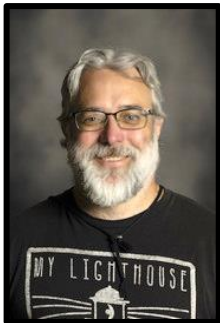


The Trumpeter

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Prayerful Ponderings from Pastor Paul

The Deep Pain of Division.

Well, as you read this, you are likely within days of election day.

You may have already voted for or against various initiated measures or amendments to our state constitution. You may be preparing to fill in ovals next to a favorite candidate for local, state, or national office. This could be a time for you and I to celebrate, but it is likely that many who read this will be frustrated, disappointed, or even angry when the votes are all counted.

Why is that the reality of our lives? Why do the results of an election in the United States of America cause such pain when we still claim to be a great nation, a free nation, and a beacon of democracy for the world? The simple answer is that no election should ever cause that kind of pain for us. If the people vote and make their wishes known, we should be able to rejoice together in the system and the results.

John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist movement, wrote in his journal:

“October 6, 1774—I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy
2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and
3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.”

—John Wesley,
Journal of John Wesley

He also shared in one of his sermons:

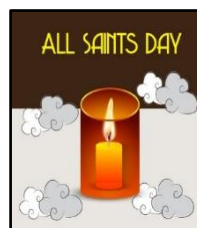
“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.”

—John Wesley

This is our heritage and the hope that we still can live in. The truth behind these ideas is also the reason why our current experience of the world around us can be so painful. I hear questions of, “How can I trust someone who voted for ...” and feel the struggle of what if the vote doesn’t go the way that I think is so clearly the better answer?

May we strive for ways to connect with those who have differing views and perspectives. May we stand strong on the foundation in Christ as we defend those at risk of being silenced. May we reject the ideas that those on the other side of an issue or election are demons or enemies. I feel a little bit hypocritical as I remind myself and all of us “to take care [that our] spirits [are] not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.” May we witness together to the Christ and the Kingdom of God that rules our hearts and lives and forms us into the people we are much more than any political figure, party, or ideology does. May the one who said of those who hung him on a cross to die, “Forgive them for they know not what they are doing,” speak to our hearts and through us to a world and nation invested in division and distrust. God’s perfect love can overcome!

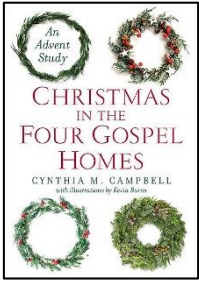
Pastor Paul



All Saints Day November 2 & 3

You’re invited to bring pictures of friends and relatives who have passed, and we will place them on a table for people to see during our communion services. Please put your name on the back of the pictures. **Bring them to the office by Friday, Nov. 1 so that we have time to display them.**

Welcome Home!



Christmas is a time of welcoming people into our lives or back into our lives. The way we decorate our homes is a central part of how we celebrate and remember in this season.

The worship team is excited to offer a series this advent using the book, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* by Cynthia Campbell. Our services and sermons will connect to this book and several of our adult study groups will be digging into it as well. If you are interested in joining one of our groups that already meet, starting a new group that meets in a time and place that you can help choose, or just getting a book to study on your own, the books will be available in the office.



Bill & Jeanette Keck

Bill is an active member of Trustees and serves on the Children First Task Force that is working to align Children First with Spearfish UMC.

Jeanette serves on the Children First Board, having helped to organize the Spring Solstice Gala and several rummage sales. She is part of the team that is organizing NOURISH to FLOURISH, a free meal with children's activities and discussion time for adults. These are planned for the first Sunday each month at 5:00 PM.

Thank you, Bill and Jeanette, for your service.



Staff Tribute to: *Katelyn Smith*



Hello, my name is Katelyn Smith! For most of my life, I spent my years living and growing in the small town of Lima, Ohio with my parents Angela & Gary Smith, younger brother Jarrett Smith, and our multiple dogs.

During my time in Ohio,

I enjoyed nurturing my abilities and my faith through participation at South Side Christian Church through Sunday Services, Youth Group, and through working in the church's nursery and children's church classes. I also explored my passions for working with children by doing a variety of fieldwork in various educational facilities and programs before ultimately obtaining an Individualized Studies bachelor's degree at Bowling Green State University with a focus in Early Childhood Education in 2018 – which I then used to work as a lead preschool teacher at the local Head Start association.

Then, in the summer of 2020, after multiple wonderful visits to Spearfish to visit local family over the years, my parents, younger brother and I made the exciting decision to all move and call Spearfish our home to connect with our Niesent side of the family in the Black Hills!

