

Spearfish United Church of Christ Congregational

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July
Inspire



Prayer List: World leaders and Local leaders. Paula Cotrill; Janice Key; Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott (spinal cord injury); Rich and Sharon Cooper; Mel Cooper (for successful surgeries – Rich and Sharon’s daughter, friend of Dana Eberhard); Grayson Chapeau; Pat Patterson (cancer); Rhian Elmid (sponsored child); Elsie Hanson; Larry Jebens (cancer problem - Les and Karen’s neighbor); Angie Riggs (friend of Lorie Umphrey – 3rd round of cancer battle); Les Turgeon; Larry & Shari Reuppel; Joyce Nelson (recovering from Covid); June Klinkel; Family of Max Durgin; Family of Cliff Hanson.

Please let Shirley know of any updates or additions.

“From Sorrow to Joy”



We have had pure joy the last week of June, with regular rains and the greening of the hills and the plains that followed. That is joy bursting into our lives through God's creation. Perhaps you have had other joys - maybe a new grandchild or there has been a marriage of someone dear to you. Maybe joy came to you with a new relationship, a new job, a new home, a great vacation. The list is long if we stop to count the joys in our lives.

Sometimes, joy isn't as close as we'd like, however. We have struggles in our lives. Real difficult situations we'd rather not face - like loss of a loved one, health struggles, and other painful occurrences. But, in Psalm 30, we understand that there is a way to overcome. Verse 1 reads "I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths." And, (verse 10 – 11): "Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help. You turned my wailing into dancing." We simply need to be in prayer, right? We must praise God, ask for mercy, and listen to our Lord and Redeemer.

In conversations I've had with people who are enduring pain, we often eventually recognize the blessings we find amidst the pain. Would you agree with this? So, even within a loss we experience, we find joy - the unexpected joys in the pain.

I pray we all can find the joys amidst the pain in our lives. And, even better, that we can help others who are in pain find some joy!

God's Joy and Peace.

Pastor Randy

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: Randy's office hours are Tuesdays 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays 3-5 p.m. If you would like to schedule a visit or need to see him, please call the office at 605-642-8253 or email him at: pastorrandy1057@gmail.com

2025 LITURGISTS and USHERS/GREETERS: Don't forget to sign up! We are in need of liturgists and Ushers/Greeters for July and throughout the summer. The sign up sheets are on the glass counter.

OUR DAILY BREAD: The new *Our Daily Bread* booklets for June through August, 2025 are available on the glass counter.

COFFEE TIME: Looking for a great small group? Our weekly coffee group is a social group with a purpose. We meet every week for an hour, and after some social time, we dig into the Word a bit. This group gets a preview of the scripture and discusses the topic and direction the sermon may be headed on Sunday. **Join our group for the Coffee/Bible Study at Burger King at 9:00 a.m. every Tuesday.**

DEACONS MEETING: A Deacons Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, July 13th** after the worship service.

COUNCIL MEETING: A Council Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, July 27th** after the worship service.



UCC SUMMER SUPPER SERIES: The UCC Summer Supper Series will be held on Wednesdays in July. There will be supper at 5:30 followed by a short program at 6:15.

- July 2nd "Romanian Travels" with Cindy and Alan Merkel
- July 9th "Six Animals and Their Significance in the Bible" with Connie Zimbleman
- July 16th "Twelve Ordinary Men" Intro to the Fall Bible Study with Shirley Brost
- July 23rd "He Made the Moon to Mark the Seasons" with Glenn Umphrey
- July 30th "Faith filled Inspirations" with Karen Turgeon

Mark your calendars and join us for fellowship and fun. — Sally Levengood

OPEN HOUSE

OPEN HOUSE AT THE HEDGE'S: There is a party on Friday, July 11th from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Hedge's! You are invited to stop by and celebrate with Randy and Holly. It is:

Holly's retirement party.

Holly's 65th birthday party.

And, Randy and Holly's 45th wedding anniversary.

Your presence is requested. But, no presents please. A light supper and beverages are provided. If you plan to attend, sign up on the list on the glass counter in the hallway at church.

