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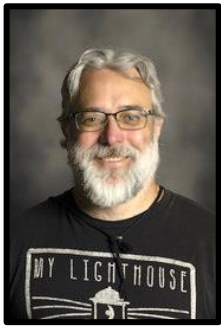
Spearfish United Methodist Church

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Musings from the Minister

“Trees in winter”

One of my favorite things about living in the Dakotas is the mornings when I wake up and the sun has just cleared off a winter fog and the trees are sparkling with the

new frost left behind. My kids get tired of me pointing them out or stopping to take pictures of them. Part of my joy is rooted in my mom’s love for flocked Christmas trees. I also make an intentional effort to find things about each season that are beautiful, hope-filled, and bring me joy, and frost on trees is definitely one of those things.

As I think about it, I wonder if my joy in the way frost looks on trees is a little unfair to the trees. This strange sparkly thought comes in part from a recent scripture and sermon that we shared equating those who trust in God as being like trees planted by a stream. The Biblical Narrative contains many examples where trees are used to explain something or used as object lessons.



Yet, what would the lesson be about trees covered in frozen water crystals?

If Jeremiah was right and we are like trees planted near streams or rivers and we bear fruit, many of us would be deciduous trees, yet he also said their leaves are always green, so some of us

must be evergreen trees if we are still northern plains people. (Stick with me, I know we are combining a Biblical metaphor with a time and place not within the Biblical Narrative.) In the winter seasons of our lives all of us become dormant, yes even you evergreens. That which sustains us, water and nutrients, are mostly stored in our root systems and cells store up sugar to survive in a

sleep state. When the world outside gets harsh and inhospitable, we too may be better off focusing on our roots and protecting ourselves. Some of us try to prevent this dormant stage but

“Be aware that eliminating the dormancy period can shorten a tree's life. Dormancy is an important part of a tree's natural life cycle. The season changes help trees reset and get ready for spring when they push out buds and new leaves.” *All Seasons Tree Service, Edmonton, Canada*

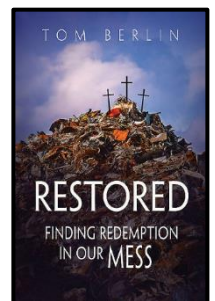
God gave us sabbath and our life cycle benefits from the change in seasons as well. We are meant to rest and reset because spring is coming. Too often we see rest and sabbath as wasted time when we should have got things done. Each of us have many opportunities to set aside time to prepare, time to reset, and even time to not focus on growth. There is purpose in dormancy. During those dormant times, God may even bless you with a beautiful coat of sparkly colors that may bring joy to you and the world around you. The water of life, clear as crystal(s).... (Revelation 22)

Pastor Paul

Studying, Listening, Learning, and Growing TOGETHER

The time of Lent is set apart within the Christian year for reflection, repentance, and renewal. This year we will be using a book authored by Tom Berlin called, “*Restored*” to be the framework for our worship and as a small group study with several of our small groups. The subtitle of the book, “*Finding Redemption in our MESS,*” may seem to emphasize the mess that we are in or the mess that we ourselves are, but the Good News that this book really focuses on is the God-intended, and God-gifted work of redemption.

In our world we often pretend that some of us do not need any form of restoration or redemption and the rest of us are too far gone to even be a good fixer-upper.



Join us for a 6-week study with clear connection to scripture, solid theological sentiment, video-input from a pastor who has lived the message he is sharing, and the support of people who want to share this journey with you. Together, we can each find the hand of God working on, in, and through us in the great work of being Restored, and through that power may the whole world find redemption.

You may join any of the following Lenten Bible Studies:

- **“The Open Door” Adult Sunday School** – Sundays – 10:00 AM – UMC Library.
- **Zoom Bible Study** – Tuesdays – 10:30 AM on Zoom. Contact Rod Garnett at garnett.rodney@gmail.com for the Zoom connection for this study.
- **Small Group Study** – Tuesdays – 2:00 p.m. – Alietha Balo home at 835 W. Hill St., #303. Led by Mary Hayenga.
- **Small Group Lenten Study** – Tuesdays – 7:00 PM – Parlor. Led by Colleen McKirdy.

