rd.

Rapid City 57702

smc@dakcamps.org

July 25-27 – “Family Camp” Camp

Wesley Acres Camp

1547 115th Ave. SE, Dazey, ND 58429

wac@dakcamps.org

July 27-8/1 – “God in the Plot” Camp

Storm Mountain Camp

23740 Storm Mountain Rd.

Rapid City 57702

smc@dakcamps.org

July 28-8/1 – “Circle of Friends” Camp

Wesley Acres Camp

1547 115th Ave. SE, Dazey, ND 58429

wac@dakcamps.org

July 30-8/1 – “Grandparents and Me 2” Camp

Lake Poinsett Camp

40 S. Lake Dr., Arlington SD 57212

lpc@dakcamps.org

Please contact Orvette in the church office at (605) 642-3457 or office@spearfishumc.org and she will give you the names of the campers at a particular camp. If you are sending a letter, be sure to send it to the camper a week to 10 days before they will be at camp. It will make them so happy to know that their home church is thinking of them.



Sandy Prante & Kathy Schneider

The faithful servants who organize the Meal Ministry for Spearfish UMC are Sandy Prante and Kathy Schneider. Hats off for their service! Meals are offered following surgery, hospitalization or birth of a baby.

Sandy has been active on the Children First Board, United Women in Faith, Help Fund volunteer, part of a funeral team and other helpful tasks.

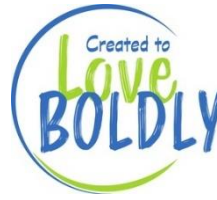
Kathy has been a money counter each Monday

morning for many years. She is also on a funeral team and is a frequent helper at church activities.

If anyone wishes to assist with the Meal Ministry of Spearfish United Methodist Church, please contact the office, Sandy or Kathy. Offers for delivery, fixing a meal, or financial support are all greatly appreciated.



2025 Dakotas Annual Conference Report



The theme of this year's conference was a reference to a verse in 1 John 4: “Created to love **BOLDLY.**” Bishop Lanette Plambeck, worship leaders, and presenters lifted up ways to live out this theme in our ministry and discipleship.

We celebrated the missional impact our churches have had in the past year through various avenues. This includes projects that reach out to the community in unique ways, like “Waffles & Jesus” at Grand Forks Zion and “Hoses & Hallelujahs” at Piedmont Grace, Safer Sanctuary Training which guides churches to protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults, clergy well-being, lay leader development, rural ministries, and youth gatherings and camps.

We lifted up the Dakotas Connection Initiative, an effort to harness the power of connection and relationship to maximize resources through clergy/lay leadership teams, multi-church collaborations, connection through technology, and the sharing of gifts & resources.

The culmination of the conference was the Celebration of Life in Ministry Service held at Mitchell First UMC. Five people were commissioned (the first step to full ordination), including Davis Anderson, a past Elisha Intern at our church; and five people were ordained as full elders. Memorials were held for those pastors and spouses who died in the past year, including former Spearfish pastors, Rod Gist and Pete Moe, and a pastor's father, Wayne McKirdy.

New business included the formation of a conference green team and a process of reaffiliation, by which churches who disaffiliated can be welcomed back to United Methodism.

Two of the four constitutional amendments coming from General Conference for ratification are: 1) Regionalization – allows each region of the church (in our case, the U.S.) to make decisions that will best support outreach and ministry efforts in their specific setting, and 2) Inclusiveness – the words, “gender” and “ability” were added to the existing words of “color, national origin, status, or economic condition” regarding who is eligible to become a member of the UMC. Delegates voted on each amendment, but the result will not be released until all conferences have completed the voting process.

In financial news, the rate of apportionment payments (funds that are paid by local churches to the general church for ministry purposes) will remain at 13% of the local church's operating budget.

The Wesleyan Way Award was given to Sharla & Scott McCaskell of Rapid City Knollwood UMC for their coordination efforts in building a handicap-accessible addition to Rev. Michelle Slott's home (from Open Heart

UMC), after her son was paralyzed as a result of a motorcycle accident.

*Submitted by Colleen McKirdy
Lay Leader*

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, July 17th** 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.



Do you enjoy singing but don't want to attend a mid-week rehearsal? Summer Choir is for you! Gather in the choir room at 10:30 am on Sunday morning to learn an accessible song for performance during worship. All ages and abilities are welcome!



CYFM Update

Here at Spearfish United Methodist Church, our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries (CYFM) committee has been joyfully working to create meaningful opportunities for families to gather, grow in faith, and build lasting memories together. Through these events and programs, we hope to strengthen connections among our church family and reach out to new families in the wider community, showing God's love in fun and practical ways!



