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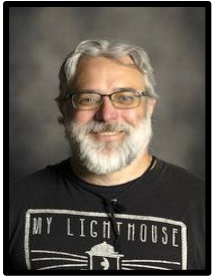
Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Prayerfully Ponderings of Pastor Paul

We All Celebrate

“Be joyful at your festival—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns.” (Deuteronomy 16:14)

We have just finished a sermon series about the three main festivals of the Jewish year – Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot. We also have finished our own Festival of Thanksgiving, just as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. That is the background with which we come to this pondering.

How often have you asked people, “Are you traveling for Thanksgiving?” or “Who is coming for Christmas at your house this year?” For a significant majority of us the holidays are centered around who you are gathering with. This was the intention of the Hebrew Festivals that all have the energy of this is for the whole community. The verse above is specifically about the Festival of the Tabernacles, Sukkot, but there are similar ordinances for the other two mentioned. The reason for this command by God is clear. All are supposed to be invited and be a welcomed part of our celebration of God’s gifts to us.

How are we doing as a society with this challenge? Are we making the Good News of what God is doing and has done for us a celebration for all of our neighbors? Are we looking for those who have less comfort, less security, less excess and spreading the abundant harvests into their lives? As a church, we have made some amazing strides to live out this Good News and we will keep looking for more opportunities.

As we live the Advent life in preparation for Christ, let us be intentional about sharing the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love with all. May we respond to God’s free gift to us with love poured out freely. May this whole month be a blessing to you, your family, your friends, your neighborhood, those who struggle and work hard in your

community, those who are overwhelmed with need and fear, and those who have felt the deep feelings of loss and loneliness. We are a community.

Pastor Paul



Advent Series and Study

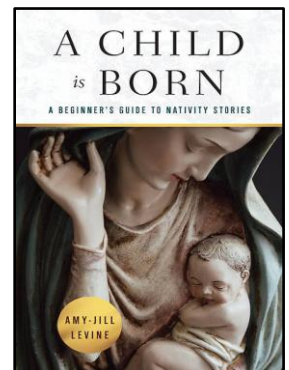
It is beautiful how a new baby in a family, community, or church can shift the perspective so quickly. Advent is the New Year for the church so a change of perspective and a look toward the hope of new life is just what we need.

This year for our Advent Worship Series we will be guided by Amy-Jill Levine and her book *A Child Is Born*. We will not only prepare ourselves for the newborn Jesus, but also get to reflect upon several birth stories in the Old Testament.

We have the books and are looking for small group leaders to come forward to let us know when you can lead a group. The books are \$15 and are available in the church office or ask Pastor Paul.

We would love to have some meeting in the church and others at homes or somewhere in the community. These classes can happen any day of the week and we hope that there are opportunities both during the workday and in the evenings as well as on the weekends.

If you are interested in leading a group or at least know you would like to be a participant in one of these groups please let Pastor Paul or the church office know when and what you would like to do.





Christmas Activities in December

Taizé Worship

Thursday, Dec. 4 – 7:00 PM

A service of prayer, healing, and remembrance. Come experience the season through silence, scripture, prayer and music.

Caroling at Edgewood Vista

Sunday, Dec. 7 – 3:00 PM

Meet at Edgewood Vista, 540 Falcon Crest Dr., carol to the residents there. Contact Michelle Jennings for more information at (605) 641-2250.

UWF Christmas Brunch

Saturday, Dec. 13 – 10:00 AM

All are welcome to attend this delicious brunch sponsored by United Women in Faith, and served by United Methodist Men. We'll hear a story about Barrington Bunny, some updates from the Food Pantry, music from a string ensemble, and we'll sing Christmas carols. Please bring a donation for the Food Pantry. (Non-perishable food items like canned meat, canned veggies, canned fruit, beans, and canned/boxed ready-made meals. Monetary donations are also welcome.)

UMC Christmas Program

Sunday Dec. 14 ~ 9:00 AM

Children's Christmas Program. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

Hayride, Caroling & Game Night

Sunday, Dec. 14 – 3:00 PM

We're getting ready for a fun afternoon of Christmas caroling (weather permitting). Meet at the church and dress appropriately for the outdoor weather. We will go to various rest homes and private homes. Everyone is welcome as we spread some Christmas cheer. Soup, Wassail and games await us from 5-7:00 PM afterwards.

Longest Night Services

Thursday, Dec. 18 – 7:00 PM

A simple, reflective Christmas service for those who have lost loved ones or find the holidays difficult.

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 24 at UMC

We invite you, your family, friends, neighbors and your co-workers to come worship on this amazing day and

evening. All offerings on Christmas Eve will go to the UMC Help Fund unless otherwise designated.

12:00 Noon:

A joyous traditional service. There is a potluck soup lunch following. This service is perfect for those who don't like to go out at night and for families who love to come together with the youngest of children and the oldest of grandparents.

5:00 PM:

A traditional family candlelight Christmas Eve service with music shared on organ and with choir.

