



# Charge Conference 2024

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## **LEAD PASTOR'S REPORT**

### **PETE GRASSOW, LEAD PASTOR**

The Brookings United Methodist Church is 120 years old this year. This is a history that builds on Methodist roots that go back to 1735 when two Church of England clergy, John and Charles Wesley, and their friends Benjamin Ingham and Charles Delamotte came to the New World to spread the Methodist movement they began as students in England. It is this historic connection to other Methodist bodies in the world that enabled me to become a pastor at Brookings UMC. I was ordained by the Methodist Church of Southern Africa – a Conference of 6 Southern African countries. This makes us family. And I have loved being part of the Brookings FUMC family.

Soon after I arrived COVID 2020 closed everything down. We were advised by a medical team made up of members of the church, and we gradually re-opened as advised by this committee. Some members left during this time as they disagreed with our COVID response, and other have simply not returned. To audit our membership lists we ran a membership renewal, producing a photograph book of members. We have just under 500 verified members. This past year I have focused on training lay leadership. I have done this as follows:

**Preaching:** I have encouraged and made space for our two very capable lay preachers, Kelcy Nash and Steve Eliason. They not only assisted the preaching here in Brookings, but they responded to the challenge to preach in White and Sterling for the first six months of the year. I salute their leadership.

**Committees:** I have worked hard to strengthen the committees: we have a system in place of a chair and a vice-chair of each committee, with the vice being the understudy preparing to take over the following year. The church Administrative Council meets once a month after church. This is a place for the chairs of the committees and the church staff to catch up on the life of the church and offer support to each other. Again it has a chair and a vice-chair. I am indebted to Laron DeBoer, the Lay Leader, for being a safe listening ear for both the congregation and the pastor. Thank you to Tom Becker, the Chair of the Ad Council, for his astute leadership and support. They have both been a blessing to our church.

**Staff:** I have used the staff meeting on Tuesday morning as a place of accountability and encouragement. I have also meet individually with each staff member once per month. Thank you to Mark Stratton and the SPR for their support and encouragement of our church staff. The core admin staff of Gretchen Knutsen, Lynelle Hagedorn, Linda-Kay Hai, Vonda Kirkham and Sam Becker are an amazing asset to our church, and they often make me look good – but I know that I owe so much to their dedication and hard work!

**Volunteers:** Assisted by Maria Schluter, we have regrown a roster of people who serve as liturgists, ushers, greeters, hospitality team and Communion Stewards. They not only assist the pastor in ensuring that our church is welcoming, but this offers place for members to serve God on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. In addition, we have volunteers who assist in pastoral care, in stuffing envelopes, in maintaining our property, and in serving at the Harvest Table. Thank y'all for your continued partnership in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**Thank you:** You embraced Jenny and me and made us feel welcome. I am confident that that you will extend the same spirit of welcome to the new pastor, Rev Jen Tyler Osterloh and her husband Kris. I know too that you will be kind to all who walk through our church doors, because being a welcoming community is one of the core values of our church. It has been a singular honor to be your pastor.

## **ANNUAL RETIREE'S REPORTS TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE**

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## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT**

### **NANCY BOHLEN, LAY DELEGATE**

Brookings FUMC sent Nancy Bohlen, LaRon DeBoer, Charlie Schnabel, Tom Becker, Rylee Honomichl, and Cheryl Honomichl to attend Annual Conference. The thirtieth session of the Dakotas Annual Conference was held June 8-10, 2023, at the Convention Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. More than 450 United Methodists from North and South Dakota experienced inspiring worship, meaningful learning, and conducted business. Bishop Lanette Plambeck, resident bishop for the Dakotas-Minnesota Area of The United Methodist Church, presided at the three-day session.

Drawing on Luke 24:13-35, the theme of this year's gathering was "Encounter. Transform. Respond. The Emmaus Experience." This post-resurrection story where everything has changed and the implications still seem a bit cloudy mirrors the time and space we are living in as a church. We, like the two disciples, are on the road, asking deep questions, and trying to make sense of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today. And we, too, are finding that we encounter Christ in transforming ways when we do.

Bishop Lanette Plambeck, in her inaugural Episcopal Address, reminds us that this story for the two disciples on the road is our story too. During this challenging time in The United Methodist Church, she invited Dakotas United Methodists to move forward and declare that there is enough love for all of us, and she reminded each person: You are loved. You are a child of God and a person of worth. There are no exceptions.

The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Michael Beck. He is co-pastor of two Florida churches and a network of "fresh expressions" led by laity that gather in various community venues and public spaces around shared interests and hobbies. He talked about fresh expressions as a new movement of Christian communities where people with no connection to the church are finding life and encountering Christ. Dinner church whereby people gather to share a meal is an easy starting point for a fresh expression, Beck said. Some of the other fresh expressions he's involved with take place in a tattoo parlor, at a restaurant, in a virtual reality space, at dog park, and even at Tesla charging stations.

2023 Miracle Offering was collected for The Road to Hope. "We need to reach into our pockets, not only for financial gifts, but also to let people know that every local church is a pocket of hope," said Bishop Lanette. So far \$42,000 has been collected for the 2023 Miracle Offering. In response to the increasing numbers of deaths by suicide, ideation of suicide, and attempts among youth in North and South Dakota, and the mental health crisis in our nation, the offering recipients are Helpline of South Dakota and FirstLink of North Dakota.

During the voting sessions, members ratified 24 church disaffiliation agreements, approved four legislative items, referred one item, and approved the 2024 budget and spending plan, the nominations report, and the consent calendar.

We also heard from Bishop McAlilly, the bishop of the Nashville Episcopal Area serving the Tennessee and Western Kentucky Conferences of The United Methodist Church. He challenged us to think about what it means to abide. For Bishop McAlilly, the answer can be found in trust and service. "The gospel gives us a clear picture about what's coming and how we need to behave," he said. "It matters that what we say matches what we do," he said. After he had laid his robe aside, Jesus washed the disciples' feet, indicating to the disciples that right behavior must involve tangible care for our neighbors. "In

the act of washing feet, Jesus has shown the disciples what it means to be a follower,” he said. “Service is a fundamental principle. He’s teaching us how to serve others.”

