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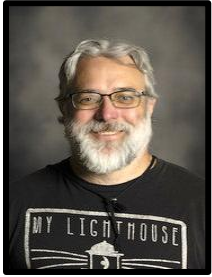
**Spearfish United Methodist Church**

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## **Prayerfully Ponderings of Pastor Paul**

### **The Church/The Body of Christ on Purpose**

*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,*

*Isaiah 61:1-2*

*(read by Jesus in Luke 4 as a statement of his purpose)*

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words” – a quote most often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. The Biblical Narrative provides a great deal of guidance for how we as God’s people can live lives that honor God and build community that witnesses to God’s love and power in this world. All of it is about loving God and neighbor.

As we flip our calendars into a new year, each of us can start fresh living lives that fulfill God’s purposes. The simplest statement of our purpose is that we should be bearers of the Good News of Jesus Christ. That does not start or finish with a sermon or a formalized prayer. Our lives themselves should witness to the Good News that God loves us and we are empowered to respond to that love. Our actions should “preach” that God has blessed us and those blessings overflow to become blessings to others. A faith story, or testimony to what God has done for, in, and through you is a beautiful gift to share with the world and it should be backed up with relationship and generosity that helps others to experience the gift as well.

Share a sermon when it is necessary, but never

cease sharing the Gospel. Bring the good news that changes the lives of the oppressed, that binds up those who are brokenhearted, that enables true freedom for those who are captive or incarcerated.

The Year of Our Lord 2026 is a year of the Lord’s favor.

The Lord is loving .... Now.

The Lord is pouring out blessings .... Now.

The Lord is comforting .... Now.

May Christ’s body the Church do likewise.

*Pastor Paul*



## **Cinnamon Rolls & Soup are Coming!**

The Honduras medical mission team members will be making soup and hundreds of cinnamon rolls for the weekend of **January 10 and 11**.

Rolls will be available after all 3 services January 10 and 11. In addition we will have various kinds of soup after the Saturday evening service.



This is an important fundraiser for the team, and all funds are used to purchase the medicine and supplies we will use for our January team. Please join us then.

## **Taizé Worship**



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, January 8** 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.

## Year-end Bonuses



Thank you to all who donated to the UMC Staff and the Children First Staff for year-end bonuses for everyone. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and support of all staff.

## Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "*The Last Bookshop in London*" by Madeline Martin. The group will meet on **Monday, January 12** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

## January with United Women in Faith



Join us Saturday, **January 24th** in the church library as we turn to the topic of Peace in our year-long theme of Soul Care. How can we

turn stressful situations around and what techniques can we use to guide us to peaceful resolutions?

We'll enjoy a time of refreshments and conversation beginning at 9:30 a.m. and launch into our program at 10 a.m. Come and be inspired toward peace in this new year. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and bring friends.

In other news, the new Reading Program Books are on the UWF bookshelf in the library. There are books for children, youth and adults. A few of the new titles are:

- "Sacred Self-Care"
- "Seventy Times Seven: A True Story of Murder and Mercy"
- "The Personal Librarian"

Check one out and share your thoughts at a future gathering of UWF or with a friend.

## Final Trumpeter from Melissa Raad

As I sit at my computer and think about the last 17.5 years that I have spent as the director of Children First, my mind is flooded with memories and my heart is full. So many precious children, amazing coworkers,

parents trusting us with the most valuable things in their lives, wonderful board members and all the other lovely friends and supporters of Children First who have been part of my life. I am grateful, sad and excited all at the same time.

The end of December will be the official end of my employment at Children First. Though I wish I were leaving under different circumstances, I am very proud of what Children First has become and excited to see where God leads me for the next season of my life. I will take all the lessons I have learned and the friendships I have made with me as I move forward to whatever I am called to do next.

I want to extend a heart-felt thank you to all of you who have touched my life and been part of this incredible journey. I wish you all peace, love and joy. May your cups overflow in 2026 and all the other years to come. Please never stop supporting the precious children, as they truly are the future!

Peace and Blessings.



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, January 18 at 5pm.** Dinner will be Bandera Dominicana. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

## UMC Youth Group



If a random person walked into the church December 10, they might have described the scene as chaotic, silly, and pointless. Fourteen youth playing reindeer games may not see like a lot of spiritual development happening. However, light-hearted relationship building is not a recognizable activity for the average adult. It is important to remember youth have their own way to do things.

As the church prepares activities for the youth, we reach out to youth wherever they are in their spiritual journey. Acceptance and open-mindedness is the way forward to reach youth. 90% silliness and fun tied to a biblical truth is a great lesson.

Is there an activity you would like to sponsor or



provide? Do you want to help the youth experience God in the world in specific ways? In the months coming up we want to offer a few major activities along with some at home service and opportunities.

Want to help? Talk to Pastor Paul or Brenda Lint.

## United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men (UMM) meetings were December 6th and 20th. The December devotions were presented by Riley Chrisman.

Riley presented some history on some Christmas Carols.

On December 13th we prepared and served brunch for United Women of Faith (UWF).

The **January meetings will be on the 3rd and 17th** from 8 - 9 am. Come join us for breakfast (scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and pancakes or French Toast), fellowship and a short devotional.

