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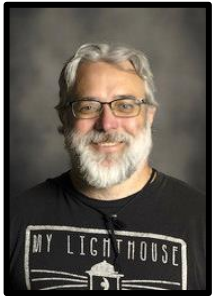
Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Prayerfully Ponderings of Pastor Paul

Live Harmoniously

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with

one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

(Romans 12:14-16 NIV)

“Creator decreed Planet Earth to be the most beautiful of the entire creation, and was to be known as Grandmother, first Mother and oldest woman. Human beings, her children, were to keep her company and live harmoniously on her as good caretakers of Earth.” *(Dr. Henrietta Mann, On This Spirit Walk, pg. 74)*

I have read the three verses from Romans 12 above many times and have always found them both helpful and challenging. Still, as I read Dr. Henrietta Mann’s words in the context of our Bible Study group recently, I was struck by her use of an adverb to speak about harmony, rather than using the noun. In several of the recent books I have read, it has been highlighted that English is a noun-heavy language, while languages like Lakota, Hebrew, and Greek are verb-heavy. With this use of language, harmony is not simply a thing that we live in, but rather a way or manner of living.

Probably because of my mom and her passion and gifts in music, many rich images and ideas come to mind when I think of harmony or doing something harmoniously. I have been blessed with opportunities to learn to use my voice, attempt to play the piano, coax a baritone into making noises that some would recognize as music, and strive to learn and play the violin. I live in a home with someone who plays the guitar well enough for us to sing camp songs together and the piano in ways that bring me great joy. Several of my children have taken piano lessons and have learned the basics of such instruments as the (French) horn, saxophone, flute, violin, tuba, clarinet, drums, guitar, baritone, trumpet, ukulele,

recorder, and the percussion of the gamelan, as well as several having a gift for singing. All of this is added to a community that is so blessed with great musicians of all kinds.

This is the backdrop against which I ponder the idea of living harmoniously. The first powerful reality that comes to mind is that this requires more than one musician or at least more than a simple melody. If I want to live harmoniously, I must first recognize that there is already music being played or a melody with which to harmonize. This can be a humbling realization. I love to hear the opening guitar riffs of songs like “*Stairway to Heaven*” or “*Sweet Child of Mine*,” but those riffs assume that no other song is already being played. We are not to burst into life with an amazing guitar riff, but rather live harmoniously. We must listen to the music already being played before adding to it.



That brings us to the second beautiful reality: we have something beautiful to add. In life, we have unique gifts, passions, perspectives, and knowledge that can add to the world around us. In music, some can sense the keys and the rhythm, as well as where their instrument can add to the music.

Finally, I would offer one other powerful reality. We can live in ways that destroy the song or silence the harmonious voices. One of my daughters often tells me that I am “ruining the song” when I sing in odd ways or change the words while she is listening to music. People who highlight themselves or demand attention often make this mistake. Imagine with me a hypothetical world where one person is watching TV, another is shuffling through TikTok with the volume up, a child is trying to learn the saxophone, and another is playing rap music in his bedroom. None of these are adding to the life experience of the others; none are listening first. Each has their own goal and plan and doesn’t care how it impacts the goals of others. When we take away from the world around us rather than add to it, we are not living harmoniously.

Amazing musicians can fix or make beautiful

another's mistake. Amazing followers of Christ can do likewise; we can show grace and mercy while harmoniously sharing the Good News of Christ, joining in a song that began before creation and will continue eternally. Caring about others and building up those who live differently from us is not a weakness, but a sign that we value God's diverse gifts and callings. Live harmoniously because the song of redemption is beautiful, creative, and intentional.

Pastor Paul



Doris Parke



Hat's Off to Doris Parke for the quiet ways she serves others. She has a special connection to a group at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living where she serves communion once a month with Sandy Prante and delivers a brief message.

Doris is a frequent helper for rummage sales, funerals, meals or fellowship times. She is also a regular volunteer for the Help Fund, giving out Safeway cards to persons in need. She is one of many who ask "How can I help?" thank you for being a servant.

Dakotas United Methodist Camps

We have several campers going to camp in October. 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 October:



Oct. 16-19 – "Circle of Friends" Camp
Storm Mountain Camp

23740 Storm Mountain Rd.
Rapid City 57702

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. 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.