I came away with affirmation that the Dakotas Conference is alive and active. We are working through the challenges of some churches disaffiliating and finding the way forward. Finding the way to serve with a Christ-centered service. Churches are adapting to meet the needs of the community. Youth and young adults are finding ways to serve. This is an exciting time and opportunity for the church.

If you have any questions about Annual Conference, please reach out to one of the attendees.

## **PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP**

### **BARB JOHNSON**

Up to ten women meet in our church basement usually each third Saturday of the month to make quilts. These quilts are gifted to wrap people in our congregational love. These quilts are gifted for baptisms as the church family makes their promise to teach them to grow in Christ’s love; to wrap people in brotherly love that need comfort in illness or death of a loved one; to our graduates to remind them that the church family goes with them spiritually as they go out into the world; and to a few Head Start students that are in need of a quilt for their rest time at school. We average distributing about 50 quilts per year plus the graduation quilts.

A group of 6 women sew and tie quilts each month. They give these quilts to the elderly in our congregation on their birthdays! We could use some more “hands” to help give comfort and joy to our church family. Come for coffee and see what we do!

We love to make these quilts and share the warmth and prayers intended for each person who receives them. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving one of our quilts, please contact one us or the church office know.

If you would like to join both or either of the groups, please contact the church office (605-692-4345) Barb Johnson (605-651-5980) or Judi DeZeeuw (605-690-7564)

## **EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

### **GRETCHEN KNUTSON**

**WELCOME:** In the Education area of our church, we are dedicated to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone. We believe that education is a vital part of our spiritual growth and community building. We offer educational classes to everyone, from our youngest members starting at age 2 to our seasoned adults. Our goal is to provide a seamless educational experience that grows with our members, ensuring that everyone feels valued and included in our community.

**SERVICE:** Individual groups in Education make service a priority. Our senior high youth group and confirmation group are two groups that come to mind. Our Senior High Youth Group has been active in various service projects, showcasing their dedication and hard work. Their contributions include: Turkey Dinner: Alongside the Confirmation Group, they played a vital role in helping to serve our annual Turkey Dinner, Sleep in Heavenly Peace: The group participated in building beds for children in need, ensuring that every child in our community and beyond has a safe and comfortable place to sleep. Brookings Backpack Project: They assisted in the packing of food items for children to help to provide essential nutrition over weekends. Souper Bowl of Caring: Through this national initiative, the

youth group raised funds and collected food for our Harvest Table Pantry, directly supporting local families facing food insecurity. Harvest Table Service: Both the Confirmation and Senior High Youth Groups have dedicated time to serving at our Harvest Table, providing meals and support to those in need within our community.

**TEACHING:** Teaching is the main priority of the Education Department in our church. Our aim is to offer comprehensive and inclusive educational opportunities that allow people of all ages to grow in their discipleship and faith.

**Deepen Faith:** Helping members of all ages to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible and Christian faith.

**Build Community:** Fostering a sense of belonging and mutual support among our congregation.

**Equip for Service:** Preparing members to live out their faith in practical ways through service and witness in their daily lives.

By offering a wide range of classes and resources, we strive to meet the needs of all our members and support them in their journey of discipleship.

**DIVERSITY:** Our church is a space where diverse opinions are not only welcomed but also celebrated. Members come from various backgrounds and bring with them different perspectives on faith, theology, and social issues to classes which are offered. This variety enriches our discussions and helps us grow collectively:

The diversity of ages, opinions, and experiences within our church community is a significant strength. It enhances our Christian education programs and enriches our collective faith journey. By maintaining an environment of respect and open dialogue, we continue to grow as a congregation, embracing the richness that each member brings. Our ability to discuss a wide variety of topics without arguing is a testament to the love and respect we have for one another, and it is something we should cherish and continue to nurture.

As I prepare to write this report, I looked back on the activities and opportunities for people to deepen their faith with God and there were many. And then I think about all the volunteers it takes to make those programs possible and I am reminded of the wonderful, faithful people who step up so that we can do God's work.

We work in the Education 'department' to provide opportunities for people to deepen their faith in many ways. So, I would like to highlight some of the things that happened this past year.

Sammi Carney, our part time Education Worker worked hard to provide opportunities for families to engage with each other through activities such as bowling, the Halloween Trick or Treating Event, a painting class, and other activities as well. Sammi had to step down from that position as she moved to Sioux Falls to finish her schooling to become a pharmacist. We wish her well and miss her greatly!

We held a class for children and youth who wanted to learn about communion. Pastor Pete taught them what communion is about and then they made communion bread which they helped serve. We have done this class in the past, but this is the first time since the Covid epidemic. It was well received, and we will offer it again.



VBS is always a summer highlight and that is certainly a place where it takes several volunteers to put that program on! But it is never very hard to find those needed volunteers as the adults have fond memories of their VBS days and want to provide both the opportunity for the children now and to help pass on the Christian faith, beliefs and values. I am especially thankful to Christi Holbeck and Abby Hawks – this year’s directors – as I needed to be out of town for 2 days of VBS. They were superb leaders and did great in my absence.

This past year, I introduced two new events designed to deepen our children's understanding of the significance of Christmas and Lent. The Christmas Shoppe and Lenten Fair were engaging events created to provide young children with meaningful experiences of these important Christian holidays.

At the Christmas Shoppe, children were invited to explore the story of Jesus’ birth through interactive storytelling and hands-on activities. These experiences helped them connect with the true meaning of Christmas in a way that was both fun and educational.

Similarly, the Lenten Fair guided children through the season of Lent, offering stories and creative activities that explained the journey of Jesus toward the cross. The fair helped our youngest members understand the themes of reflection, sacrifice, and love central to Lent.

It was determined that due to bussing to the 5<sup>th</sup> St. gym being offered, we could once again offer Wednesday afternoon programming. A task force was formed to decide what we wanted that to look like and from there our SPR committee posted a job description. Due to a lack of applicants, I am leading that program on Wednesday afternoons and two volunteers, Mike Jensen and Lily Samuel are leading Wednesday School.

Since we have not been able to provide the Wednesday After school program since Covid, we are building the program from the ground. There are around 11 children involved in the program and I expect it will grow in time.

