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# De Smet UMC

## Builders Club Call ~ Spring 2021

*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*  
Romans 15:7

De Smet United Methodist Church recognizes that you can encounter God in many ways. They warmly invite everyone in their De Smet, South Dakota community and beyond to join them in discovering their own spiritual journeys.

While it is a small church in a rural town, De Smet UMC wants to provide the opportunity for people in their community to connect to each other, to the church, and to God. The first Tuesday of each month, they host a free community meal at their church. This provides an opportunity for the church members to build relationships with those outside of the church and take that next step to invite community members to join them in worship. De Smet UMC recently installed new flooring in their basement to make that space more welcoming and efficient for their community meals.

In recent years, church leadership has noticed a decline in people joining in fellowship following worship. The location for coffee, treats, and fellowship time is in the basement, with the door to exit the building between the sanctuary and basement. Many church members choose to leave rather than taking those extra steps to join their church friends and neighbors for coffee. De Smet UMC would like to update their narthex area outside the sanctuary to become a welcoming area for coffee and conversation before and after the worship service.

In order to create this welcoming space, they plan to remove the walls to the current church office to expand the space. The current church office is shared by the pastor, secretary, and acts as a storage room. More troubling than the pastor and secretary being in a storage room, is that this room has shag carpet from the 1970s on the walls that will also need to be removed. In addition to remodeling the narthex to create a gathering area, De Smet UMC also plans to renovate the current chapel room to create the new office and storage rooms.

As the church continues to reach out to people within their community, De Smet UMC wants to provide a welcoming place for people to gather, build relationships with one another, and deepen their faith.

We are so grateful for your continued support of the Builders Club and ask that you prayerfully consider a gift of \$25 or more to support De Smet UMC. The gifts for this call will be received until March 31, 2021.

***Wahpeton Evergreen UMC thanks you . . . . \$9,500 granted!***

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*Thank you for helping us conserve postage and paper for this important ministry.*

## Because you gave...

Builders Club is unique in that it is a partnership of hundreds of individuals, organizations, and churches across North and South Dakota. Individually the gifts wouldn't make much of a difference, but together, they provide the support and opportunity for change. In the same way, a single church being helped doesn't make a big difference, but the number of churches that have received support of the years has added up and thousands of lives have been reached for Christ because of it.

## Make a difference

Each year, the Builders Club chooses to support the building projects of four churches across the Dakotas. The goal of Builders Club is to assist churches in need of financial support for their building, remodel, or expansion projects. By providing support for the building projects of churches, it allows them to grow current ministries or build new ministries to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

*“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it.”*

**1 Corinthians 3:10**