*God Bless,  
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*



## Children, Youth & Family Ministries 2025 Year in Review & What's Ahead



As we wrap up another meaningful year in Children, Youth & Family Ministries (CYFM), we are filled with gratitude for the many ways God has shown up through our children, families, volunteers, and congregation in 2025. This year was full of joyful moments, growing faith, creative learning, and community connection.

Throughout the year, CYFM hosted a variety of engaging events and programs designed to nurture faith, friendship, and fun — such as our summer block party, VBS, Trunk or Treat, weekly Sunday School and children Sermons, and more. From seasonal celebrations and hands-on activities to Sunday School gatherings and family-centered events, our children and youth were given space to learn, explore, and feel deeply welcomed within our church family. None of this would be possible without the faithful support of our volunteers and families and church family who give their time, energy, and hearts so generously!

One especially cozy highlight of the season was our **Christmas Play and Music Program on December 14th**. This year's presentation blended narration, storytelling, and music in a way that truly embodied the warmth of the Christmas season. Our children and volunteers, through our music director Colleen's guidance, did a lovely job sharing the story about the true meaning of Christmas, and it was especially meaningful to hear both the kids *and* the congregation singing together throughout the program. It was a reminder that



Christmas is not just something we watch — it's something we experience together as a community!

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited for all that's to come! CYFM will continue to offer **Sunday School**, and we are always grateful for new volunteers who feel called to help guide, support, and encourage our youngest members. In the coming months, families can also look forward to favorite annual events such as our **Easter Egg Hunt** and **Spring Block Party**, followed later in the year by our **Summer Block Party** and **Vacation Bible School**—always full of laughter, learning, and connection.

Thank you to everyone who helped make CYFM 2025 such a blessing. We can't wait to see how God continues to work through our children, youth, and families in the year ahead. Please keep a look out on Facebook, church announcements, and on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall for news of events and volunteer opportunities ahead to nourish and cherish our family events — or contact Katelyn Smith at (419) 296-5723 for more information!

*With gratitude and excitement,  
CYFM Committee*

## Ornament Appreciation Weekend Was a Big Success December 6 & 7



Thank you to all of the “crafty” people in our congregation who donated Christmas Ornaments for everyone to enjoy. \$500 was raised for the General Fund. Thank you to Lane Keil for the planning and organizing this event.



## January Food Needs:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Apple Juice
- \$\$ Money to buy Meat, Produce & Dairy Products
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Peaches



## Honduras Medical Mission Team January Mission of the Month



From January 17 to 30 our medical mission team will be serving in rural Honduras. We will again be hosted by Send Hope (check out [www.Send-Hope.org](http://www.Send-Hope.org)) in Puerto Lempira. However, this year we have been asked to travel by boat 8 hours upriver and work in that remote area for most of our time in Honduras, providing medical and dental care for an unserved area.

Team members pay their own way and raise funds to buy the medicine and supplies we use, so we are asking for your help. Please consider donating to the January mission of the month, Honduras Mission Team, and help us care for hundreds of our neighbors in Honduras. Thank you.

*Ron, Gloria, Michelle, Glea and team*





Joel & Jodi Johannesen 01/01~26 yrs.  
 Don & Peony Hammerquist 01/02~44 yrs.  
 Rod & Sandy Garnett 01/04~51 yrs.  
 Jason & Rebecca Hill 01/09~17 yrs.



Gertrude Thompson	01-02	Kathy Harr	01-15
Heather Brewer	01-03	Rachel Sheffield	01-17
Kyle Beltman	01-04	Reagan Niesent	01-17
Noah Harlan	01-04	Hayes Haiar	01-18
Eliana Foltz	01-04	Ellen Lint	01-18
John McCarthy	01-05	Beth Garrett	01-19
Sandie Hem	01-05	Raya Triplett	01-19
Rex Moyer	01-05	Gabe Hicks	01-21
Sasha Pursley	01-05	JoAnn Cleveland	01-22
Peggy Heckel	01-06	Madison Garvin	01-22
Tad Brewer	01-09	Boaz Foltz	01-22
Hannah Andres	01-09	Emmy Rollin	01-23
Patricia Wood	01-14	Kathy Schneider	01-23
Terry Nagel	01-14		



**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 December 19, 2025

Church Fundraiser	\$	490.00
Yoga Charity Fund		108.10
Carr Education Center (CEC)		380.00
Children First Scholarships		5,000.00
Children First Staff Christmas Fund		2,383.40
UMC Staff Christmas Fund		1,855.00
Artemis House		125.00
Solar Ovens		25.00
Youth Fund		210.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,576.50</b>

### Special Funds thru December 19, 2025

Benevolence Fund	\$	10.00
UMC Help Fund		90.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Worship Attendance for Dec.:** 287 (Avg./Wk=143) (2 wks)

**On-Line Attendance for Dec.:** 374 (Avg./Wk=187) (2 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](mailto:finance@spearfishumc.org).

### Treasurer's Corner



Thank you for your generous contributions that have shown up this past month, in the offering plate, through giving apps, and the Church office. This month we had an abundance of incoming contributions which are helping the church's bottom line tremendously. While we are still in a deficit for the year, with each contribution of all sizes, we are inching towards reaching a balance. This church continues to rely on your faithful giving to carry out all of our various ministries. Thank you for your steadfast support!



"This year is gettin' better every day!"

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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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