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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 Pastor Zac Visitation	3 FCA Football and Volleyball Camps 8:00 to Noon	4 Midweek Manna at Noon	5 Bible Study at Prairie Village at 10:15	6	7
8 Pastor Zac at Hope Springs 2:00 Basket Dinner	9	10	11 Pastor Zac Gone Midweek Manna at Noon	12 Pastor Zac Gone Bible Study at Prairie Village at 10:15	13	14  Flag Day
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On May 7, 2025, the Sharon Springs Methodist Ladies hosted the women of the community with their annual Spring Luncheon. This year's theme was Apron Pockets & Serving Hearts. MW Co President Emily Bolen, welcomed the group and led us in prayer. Grant Pearce entertained the group with a piano solo. The luncheon continued with the women enjoying meatballs, cheesy potatoes, a wide variety of salads, rolls, and desserts. Following the lunch, Mya Funk played a lovely clarinet solo, "Moring Has Broken". She was accompanied by Grant Pearce. The lesson for the program was "Apron History and Christian Lessons from an Apron." This lesson was presented by, MW Emily Bolen, Debbie Benisch, Kim Cox, and Jacalyn Mai. Each guest was given a refrigerator decoration with an apron and a scripture card clipped to it. Decorations included an antique kitchen gadgets and Lilacs and Spirea in antique canning jars. Two kitchen towels and 2 aprons were given away as door prizes.

SERVICE COMMITTEE FOR JUNE

(Church Dinner)

Brenda Tropf, Chairman

Jori Daily

Jayne Pearce



Fishing Rainbow



On April 30, 2025 the Wesley Children's Choir had their end of the year celebration with their annual fishing trip. The children, directors, Pastor Zac, and many of their parents went out to Randy Bellamy's Pond. The group caught a few fish, tangled a few lines, played and had a wonderful time. Hot dogs were roasted and eaten, followed by roasting marshmallows and making smores. The extra excitement of the trip was a rain shower that then produced a beautiful rainbow. The afternoon was a great way to end a very successful year of praising God through music.

Note from Pastor Zac

As I sit down to write this newsletter, I'm preparing to travel to Claremore, Oklahoma, for the Heartland Annual Conference with our alternate laity delegate, Debra Fischer. I'm excited for the fellowship, worship, and vision-casting that await us as we join others to strengthen our Methodist mission.

The month of May began with an inspiring trip to the Global Methodist Church mission conference in Houston. I was blessed to connect with friends from our Methodist tribe, worship with missionaries, and hear their powerful stories of faith in countries where Christians are a minority, without the freedoms we have here in the U.S. Their testimonies stirred my heart, reminding me of Philippians 1:6, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." I returned with a renewed vision for how our church can grow and serve, especially as we see the Gospel thrive in the global south.

Mid-month, I had the joy of visiting the residents of Hope Springs during the Methodist Women's birthday party. The fellowship with these dear souls of Wallace County was a true gift, bringing to mind Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Speaking of unity, I'm especially grateful to serve as your pastor and to have been recognized alongside other Wallace County pastors at the Pastors Meet and Greet on May 18th, organized by the Women's Bible Study. It was a humbling moment of unity in our community.

Later in the month, from May 19th to 23rd, we hosted our Vacation Bible School. What a fantastic week! Children came from across the county, and I want to give a shoutout to Jacalyn Mai and Brenda Tropf for organizing one of the best VBS experiences I've seen. I personally enjoyed teaching the Bible alongside Deb Benisch and seeing the kids recite memory verses, worship, and learn about the wonders of Jesus. And let me just say—one of my favorite moments was watching our little Hadi tap her feet and dance to the "Wonder Junction" theme song both in church and at home. What a sweet gift!

May also gave me a chance to connect with our community in a fun and unforgettable way. My family and I attended the Wallace County Rodeo, and I found myself laughing at how passionate you all are about rodeo—especially seeing the little ones hang on tight during the mutton busting! I have to admit, I started feeling bad for the calves during the roping events, until one of the youth sitting next to me leaned over and said, "That's how we get our burgers, Pastor!" That gave me a good laugh—and from then on, I just sat back, took it all in, and enjoyed the show.

On a solemn note, I had the honor of sharing remarks and scripture at the Memorial Day event at the museum, honoring our local heroes. This day always hits close to home, as I've lost a few good men from my time in the service. I remembered them this past Memorial Day, reflecting on their sacrifice and the cost of freedom. As John 15:13 reminds us, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Their memory strengthens my resolve to serve faithfully.

Church, your willing hearts and united hands in serving Jesus are a powerful witness to God's glory. I'm in awe of how God answers our prayers, often in ways that surprise and delight us. As I pray for you and your families, I'm encouraged by the many reports of answered prayers this month. Let's keep lifting each other up, trusting in God's perfect timing. My heart is full of gratitude for the incredible ways our church and community shine for Jesus. Your love and support for my family continue to amaze me, and we are deeply thankful for the warmth you show us every day.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

Pastor Zac

Pastor Zac @ Woodlands GMC Methodist Church Missions Conference for this Year



Pastor Zac with Bishop Carolyn



Pastor Zac with Bishop Jones



Sharon Springs Methodist Women Birthday Party at Hope Springs!



"Wonder Junction"
2025 VBS Pictures



Community Pastor Welcome at the Cab Building!