I am thankful to the congregation who recognized my 30 years of employment this past summer. It has been a wonderful experience working for the church. Getting to know so many, many people who are committed to growing in their own faith by willingly passing it on to others is amazing and humbling. So much is given so selflessly and willingly. This church is in good hands – due to all the people who serve and take that commitment seriously.

In 2025 we look forward to another year of learning, fellowship, and spiritual development, trusting that God will continue to work through our programs to strengthen our faith community.

## **COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER DIRECTOR**

### **VONDA KIRKHAM**

The Community Life Center has hosted a variety of events throughout the year. All these events can require set up and take down of tables and chairs, audio/visual support, and clean up.

The Head Start classes give about 60 children an opportunity each day to become prepared to enter the local school systems. Head Start uses the Community Life Center for parent/teacher meetings, programs, parties, and the families can receive services provided by Harvest Table.

Harvest Table began serving meals again on September 12, 2022 after stopping the meal during the pandemic. A no-cost meal is served every Monday. Diapers and baby wipes are available every week. Children's activities, and community care agency information are available to the guests. People can still contact Vonda for a no contact pick up of food items, diapers, baby wipes, personal care items, or household cleaning items such as laundry detergent and dish detergent.

Manna in the Middle worship service is on Wednesday evening. A meal is served before the Manna worship service. Sunday worship services are held in the Community Life Center for special events. Vacation Bible school was also held in the Community Life Center this year.

The turkey dinner sponsored by the mission committee was a drive-by event this year.

A variety of community events have been held during the year. Some of those include Kiwanis pancakes, Lions spaghetti event, SDSU teacher fair, a poverty simulation, scout meetings, gymnastic booster club, healthy movement classes, funeral lunches, wedding reception, birthday parties, and family reunions.

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **HARRIET SVEC, CHAIR**

The Worship Committee offers the following as expressions of our commitment to the values of our church. Welcome: All are welcome in our church. "Open Hearts, Open Minds Open Doors" is to be found on the entrance of our buildings. This welcome also insists that each person who is welcomed should in turn be willing to show the same welcome to other people. The Worship Committee works to provide a welcoming presence through our Welcome center, Coffee hosts, Greeters, and Ushers. Our on-line Greeters during our live Facebook and other streams. Our service Video screen slide show showing various opportunities. Our Welcome packets as we continue to improve and develop them. Our open communion including a gluten free option. Our bulletins that communicate the service progression. Service: We are a community called to serve our community. For this reason, we have a Community Life Centre and employ a Director to drive outreach. We serve Harvest Table, and we give away diapers, and we participate in Superbowl of Caring, the Feeding Brookings Thanksgiving meal, Sleep in heavenly peace, and Solar Ovens. The Worship committee helps facilitate service to the community through Our BATA bus availability. Our weekly specialized Radio Broadcast. Our live stream of services on social media. Our Manna mid-week service. Special services for the community including All Saint's Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas holiday options and others. We regularly participate in the Summer Arts services in the park. We offer a specialty service in the fall for our Welcome back for University Students and our public school K-12 students including blessing back packs. Teaching: This church places a high value on teaching: we employ an Education Director, we run

classes and courses, and the pastor is expected to read and teach. This church intentionally promotes thoughtful, reflective Christian teaching. The Worship committee provides support to the pastor and education committee as they provide education to the church and specialty sermon series such as the “Women of the Bible” series. We support the lay leaders as they present the sermon. Diversity: We are a church that embraces a variety of people, ranging in ages from young children to the elderly in wheelchairs, from the academically educated to those who have learned from the hard knocks of life, and people of all political and social opinions. This is expressed in a variety of expressions of worship, in a range of opportunities to offer service, and in our willingness to try anything that will promote the love of Jesus. The worship committee supports Our Music Director who makes special effort to include various musical opportunities such as choir, band, individual presentations, bells, and numerous other options. Our service strives to include participants of all ages at our services such as lectionary, ushers, communion support, and as lay leaders. Our various communication efforts are designed to encourage and attract people of all walks of life to participation in or celebration of our church values.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **SHERYL PAPPAS, CHAIR**

Values for Brookings FUMC Finance Committee

The Brookings FUMC Finance Committee, along with our employed Financial Coordinator, is a group of 10 individuals with varying degrees of financial backgrounds. All have the desire to help the church continue to grow in service to our community—and that is our focus, to do the work necessary to make sure there are funds available to carry out the mission of the church.

We realize that in today’s society, there are many ways to donate financially, and we offer a variety of methods for people to give. Linda Kay does an excellent job of making sure those methods are available to anyone who wishes to donate. In the fall we will be hosting our Gratitude Brunch to celebrate as a congregation and give thanks for our many blessings. At that time, we’ll be sending out our annual pledge forms. We also know that some are not always able to give financially; we are so grateful for those who contribute their time, talents, and prayers—God lovingly receives them all! We want to make sure that message is clear to everyone as well.

## **STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **MARK STRATTON, CHAIR**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee plays a pivotal role in advancing our church's mission by ensuring that the hiring and support of staff members align with our core values of inclusivity, service, teaching, diversity, and fiscal responsibility. By carefully selecting individuals who are not only highly qualified but also deeply committed to fostering a welcoming and supportive environment, we ensure that our staff embodies the church’s mission to serve both our congregation and the wider community. The committee prioritizes diverse perspectives and backgrounds in the hiring process to reflect the vibrant and varied nature of our community and enhance our collective outreach. Furthermore, we are dedicated to making generous and responsible decisions regarding staff compensation, recognizing the importance of providing fair and equitable support while stewarding our

financial resources wisely. Through these efforts, the Staff Parish Relations Committee helps to create a nurturing and effective team that furthers our mission of love, service, and education.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **CRAIG SCHLUETER, CHAIR**