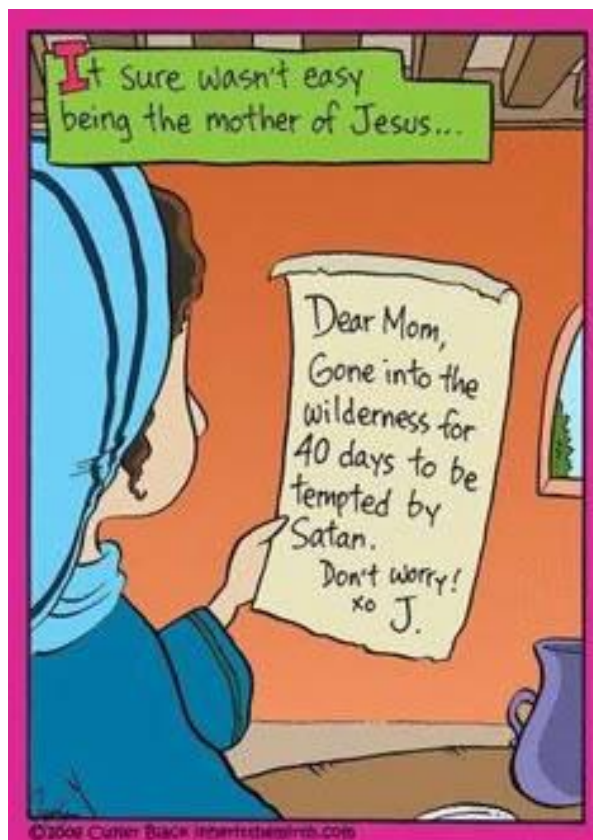
United Women in Faith (UWF)

United Women in Faith met in September for a get-together about the importance of feeling *Belonging*, and how we need to foster belonging in ourselves and in our communities. We ended the session by making wooden Welcome door-hangers.



We will meet on Saturday, October 18 at 9:30 AM for a session on *Vision!* We will discuss what it means to have vision and goals for our lives, and we will make vision boards to guide us in our desires and hopes. Please join us for treats, fellowship, and discussion!

We also look forward to our conference United Women in Faith Annual Celebration at Canyon Lake UMC in Rapid City, where we come together with women around the Dakotas for education and fun.



Congregational Care Ministry Opportunities

Please contact Chris Davis (cldavis57@hotmail.com, 218-340-5610) for more information.

1. Assist as co-coordinator for Caring Meals Ministry.
2. Assist with putting together Emergency Food Bags.
3. Assist with communion preparation when communion is served.
4. Assist with worship services at assisted living facilities.

Children First



The 2025/2026 school year at Children First is off to an awesome start! This year we have an infant room, waddler room, toddler room, 3-year-old class, 4-year-old class and a 5-year-old class. This year

we have 72 children from 58 families and 24 employees. We are looking forward to a wonderful year full of fun, learning and growing.

Children First would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to all who generously donated to our scholarship fund for September's mission of the month. Many children have and continue to benefit from our scholarship program. Most of them would not have been able to attend preschool without the financial help. We generally give out between \$12,000 and \$15,000 in scholarship funds each school year and we are able to do that largely due to the donations received from members of the Spearfish United Methodist Church.

We also want to thank all of you who have pledged to Children First this year. Your contributions have been a blessing and as always, we are deeply grateful.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men (UMM) meetings were held September 6 & 20. At the September 6 meeting, our devotion was presented by Riley Chrisman. On September 20 the devotion was presented by Kelvin Lower.



Our October meetings will be on the Saturday, October 4 & 18 from 8 to 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for breakfast (usually scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and pancakes or French toast), fellowship and a short devotional.

*God Bless,
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, October 9th** 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.

Dinah's Book Club

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

October CYFM Update

Here with CYFM, we are happy to say we've had a joyful turnout for our return to weekly **Children's Sunday School**, which started back up again on September 7th and happens at 10AM-10:55AM after the 9AM church service!

We were very blessed to have had people of all ages join in our celebration for Back-To-Sunday-School cookies and information spread in the Fellowship Hall on September 10 to celebrate the beginning of the new Sunday School year. We had a fun turnout at the park with UCC to have church and Sunday School at Spearfish Park on September 14! Our Children's Sunday School is open to children ages three and up.

