



Prayer List: World leaders and Local leaders. Paula Cotrill; 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; June Klinkel; Family of Max Durgin; Family of Cliff Hanson; Family of Sharron “Kay” Simons; Roberta Wolf for health (mother of Summer Digioia); Family of Janice Key.

Please let Shirley know of any updates or additions.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish”



Proverbs 29:18

I haven't been fly fishing for a while, but it is something I have loved to do. Last time I went, this is what I remember.

I grabbed my fly rod and tied on a fly, and put the waders on. Off I went, and thought I would try to quickly catch as many fish as I could in the half hour I had available. My plan was to fish the familiar stretch by the cabin. I didn't have much time, and I didn't fare well. I had a few bites, but didn't land a trout, and was short-sighted and frustrated.

Why didn't I catch anything? I didn't plan well - didn't set aside the time, and I didn't have vision. Maybe, just maybe, the Proverbs passage has a lesson for me (and us). We must have vision, must set aside time to develop the vision, and must have the resources (including enough time) to complete the tasks. Focus your efforts where you are likely to have good results.

As we go into our Fall and a new year approaches, our Council established a new vision for us which you will see reported in Jim Hood's Inspire message. Now it's up to us to plan and do the things that work toward and eventually accomplish that vision. It's a good lesson for all aspects of our lives, right?

As you know, we're going fishing on Sunday, September 14 when we worship at the new bandshell in the City Park. You can also fish in advance by giving someone a postcard about the event. Focus your efforts on where you are likely to have good results.

Let's go fishing!

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 USHERS/GREETERS: Don't forget to sign up! We are in need of Ushers/Greeters for September and the rest of the year. The sign up sheet is on the glass counter.

OUR DAILY BREAD: The *Our Daily Bread* booklets for **September through November, 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: There will not be a Deacons Meeting in September due to Worship in the Park.

COUNCIL MEETING: A Council Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 28** after the worship service.

FOOD PANTRY: The second half of September is our time at the Food Pantry! We'll need volunteers to help us out on Sept 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, and 29, from 8:45am to 12:00 noon. We really appreciate your help, so if you are available, please sign up on the sheet on the glass cabinet. This is a great way to serve the community—we hope you'll join us!

MORE OFFICE HOURS: Please note that church office hours on Sept 17, 19, 24, and 26 will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. to allow Shirley B. to work mornings at the Food Pantry. Office hours for Wednesdays and Fridays will be back to normal starting October 1.

VISIONING STATEMENT: "The Spearfish United Church of Christ Congregational envisions a growing, thriving congregation of all ages."

As a result of the recent visioning meeting, our Moderator Shirley Jenssen appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Sally Levengood, Brian Eberhard, and Jim Hood together with Pastor Randy and Shirley J. to propose a visioning statement to present to the Council for their consideration. The above visioning statement was unanimously approved by the Council at its August meeting.

HANSON FAMILY: A heartfelt THANK YOU for all the caring acts of kindness shown to our family with Clifford's passing. He was such a blessing to many and is deeply missed. —
Elsie Hanson & Family

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WORSHIP IN THE PARK: On Sunday, September 14, 2025, we'll be holding a special Sunday morning worship service at 11:00 am with the Methodists in the Spearfish City Park! Lunch will follow. (There will be no service in the church that Sunday.) We'll meet together at the bandshell in the park for the service and afterwards gather in the picnic shelter for lunch. This is a public event, and everyone is welcome – invite your friends and family to join us. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll meet at the Methodist Church. Please call the office to sign up!

A poster for "Worship in the Park" featuring a large tree with a cross on its trunk and autumn leaves. The text is arranged in a clear, inviting layout.

**WORSHIP
in the park**

You're Invited!

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
SUNDAY @ 11 AM

Fellowship for all — worship & music
followed by a free lunch.

SPEARFISH CITY PARK

Hosted by Spearfish's United Church of Christ
Congregational & United Methodist Church.

A flyer for "Worship in the Park" with a background of autumn leaves. It provides detailed information about the event, including the location, time, and contact information for the churches.

Hey, Friend —

Together, the United Church of Christ & United Methodist Church congregations are providing a worship service at the Spearfish City Park on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 11 AM. Please join us at the new band shell. Lunch will follow at a nearby park shelter.

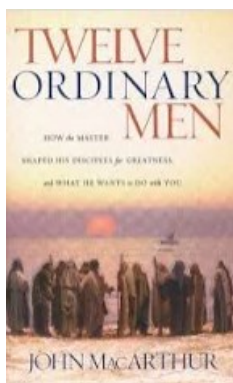
Bring friends, children & guests—pets are welcome, too. If you're able, bring your own chair. There is some available & accessible seating by the band shelter for worship.

This event is open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to sign up in advance at either of the hosting churches.

