

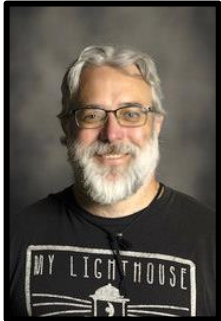
# The Trumpeter

*Spearfish United Methodist Church*

*Pastor: Paul Lint*

DECEMBER 2024

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## Prayerful Ponderings from Pastor Paul

*The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger." At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises:*

*Glory to God in the heavenly heights,  
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.*

Luke 2:10-14 The Message by Eugene Peterson

## Christmas Bells

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



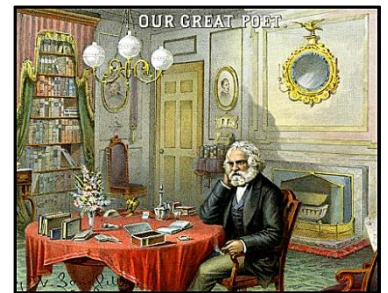
The Christmas message was hard to hear even on the first Christmas morning. The People who first heard the Good News of a savior being born were the night-time shepherds in the hills around Bethlehem. The Jewish people had been occupied or exiled or governed by outside nations and cultures for about 600 years and now were under the control of the Roman Empire and their puppet kings and governors. They awaited a messiah that would eradicate their enemies and give them clear victory over their neighbors so that they could freely and genuinely rule themselves.

The First Noel was terrifying yet encouraging as the angels spoke of good news for ALL PEOPLE and experiences of glory in heaven and peace on earth. The Greek words used in the New Testament and the Hebrew or Aramaic words that may have been used by those who first heard this message contain not just an absence of war and violence or too much noise and distraction, but a sense of wholeness or completeness for each person and for the people as a whole. This is what we would

probably call peace WITH JUSTICE where not only is there no fighting, but genuinely the world would be just for all with no one feeling the need to fight for justice for themselves or others.

In the hundreds and thousands of years following that first sharing of Jesus' birth, the message of peace and good-will for all on earth has been equally longed for yet jarring to the ears of those who hear it.

Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow experienced and then captured one of those times in his 1863 poem *Christmas Bells* that later was set to music to create the song, *I Heard the Bells on Christmas*



*Day*. His wife, Fanny, had died in July of 1861 due to a horrific fire that left physical and emotional scars for Henry. Weeks later the first major battle of the American Civil War occurred and Henry's son, Charley, joined the Union Army. On Christmas day in 1863, Henry found himself at Charley's bedside as Charley fought to survive a bullet nearly severing his spine. This poem is in the public domain.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime,  
A chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound

The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent,  
And made forlorn  
The households born  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

This world that God so loves still struggles with hatred that mocks the angels' singing of peace on earth and good-will for all people. The American Civil War was but one of hundreds or even thousands of wars that have occurred since the first Christmas morning, in fact there has likely not been a year where there was not some form of armed conflict on this world God so loves. So, as we prepare for advent and again repeat the hope of the angels, let us not become forlorn of the promises of peace on Earth and good-will for all people.

*Pastor Paul*



## Christmas Activities in December

### Taizé Worship

Thursday, Dec. 5– 7:00 PM

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

### Hayride, Caroling & Game Night

Sunday, Dec. 8 – 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.

### UMC Christmas Program

Sunday Dec. 15 ~ 9:00 AM

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

### Caroling at Edgewood Vista

Sunday, Dec. 15 – 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.

### Longest Night Services

Thursday, Dec. 19 – 7:00 PM

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

### UWF Christmas Brunch

Saturday, Dec. 21 – 10:00 AM

It's a time of food, fun, fellowship and an opportunity to connect. Please RSVP by Dec. 16 by contacting Orvette in the church office at 605-642-3457. This will be a catered meal and the cost is: Adults/Teen \$10; Children ages 6-12 \$5; Children 5 and under are free.

### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, 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:

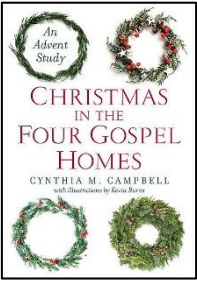
A traditional family candlelight Christmas Eve service with music shared on organ and with choir.