**\*\*The Role of the Trustees Committee in Upholding Church Values:\*\*** At Brookings FUMC, the Trustees committee ensures that our church's values are reflected in both our facilities and operations. Through careful management of resources, the committee supports our efforts to welcome, serve, teach, and foster diversity. **Welcome:** The Trustees enhance our welcoming environment by installing new interior signage, entrance door messages, and an outdoor digital message board to guide visitors. Entrances are kept attractive with plants and stained glass, and outdoor landscaping is maintained. **Service:** The Trustees maintain our buildings, ensuring they are ready for groups that serve the church and community. They have also prepared and served meals for the Harvest Table, reinforcing our commitment to outreach. **Teaching:** To support education, the Trustees maintain classrooms and address safety and security concerns. They also manage contracts with programs like GAP and Head Start, ensuring our facilities are available for educational use. The committee communicates with the congregation about major project needs and expenses. **Diversity:** The Trustees ensure that security systems are in place, allowing parents to feel safe when leaving their children for Sunday School. While some areas of the church are not yet accessible by elevator, the Trustees are committed to making all spaces fully accessible in the future by installing an additional elevator. In the meantime, existing elevators provide access to key areas, ensuring broader participation in church activities.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

### **TOM BECKER, CHAIR**

We, as the Administrative Council consisting of all the Administrative Committee Chairs, Program Committee Chairs, Church Staff, Lay Leader, Delegates to Annual Conference, Youth Representatives, and Member-at-Large, have been meeting regularly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (no meetings were held in June or August). All members and worshipers are welcome to attend any or all of our meetings. Our purpose is to keep each other informed about each group's accomplishments in the past month and plans for the future. We strive to share ideas and encourage each other in the work of Brookings FUMC.

I am so thankful for the faithful service of all the administrative committees, program committees and staff of Brookings FUMC. We are truly blessed to have this group of leaders to plan and execute the ministries for the benefit of our members and the Brookings community.

The activities in the life of Brookings FUMC are impacting people in our congregation as well as members of the Brookings community. Ministry through worship, mission, education, outreach and stewardship are alive and thriving at Brookings FUMC. Our Confirmation program appears to have drawn multiple new families into the life of our church. This is exciting for the faith journey of these families and the future of Brookings FUMC.

One focus for the Administrative Council, staff and committee chairs was to develop a values statement for Brookings FUMC. The values listed below were submitted by Pastor Grassow and each committee was asked to identify how they might best live out these values within the work of their committees. Below are the values Pastor Grassow suggests are practiced by our members:

### **Values for Brookings FUMC**

I have just completed four years as pastor of Brookings FUMC. As I reflect on my time spent with our members, I have discerned the following as values that are believed and practiced by our members:

**Welcome:** All are welcome in our church. “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors” is to be found on the entrance of our buildings. This welcome also insists that each person who is welcomed should in turn be willing to show the same welcome to other people.

**Service:** We are a community called to serve our community. For this reason, we have a Community Life Center and employ a Director to drive outreach. We serve Harvest Table, we give away diapers, and we participate in Souper Bowl of Caring, the Feeding Brookings Thanksgiving meal, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Solar Ovens.

**Teaching:** This church places a high value on teaching: we employ an Education Director, we run classes and courses, and the pastor is expected to read and teach. This church intentionally promotes thoughtful, reflective Christian teaching.

**Diversity:** We are a church that embraces a variety of people, ranging in ages from young children to the elderly in wheelchairs, from the academically educated to those who have learned from the hard knocks of life, and people of all political and social opinions. This is expressed in a variety of expressions of worship, in a range of opportunities to offer service, and in our willingness to try anything that will promote the love of Jesus.

We believe that we hold these four values as important in our church. They are not unique to us – but they are obvious and can be celebrated at Brookings FUMC. These “values in action” have been identified by each committee and we will use them in the future as our compass to guide our decisions and actions.

As always, we continue to make disciples for Christ through Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open Minds.

## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

### **TERESA TELKAMP, CHAIR**

A lot of the energy of the Brookings FUMC Missions committee is focused on raising funds. Our big fundraisers are the Summer Arts Festival fruit slush booth and the fall turkey dinner. With the funds raised, we are able to serve the needs of people in our community, state, country and world. Our support is offered to a broad spectrum of the population, gathering snacks for the local backpack program, personal necessities for our native brothers and sisters, contributing to national disaster relief and world hunger programs through United Methodist missions. We offer a welcome to visitors at the annual Hobo Day parade with hot drinks and treats. We present information on Solar Ovens Partners, which is a cause we support. Our two current commitments are Solar Oven Partners and Give Ye Them to Eat.

The Missions Committee continues to sponsor something each month. Some projects we have supported are Souper Bowl of Caring, Diapers/Harvest Table, UMCOR, Mother’s Day Blankets, Habitat for Humanity, GYTTE, Onil stoves, Project Joy and World Hunger (UMCOR) and the Pastor’s Emergency Fund.

Missions operated a Slush Booth at the Summer Arts Festival again this year. Over \$6500 was raised for Missions. A big thank you to everyone that showed up to volunteer!

Harvest Table was served twice by Missions this year, August 7<sup>th</sup> with the help of Trustees and September 25<sup>th</sup> with the help of Methodist Men.

The Turkey Dinner was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> this year. It was a drive through event that seems to be received very well by the community. 485 meals were served, leftovers were used by Katie Knutson for the Manna Meal that week. Keith and Irene Goehring will be stepping down as meal coordinators and LaRon and Lori DeBoer have agreed to fill that role.

We continue to support our Covenant Relationship missionaries, Nan McCurdy & her husband, Miguel, of Give Ye Them To Eat in Mexico; and Marj Evans de Carpio, Director of Solar Oven Partners. These relationships are funded at a cost of \$5,000 total. We also provide mission sponsorship to Susan Huggins - Wycliffe Bible Translator.

We participate in the KIVA project lending program. We currently have about \$7600 out in loans.

Perry Johnson continues to coordinate the Meals on Wheels efforts for our church.

Missions will meet November 16<sup>th</sup> for an end of the year meeting. We will celebrate with a potluck meal and designate where the funds that were raised will go.

Thanks to our committee members; LaRon DeBoer, MK Huggins, Jill Christie, Lorna Jost, Eric Olsem, Gary Norton, James Honomichl and Doug Telkamp

Leadership for 2024; Teresa Telkamp, Chair; Eric Olsem Vice Chair; Jill Christie Treasure; Gary Norton Secretary.

