

# Spearfish United Church of Christ Congregational

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## March Inspire



**PRAYER LIST:** World, National, and Local leaders. Paula Cotrill; Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott (spinal cord injury); 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; Angie Riggs (friend of Lorie Umphrey – 3<sup>rd</sup> round of cancer battle); Les Turgeon; June Klinkel; Lorrie Loobey (Jo Hansen’s sister) and Martina Loobey (Jo Hansen’s niece) for health concerns; Marna Bergstrom for recovery; Jo Hansen; Elaine Jongeling; John Daum; Hilda Locke.

*Please let Shirley B. know of any updates or additions.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

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**OFFICE HOURS:** The office will be open five days a week, from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday.

**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. Join our group for the Coffee/Bible Study at Edgewood at 9:00 a.m. every Tuesday. **Note: Coffee Time will resume at Edgewood on March 3 !**

**DEACONS MEETING:** A Deacons Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 8** after the worship service .

**MISSIONS MEETING:** A Missions Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 15** after the worship service.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** A Council Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 22** after the worship service.

**LITURGIST AND USHER/GREETER SIGNUP:** Signup sheets for Liturgists and for Usher/Greeters for 2026 are now available on the glass counter. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

**OUR DAILY BREAD:** The March-April-May 2026 *Our Daily Bread* booklets are available on the glass counter. Please help yourselves!

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND INSPIRES:** Large print bulletins and Inspires are now available. If you would like one printed for you, please contact the church office at 605-642-8253.

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**MISSIONS NEWS:** Our church will continue to provide fruits and veggies for the Good Shepherd Clinic on the 3rd Monday of each month. A new sign up sheet for 2026 is on the glass counter if you would like to volunteer. More information is available on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions please call Marcie Nuenke 605-717-7808 or 605-639-9719.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Missions will once again sponsor a Lenten Food Collection to benefit the Spearfish Food Pantry. There will be a food collection bin at the back of the church beginning Sunday, February 22nd. The Lenten Food Collection will continue throughout Lent ending on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity to help those in our community during the Lenten Season.

The first UCC Special Offering for 2026 is One Great Hour of Sharing. It will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2026. A collection jar will be on the table in the back of the church if you would like to participate. Checks can be made payable directly to One Great Hour of Sharing or to Spearfish UCC with OGHS in the memo line. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery. Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, micro financing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities. For more information on the OGHS Special Offering you can go to the [UCC.org](https://www.ucc.org) website.

**INTERIM PASTOR:** Todd Jones will be preaching on Sunday, March 1, and will join us as Interim Pastor for three months beginning April 1. Please join us in welcoming him to our congregation.



**March 20, 2026**

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

**BIBLE STUDY:** Although it's only three chapters, the Sermon on the Mount is a carefully designed collection of teachings that contains some of Jesus' most famous words. We'll explore the entire Sermon in a 5-week Bible Study to be held at 1:30 pm on Tuesdays in March. Each week we'll watch a series of short videos, followed by questions and discussions. No books to read (except the Bible) and no homework! Please join us for this short but interesting study – our first meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 3 at 1:30 pm** in the Fireside Room. You don't need to attend every session – each one stands on its own. For more information, please call the office at 605-642-8253. There's no signup sheet—just come to as many sessions as you can.



**EVERYONE is welcome!!**



**CONCERT SERIES:** The proceeds from the 2025 UCC Concert Series were donated to Northern Hills Sources of Support in Spearfish. A check for \$1,226.00 was presented to them in January. We received a Thank You note from NHSOS that expresses their appreciation for being named the beneficiary of the concert series donations. You can see the note on the bulletin board by the glass cabinet.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our church is responsible for the Food Pantry the second half of March. We'll need workers on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, March 16 through 30. Since the pantry opens to customers at 9:00 am, we ask that volunteers be there by 8:45 am to get things ready for the day, and they should be done for the day by 12:15 pm. We need several volunteers each day. If you can help out any of the days, please let us know. There is a sign up sheet on the glass cabinet. Thank you!!



**LENTEN LUNCHEONS:** the Spearfish United Methodist Church, at 845 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Spearfish, will host two Lenten Lunches at **12:00pm on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Pastor Paul Lint will share a message and there will be soup, sandwiches, and cookies. A suggested donation of \$10 will help cover meal costs, with the balance going towards community needs. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please contact the UMC office with questions, 605.642.3457.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Don't forget! Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 8**. Be sure to set your clocks ahead so you make it to church on time!



~ MARCH 2026 CALENDAR ~

<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Communion/Fellowship</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Dakota Youth Orchestra</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
		<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study Fireside Room</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Chapel at Edgewood</b>
		<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Luncheon UMC</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>3/5</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Grief Support Group</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/8</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Starts</b>	
		<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
			<b>Deacons Meeting</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/9</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Dakota Youth Orchestra</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>3/10</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
		<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study Fireside Room</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3/11</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Lenten Luncheon UMC</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>3/12</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Dakota Youth Orchestra</b>
		<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Grief Support Group</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/15</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
			<b>Missions Meeting</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/16</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Dakota Youth Orchestra</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>3/17</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
		<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study Fireside Room</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3/18</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>3/19</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Grief Support Group</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/22</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
			<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/23</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Dakota Youth Orchestra</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>3/24</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
		<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study Fireside Room</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>3/26</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Grief Support Group</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3/29</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Fellowship</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Dakota Youth Orchestra</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>3/31</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood</b>
		<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study Fireside Room</b>

### March Anniversaries

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### March Birthdays

Mar 8 Marna Bergstrom  
Mar 11 Hilda Locke  
Bonnie Mundhenke  
Mar 12 Eileen Lewis  
Mar 30 Jerry Riggs  
Mar 31 Trudy Crawford



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



Shirley's Office Hours:  
M-F 8:00 am—12:00 noon

### March Liturgists

Mar 1 Katie Hood  
Mar 8 Rosalie Aslesen  
Mar 15  
Mar 22 Lorie Umphrey  
Mar 29 Jim Hood

### March Ushers & Greeters

Mar 1 Lorie & Glenn Umphrey  
Mar 8 Connie Zimbleman  
Mar 15 Lynne Quissell  
Mar 22  
Mar 29

### February Attendance & Facebook Viewers

Feb 1 40 / FB Viewers: N/A  
Feb 8 27 / FB Viewers: 4  
Feb 15 32 / FB Viewers: 5  
Feb 22 45 / FB Viewers: 3

### March Good Shepherd Clinic Volunteers

Fruit & Veggies:  
Connie Zimbleman

### March Altar & Tables Committee

Tables & Alter: Cindy Merkel

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