Address: 10820 Hagmann Lane, Lead, SD (There will be signs put out to direct you once you turn off the Canyon road into Elmore.) Questions? Text or call Holly at 920-716-5096.

FRIENDSHIP BOOKLET: A new booklet titled "7 Bible Stories to Deepen Your Friendships" from the Our Daily Bread Ministries is available on the glass counter.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: On Sunday, September 14, 2025, we'll be holding a special Sunday morning worship service in the Spearfish City Park and having a catered lunch afterwards. (There will be no service in the church that Sunday.) We'll meet at the bandshell in the park for worship, and then go to the nearby South park shelter for a catered meal. This is a public event, and everyone is welcome – invite your friends and family to join us.
BE WATCHING FOR MORE INFORMATION!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Thanks to all who participated in the UCC Special Offering, Strengthen the Church, which took place on June 8th and 15th. \$140.00 in donations were received and sent to the UCC Conference in support of that UCC Special Offering.
— Marcie Nuenke

MISSIONS MEETING: A Missions Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, July 20th** after the worship service.

~ **Calendar for July 2025** ~

Tues.	7/01	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time @ BK
Wed.	7/02	10:45 a.m.	Chapel @ Edgewood
		5:30 p.m.	Summer Supper Series: “Romanian Travels” with Cindy and Alan Merkel
Fri.	7/04		Independence Day Office Closed
Sun.	7/06	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion/ Fellowship
Tues.	7/08	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time @ BK
Wed.	7/09	5:30 p.m.	Summer Supper Series: “Six Animals and Their Significance in the Bible” with Connie Zimbleman
Thurs.	7/10	4-6 p.m.	Prayer Service for Max Durgin
Fri.	7/11	10:00 a.m.	Max Durgin Funeral
		3-8 p.m.	Open House at the Hedge’s
Sun.	7/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship After Service Deacons Meeting
Tues.	7/15	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time @ BK
Wed.	7/16	5:30 p.m.	Summer Supper Series: “Twelve Ordinary Men” Intro to Fall Bible Study with Shirley Brost
Sun.	7/20	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship After Service Missions Meeting
Tues.	7/22	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time @ BK
Wed.	7/23	5:30 p.m.	Summer Supper Series: “He Made the Moon to Mark the Seasons” with Glenn Umphrey
Fri.	7/25	12:00 p.m.	<u>August Inspire Deadline</u>
Sun.	7/27	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship After Service Council Meeting
Tues.	7/29	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time @ BK
Wed.	7/30	5:30 p.m.	Summer Supper Series: “Faith Filled Inspirations” with Karen Turgeon





Roses by the front door of the church.

Thanks, Lorie, for the picture!

July Anniversaries

10th Larry & Shari Reuppel
19th Bob & Karen Collins
20th Ken & Loretta Thomas

Happy Anniversary !!

**I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens
me.**

Phillippians 4:13

Shirley's Office Hours:

T,W,Th,F 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays

July Birthdays

11th Alexis Novotny
17th Bob Collins
18th Sharon Fouberg
19th David Zeiler
20th Deanna Drda
21st Dorothy Swanson
23rd Barb Shrader
24th Diane Plumier
Linda Smith
25th Mary Ann Eddy
29th Morgan Covell
31st Dana Eberhard
Cindy Merkel

July Liturgists

6th: Rene' Stewart
13th:
20nd:
27th:

July Ushers & Greeters

6th:
13th:
20nd: Sally Levengood
27th:

June Attendance & Facebook Viewers

1st: 46 / FB Viewers: 1
8th: 44 / FB Viewers: 4
15th: 43 / FB Viewers: 1
22nd: 44 / FB Viewers: 4
29th: 49 / FB Viewers: N/A

July Altar & Tables Committee

Alter & Tables:
Marcie Nuenke

July Good Shepherd Clinic Volunteers

Fruit: Mary Ann Eddy
Veggies: Shirley Jenssen

INSPIRE

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