Books are still available in the church office for \$12 for those who haven’t pick one up yet.



Community Lenten Lunches

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church located at 1020 State St. will be the location of all the Lenten lunches this year. Soup, sandwiches, cookies, and worship will be provided on the following Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 PM:



- **March 12** – Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
- **March 19** – All Angels Episcopal Church
- **March 26** – United Church of Christ
- **April 2** – Spearfish United Methodist Church

A suggested donation of \$10 will go the Spearfish Ministerial Association.

Church Investment/Huck/Johnson Distributions Available

This year the distribution from the church Investment Fund is \$5,873.51. This money is available for any off-budget project. There is also a distribution of \$1,153.94 from the Grace Huck Endowment which is

available for anything at all. In addition, there is a distribution of \$2,074.83 from the Bruce M Johnson Endowment which is available to be used only for the benefit of abused or underprivileged children.

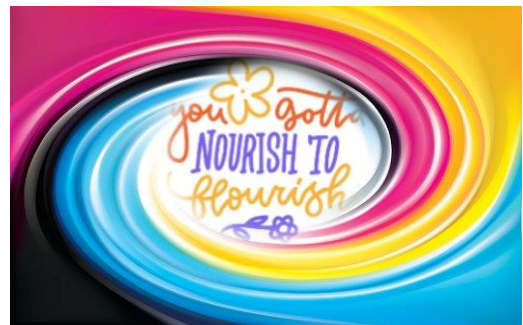
Requests for any of this money can be initiated by any committee or other entity of the church. **Please submit your requests in writing** to the Stewardship and Finance Committee through Mary Tracy in the Finance Office. You can bring your request to the church office or send to Mary at finance@spearfishumc.org.

The Committee will consider all requests and make the decision as to how this money is disbursed. **Please have all requests turned in by March 10, 2025.**



First Sunday of each month 5:00 PM
(March 2, April 6 & May 4)

- **Free Meal.**
- **Children’s Activities**
- **Discussion Time for Adults**



Sunday, March 2 at 5:00 PM
for food, fun, and fellowship.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall of Spearfish UMC

“Ask and you shall receive”



We at the Help Fund were the Mission of the Month for February. We asked for many different things such as toiletries, used winter coats, gloves and mittens, Transit Bus tokens, shower passes to the Rec Center and non-perishable food items for the Homeless bags. And WOW did we receive! Your generosity amazes us.

Thank you all for your over-the-top response! Our team thanks you but more importantly than that, our people who need a hand up so appreciate your help.

The Help Fund volunteers would like to honor the congregation for their generosity during our Mission of the Month. We will be hosting Fellowship between services on March 9th with a light brunch. Please join us.



Bonnie Witt



Bonnie Witt has been a key part of the Help Fund that meets people each Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Spearfish United Methodist Church to offer help in the form of Safeway cards and sharing other sources of help that is available in the community for people in need.

Recently she has been sewing potholders that are given with each Solar Oven that is distributed. She often serves fellowship time or is a greeter for worship. Thank you for your service and your smile.

Taizé Worship



A Taizé worship service will be held **Thursday, March 6** 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 Kindness of Strangers" by Katrina Kittle. The group will meet on **Monday, March 10** in the parlor at noon. Books are available in the church office. You are welcome to join them.

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men (UMM) met on February 1st and 15th. At the February 1st meeting, Bill Lundgren gave the



devotional. On February 15th, we met at Perkins and the devotional was presented by Kelvin Lower.

Our next meetings will be in the Fellowship area of the church on March 1st and 15th at 8 am. If you are interested in coming to UMM but have a hard time remembering to come, let me know and I will send you a reminder.

*God Bless,
Kelvin Lower, UMM President*

United Women in Faith (UWF)



United Women in Faith

This last Saturday, United Women in Faith met at the church for a frozen morning! We enjoyed frozen yogurt and fruit

treats and each other's company. Our task for the morning was to assemble frozen meals for the church's Caring Meals Ministry. This ministry gives meals to families in the church who may need help with a healthy meal during a stressful time. We also plan to have these meals available for community families to take when they come in for assistance from the help fund.