## **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

### **JUDI DEZEEUW, CHAIR**

The United Women of Faith continue to connect, nurture, influence, and contribute to community needs and beyond. During 2024, we held a spring luncheon at which Lynn Darnall presented a slide show about her mission trip to South Africa. Assorted salads were enjoyed by forty attendees. Five ladies attended SOUL Day in DeSmet. Our unit has two district officers, Diane Culver and Linda Kay Hai, who also attended Mission U in Mitchell in July. We were host to the SE District meeting in September. The Elkton UWF generally allowed us to use their facilities due to a scheduling conflict at Brookings First United Methodist Church that day. Fifty-eight members enjoyed our brunch and salad luncheon.

Ten families were nurtured and supported by providing lunch for a funeral. A memorial give was sent to SE District in honor of each member we have lost this year. We will hold a memorial lunch in December to honor these women.

Our CARE group faithfully visits the nursing home residents and shut-ins a, as well as, sending get well and birthday cards. They also contribute to local missions. They meet once a month on the third Tuesday.

Our funds come from fifteen pledges, donations and serving funerals and the turkey dinner We contributed to Delta Dental, Jack's Cupboard, Salvation ARMY Share the Warmth, Blanket Sunday on Mother's Day, Habitat on Father's Day, Ministerial Association, Vacation Bible School and Loads of Faith. We also donated to three local fund raising events for individuals with medical expenses.

## **MUSIC COORDINATOR**

### **BUNNY CHRISTIE**

We have been blessed musically this past year in worship with not only talent but staff as well. I am thankful to both the volunteers and staff members who continue to lead with me in Music Ministries here at BFUMC.

Musical highlights of the past year (I apologize in advance if I have missed something or someone):

1. The choir has continued to grow in participation thanks to the leadership of Shawn Stemsrud, Chancel Choir Director, and Thomas Thevdt, Chancel Choir Accompanist. The average number of singers, on a Sunday the choir provides a musical offering, is between 24-30 singers.
  - a. Seeing a need for SDSU participation, Shawn Stemsrud developed a BFUMC Choral Scholars Program. This program is mostly funded by the First United Methodist Foundation and allows up to 8 students, per semester, to receive a scholarship. The scholarship allows students an opportunity to learn vocal music outside the secular setting. This includes learning and understanding the church's entire treasury of sacred music, providing regular and festival musical offerings throughout the choir season, and receiving evangelical support from BFUMC.
2. Joan Riessen, M.K. Huggins, and Shawn Stemsrud continue to lead organ music for worship. It is a complex instrument that contains many delicate parts and pieces. We are thankful for the gifts and talent!
3. The choral and instrumental music library continues to grow slowly. However, additional grant funding continues to be pursued to update the repertoire.
4. Sunday School Music is alive and well with many children of all ages participating. Maria Schlueter has been leading these young disciples in music and bringing them forward during service for song and dance.
5. Chiming Children ringing choir has grown in number with Lynette Smith as director.
6. The SS children will begin preparing music for their in-person Christmas program.
7. Worship Band members, Jubilee ringers, Chancel Choir singers faithfully dedicate themselves to weekly rehearsals to prepare meaningful music for worship. New singers and instrumentalists are always welcome to join any of these ensembles.
8. The tech team works diligently to provide the technical support needed for music in both in-person and online worship.
9. Individual musicians have joyfully blessed us with vocal and instrumental solos.

I am thankful for this congregation as they continue to grow together both musically and spiritually with me.

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

### **STEVE ELIASON, PRESIDENT**

Officers for January through December of 2024 are as follows:

President: Steven Eliason

Vice President: Dan Merchant

Secretary: Paul Schmidt

Treasurer: Christopher Gross

The United Methodist Men celebrate at the CLC at 6:00 PM September through May on the third Thursday of the month, provided we don't have any conflicts. Since the last Charge Conference in November, 2023, we celebrated together for meetings in October, 2023 through September, 2024. We have an average attendance of 8 members.

The United Methodist Men continue to sponsor Scout Troop 1 of Brookings with a gift of \$400 towards the youths' yearly charter fee in December, 2022. Other financial gifts have been \$300 to Harvest Table and \$250 to Backpack Project.

UMM meetings include a program or activity. Programs this last year have been about Scout Troop 1 activities and camps, Sam Becker provided status on trustees and Larry Ort provided a question and answer session. In September of 2024 UMM made the dressing in preparation of a successful carry-out Turkey Dinner. On January 15, 2023 UMM served Harvest Table and during November meeting UMM set up Christmas trees in Community Life Center.

United Methodist Men celebrate with the youngest members of the church, and their families, by providing a Faith Chest, a handcrafted cedar keepsake box, when he, or she, is baptized. It goes along with the quilt that is donated to the baby from the United Women of Faith. Charlie Schnabel and Rich Gamradt have really done the work for the U.M.M. Faith Chest Project. Many thanks and blessings to them for the donation of their time and efforts for making these for the youngest members of our church congregation.

## **GENERAL, JURISDICTION, CONFERENCE, AND DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Nancy Bohlen.....Human Resources Committee

Tom Thaden..... Commission on Archives and History

Charles Schnabel.....Southeast District Superintendency Committee

### **CERTIFIED LAY MINISTERS**

Steve Eliason.....1314 42<sup>nd</sup> St, Brookings, SD 57006, (605) 693-3280

Kelcy Nash.....102 E Ash #2, Arlington, SD 57212, kelcy25@yahoo.com



## **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOUNDATION**

**President:** Russ Daly

**Vice President:** Rich Howard

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Laura Gerjets

**Other Members:** Christi Holbeck, Van Fishback, Cheryl Pappas

**Pastor Representative:** Jen Osterloh

The First United Methodist Church Foundation is a non-profit entity that serves nine ministries of the church: Camping Scholarships, Capital Improvements, Christian Education, Ministerial Scholarships, Missions/Outreach, Music Enhancement, SDSU Campus Ministry, Student Scholarships, and Worship Enhancement.

**Current Principal Balance:** \$326,972.47 (July 1, 2024)

This amount is the total amount given through gracious donations of church members, families, and friends. The Foundation invests this amount and makes payouts to the nine ministries.

**July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Payouts:** \$15,393.00

Camping Scholarships: \$2,620

Capital Improvements: \$601.61 (parking lot speed bumps)

Christian Education: \$876.60 (child check-in iPads)

Missions/Outreach: \$1,491.96 (mission trips)

Music Enhancement: \$650

SDSU Campus Ministry: \$988.12 (promotional items, choir student scholarships)

Worship Enhancement: \$260.79 (sanctuary microphone)

Ministerial Scholarships and Student Scholarships: no requests during this period.