For children younger than three, the Nursery is open with loving staff ready to care for your young ones under three during church services, and we are always welcoming interested new children and volunteers to our Sunday School family!



Now that schools and Sunday School are back into swing, we are now looking forward to Fall event. On **October 26th from 2-4PM**, we are having our annual **Trunk or Treat** open to the community to celebrate some family-friendly fun! Please feel free to dress up in costume, bring some friends and family, and join in on some yummy treats, games, face-painting, and trunk-or-treating!

If you're able and interested, we are graciously taking **volunteers** for either decorating for the event, bringing your decorated car trunk to pass out candy at, or

helping at one of our activity booths! **We invite both adult and youth volunteers** to help with our continually largely successful event, and **happily take donations** to help keep our event up! **Donations** may include peanut-free Halloween-themed trail mix items that we can mix together and pass out as a snack at the event, as well as bags of candy is also greatly appreciated as the treats go very quickly at this event! Please keep a lookout for fliers, sign-up sheets, and Facebook event posts in the coming weeks to join us in what ways you're able to for this very fun family event!

As with all these opportunities, these are all made possible through the love and support of our church, whether through attending our church events, praying for success for our events, spreading the word of the opportunities we have, 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.

If you are looking for a way to further support our church through volunteering 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, **please feel free to contact Katelyn Smith at workksmith@gmail.com or at 419-296-5723**, 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!

What Wonderful Surprises at Edgewood Vista *by Char Clark*

On Saturday afternoon while finding more delightful things to buy at the Rummage Sale like a "sunshine ~ yellow" tulle wreath made by Deb Richardson to bring to retired Pastor Mary Ann Sheldon at Edgewood Vista. I thought it would brighten up her doorway or her room.

I mentioned to Sandy Prante, Vicki Bragg, and Jeannette Keck, would they not be lovely if gifted to our patrons there and others, too. Deb has been a consummate florist for years, and a gifted artisan. She, alone, contributed about twenty-two wreaths. Our ladies bagged them up; put them in my husband's car. In the meantime, I called Edgewood and contacted the receptionist. (Tina Blakeman who used to work for me at



a nearby school district.)

I dashed home and typed up a simple note to place with the wreath so the recipients would know those from whom they came. (SEE BELOW.) I got the list from Sandy Prante who does Edgewood Sunday Communion with Doris Parks. She shared the listing of names and room numbers which was invaluable.

I arrived around three in the afternoon. I was greeted by Receptionist, Tina and my granddaughter who is the new activities director there, Cayce Dimmit. They quickly furnished me with two carts.

It took about two hours, close to five o'clock to deliver the colorful wreaths. The residents were so pleased and delighted! They could not say enough how exceptionally beautiful they were and that they were gifts especially for them. Smile, after smile . . . thanks after thanks . . . A couple of people asked if they needed to buy them and almost with a sigh, they were pleased to know that they were GIFTS!

I wish I had a video or pictures! You would have thought it was Christmas!

Well, when you think people do not appreciate the thoughtfulness of others . . . it was such a BLESSING, BECAUSE EACH ONE SMILED!

GIFTS of GOD for CHILDREN of GOD!!!

I determined not to wait for Wednesday's UMC Day; they would fill a whole car for several days. Waiting for UMC Communion Service by Doris and Sandy, the wreaths would have to be stored for a couple of weeks. (Janelle Jones had shared other options that the ladies discussed; this worked, and it was done! What a wonderful group of women who had spent endless hours planning and working the Rummage Sale!

SPECIAL THANKS TO DEB RICHARDSON FOR THE ENDLESS HOURS AND PRODUCT SHE PUT INTO MAKING EXQUISITE WREATHS! SO, THIS PROBABLY WAS GOD'S PLAN . . THANKS BE TO GOD!



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, October 12 at 5pm** and will feature *Apple Cider Pork Roast* and *Fondant Potatoes*. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Prayer Partners

Loving God, we are so blessed, thank you. Remind us that everything is yours. We are the caretakers for a brief time. May we bless all creatures, humans and the environment with love and care today and always. Amen.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Kelly Wilsey*, who passed away September 24, 2025, and whose services will be scheduled at a future date.