I started off working locally at Spearfish Sports Academy as a preschool teacher during the day and pre-k ninja and gymnastics instructor in the evenings, while attending Dakota State University online to further my professional abilities through the bachelor's degree of Elementary Education and Special Education with a minor in Reading and Technology. I have since then moved onto collaborative contract jobs with Belle Fourche School District as a District assistant in technology and public relations.

When I'm not working multiple jobs in the Spearfish and Belle Fourche communities, or doing homework or field experience for my college degree, I love to read, explore various forms of creative expression through art, music and multimedia – and of course, I love to spend time with my dogs, and spend time with my family on mini adventures hiking, checking out local shops, or checking out local events. It's a busy year for me as I am finishing up college c

lasses this spring and am expected to do my student teaching in either Belle Fourche or the Spearfish School Districts in Fall 2025, and will then graduate at the end of the Fall Semester 2025 – but I'm determined to manage my various schedules and responsibilities to put my best self forward in all that I do both personally and professionally.

With the church, I have always had a passion for building connection & confidence in children while helping them learn & grow, and as the Children's Ministry Director of Spearfish United Methodist Church since Spring 2022, I am continually excited to get to know, connect with, and grow with the current and new families and children of this church community! I find great joy in connecting with the families with this church, and reminding our overall church family and local community through seasonal events open to the public and through VBS, Sunday School and Children's Sermons that no matter our age or the journeys life takes

us on, we are all always children of God under the same heavenly family.


Thank you for this opportunity to continue to love and grow with you all here at Spearfish United Methodist Church.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Spearfish UMC?

As we strive to be and become disciples of Jesus Christ our connection to a faith community is a central part of how we nurture and live out our callings. We encourage you to consider the commitment of membership with us in our mission of making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

A new member class is scheduled for **Thursday, November 7 at 6 PM in the Parlor** so that we can explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and a member of the United Methodist Church, as well as how you can best use your gifts and passions within and through Spearfish United Methodist Church. Please share your contact information with Pastor Paul or Orvette in the office so that we can find a time that works for everyone. All are invited to attend even if you are already a member or are unsure about membership.

Fall Produce Needed for Altar Display



Pumpkins, squash, corn and gourds are needed for the November altar decorations (*no zucchini please*). Please bring your donations to the church office **by Wednesday, Nov. 6** so that Dennis Suiter can create his display for everyone's enjoyment.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry (CYFM)

If anyone is looking to help me on my mission to continue to provide opportunities of love, joy and connection to our church families and local communities, **we are always looking for more helping hands and thoughtful voices to come collaborate with us**—through family-based seasonal events, monthly CYFM meetings on the third Wednesday of every



month at 7PM in the parlor, Sunday School from 10AM-10:55AM, summer VBS or weekly Children's Sermons. Whenever you feel called to help, don't worry about pressures for commitments, as I'll be happy to celebrate whatever you generously offer whether it's one time, sporadically or routinely to work with me in keeping our amazing events running smoothly. **Please reach out to me at workksmith@gmail.com or text/call at 419-296-5723** – otherwise, I'm here every week to talk to from 10-11AM upstairs two doors down from the nursery to help with Children's Sunday School!

We have some awesome family and church family-based events coming up to support our families and members of the community and our church, so please spread the news and join us as a volunteer or a participant, to keep a lookout for information involving:

- An upcoming **Sunday School mini concert** during the 9am Children's Sermon on November 3rd
- Our first **NOURISH to Flourish** dinner and gathering times for all ages (children and adults) from 5-6:30PM for a relaxing time of discussion, worship, music, crafts, stories and games for kids, with **bouncy castle free time** for kids from **4-5PM**
- **Safe Sanctuaries training** (open to local church volunteers, staff, and pastors who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults, or those who want to stay up to date on safe church practices) **anticipated to take place on November 10th** (more information **TBA** later on in the bulletins)

NOURISH to FLOURISH Sunday, Nov. 3 ~ 4:00 PM



“You gotta NOURISH to flourish.” Spearfish UMC plans to nourish all persons of all ages, with special focus on young families. **Bonus on Nov. 3 – Bouncy Castle at 4 PM.**

After Bouncy fun, there will be a FREE meal at 5PM.

Children will have a time for supervised activities while adults will participate in “table talk.”

Please attend and invite friends and neighbors, especially younger families. We are encouraging participation of families of Children First, Coop Preschool and Youth and Family Services. Pastor Paul will dismiss about 6:30 PM with prayer and praise. “You gotta NOURISH to flourish.”

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, November 7** 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 "*The First Ladies*" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. The group will meet on **Monday, November 11** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men (UMM) met October 5 & 19. On Oct. 5th the devotional was presented by Perry Hanson. On Oct. 19th the devotional was presented by Riley Chrisman.