We look forward to seeing you there!

- **United Church of Christ Congregational**
920 N Main - (605) 642-8253 - uccspearfish.org
- **United Methodist Church**
845 N 5th - (605) 642-3457 - spearfishumc.org

If inclement weather, meet at the Methodist Church.



FALL BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible Study based on the book *Twelve Ordinary Men* by John MacArthur will be held on **Monday mornings, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., starting September 8 and running through November 10.** Each week will be a stand-alone study of one or more disciples, so you can come to all or as many as you like. Everyone is welcome!! Books and a sign-up sheet are available on the glass counter. Please be sure to include your email address so I can send you the reading assignment and worksheet for each session. For more information, contact Shirley Brost at shirleybrost@gmail.com or call the office at 605-642-8253. — Shirley Brost

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MISSIONS NEWS: A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our annual School Supply Collection. The items were sorted and delivered on August 18th to West, Mt View and Creekside Elementary schools. Your donated items were very much appreciated. We have already received Thank You Notes from all three schools. They have been posted on the Missions bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



School supplies collected for the Spearfish elementary schools in August.

We will be doing a Food Collection the entire month of September to benefit the Black Hills State Student Food Pantry. A collection bin will be on the table in the back of the church to receive your donations Sunday, September 7th through Sunday, September 28th. The students have some specific needs due to the limited kitchen facilities in the dorms. Here is the list of needed items. Printed copies of the food list are also available next to the collection bin.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR BLACK HILLS STATE STUDENT FOOD PANTRY

Toilet paper	apple sauce
Salt & pepper	microwave popcorn
Any type of seasonings	oatmeal
Veg & olive oil	cereal
Biscuits (type that you add water or milk)	boil in bag white rice
Microwavable cup in hand soups	breakfast bars
Spaghetti noodles	fruit snacks
Canned tuna or chicken	paper towels

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, September 17 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. A luncheon will be served by the Executive Board.

~~ SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR ~~

Mon.	9/01		Labor Day
Tues.	9/02	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time / Bible Study @ BK
Wed.	9/03	10:45 a.m.	Chapel @ Edgewood
Sun.	9/07	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion/ Fellowship
Mon.	9/08	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Tues.	9/09	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time / Bible Study @ BK
Fri.	9/12	10:00 a.m.	Janice Key Funeral
Sun.	9/14	11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Park @ Bandshell Lunch following @ Shelter
Mon.	9/15	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Tues.	9/16	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time / Bible Study @ BK
Wed.	9/17	12:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Luncheon
		1:00-5:00 p.m.	TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS
Thurs.	9/18		Rhian Elmido (sponsored child) 16th birthday
Fri.	9/19	1:00-5:00 p.m.	TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS
Sun.	9/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship
Mon.	9/22	TBD	Bible Study
Tues.	9/23	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time / Bible Study @ BK
Wed.	9/24	1:00-5:00 p.m.	TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS
Thurs.	9/25	12:00 p.m.	<u>October Inspire deadline</u>
Fri.	9/26	1:00-5:00 p.m.	TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS
Sun.	9/28	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship
		After Worship	Council Meeting
		2:00 p.m.	UCC Concert Series (Emma McKirdy-Wilsey and Colleen McKirdy, piano concert)
Mon.	9/29	TBD	Bible Study
Tues.	9/30	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time / Bible Study @ BK



September Anniversaries

Sept 13 Katie & Jim Hood

September Birthdays

Sept 7 Joyce Collins
Sept 10 Brian Eberhard
Sept 15 Mark Johnston
Sept 16 Antonio Digioia
Loretta Thomas
Sept 18 Josie Grimmett
Corey Baley
Rhian Elmido (16 yrs old)
Sept 24 Ian Umphrey
Sept 25 Sylvia Pluimer
Sept 26 Rachel Crawford
Sept 27 Leslie Reiswig

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or wrong, please let the office know so we can update our records. Thank you!



HELLO
September

September Liturgists

Sept 7 Rosalie Aslesen
Sept 14 —
Sept 21 Jim Hood
Sept 28 Lorie Umphrey

September Ushers & Greeters

Sept 7 Loretta Thomas
Sept 14
Sept 21 Lynn & Sally
Levengood
Sept 28

August Attendance & Facebook Viewers

Aug 3	41 / FB Viewers: 5
Aug 10	39 / FB Viewers: 5
Aug 17	43 / FB Viewers: 2
Aug 24	37 / FB Viewers: 5
Aug 31	43 / FB Viewers: 20

September Good Shepherd Clinic Volunteers

Fruit & Veggies:
Sally Levengood

September Altar & Tables Committee

Alter: Shirley Jenssen
Tables: Sally Levengood

Shirley's Office Hours:

T,W,Th,F 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

* See Temporary Hours in Calendar
Closed Mondays

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