October Food Needs:

- Chili or Beef Stew
- Canned Fruit Cocktail
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti or Spaghetti-O's
- Canned Peaches
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Chunky Soups



Mission of the Month **Stuffing the Backpacks**

This month, our mission focus is the Stuffing the Backpack program, provided through Feeding South Dakota. This program supports school-aged children who receive free or reduced-price meals for weekends and school breaks.

Families qualify for free meals if there is less than 130% of the Federal Poverty level, and for reduced-price

meals if their income is between 130% and 185%. For example:

- In 2025 the Federal Poverty Level for a family of four is \$32,150 per year. At 130% of that (\$1,795, children qualify for free meals.
- If family income is between \$41,795 and \$59,477 (185% of poverty level, children qualify for reduced-price meals.

The Backpack Program helps fill the gap for children from these families during times when school meals aren't available, reducing hunger and food insecurity in our community. For the month of August, approximately 20% or 460 children K-12 for reduced price of free meals.



You can support this important program by donating to the Spearfish United Methodist Church, by designating the Spearfish Feeding Sough Dakota "Backpack Program". Please make a notation on your check or cash donations for the "Backpack Program". Every dollar raised stays local to help children here in Spearfish. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Robb & Kristy Harrington	10/01~37 yrs.
Tad & Heather Brewer	10/02~26 yrs.
Ed & Jacqueline Milnes	10/08~39 yrs.
Paul & Christine Pierson	10/08~21 yrs.
Kent & Mary Kennon	10/19~46 yrs.



Claire Jennings	10-01	Steward Stracco	10-15
Janelle Jones	10-03	Dorothy Johnson	10-20
Suzanne Phillips	10-04	Charlene Clark	10-21
Jayne Brenneisen	10-04	Marilyn Burgeson	10-22
Sara Ross	10-04	Dnyee Swisher	10-22
Miles Sheffield	10-04	Dianne Helmann	10-22
Cindy Burris	10-08	Krista Peterson	10-22
Seth Donald	10-08	Corbin Peterson	10-23
Barbara Chrisman	10-10	Joel Johannesen	10-24
Eden Shank	10-10	Ed Sewell	10-28
Edie Hooper	10-11	Ryan Niesent	10-28
Avalon Vaughn	10-12	Tristany Swanson	10-28
Leslie Sewell	10-13	Scott Helmann	10-29

Brenda Lint	10-14	Morgan Roberts	10-29
Gail Arnold	10-15	Ernie Trudo	10-31



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 thru September 22

Church Fundraiser	\$ 1,428.58
Food Pantry	250.00
Yoga Charity Fund	447.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Children First Fundraiser	1,428.58
Children First Scholarships	2,259.33
Ministerial Association Income	4,584.15
Lyle Harvey Memorial	100.00
Connie Nicholas Memorial	450.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
UMCOR	100.00
Youth Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,462.64

Special Funds thru September 22

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	110.00
TOTAL	\$ 120.00

Worship Attendance for Sept.: 451 (Avg./Wk=150) (3 wks)

On-Line Attendance for Sept.: 219(Avg./Wk=109) (2 wks)

Treasurer's Corner



"We are blessed to be such a giving congregation. The Spearfish UMC supports a wide variety of missions that are meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters right here at home and also in the worldwide

Methodist Church. Part of how we support the mission of the broader Church is through our "apportionments".

These are a percentage (currently 13%) of our weekly General Fund donations that YOU provide so generously

in the offering plate, by mail, by check, by Venmo, or by dropping off your donation with Orvette at the church office.

This time of year, can get a little lean as church attendance fluctuates in the summer months, what with families traveling and the general "busy-ness" that can accompany summer in the Hills. Even so, your Stewardship and Finance committee has consistently chosen to remain steadfast in our paying of apportionments on a monthly basis this year. As of the end of August, this commitment leaves us just under \$10k in the red on our Year-To-Date balance sheet, which is pretty amazing considering that we have been able to contribute over \$34k in apportionments so far this year.

We celebrate these opportunities to give and participate in the work that is helping so many, here and abroad! Please continue to give generously of your blessing, as we move forward together to be the hands and feet of a loving God in our world."

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.

Background Checks

If you work with children, youth or vulnerable adults for Spearfish United Methodist Church, you need a background check. See Pastor Paul to complete it.



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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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