We assembled three frozen meals, and we plan to continue this practice throughout the year to keep the fridge stocked.

Next month, we meet for a business meeting on March 1st and a fun, fellowship meeting on March 22nd, both at 10:00 in the church library. More details to come!

All are welcome at these meetings, whether to help plan or just enjoy the company and learn.

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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN

Prayer Partners



Holy God, may I be a caring person. May we be a caring body of Christ followers. May we as a community live out the love of Christ for each child of God. Guide me to live with care and prayer. Amen.



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, March 16 at 5pm** and will feature Dublin Coddle. Please join us or contact Kevin Nakajima for more information.



Sympathy to the families of:

- *Marlyce Huyck* who died January 9, 2025. Her funeral will be held May 10 at the Spearfish United Methodist Church.
- *Verna Mae Thomas* who died December 20, 2024, and whose services will be held at a later date.



Donations for March needed are:

- Canned Peaches
- Jell-O Gelatin
- Saltine Crackers
- Jell-O Pudding

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Mixed Veg.
- Oreo Cookies
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Sugar Cookies



Mission of the Month

Spearfish Cooperative Preschool



The Spearfish Cooperative Preschool has been operating in the basement of the UMC building for the past 60 years. It is a non-profit organization that provides a structured preschool education for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Currently there are 3 classes in the morning and 1 full day class. They are a separate entity from our church and are not officially funded by the church.

During the month of March, we will be collecting items that are needed in the classrooms as well as monetary donations. There will be a basket in the Fellowship Hall where you can deposit any items and a piggy bank for monetary donations. You can also designate a donation on a check or envelope in the weekly collection plate.

Items needed include:

- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Markers
- Pencils
- Foam Paintbrushes
- Gallon Ziplock Bags
- Plastic Forks
- Plastic Spoons
- Dot Markers (*Bingo Daubers*)
- Toilet Paper Tubes
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Cash for a Cordless Vacuum

Your donations will help provide tuition assistance to many Youth and Family Services families, enabling the children to experience a much-needed Preschool environment.

Here's what the students are saying about their school: "This is the best school ever!" "Hurry, Mom, we have to get to school. I have projects to do!" "I love making crafts for the people upstairs."

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Cal & Mary Hayenga 03/03~58 yrs.
 Glenn & Lisa Foltz 03/29~11 yrs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mary Hayenga	03-01	Andy VanDeest	03-13
Nora Burtzlaff	03-01	Gerry Hazledine	03-15
Terry Powell	03-02	Ivan Clark	03-15
Ezekiel Foltz	03-04	Deborah Carr	03-18
Blake Burtzlaff	03-06	Vi Zwickl	03-19
Brenda Swanson	03-08	Phyllis Bury	03-20
John Swanson	03-08	Olivia Ellerton	03-21
Jaxsen Deane	03-08	Jay Thiel	03-23
Grayson Donald	03-10	Remington Ross	03-24
Johnathan Loux	03-10	Todd Hubbard	03-27
Doug Speirs	03-11	Chris Davis	03-27
Jamie VanDeest	03-11	Halle Beltman	03-29
Sandy Garnett	03-12	Milton Bragg	03-30
Bill Keck	03-13		

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 February

Food Pantry	\$ 20.00
Adult Studies	76.00
Yoga Charity Fund	427.00
Honduras VIM Fund	12,900.00

Carr Education Center (CEC)	380.00
Wayne McKirdy Memorial	175.00
KC Phillips Memorial	1,000.00
Solar Ovens	25.00
UMCOR	90.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,093.00

Special Funds for February

Benevolence Fund	\$ 10.00
UMC Help Fund	2,729.52
TOTAL	\$ 2,739.52

Worship Attendance for Feb.: 642 (Avg./Wk=160) (4 wks)

On-Line Attendance for Feb.: 616 (Avg./Wk=205) (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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WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL

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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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