We recently had a very successful **Arts, Antiques and Kids Gala** on **June 19** full of hors d'oeuvres and mocktails for adults, music, along with a silent auction full of beautiful pieces with money and donations getting put towards playground improvements for Children First. Meanwhile, we had face painting and bouncy castle fun outside for kids to enjoy. Thank you Children First Board and staff for putting on an amazing and successful event and for all those that helped and came to enjoy the generous and entertaining evening!

Looking ahead, we're excited to with our upcoming **Summer Family Block Party & VBS Kickoff** happening on **July 27th from 5:00–7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We invite families to come enjoy an evening of crafts, games, yummy food, and bouncy castle

fun — all while getting a first peek at our exciting **Road Trip VBS** theme. A VBS registration table will be set up so parents can easily sign up for their kids that evening. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect during the summer and get kids excited about our next adventure together!

Following the block party, we will hit the road — spiritually speaking — with our **Road Trip-themed Vacation Bible School**, running from **July 30th through August 1st**, each night from **5:00–7:30 PM**. This year's VBS is designed for **kids ages 3 (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade**. Each evening includes a **free meal for kids and families from 5PM-5:30PM**, high-energy music, fun crafts, exciting games, science experiments, stories, and surprises — all focused on the theme of how God is always with us, no matter where life's journey takes us. **Registration is now open** on our church website and Facebook page, or parents can stop by the church office or sign up at the block party.

We are also **looking for adult and teen volunteers** who would love to share their time and talents to help us make VBS a big success. **If interested, please reach out to Katelyn Smith at workksmith@gmail.com** — we'd love to have you on our team!

- **Here's the link to the VBS Child Sign-up:** <https://spfumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>
- An adult/teen **VBS Volunteer Sign-up Sheet** can be found in the Fellowship Hall

We are truly grateful to our church family for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and support as we continue creating spaces where children and families can connect, grow, and experience the love of Christ together. If you'd like to get more involved, whether it's through our **9:20–10:00 AM Children's Sunday School (starting again on September 7th)**, Children's Sermons during worship, seasonal events, or by attending our **CYFM committee meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7PM**, please don't hesitate to reach out. **You can email Katelyn at workksmith@gmail.com or call/text 419-296-5723.**

Thank you for being a vital part of our mission. We hope your summer is filled with laughter, adventure, and blessings — and we can't wait to see you and your families soon!

Church Picnic!

Come to Evans Park (Rocket Ship Park) at **12:15 on Sunday, July 20** for food and fun! If you can, **bring a side dish to pass and your own plates and cutlery**. Hot dogs, brats, and a drink will be provided. Donations will be accepted to help with expenses.



Spearfish United Methodist Church presents:

Where? **845 N. 5th St, Spearfish, SD 57783**



Cokesbury Kids

ROAD TRIP

ON THE GO WITH GOD




ROAD TRIP! VBS 2025

On the Go with God!

July 30th, July 31st & August 1st @ 5:00PM-7:30PM
Free dinner from 5-5:30PM for kids & families

Join us for a faith-filled road trip adventure!
Children age 3 (must be potty-trained) through 5th grade are invited to embark on an exciting Vacation Bible School journey based on Joshua 1:9...

"THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO."

🔍 Explore new destinations

🎨 Create amazing art

🧪 Try out fun science experiments

📖 Hear stories from the Bible

🎮 Enjoy exciting games & recreation

👬 Make new friends

REGISTER or VOLUNTEER TODAY!

🏠 Pick up a form at the church office

✉ Email workksmith@gmail.com or ...

📄 Register at spfumc.mycokesburyvbs.com

Summer Family Block Party

JULY 27 | 5PM-7PM

🎉 Bouncy castle + 🍷 Food + 🎮 Games

🕒 Sneak peek of our awesome VBS Setup!

Worship Volunteers

Every weekend volunteers are needed for each of the worship services such as:

- **Greeters** – are needed to welcome members and guests to our church. It is a good way to meet people if you don't know everyone and it is fun. Without greeters it is like inviting someone to your home and you are not there to meet them.
- **Readers** – are needed to read scripture at each of the worship services. All information is provided to each volunteer. Pastor Paul says "the more readers the better" so that other voices are heard other than his.
- **Fellowship** – This is your opportunity to offer hospitality to our guests each weekend. It doesn't have to be fancy, just a light refreshment. If you aren't familiar with the kitchen, there are several people willing to show you around. This is done on Sundays between services and on the 3rd Saturday for Blue Jeans.