7:00 PM:

An acoustic guitar service led by our Blue Jean Worship team, this service is lit by candlelight and is very intimate.



Marilyn Halse

Thank you to Marilyn Halse for her service in the community as a board member of the Spearfish Food Pantry. She represents our church on this board. Marilyn is a faithful musician with the Saturday worship praise team.



Year-end Bonuses

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be asking for year-end donations for the **13 Church staff**. Please use a clear memo for **Church Staff**.

Children First Board invites you to donate for year-end bonuses for the **26 Children First staff**. Please use a clear memo for Children First staff.

The due date for all donations is Monday, December 15. Each fund will be divided equally for the number of staff, regardless of wage status. Thank you for your prayers and support of all staff.

Children First



November was a month filled with generosity, gratefulness, and glee at Children First. In the first couple of weeks, Lead Teachers held parent/teacher conferences.

These provided necessary communication and understanding between home and school. A few had to be rescheduled due to the city-wide power outage. Childcare was also cut short by the outage, but we quickly bounced back the very next day. Thank you to all our parents for being understanding during that time.

The Children First Board hosted “Mac and Cheese Day” where all the teachers and children were able to enjoy some delicious cheesy goodness for lunch. The preschool was invited to enjoy their lunch over at United Methodist Church with the Board. It was a special time between all.

Children First hosted a food drive during the month of November for the local food pantry. Also, throughout the month, the children practiced, practiced, practiced for our upcoming Christmas Concert.

To round out November, the preschool visited Zonta’s Festival of Trees for a field trip and had a blast. We thank Zonta for their invitation and we cannot wait for the Christmas season! Thank you to all for your continuous love and support!”

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, December 4** 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 “*We All Live Here*” by Jojo Moyes. The group will meet on **Monday, December 8** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

Blood Drive

On **Monday, December 15** a Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 to 5:30 PM. Please go to www.vitalant.org to schedule an appointment.

United Women in Faith (UWF) *Christmas Brunch ~ Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 AM*

All are welcome to attend this delicious brunch sponsored by United Women in Faith, and served by United Methodist Men. We’ll hear a story about Barrington Bunny, some updates from the Food Pantry, music from a string ensemble, and we’ll sing Christmas carols. Please bring a donation for the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry needs are: non-perishable food items like canned meat, canned veggies, canned fruit, beans, and canned/boxed ready-made meals. Monetary donations are also 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, December 14 at 5pm**. Dinner will be Soup and Wassail and will be served right after caroling and the hayride. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

UMC Youth Group



The youth group did some service work this November. One evening was spent making fleece tie blankets for Artemis house. Another was making crafts and ornaments for the sales with money going to various church groups. The painting was fun and we are pleased with the artists' successes. See picture.

As we prepare for the advent season we will be continuing our theme of giving. Youth group meets every Wednesday at 7pm with gathering time at 6:30 featuring pizza. If you would like to sponsor a night of pizza talk to Brenda Lint or Pastor Paul.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men (UMM) meetings were held November 1st and 15th. Our November 1st devotion was presented by Riley Chrisman. Our meeting on the 15th



devotion was presented by Bill Lundgren. We are glad to have a couple of new people join us this month.

Our December meetings will be on the 6th and 20th from 8 am until about 9 am. Riley Chrisman will be presenting both devotionals which will be about Christmas. 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*



CYFM Update



Our church's annual **Trunk or Treat** celebration was an incredible blessing this year and a true example of what joyful, collaborative ministry can look like! Thanks to the *overwhelming generosity* of our church members, we received an abundance of candy donations — enough to keep every child smiling as they made their way through the many decorated trunks outside. It was heartwarming to see our congregation come together so eagerly to support this event.

This year's Trunk or Treat also had an especially strong volunteer presence, both from within our church and through our growing community partnerships. Outside, families enjoyed visiting beautifully decorated car trunks, including a wonderfully creative pirate-themed trunk by our **Youth Group**, who also assisted inside with face painting and games. We were also blessed by the participation of **BHSU's Future Teachers Association** and several **Children First teachers**, who prepared their own trunks and helped greet families with kindness and enthusiasm. Their involvement helped extend our outreach and provided valuable extra hands in ensuring all children felt welcomed and celebrated.

Inside the church, volunteers kept the fun going with a variety of activities for all ages. Children enjoyed fresh popcorn and juice, along with face painting, a sensory station featuring coloring pages and playdough,

and several carnival-style games, including ring toss, a fishing game, a “Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin” challenge, a themed photo booth, and other tossing and shooting games that filled the room with laughter. The blend of indoor and outdoor activities helped create a warm, festive environment for families to enjoy safely and comfortably.

Our CYFM team is turning our focus toward Advent preparations. Our Sunday School children are beginning to practice special songs through a short Children’s Christmas Program that they will share during a Children’s Sermon in December.