The November meetings will be at 8:00 AM on the 2nd and the 16th in the Fellowship Hall.

*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, November 17 at 5pm** and will feature Shawarma – Stuffed Peppers. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.

Year-end Bonuses



Children First Board invites you to donate for year-end bonuses for the Children First (CF) staff. Watch for the early December deadline for contributions because many CF employees are BHSU students.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will also be asking for donations for Church Staff bonuses. Please use a clear memo: CF staff or Church Staff.

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.

Janelle Jones, Staff-Parish

Children First



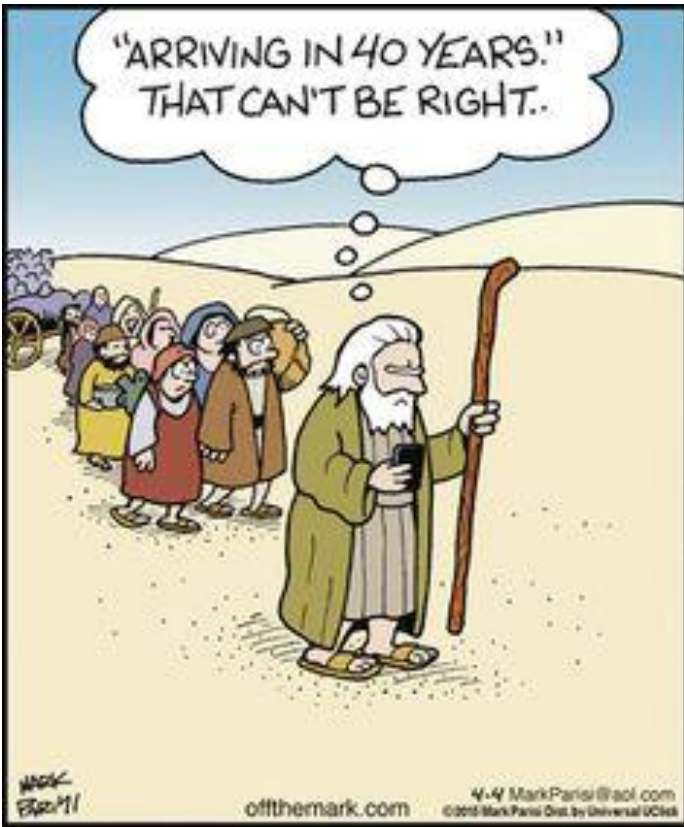
Children First has had a wonderful start to our school year! For the first couple of months, we have been working on helping the children transition to their new classrooms, get to know their teachers and any new friends in their class.

At the start of every school year, we spend time showing the children what the expectations are for their class. Such as, how to hang their coat and backpack in their cubby when they arrive at school, how to move through the schedule of each day, what to do if they need a drink of water or need to use the restroom, how to properly wash their hands, what are the rules on the playground, how to push in their chair when they leave a table, what to do if they need help from a teacher, how to clean up their lunch, etc.

We also start right away talking about emotions and feelings. We teach the children that all feelings are ok, and we help them start to identify the different feelings they experience. Then we begin learning appropriate ways to express those emotions. Being a young child is a big job! Every day they learn so much about themselves and the world around them. All of us at Children First are honored to get to be part of their journey!

Good Shepherd Clinic in Lead

Good Shepherd Clinic is now in Lead at the Shepherd of the Hills Church at 825 W. Main St. on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month. Check in is from 6-7:00 PM.



United Women in Faith (UWF)



United Women in Faith

In November there will be two meetings. November 2 at 10 am in the church library will be the Business Meeting

for anyone to attend.

November 16 will be the UWF Unit Meeting with fellowship at 9:30 am and the program will start at 10 am in the church library. Colleen McKirdy will be doing the program. All women are invited to come and enjoy the friendship of other women in the community.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the following members:

- Chair, Debra Richardson 605-580-6846
- Colleen McKirdy 605-269-1054
- Brenda Swanson 605-641-4864
- Emma McKirdy-Wilsey 605-269-1063

United Women of Faith Bake Sale

The United Women of Faith are planning their annual Bake Sale for the weekend before Thanksgiving, **Nov. 23 & 24** before and after worship in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to bake for this sale.



Also, baskets of ingredients for a meal or dessert were popular last year, as well as ingredients for a Thanksgiving treat. Baskets to fill are overhead in the Library.

Money raised is used to support our Funeral Lunches and Mission support.

Quilt & Craft Sale



The UMC Quilt & Craft group will have their Craft Sale on **Saturday, November 23rd** in the Fellowship Hall from 9-2:00 PM and it is open to the public. The sale will also run after each worship service on November 23rd & 24th.