#### 7:00 PM:

An acoustic guitar service led by our Blue Jean Worship team, this service is lit by candlelight and is very intimate as it is held in our Fellowship Hall.



## Advent Study



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. Books are available in the church office for \$12.



## Dyan Nagel



Hats Off to Dyan Nagel for her service and dedication to Spearfish UMC. She is a faithful quilter and helps to organize the annual November Quilt & Craft Sale.

She was an organizer and helper for the Artemis House tea hosted at Spearfish United Methodist Church. She also serves on the Memorial Committee and as a Kitchen Captain at the church. She was one of the primary organizers for the service day in 2024.

She and her husband Terry frequently help with coffee fellowship or dishes and clean-up. Thank you for your service.

## Staff Tribute to: *Barry & Jodi Penn*

Barry is from Buffalo, SD. He moved to Spearfish in 1989 after working in construction for 13 yrs. He worked at Pope & Talbot sawmill for 8 yrs. In October of 2013 he started working at the church. If you don't see Barry inside cleaning,



you will find him outside watering the lawn or scooping snow.

Jodi is from Martin, SD. She has been in Spearfish since 1994. She cut hair for 3 yrs. and then worked at the High School and Middle School for 15 yrs. as a lunch lady. After that she worked in the Hickory House kitchen for 2 yrs. In June of 2020 she started working at the church. She enjoys seeing and talking to all the people coming to the church. She likes the day-to-day cleaning of the church.

Barry and Jodi have been married for 23 years and have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

## 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 16.** 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*

## Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, December 5** 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.

## Merry Christmas from the Stewardship and Finance Committee,

Looking to the end of the year we wanted to highlight a couple of things related to church finances. This year has been exciting for our church. So many activities, new faces, and a new pastor.

We strive to fund our mission to make disciples of

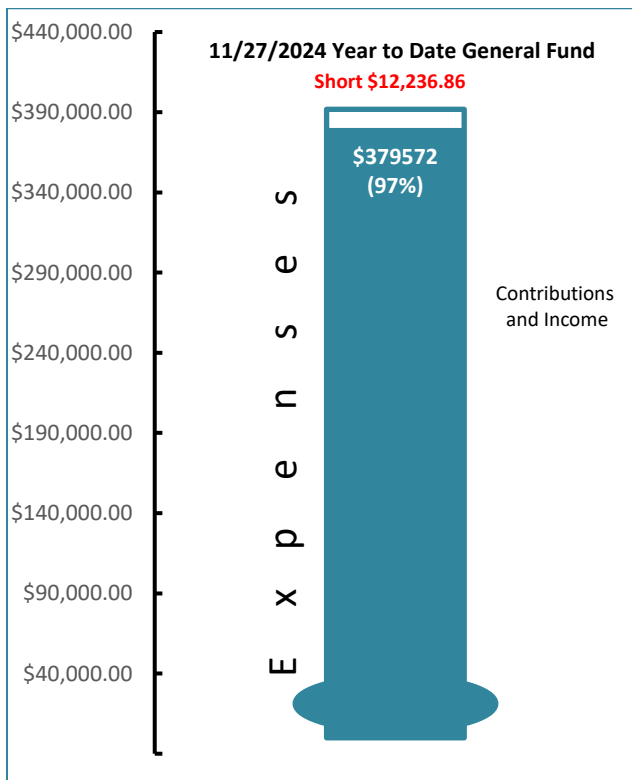


Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and impact our community. A major repair to the church heating system (about \$9,000) and other unexpected expenses have challenged our ability to fully support the Dakotas Conference.

The Dakotas conference is the backbone of the United Methodist Church. They are a critical resource in the operation of our church, providing pastor support, training, and development and hosting youth events such as Dak Youth. The Dakotas conference is also our connection to other churches and the world. Their mission work includes the Tree of Life (helping the Rosebud reservation), Spirit Lake Ministry, Solar Oven Partners, rural ministry, disaster relief and other programs.



Their work allows you and the Spearfish United Methodist Church to impact lives far and wide outside of Spearfish. The need is \$9,000. We are asking those who find themselves blessed this year to consider an extra end of the year contribution so that we can finish the year strong. Thank you for your support this year. May the Lord bless you and keep you and grant you, His peace.



### Dinah's Book Club

Dinah's Book Club is reading "The Secret Book of Flora Lea" by Patti Callahan Henry. The group will meet on **Monday, December 9** 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 November 2 & 16. Devotionals this month were presented by Everett Follette and Bill Lundgren.