Other from undesignated fund: \$8,103.92 for speed bumps, iPads, microphones, choir student scholarships.

The Foundation also invests and administers an additional separate fund; proceeds from which were used to remodel the basement kitchen during 2021-22.

**Foundation gift policies:** At any time, Foundation gifts of any size may be directed to any of the (9) Designated Ministry Endowment Funds or to the Undesignated Endowment Fund. Foundation gifts should be clearly identified as a Foundation gift for a designated or undesignated ministry. All members of the congregation are invited to consider the Foundation as a gift target for their estate plans. This is especially important at the time of a loved one's passing. It can assure that the loved one's memory continues as evidence by this permanent and on-going support of our church. Annually, traditionally 4% of the earned income from the endowment will be paid out to support the specified designated Church Ministry. Only the earnings from the gifts may be allocated.

**Ongoing Foundation gifts are deeply appreciated:** Thank you to all who have and who will provide future Foundation gift support. We urge you to visit about your estate plans with your family, attorney, a BOD member or a pastor. Planning for a legacy gift to the Foundation means providing everlasting memorialized support for your church.

# **REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Committee Members: Charlie Schnabel, Gretchen Knutson, Pastor Pete Grassow, Paul Schmidt, Brenda Hieb, Nicole Anderson, Maria Schlueter, Lynelle Hagedorn

## **1. CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Chair:** Cheryl Honomichl      **Vice Chair:**      **Secretary:** Drew Schnabel

The church council shall provide for the planning and implementing of a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and education within the congregation and for the administration of its organizational and temporal life. The church council is responsible to and functions as the executive agency of the charge conference. It shall initiate planning, establish objectives, adopt goals, authorize action, determine policy, receive reports, evaluate the church's ministries, and review the mission and ministry of the church.

**Lead Pastor:** Jen Osterloh

**Education Director:** Gretchen Knutson

**Community Life Center Director:** Vonda Kirkham

**Lay Leader:** Brenda Hieb

**Office Manager:** Lynelle Hagedorn

**Financial Coordinator:** Linda Kay Hai

**Church Treasurer:** Kay Becker

**Delegates to Annual Conference:** Nancy Bohlen (ex-officio), Brenda Hieb, Charlie Schnabel, Cheryl Honomichl, youth representative

**Youth:** Amelia Wendell, Lucy Gaalsywk

**Bookkeeping Services:** Steen Bookkeeping Service

### **Administrative Committee Chairpersons**

**Trustees:** Lance Howard

**Staff/Parish Relations:** Charlie Schnabel

**Finance:** Jeff Lee

### **Program Committee Chairpersons**

**Campus Ministry:** Matt Miller

**United Women of Faith:** Judi DeZeeuw

**Education Ministry:** Ross Peterson

**United Methodist Men:** Steve Eliason

**Missions:** Teresa Telkamp

**Worship:** Harriet Svec

**Historian:** Tom Thaden

**United Methodist Youth:** Tom and Kay Becker

## **2. BROOKINGS FIRST UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION INC**

**President:** Russ Daly

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Laura Gerjets

**Vice President:** Rich Howard

**Members:** Van Fishback, Pastor Pete Grassow, Christi Holbeck, Jeff Lee (Finance Comm)

The Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized by the Brookings First United Methodist Church and created under the laws of the State of South Dakota. The Foundation has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as qualifying for tax-exempt status. Its purpose is to receive and invest permanent gifts from members and friends to endow the future ministries of the First United Methodist Church of Brookings. The

principal of these gifts will be invested using a moderately conservative approach with the earnings providing funds for ministries apart from the annual church budget.

### 3. TRUSTEES

**Chair:** Lance Howard

**Vice Chair:** Mike Jensen

**Staff Representative:** Sam Becker

The Board of Trustees of the local church is responsible for the general oversight of all matters pertaining to property. This includes such items as attending to all legal technicalities having to do with the purchase of property, as well as major improvements or remodeling. It is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to see that the inventory of church property is kept current and that same is adequately covered by insurance. The Board of Trustees is the custodian of all legal papers. Further responsibilities are described in the Book of Discipline.

**Class of 2025**

Lance Howard

Carmen Niemeyer

Christopher Gross

Bud Eggers

Craig Schlueter (Previous Chair)

**Class of 2026**

Mike Jensen

Karen Carmichael

Doug Beste

**Class of 2027**

Colene Reiser

Dave Jensen

### 4. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

**Chair:** Jeff Lee

**Vice Chair:** Wayne Reiser

**Secretary:** Lisa Waddell

All financial requests to be included in the annual budget of the local church shall be submitted to the Committee on Finance. The committee shall compile annually a complete budget for the local congregation and submit it to the Church Council for review and adoption. The committee on finance shall develop and implement plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the Church Council. It shall administer the funds received according to instructions from Church Council. The committee will monitor the receipt and expenditure of funds throughout the year. The committee shall receive and review the annual audit of the records of the financial officers of the church and all its organizations shall report to the Church Conference. The committee shall carry out the Church Council's directions in guiding the treasurer and financial secretary as provided in the Discipline.

**Class of 2025**

Lisa Waddell

Sonja Anderson

Sheryl Pappas (previous chair)

**Class of 2026**

Jeff Lee

Sheryl Christiansen

Wayne Reiser

**Class of 2027**

Jeanne Stratton

Pat Turner

**Other Members (participate as needed)**

Chair of Church Council

Staff Parish Relations Representative

Trustees Representative

Lay Leaders

Lay Members to Annual Conference

## 5. STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**Chair:** Charlie Schnabel

**Vice Chair:**

**Secretary:** Cameron Vaux

The primary responsibility of the committee is to confer and counsel with the pastors and staff in making an effective ministry by being available for counsel, keeping the pastors and staff advised concerning conditions within the congregation as they affect relations between the pastors/staff and the people... to provide evaluation annually for the pastor's and staff's use in an ongoing effective ministry... to consult on matters pertaining to pulpit supply, proposals for salary, travel expense, allowances, vacation, continuing education, and other practical matters affecting the work and families of the pastors and staff... to enlist, interview, evaluate, review and recommend annually to the Charge Conference persons for candidacy for ministry... to recommend to the Church Council, after consultation with the pastors, the professional and other staff positions needed to carry out the work of the church. It shall cooperate with the pastors, the district superintendent, and the bishop in securing clergy leadership and its relationship shall be advisory only.