We especially want to extend our deepest gratitude to *every* person who made our October event possible — whether through candy donations, trunk decorating, face painting, helping with games, assisting with setup and cleanup, or spreading the word within the community. We are also incredibly thankful for our new and growing connections with BHSU’s Future Teachers Association and Children First teachers, whose willingness to collaborate added so much to this year’s event.

Your dedication and support is what keeps these family-friendly ministries thriving. Every smile, every game played, and every child who felt welcomed and loved was a direct result of your kindness, generosity, and service!

As we look forward to the coming year, our hope is to continue this spirit of shared ministry. We will soon begin planning and seeking volunteers for several upcoming CYFM events, including: Sunday School, Spring Block Party, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Community Block Party, and Vacation Bible School. We deeply appreciate the helping hands, donations, and presence of each person who supports these ministries—your involvement makes a lasting impact on our children, our families, and our entire church community.

Thank you for being the heartbeat of CYFM and for helping us create nurturing, faith-filled spaces for the families we serve. With your continued support, we look forward to another year of growth, joy, and community together!

Ornament Appreciation Weekend December 6 & 7



This church is an amazing church to be a part of! You should know that you are loved and appreciated for your attendance and for your service in hundreds of different ways and for your financial support in the life of our church. You will find on a table in the fellowship hall a wide assortment of handmade Christmas ornaments intended for everyone, adults and children. These ornaments have been beautifully made with love by

members of this church. Thank you, crafty persons!!!
Please feel free to search through the ornaments for the one that catches your eye. And if you feel so inclined, drop a few dollars in the gift box. All donations will help the General Fund finish out another successful year.

Prayer Partners

Dear God, be with Pastor Paul and all members of the Lint family. Guide all families as we celebrate the birth of Christ. May we use this season to build relationships with family and friends. Praise God for guiding and blessing us all. Amen.



December Food Needs:

- Saltines
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Chicken 5 oz.
- Cream Soups
- Chunky Soups
- Small Beef Stew



Mission of the Month

Artemis House

Victims of Violence Intervention, Inc.



The Artemis House is a 42-person shelter that provides a comfortable and safe emergency refuge for people made homeless due to recent domestic violence, as well as support for victims of sexual assault. They have a 24-hour emergency help line and have advocates ready to respond to the needs of the victim. They serve people in Lawrence, Butte, and Meade Counties.

There is a support group that assists survivors and helps them through every step of their healing journey. They can help with expenses (transportation costs, clothes, food, counseling, rent, etc.) that can help survivors get their lives back on track.

This month we will be collecting monetary

donations (please specify that your donation is for Artemis House on your check or online donation). We will also be collecting items that they need such as:

• Full size Shampoo	• Hair Brushes/Combs
• Full size Conditioner	• Toothpaste
• Full size Body Wash	• Lotion
• Deodorant	• Nail Clippers/Files
• Tampons	• Hair Care Products
• Large Tubs for storage (<i>any size is appreciated – standard size is 18 gal.</i>)	



Lanny & Dnyee Swisher	12/09~53 yrs.
Paul & Brenda Lint	12/18~27 yrs.
Morie & Margo Carnahan	12/21~55 yrs.
John & Kim Tollison	12/21~40 yrs.
Terry & Jean Downing	12/22
Gail & Clara Arnold	12/22~77 yrs.
Bill & Jeanette Keck	12/27~47 yrs.
Larry & Karen Miller	12/28
Bob & Barb Brady	12/2/~51 yrs.



Bob Baker	12-02	Briar Peterson	12-14
Della Hall	12-04	Sheri Perry	12-16
Layne Liming	12-04	Landree Ayer	12-16
Connie Eisma	12-05	Laura Lloyd-Smith	12-17
Debra Richardson	12-06	Marty Davis	12-18
Jodi Johannesen	12-08	Cal Hayenga	12-19
Donald Keil	12-10	Malaya Naescher	12-21
Bill Bosch	12-10	Vicky Bragg	12-22
Kristy Harrington	12-10	Cherry Hansen	12-24
Kaylee Johannesen	12-10	Rihanna Vaughn	12-26
Tara Niesent	12-11	Penny Louks	12-27
Kelvin Lower	12-12	Karen McConnell	12-30
Rita Hicks	12-13	Margo Carnahan	12-31
Asher Foltz	12-13	Bev Hill	12-31
Emily English	12-13	“Gabby” Eddie	12-31



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 November 21, 2025

Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
Yoga Charity Fund	485.00
Honduras VIM Fund	11,500.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Children First Staff Christmas Fund	710.00
UMC Staff Christmas Fund	880.00
Connie Nicholas Memorial	20.00
Meals on Wheels	100.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
UMCOR	100.00
Youth Fund	260.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,960.00

Special Funds thru November 21, 2025

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	3,525.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,535.00

Worship Attendance for Nov...: 441 (Avg./Wk=147) (3 wks)

On-Line Attendance for Nov...: 294 (Avg./Wk=98) (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.



venmo



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.

End-of-Year Giving

All contributions that you wish to count for 2025 must be in the church office or post marked by December 31.

Thank You

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



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