The December meetings will be at 8:00 AM on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We do not have a membership requirement, so join us for breakfast and fellowship.

*God Bless,  
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

### United Women in Faith (UWF)



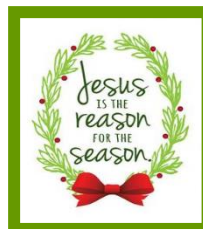
All women are invited to United Women in Faith's **Christmas Brunch Saturday, Dec. 21, 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy good food, entertainment, and Christmas carol

singing.

- Adults/Teens - \$10
- Children ages 6-12 - \$5
- Children 5 & under - Free

**Please RSVP to the church office by Dec. 16.**

## Prayer Partners



O God, may you constantly remind us of the reason for the season. May we approach Advent and Christmas with joy and anticipation but also a sense of peace. Guide us to know that God came to humans as a baby, truly a gift from God. Amen

# Game Night

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 8 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.

## NOURISH to FLOURISH



The first Nourish event was held at Spearfish UMC (SUMC) on Sunday, November 3. Monthly free meal and activities will be held the first Sunday starting in January from 5:00-6:30 PM. The upcoming dates are January 5 and

February 2.

Nourish is the result of a year of prayer and planning aimed at involving younger families. The target audience is any who are part of things on the SUMC campus – Children First, Coop Preschool, and Youth and Family Services.



The evening began with a bonus of two bouncy castles followed by a free meal at 5:00 PM, then children’s supervised activities and adult “table topics.” The theme for November was kindness with the children completing activities about kindness. Adults discussed how we demonstrate kindness in daily life.

The children returned to the Fellowship Hall wearing capes of kindness and singing, “We are marching in the light of God.” Pastor Paul closed with prayer and a blessing.

The next Nourish event will be Sunday, January 5 at 5 PM. Please plan to attend, be a donor to support the meal and supplies, bring a pan of bars, help in the kitchen or with children’s activities. Contact Janelle Jones to offer your help. “You gotta Nourish to flourish.”



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. Check in is from 6-7:00 PM.

## Children, Youth & Family Ministry (CYFM)

Here at CYFM, we are excited to say that our first Nourish to Flourish event was a lot of fun, and we really appreciate all that supported us through either volunteering or attending the event. Our theme for November’s event was Kindness, and while adults were led through a group discussion involving love, kids went upstairs to learn through a story, crafts, songs and games how kindness is a superpower that everyone has and can be used in everyday life.



We look forward to having your support in spreading the word or attending our upcoming Nourish to Flourish events on **January 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30PM** for our Peace-themed activities and discussions, as well as on **February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-6:30PM** for our Love-themed activities and discussions. We’re excited to be having Bots and Beakers partner with us for our January event for children to not only enjoy the coloring pages and fidgets at the tables during our 5-5:45PM dinner time, but also a creation booth for hands-on activities at the Bots and Beaker booth!

Next on our CYFM agenda is our annual **Children’s Mini Christmas Concert**, which will take place on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, during the 9AM service Children’s Sermon**. We hope you will join us to see our Sunday School children sing a few festive songs for our church family that day!

Also, reminder that we are here to support children and their families on Sundays through:

- Our upstairs **Nursery**, open to children up to age 6 during the 9AM, 10AM, and 11AM worship and fellowship times
- Our upstairs **Children’s Sunday School**, two doors down from the Nursery, open to children from age 3 up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 10AM-10:55AM





- **Youth Sunday School for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up** in the Youth Group room downstairs from 10AM-11AM
- **During the 9AM service**, we have a children's area available up at the front right pews with Brenda Lint to be with peers and fidget toys and tools
- **Plus, during each of the church services**, we have books and fidgets in the back by the Fellowship Hall for families to enjoy as they wish to bring into the pews with them, or at the children's table in the Fellowship Hall as well!

The **times/availability for Children's Sunday School may be subject to change to fall in line with the Christmas and Christmas Eve services**, so parents, please keep a lookout for the upcoming information on our CYFM information boards, on the Sunday School door, through our Class Dojo app, and through fliers we send home with children when attending Sunday School! For more information, please reach out to Katelyn Smith at [worksmith@gmail.com](mailto:worksmith@gmail.com) or at 419-296-5723.