Sign-up sheets are provided on a table in the Fellowship Hall each week to see what is needed. Orvette, in the church office, will send you a reminder before the weekend of what you signed up for. So, grab a friend, sign up, and see how much fun it is!



United Methodist Men



United Methodist Men (UMM) meetings were scheduled for June 7th and 21st. The June 7th meeting was not going to be attended by very many, so the

three who were available went to Perkins. For the June 21st meeting, we met at 9 a.m. for breakfast and at 9:30 had guest speaker Laura Fiege with the Alzheimer's Association provide a presentation on 10 signs of dementia. We had United Women of Faith and others from the congregation join us to learn more about dementia and Alzheimer's, for a total of 16 people.

We are NOT having scheduled meetings in July or August. We may be hosting the Sasquatch ball team in July for breakfast, we are still working on getting this scheduled. We will return to our regularly scheduled 8 a.m. meetings on the first and third Saturday of each month starting in September.

*God Bless,
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*



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, July 20 at 5pm** and will feature Soupe Au Pstou. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

Join us for fellowship and conversation on Saturday, July 26 at 11:30 am at Salem Park. Bring a sack lunch and your smile!



United
Women
in Faith

Dinah's Book Club

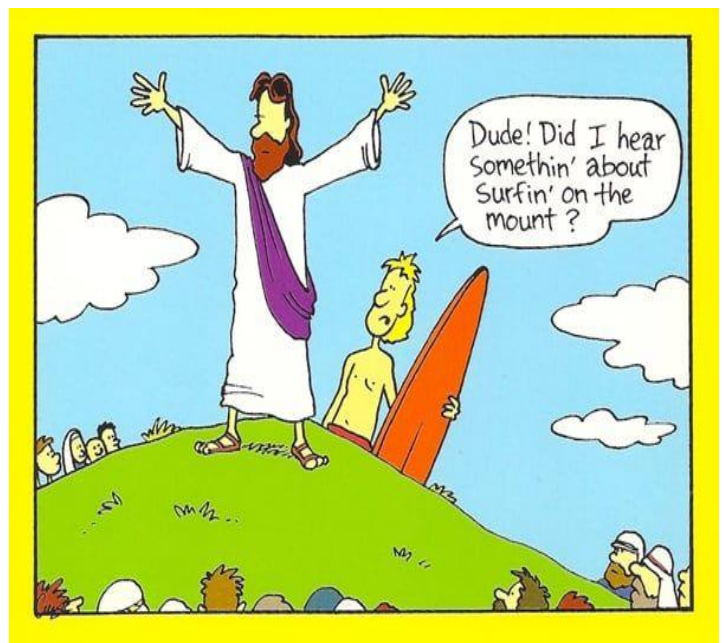
Dinah's Book Club is reading "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. The group will meet on **Monday, July 14** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

Dear Congregation:

We have some great news and some not-so-great news. The great news is that, due to a government program left over from the COVID years, the SUMC organization has received about \$116,000. This is basically a payroll tax refund because SUMC retained all employees in the COVID year 2020. The company who did all the work to verify our eligibility to the government was paid 15% of the total. This left about \$35,000 for the church, about \$62,000 for Children First, and about \$2,000 for the Carr Education Center, based on the 2020 payrolls of each entity. Regarding the church's share of \$35,000 the Stewardship & Finance Committee, with an eye on the future, decided to invest \$20,000 of this money. That leaves \$15,000 for current needs for the church.

Now for the not-so-great news – the church needs a new boiler, cost about \$23,000. We have \$15,000 from the COVID money. Trustees and Stewardship & Finance will use the Trustee Emergency Reserve for the other \$8,000. The new boiler will not be an emergency until about October, however we need to get started on the project now since it takes time to get parts and build a boiler in the church basement. Taking \$8,000 from our Emergency Reserve will almost completely use up that fund. We may need emergency money for some situation in the future, so the Reserve needs to be replenished as soon as possible. Will you help? If you feel called to help replenish the church Emergency Reserve, please make your check out to the church and indicate "Emergency Reserve" in the memo spot. As always, we are grateful for your support of your church. Thank you.

Stewardship & Finance Committee



Prayer Partners



Holy God. Be with us as we enjoy this summer season. May we be reminded to pray in all situations. Be with all who have concerns about health. Bless all who grieve. O Lord, be with each person. Amen.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Marland Linafelter* who passed away June 13, 2025, and whose memorial service was held Tuesday, June 17 at Spearfish United Methodist Church with Pastor Paul Lint and Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.
- *Shirley McGilvrey* who passed away January 23, 2025, and whose memorial service was held Saturday, June 28 at Spearfish United Methodist Church with Pastor Paul Lint and Pastor Scott McKirdy officiating.