### Class of 2025

Charlie Schnabel

Nancy Bohlen

Laura Gerjets

Mark Stratton (previous chair)

### Class of 2026

April Fleming

Tom Page

Abbey Howard

### Class of 2027

Danielle Bohn

Sheila Helms

Nick Wendell

## 6. EDUCATION MINISTRY

**Chair:** Ross Peterson

**Vice Chair:** Addy Borah

**Staff Representative:** Gretchen Knutson

Education Ministry is to be responsible for the church's educational ministry: Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, special programs, and classes for all age groups within our church. In addition, Education Ministry works with other programs (family concerns, confirmation, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School) to coordinate educational efforts. Education Ministry works with the Education Coordinator to determine educational policy, to recruit, train and guide teachers and age level coordinators to select curriculum, to keep proper records, and to present an annual budget to the Finance Committee.

As I prepare to write this report, I looked back on the activities and opportunities for people to deepen their faith with God and there were many. And then I think about all the volunteers it takes to make those programs possible and I am reminded of the wonderful, faithful people who step up so that we can do God's work.

We work in the Education 'department' to provide opportunities for people to deepen their faith in many ways. So, I would like to highlight some of the things that happened this past year.

Sammi Carney, our part time Education Worker worked hard to provide opportunities for families to engage with each other through activities such as bowling, the Halloween Trick or Treating Event, a painting class, and other activities as well. Sammi had to step down from that position as she moved to Sioux Falls to finish her schooling to become a pharmacist. We wish her well and miss her greatly!

We held a class for children and youth who wanted to learn about communion. Pastor Pete taught them what communion is about and then they made communion bread which they helped serve. We have done this class in the past, but this is the first time since the Covid epidemic. It was well received, and we will offer it again.

VBS is always a summer highlight and that is certainly a place where it takes several volunteers to put that program on! But it is never very hard to find those needed volunteers as the adults have fond memories of

their VBS days and want to provide both the opportunity for the children now and to help pass on the Christian faith, beliefs and values. I am especially thankful to Christi Holbeck and Abby Hawks – this year’s directors – as I needed to be out of town for 2 days of VBS. They were superb leaders and did great in my absence.

This past year, I introduced two new events designed to deepen our children's understanding of the significance of Christmas and Lent. The Christmas Shoppe and Lenten Fair were engaging events created to provide young children with meaningful experiences of these important Christian holidays.

At the Christmas Shoppe, children were invited to explore the story of Jesus’ birth through interactive storytelling and hands-on activities. These experiences helped them connect with the true meaning of Christmas in a way that was both fun and educational.

Similarly, the Lenten Fair guided children through the season of Lent, offering stories and creative activities that explained the journey of Jesus toward the cross. The fair helped our youngest members understand the themes of reflection, sacrifice, and love central to Lent.

It was determined that due to bussing to the 5<sup>th</sup> St. gym being offered, we could once again offer Wednesday afternoon programming. A task force was formed to decide what we wanted that to look like and from there our SPR committee posted a job description. Due to a lack of applicants, I am leading that program on Wednesday afternoons and two volunteers, Mike Jensen and Lily Samuel are leading Wednesday School.

Since we have not been able to provide the Wednesday After school program since Covid, we are building the program from the ground. There are around 11 children involved in the program and I expect it will grow in time.

I am thankful to the congregation who recognized my 30 years of employment this past summer. It has been a wonderful experience working for the church. Getting to know so many, many people who are committed to growing in their own faith by willingly passing it on to others is amazing and humbling. So much is given so selflessly and willingly. This church is in good hands – due to all the people who serve and take that commitment seriously.

In 2025 we look forward to another year of learning, fellowship, and spiritual development, trusting that God will continue to work through our programs to strengthen our faith community.

**Education Director:** Gretchen Knutson

**Elementary Coordinator:** Cheryl Beste

**Preschool Coordinator:** Cathy Narveson

**Supply Coordinator:** Karen Carmichael

**Class of 2025**

Ope Niemeyer  
Christi Holbeck  
Jessica Kirkham

**Class of 2026**

Tonya Gaalswyk  
Addie Borah

**Class of 2027**

Emily Hawn  
Ross Peterson

## 7. MISSIONS MINISTRY

**Chair:** Teresa Telkamp

**Vice Chair:** Eric Olsem

The Committee on Missions is to: (1) Interpret and recommend to the Council on Ministries ways to involve the congregation in Outreach. (2) develop a year-round program of mission education so that the congregation will be better informed and more strongly committed to supporting the mission of The United Methodist Church. (3) Make specific recommendations for mission education and involvement for different age levels in the congregation. (4) Uncover community concerns and hopes and encourage members of the congregation to become involved in mission and church and society service projects. (5) be aware of the opportunities for service as missionaries and in other ways and enlist qualified persons to apply. (6) Be certain that First United Methodist Church has an adequate benevolence budget and takes advantage of every opportunity to share in financial giving to Outreach. (7) Serve as a liaison within and beyond First United Methodist Church concerning missions and church and society opportunities.

The Missions Committee identifies one cause each month for the #onething offering. Funds or tangible items have been collected for UMCOR, CWS Blankets, Habitat for Humanity, Harvest Table, Grace Children's Hospital, Native American Heritage Association and Brookings Backpack.

Missions organized the Slush booth for the Brookings Summer Arts Festival. We could not do this with the help of so many volunteers! Over \$6500 was raised this year to support our missions projects.

The Turkey Dinner drive thru was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. 463 meals were served and leftovers were served at Harvest Table on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with the help of Methodist Men. Thank you to LaRon and Lori DeBoer for their leadership in the kitchen.

Missions served Harvest table on June 24<sup>th</sup> at well. Members invited friends and family to help serve.

Our covenant relationships are Solar Ovens and Give Ye Them To Eat. We also support Susan Hughhins-Wycliffe Bible Translator. Missions also administer lending donations made to Kiva. Current loans are at \$5888.