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 joining us in our **CYFM committee for family-related activities and discussions that happens the third Wednesday at 7PM in the Parlor each month**, 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 that we would love to have you be a part of!

With the number of families growing in our church, **we are especially looking for teen and adult volunteers** to be helping hands in our **already prepared and planned Children's Sunday School**. Katelyn Smith has it all ready for you and is there each Sunday to make sure things run smoothly, but she just needs a few more people to help monitor and assist during crafts and games. **Please let Katelyn know if you're interested in helping out**, even if it's only for every other month or a very specific window of varying availability, by putting down your contact information in the Fellowship Hall at the clipboards, or **by calling/texting Katelyn at 419-296-5723**.

We thank you all so much for being a continued support and special part of our growing and thriving Spearfish UMC family!



**Sympathy to the families of:**

- *Aleen (Christofferson) Ford* who died November 10, 2024. Her funeral was held on November 22 with Pastor Paul Lint officiating at Black Hills Funeral Home in Sturgis.
- *Perry Hansen*, who died November 22, 2024. His funeral will be held on Friday, November 29 at 3:00 PM at the Spearfish UMC with Pastor Paul Lint officiating.

**Please welcome these new members of the church:**

- *Griffin Brewer*
- *Grace Lint*
- *Dave & Cindy Burris*
- *Carson Lint*
- *Clara Christensen*
- *Karen McConnell*
- *Della Hall*
- *Ed & Jacqueline Milnes*
- *Brenda Lint*
- *Adelaide Lint*
- *Craig & Michelle Triplett*



**Donations for December needed:**

- Pork & Beans
- Jell-O Puddings
- Jell-O Gelatin
- Jelly
- Canned Chili
- Canned Beef Stew
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Diced Tomatoes
- Tomato Sauce
- Jam



**Artemis House**

Artemis House offers services to those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as education, advocacy, and awareness to residents of Lawrence, Harding, and Butte counties.

The Victims of Violence Intervention program provides a variety of services to victims of domestic



violence and sexual assault in the area, including a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, survivors support groups, client advocacy, and more.

This month we are collecting items the house is in constant need of including:

- HE Liquid Laundry Soap
- Laundry Baskets
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Cleaning Supplies (*non-bleach*)
- 13 Gal. Trash Bags
- Toilet Paper
- Conditioner
- Large Storage Totes

They also have a wish list on Amazon & Walmart on their website - <https://www.artemishouse.org/donate>.



Bob Baker	12-02	Sheri Perry	12-16
Marland Linafelter	12-03	Landree Ayer	12-16
Della Hall	12-04	Laura Lloyd-Smith	12-17
Layne Liming	12-04	Marty Davis	12-18
Connie Eisma	12-05	Floyd "Buzz" Stiles	12-19
Debra Richardson	12-06	Cal Hayenga	12-19
Jodi Johannesen	12-08	Malaya Naescher	12-21
Donald Keil	12-10	Vicky Bragg	12-22
Bill Bosch	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
Briar Peterson	12-14		



Bob & Norma Perry	12/05~22 yrs.
Lanny & Dnyee Swisher	12/09~52 yrs.
Paul & Brenda Lint	12/18~26 yrs.
Morie & Margo Carnahan	12/21~54 yrs.
John & Kim Tollison	12/21~39 yrs.
Terry & Jean Downing	12/22
Gail & Clara Arnold	12/22~76 yrs.
Bill & Jeanette Keck	12/27~46 yrs.
Larry & Karen Miller	12/28
Bob & Barb Brady	12/2/~50 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 November

Grief Share Income	\$ 20.00
UMC Staff Christmas Fund	1,990.00
Adult Studies	99.00
Children First Staff Christmas Fund	2,275.00
Yoga Charity Fund	450.00
Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Bishop's Thanksgiving Offering	2,014.60
Solar Ovens	50.00
UMCOR	30.00
Youth Fund	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,318.60</b>

### Special Funds for November

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	385.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 395.00</b>

Worship Attendance for Nov.: 735 (Avg./Wk=184) (4 wks)

On-Line Attendance for Nov: 544 (Avg./Wk=181) (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](mailto:finance@spearfishumc.org).

## End-of-Year Giving

All contributions that you wish to count for 2024 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.

E-mail Addresses:



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

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