Donations for July needed are:

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| • Apple Juice | • Hamburger Helper |
| • Ramen Noodles | • Pork & Beans |
| • Chunky Soups | • Saltine Crackers |

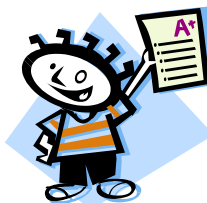
The food pantry continues to need more donations to cover the monthly expense of food for our clients. For the month of April costs were \$5,000 more than incoming donations. Even more cuts to the amount of food given to each family will be necessary if this trend continues. Please contribute what you can to help get an ample amount of food to those who need it. Thank you.

Marilyn Halse
Methodist Board Member



Mission of the Month

Clothe-A-Kid



The beginning of another school will be here before we know it, and the effort to send our students to school in new clothes and supplies is in full swing. Do you remember how you felt as a youth anticipating your first day of school? New crayons, sharp pencils, shoes with no scuffs, shirts with no stains, and pants that were long enough. What a great feeling! That is the premise behind the Spearfish Clothe-A-Kid project that was started over 20 years ago at Spearfish UMC with the goal that all students started school with a positive self-image.

Clothe-A-Kid is now a city-wide initiative, supported by churches, businesses and individuals to provide new clothes, school and hygiene supplies, backpacks and Spartan hoodies to 150 less fortunate Spearfish students. Annually, over \$25,000 must be raised to cover the expense of these items through donations, grants and fundraising. Each student will pick up their supplies and hoodie at the church, then are given a designated time to shop for their new clothes. The pride in their new things is obvious, and each student can feel they "fit in" on the first day of school.

Financial help is always accepted and appreciated. Please direct your donations to Spearfish UMC Clothe-A-Kid or any questions to Karen Hahn, (605) 631-0296 or karenhahn68@gmail.com.

Thank you from Solar Oven Partners



Thank you to all who donated to Solar Oven Partners this month. Your help makes a difference to someone trying to feed their family in Sierra Leone, Dominican Republic, or Navajo nation.

Thanks also to all the ladies who have been working on Solar Oven potholders and bags this month. Some have cut out "kits" for potholders, and others have sewed the "kits" into lovely potholders to be distributed with the next shipment of Solar Ovens or sewed small or large bags. Ladies receiving solar ovens will be blessed by your work.



Samantha & Justin Stricker	07/04~11 yrs.
Doug & Linda Stratton	07/07~18 yrs.
Andy & Jamie VanDeest	07/08~19 yrs.
Corbin & Krista Peterson	07/18~16 yrs.
Paul & Rachel Sheffield	07/26~11 yrs.
Rob & Beth Bentley	07/29~47 yrs.
Jay & Yvonne Adrion	07/29~20 yrs.



Arne Koski	07-01	Dorothy Swanson	07-21
Rylan VanDeest	07-01	Garrett English	07-21
Jeanette Keck	07-02	Angie Smith	07-22
Sophie Schmidt	07-03	Ryan Jennings	07-23
Bobbi Looney	07-04	Rhian Deane	07-24
Anthony Swanson	07-07	Norma Perry	07-25
Ross English	07-08	Shaina Loux	07-25
Karen Miller	07-09	Helen Stiles	07-26
Peggy Bosch	07-09	Beth Bentley	07-27
Sam Jennings	07-10	Glenn Foltz	07-28
Odessa Eddie	07-12	Jayde Engel	07-28
Austin Hendricks	07-13	Kadyn Loup	07-29
Melissa Heckel	07-16	Elijah Shank	07-29
Lauren Haiar	07-16	Josiah Foltz	07-29
Simon Lint	07-16	Don Looney	07-30
Doug Stanford	07-19		



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 June

Church Fundraiser	\$ 693.00
Food Pantry	75.00
Church Shed Fund	355.00
Children First Emergency Fund	300.00

Yoga Charity Fund	508.00
Trustee Emergency Fund	1,825.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Children First Gala	3,038.95
Lyle Harvey Memorial	200.00
"KC" Phillips Memorial	500.00
Solar Ovens	1,855.00
UMCOR	600.00
Peace with Justice	30.00
Youth Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,369.95

Special Funds for June

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	160.00
TOTAL	\$ 170.00

Worship Attendance for June: 594 (Avg./Wk=148) (4 wks)

On-Line Attendance for June: 511 (Avg./Wk=170) (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.

E-mail Addresses:



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



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