Missions will meet November 14<sup>th</sup> for a pot luck supper and to distribute funds raised throughout the year.

### Class of 2025

Eric Olsem

Jill Christie

James Honomichl

Lorna Jost

### Class of 2026

Kalee Greve

Gary Norton

Teresa Telkamp

Doug Telkamp

### Class of 2027

Amy Merchant

LaRon DeBoer

Adam Vaux

## 8. WORSHIP

**Chair:** Harriet Svec

**Vice Chair:** Kelcy Nash

The Committee on Worship is to: (1) Learn about new trends in worship. (2) Help discover the worship needs of the people of First United Methodist Church (3) Discover the needs of people outside the life of our church. (4) Work with the pastors and leaders of music in planning worship. This will include some planning of major seasons of worship. (5) Develop and support effective musical leadership in First United Methodist Church. (6) Care for furnishings, paraments, and sacramental elements. (7) Recommend to the memorial committee the placement and use of memorial gifts for worship and music needs. (8) Encourage the wider use and understanding of visual arts, dramatic arts, and architectural design, use of technology, as expressions of faith and means of proclaiming the gospel.

**Class of 2025**

Becky Baugher

Harriet Svec

Denny Carmichael

**Class of 2026**

Ryan Samuel

Kelcy Nash

Kristine Storhaug

**Class of 2027**

Patsy Johnson

Andrew Prohaska

Leonard Witte

**Ex Officio members (meet as needed)**

**Audio:** Paul Schmidt

**Video:** Sam Becker

**Communion Stewards:** Ross and Cassandra Peterson (Sanctuary) and Lincoln and Emily Hahn (Comm. Life Center)

**Organists:** M.K. Huggins, Joan Riessen, Shawn Stemsrud

**Worship Team Leader:** Bunny Christie

**Choir Director:** Shawn Stemsrud

## 9. HEALTH MINISTRY

**Chair:**

**Members:** Tim Scherschligt, Brenda Buus, Brenda Hieb, Linda Thaden, Ron Thaden

## 10. HISTORY COMMITTEE

**Chair:** Tom Thaden

**Members:** Barb Meyer

## **REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Members received: 11**

**Members removed, transferred, withdrawn: 4**

**Membership as of November 2024: 549**

### **ADDITIONS:**

**Profession of Faith: 9**

Gabrielle Bevers, Josie Entwistle, Lucy Gaalswyk, Alison Glover, Kordell Greve, Trevon Logue, Kilea Moore, Westin Pitts, Kendallyn Schmit

**Transferred from other Methodist Churches:**

**Transferred from other Denominations: 0**

**Reinstating Membership: 1**

### **DELETIONS:**

**Deaths: 14**

Marjorie Bohlen, Marilyn Brown, Ty Frederick, Marilyn Gerjets, Tina Heesch, Phyllis Kohler, Daniel Lamp, Jean Pahl, Lucian Prohaska, Clifford Rindels, Leola Rust, Leo Spinar, Dale Wagner, Kay White

**Transferred to other United Methodist Churches: 1**

**Transferred to other denominations: 0**

**Requested to be removed from membership: 6**

**BAPTISMS: 2**



# TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2024

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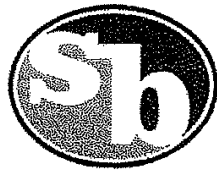
## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2024

	Sep 30, 24
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1100000 · Checking - Operating 5521	19,994.32
1100200 · Checking - Emergency 8245	1,244.01
1115000 · Money Market -Capital Campaign	78,543.83
1120000 · Savings Acct - Restricted Funds	151,926.66
1150001 · Savings-Care Group	265.43
1150002 · Checking Acct - UMW 4523	2,706.50
1150003 · Checking Acct - UMM 7502	520.80
1150004 · Checking Acct- Piecemakers 5194	150.50
Total Checking/Savings	255,352.05
Other Current Assets	
2120 · Payroll Asset	500.00
Total Other Current Assets	500.00
Total Current Assets	255,852.05
Fixed Assets	
1250000 · Church, Educational Unit, CLC	5,406,991.88
Total Fixed Assets	5,406,991.88
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,662,843.93</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Restricted Funds OpAcct	
3400000 · RF-Witness/Hospitality Fund Bal	6,866.89
3910000 · RF-Other Restricted Funds Balan	8,433.72
Total Restricted Funds OpAcct	15,300.61
Restricted Funds Restricted Sav	
3104000 · RF-Education Fund Balance	6,418.55
3106000 · RF-Worship Fund Balance	946.75
3300000 · RF- Outreach	5,000.00
3500000 · RF-Memorials Fund Balance	14,657.54
3520000 · RF-Historical Records Fund Bala	4,744.43
3620000 · RF-Campus Ministry Fund Balance	22,395.94
3690000 · RF-Education HyVee Receipt Fund	4,598.79
3700000 · RF-Camp Scholarships Fund Balan	14,562.08
3701000 · RF-High School Youth Fund Balan	-2,681.91
3702000 · RF-Confirmation Youth Group Fun	1,541.10
Total Restricted Funds Restricted Sav	72,183.27
Restricted Individual Fund Bal	
3650000 · RF-Building Fund Balance	3,224,613.19
3800000 · RF-Emergency Fund Balance	9,814.01
3925000 · RF-Together Campaign	78,543.83
Total Restricted Individual Fund Bal	3,312,971.03
3100000 · Unrestricted Operating Fund Bal	2,330,442.02
3951000 · RF-Womens Care Group Fund Balan	265.43
3952000 · RF-UMW Fund Balance	2,706.50
3953000 · RF-UMM Fund Balance	520.80
3954000 · RF-Piecemakers Fund Balance	278.50
Total Long Term Liabilities	5,734,668.16
Total Liabilities	5,734,668.16
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	112,499.22

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Cash Basis

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Balance Sheet  
As of September 30, 2024

	Sep 30, 24
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	-89,229.15
Net Income	-95,094.30
Total Equity	-71,824.23
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>5,662,843.93</b>



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October 16, 2024

To whom it may concern:

Steen Bookkeeping Service has been preparing financials for First United Methodist Church in Brookings, SD for that last two years.

Thank you,

Dan Steen

Bookkeeper