

*Come, celebrate His resurrection with us!*

# April 2020

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church  
 Pastor Galen Crippen  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Sunday School at 9:45 A.M.</i> <i>Worship Service at 11:00 A.M.</i>		1 UMW -Cancelled!	2	3	4
5 Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday	11
6 Palm Sunday						
12 Easter (No Basket Dinner)	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Senior Supper 6:30	30	Mark your calendar for <u>VBS</u> May 18 —May 22!	

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Wilma Whitney  
Lewis Smith  
Caroline Lake  
Israel Robl  
Ole Johnson  
Brantlie Marbut  
Berna Scott  
Virginia McNerny  
John Fixsen  
Dusty Baehler

To request the Prayer Chain please contact Pastor Galen at 316-990-3913. Help us keep current with the prayer concerns and praise reports.



**Announcements**

*No Sunday Church Service at the church until further notice.  
Watch the Church Service on line on our Facebook Page!*

*No Children's Choir Practice until further notice.*

*No Prairie Village Bible Study until further notice.*

*The UMW meeting for April 1 has been cancelled.*

*The Annual Conference that was to be held in May at Topeka has been postponed. More information as it becomes available.*

*The Holy Week Services at the Senior Center have been cancelled.*

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QUESTION: My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me? -Mark 15:34

ANSWER: Silence

On this Saturday, we cannot listen in on any conversation with Jesus. He is dead. Try to forget what you already know – that tomorrow is Easter – and try to feel Saturday. **Bleak. Quiet. Dark.**

The last question Jesus asked while He was alive came on Good Friday, in the early afternoon. Jesus was hanging on a cross, nails in His hands and feet. There should have been the full light of day, but the day became unnaturally dark. In those moments, Jesus fulfilled what He was born for: to die for the sins of the world (John 10:17-18).

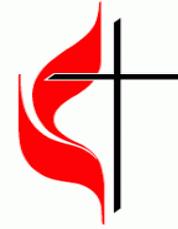
We love to coo over the Babe in the manger and cheer at the door of the empty tomb. But all too often we hurry past the suffering Savior. For on the cross, Jesus did what only He could. On His shoulders came all the hate, guilt and shame of generations past and of those unborn. And in that moment His holy and righteous Father turned His face away.

“My God, My God, why have You left Me all alone?” It is a question we all ask sooner or later. Perhaps a loved one has died, maybe bankruptcy has crushed your dreams, or a child has gotten into drugs and alcohol. With Jesus, we cry out, “God, why have You left me?”

I’ve thought a lot about that unanswered question. In that vast silence, there is but one answer: “I cannot answer why, for I am still here.” God was standing beside Jesus’ mother, Mary, and His friend, John, who had her in his arms. God was with Peter who was seething with anger and self-loathing because he had denied Jesus. God was with Joseph of Arimathea who was hiding in the shadows, even then restoring his courage so he could ask for the body to be placed in his tomb. God was there beside all of them who were harboring frustration and wanting to scream their pain at Him. *God was weeping, too.*

So, as you experience that place in your heart which seems hopeless, remember where God is today, right now. God has not left you alone. *He is weeping with you.*

Dear God, let me hear the answer You give in the silence, and let me take from it the strength You gave Jesus. -Eric Fellman



## Pastor's Page

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As we approach Palm Sunday and Easter in this uncertain time, our strength is in our Lord Jesus Christ. Our plan is still in the works and at our Palm Sunday service, which is going to be live on Facebook live, we are going to be having communion over the computer. I know change is always “fun” but this is our way to keep our lives as normal as possible.

On Sunday, April 5th, I am asking everyone to have a piece of bread and a glass of grape juice, or drink of choice, and I will be leading you in communion as close to normal as possible. Believe me I know change is painful but it is going to be a constant for some time to come.

The April church calendar is not going to be too accurate as we move through this fluid time. Please follow us on our SS UMC facebook page and prayer line phone calls as needed to keep you all up to date as possible.

Please keep in touch with your friends by phone so that we can help keep each other safe.

God's Love and Peace,

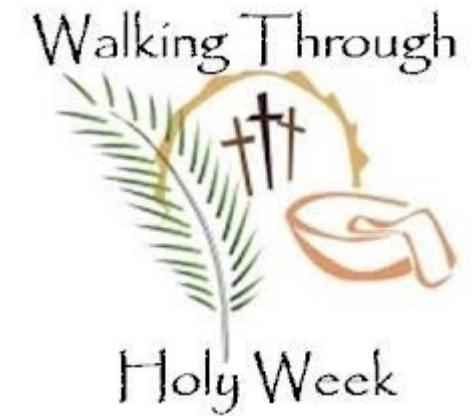
Pastor Galen

Psalms 94:18-19 NIV When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, LORD, supported me. (19) When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING PROGRAM**

**April 26. 2020 at 11:00 A.M  
During Worship Service**

**CANCELLED!**



**SERVICE COMMITTEE**

(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Lois Pearce, Chairman

Jacalyn Mai

Inga Sloan

Brenda Tropf

Norma Siebert



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 6—UMW Salad Luncheon.**  
This years theme “Did Jesus Wear  
an Apron?”

**May 18—22 VBS** Ages 5 years old  
to those completing 6th grade may  
attend.