Come shop for home decor, gifts, holiday items and handmade crafts. Bring your friends!

Surviving the Holidays

Grief is harder around the holidays. Know how to deal with the challenges.

Facing this season while grieving can sometimes feel

like taking one step forward and two steps back. But like a trusted guide, a 2-hour “Surviving the Holidays” event will prepare you to navigate the season’s changes.

We will be offering two “Surviving the Holidays” events this year, so people have the option to choose which session they want to attend. One session will be on Thursday, November 7th from 7 to 9 pm. The other session will be on Sunday, November 10th from 2 to 4 pm.

The cost of the event is \$5 to help cover the cost of the book. To register for one of the “In-Person” sessions, go to www.griefshare.org. For more information contact Kelvin Lower at 307-331-4619 or kelvinlower@gmail.com.



Happy at Work



This is Kevin Nakajima at his Technology Station; he keeps up with the flow and love of worship. Glad he knows how the system works. We're thankful for All God's Servants!

Blue Jeans Worship Team



Each worship service has its own style and comfort level of worship. The Blue Jeans 5:30 PM service is more casual; it allows people who may have work schedules or other personal commitments to meet. Pictured above are Rod Garnett, Marilyn Halse, Peony Hammerquist and Michelle Jennings. Behind the scenes are Kevin Nakajima and Eric Jennings, video recording for Sundays.

It is comfortable, pleasant...and praise-worthy worship time...so very nice. I like it! Of course, I am fond of the 11 o'clock service, too.

Submitted by Char Clark

Participants in Church Activities



Photos by Char Clark

Prayer Partners

Almighty God,

“I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together.” Bless us as we proceed to show the love of Christ, share with others near and far, as well as pray faithfully.

Be with Pastor Paul and his family. Guide our staff and guide us to be servants. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.



Sympathy to the family of:

- *Max Niesar, Jr.* who died September 19, 2024. His funeral was held on October 4 with Pastor Paul Lint officiating at Fidler Isburg Funeral Home in Spearfish.



Donations are needed of the following items:

- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Cream Soups
- Ramen Noodles
- Egg Noodles
- Canned Beans



Recently, Hurricane Helene brought devastating and debilitating storms across the Southeast area of the United States. At the writing of this letter, Hurricane Milton has made landfall in Florida and the impact will likely be overwhelming.

I can hardly fathom what it must be like to face another storm, even as active recovery efforts are underway and survivors and their support network continue to assess the impact of the historic rainfall, flooding, power outages, and 140 mph winds that have come with these storms.

According to The Associated Press, the category 4 storm that made landfall on September 26th along with its aftermath have killed at least 179 people over six states. As you may know, the mountains of western North Carolina have been particularly hard-hit. We have yet to know what the comprehensive impact will be.

I trust many of you are looking for tangible ways to aid in recovery and support efforts. Therefore, I appeal to every church across the conference to live into what it means to be part of the United Methodist Connection. We can make a difference in the impacted area through our annual Dakotas Conference Thanksgiving Offering. Help to bring hope and recovery to our sisters and brothers whose lives have been disrupted and for whom their homes and livelihoods no longer stand. Our *2024 Thanksgiving Offering: United States Hurricane Response* will be to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Domestic Disaster Relief Fund.

The scope of the need in the Alabama-West Florida, Florida, North Georgia, South Georgia, Western North Carolina, and Holston annual conferences is historic. I encourage you to pray for those dealing with the devastation and implore you to magnify your generosity.

Please prayerfully consider your own capacity and share your commitment to the *2024 Thanksgiving Offering: United States Hurricane Response*. You may share your gifts online directly through UMCOR or through the Dakotas Conference website or by mail.

Please invite the members and friends of your congregation to experience the power of our United Methodist connection through this expression of ministry and generosity.

Your Thanksgiving offering is a gift that will bring hope. Your Thanksgiving offering is a gift that will bring honor to God. Your gift will calm the storms and restore life.

