



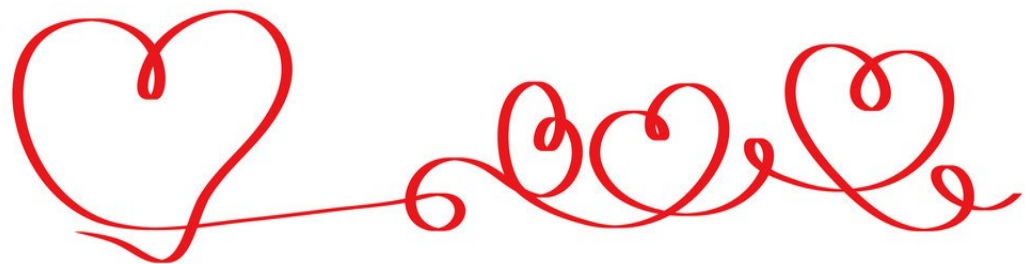
# February 2023

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 UMW 1:15</b> Kid's Choir 3:30—4:30  Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	<b>2 Groundhog Day!</b>  Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>3</b>	<b>4 7:00 to 1:30</b> Men's Pancake Fund-raiser & Women's Bake Sale for Tammy Liby Living & Medical Expenses
<b>5</b> Holy Communion	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Kid's Choir 3:30—4:30  Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	<b>9</b>  Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Kid's Choir Sing at church Basket Dinner after Church Service	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Valentine's day!</b>  	<b>15</b> Kid's Choir 3:30—4:30  Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	<b>16</b>  Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b>  Adm Co Mtg after Church Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Ash Wednesday Kid's Choir 3:30—4:30 Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	<b>23</b>  Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				



The Children's Choir singing "God With Us" at the January 8th Church Service! Those singing were Kathryn Garcia, Sadie & Bryce Troph, Sterling, Kayson, Reagan, and Legend Brown. Their singing was a joy for everyone!



## Pastor's Page

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February is a great month to spread God's with everyone you meet. We as Christians need to break out of our comfort zones and look for ways to smile and spread love, not hate. As Christians we are commanded to help calm and find ways to mediate problems not make them worse. It is vital in this time of strife to help people work together find a happy median so that we are known as peacekeepers.

It is time for us to begin to decide whether to stay with the United Methodist Church or move away to a more conservative Methodist Church. We are having 4 Sunday evening meetings to give out information and facts about what is coming. It is a time for deep concern and prayer for God to lead us to the path he wants for us. These meetings will be a time for discussion and fact sharing.

Everyone that is on our church roster is welcome to come to the meetings and learn about which way for us to move. I am requesting that all members are welcome to attend, but I am also requesting that you do not bring anyone not on our roster. Please come with an open mind and a heart for God to discuss the options available with love.

1 John 4:7-8 NIV "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

(8) Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

Please be in prayer for our church body, our local church, and all of our friends for discernment of our future path.

*God's Blessings,*

*Pastor Galen*

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT 5:30 p.m. FEBRUARY 22, 2023

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ash-Wednesday>

The first day of Lent. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper. This practice has become a part of Ash Wednesday services in many United Methodist Churches.



LOVE  
is patient  
is kind  
it does not envy  
it does not boast  
it is not proud  
it is not rude  
it is not self seeking  
it is not easily angered  
it keeps no record of wrongs  
*never fails*

*Groundhog Pancake Day  
Fundraiser for Tammy Liby*

**February 4, 2023—UM MEN**

**Serving from 7:00 A.M.—1:30 P.M.**

**Here at SSUMC Fellowship Hall**

**Bake Sale the same day by  
United Methodist Women**



**SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**Kim Van Laeys, Chairman**

**Lois Pearce**

**Carol Sweat**

**Phyllis Finley**

**Melissa Lock**

