

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church
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December 2019

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
 JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Galen will be on vacation December 2—December 8						
1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Communion	2	3	4 UMW @ 1:15 P.M. College Care Pkgs at 5:30 P.M. No Bible Study @ Prairie Village	5	6 Dress rehearsal for Christmas Program 3:30—7:00 P.M.	7
8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Children's Choir Christmas Program and Basket Dinner	9	10	11 UMW prepares cookie Plates @ 1:00 P.M. Prairie Village BS 11:00	12	13	14
15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Praise Night for Brantlie Marbut. Soup Supper @ 5:00. Program @ 6:30	16	17	18 Prairie Village BS 11:00	19	20	21
22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5:00 P.M.	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	 	www.sharonspringsumc.org Email: ssumc@fairpoint.net	Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M.	

Pastor's Page

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Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. The term is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming".

The season of Advent, begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians.

God has gotten us almost through another year. As we begin Advent it is time to evaluate your 2019 growth as a person, Christian, and Disciple. Do you feel you have grown closer or farther away from God and his direction for your life? Please take some time to spend with Him during this busy time of year.

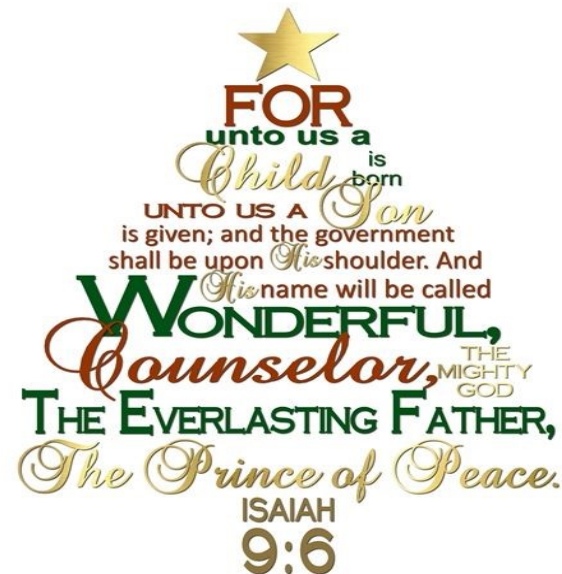
Our Christmas Eve service this year will begin at 5:00pm and will include many favorite Christmas carols.

Our youth choir program is December 8th, make your plans to be there. It is going to be a very cute event and the kids do such a great job!

Christmas is the greatest time of year! Take time to enjoy all the joy in the air and let the excitement fill you with all this season has to offer!

God's Love,

Pastor Galen





It is almost program time!!! The Wesley Children's Choir will present Meet Me At The Manger on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Thirty-seven children will be performing in this program and you will not want to miss it! Through energetic songs and a fun-filled story, Meet Me At The Manger creatively communicates how the gifts of the wise men are still relevant today. Celeste Clydesdale's musical goes from a choir performance at Herod's Department Store to a Christmas party at the Lighthouse Mission. There the children discover that God's desire is for us to have a heart of gold and to give prayer and praise to God like sweet incense. By serving Him in the mission, the children learn what it means to lay down their wants, choosing instead to live for Jesus. Please join us as you will definitely be ready for Christmas after watching this program. After the program will be the monthly pot-luck, so plan to stay for lunch as well.

Children's Choir Christmas Program

*December 8, 2019. 11:00 A.M. MT
During the Worship Service.
Potluck Basket Dinner will follow
the Program.
Fellowship--Food--Fun*



The Twelve Days of Christmas

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” is a popular Christmas song. In the sixteenth century, the religious wars in England made it dangerous to be a Christian. The well-known song was used to teach children about the Church. Although the lyrics may sound like nonsense, the song actually contains hidden references.

A Partridge in a Pear Tree

Jesus

Two Turtle Doves

The Old and New Testaments

Three French Hens

The Three Theological Virtues: Faith, hope, and Love

Four Calling Birds

The Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Five Golden Rings

The First Five Books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Six Geese A-Laying

The Six Days of Creation

Seven Swans A-Swimming

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.

Eight Maids A-Milking

The Eight Beatitudes:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be Satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Children of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Nine Ladies Dancing

The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control

Ten Lords A-Leaping

The Ten Commandments:

1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Eleven Pipers Piping

The Eleven Faithful Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James the Elder, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Younger, Simon, and Jude.

Twelve Drummers Drumming

Twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed:

1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
4. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
5. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
6. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
7. I believe in the Holy Spirit.
8. the holy catholic Church
9. the communion of saints,
10. the forgiveness of sins,
11. the resurrection of the body,
12. and life everlasting. Amen.