Let us pray: *Jesus, we see you calming storms— storm-tossed seas and stormy lives. Extend your power and grace again, especially upon these most recent storm victims. Speak peace and healing over bodies and spirits broken by the chaos. Speak peace and hope over families and communities devastated by sudden loss. Speak peace and protection over rescue workers as they reach out to those who are suffering. You are the Prince of Peace. You are the Resurrection and the Life. You are strong to save. Our hope and trust are in you. Amen. (Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia, "A Prayer for Storm Survivors")*

Alongside you on the journey,
Bishop Lanette Plambeck



Alyce Schavone	11-02	Susan Ellerton	11-19
Donna Stanford	11-02	Layton Loup	11-21
Carol Veazie	11-03	Carolyn Page	11-22
Kiynan Deane	11-05	Margie Hesson	11-22
Heather Schmidt	11-06	Mariatu Vaughn	11-22
Holden Ayer	11-06	Sandy Wellman	11-23
Connie Weisbeck	11-07	Vaughn Heckel	11-23
Patty Kruske	11-08	Craig Triplett	11-24
Rob Bentley	11-10	Laura Oliver	11-25
LyRic Swanson	11-10	Lollie Meade	11-25
Linnea Swanson	11-11	Peyton VanDeest	11-26
Lyle Ericsson	11-12	Paul Pierson	11-27
Pearl Swartz	11-12	Connie Hubbard	11-29
Walter Hurd	11-12	"Pablo" Niesent	11-29
Becky Dorsett	11-13	Carrie Swanson	11-30
Sue Cole	11-16		



Sam & Sheri Perry	11/12~19 yrs.
Raymond & Mariatu Vaughn	11/22~11 yrs.
Scott & Colleen McKirdy	11/24~40 yrs.
Donald & Lane Keil	11/28~54 yrs.



BUDGET

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 October

Church Fundraiser Seed Money	\$ 250.00
Church Fundraisers	4,265.13
Yoga Charity Fund	265.00
Carr Education Center Donations	380.00
Nourish the Children	235.00
Doris June Memorial	610.00
Solar Ovens	50.00
UMCOR	2,285.00
Youth Fund	10.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,350.13

Special Funds for October

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	770.00
TOTAL	\$ 780.00

Worship Attendance for Oct.: 685 (Avg./Wk=171) (4 wks)

On-Line Attendance for Oct.: 808 (Avg./Wk=269) (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.

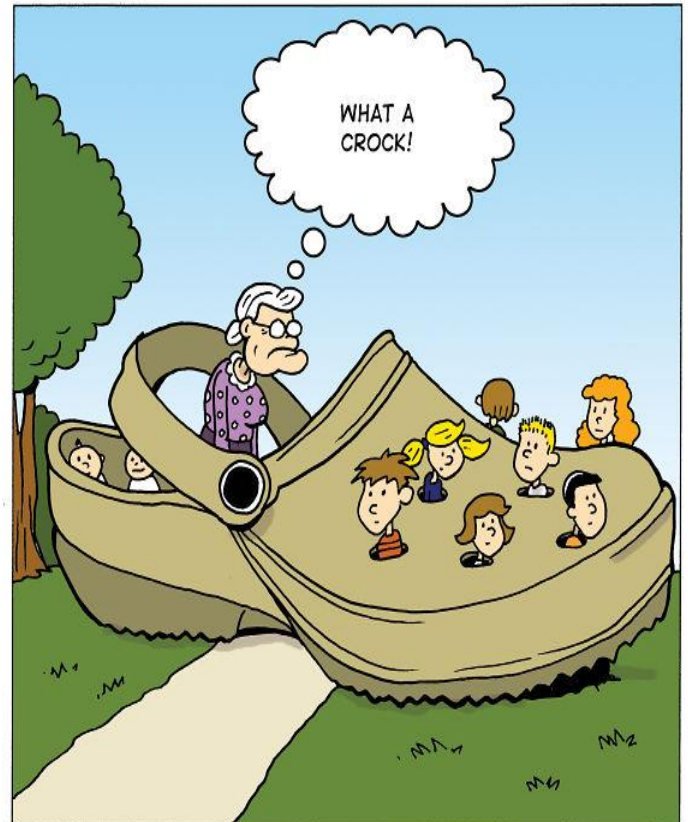


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We still have **VANCO** where you set up to give on a regular basis.

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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Nursery care/Van rides to worship

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Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

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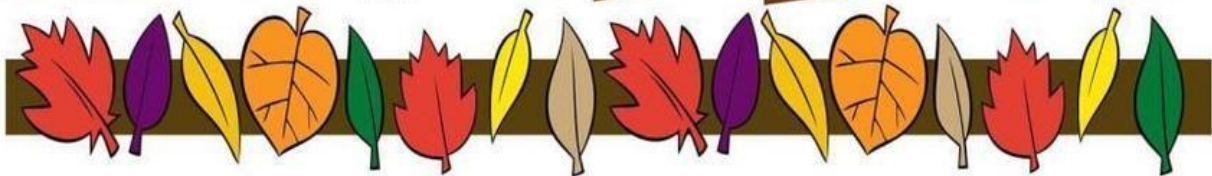
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Call the church office for more information at 642-3457.

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