




August 2020

Sharon Springs United Methodist Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Last Day of Fair
2 Holy Communion	3 Wilma Whitney Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.	4 Vote Today 	5 Bible Study at Prairie Village 11:00	6	7	8 Bridal Shower for Cayden Daily & Jenna Kreigh @ 10:00 A.M.
9 Basket Dinner & Ad Co. following Worship Service.	10	11	12 Bible Study at Prairie Village 11:00	13 Adult Bible Study at the Church 11:00 A.M.	14	15
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Women's Bible Study

Last spring several women started a Bible Study called The Prayer of Jabez by Bruce Wilkinson. Like so many other events once the "Stay at Home" order started we stopped meeting with the hope of beginning soon. I had hoped to start back up in person by September to finish this study, but I'm still unsure if this is the best practice. I have also thought about meeting by way of Zoom which is an online way for a group to gather and discuss. It actually works quite well. Another thought I have had was putting Jabez on the back burner and starting a new book, It's Not Supposed to Be This Way by Lysa Terkeurst. The title pretty much describes our current situation. Let me know your thoughts. Email- emilybolen@hotmail.com or phone 785-852-1035. Even if you were not part of our group you are welcome to join us. God Bless you all, Emily Bolen

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NOTICE

Wesley Children's Choir Update

Last spring Covid-19 halted our spring choir program for the Wesley Children's Choir. We were all very sad with this outcome. This fall the directors have made a tentative decision to start our Wednesday choir program on September 9, 2020. Stay tuned for more details. We can't wait for choir to start!

Prayer Walks

Earlier this month I wrote and posted the following thoughts on Facebook asking for prayer.

"No matter what decisions are made in our schools, communities, churches, stores, county, state, and country in the next few days and months please remember to have love and grace. Pray for the people that have to make these decisions instead of bashing them. No one has any clue what is best, they just want everyone safe. No one wants to lose someone on their watch. Instead of bashing someone on Social Media, pray for them. Many people are losing sleep trying to figure out how to handle this. We have NEVER faced anything like this. Be the community that works together, not the community that tears others apart. If you disagree with something, go to that person or group and calmly talk about it instead of going to Facebook with it. Be Kind and stay calm. The sunset give us peace and the sunrise gives us hope."



Now I am thinking about Prayer Walks. Anyone interested in doing prayer walks around our schools, churches, and communities. If there ever is a time we need to pray it is now. With school starting soon and the Coronavirus numbers in our state and world continuing to rise, the best place to turn to is God. A prayer walk can be done in several different ways; as a group, individually, on a schedule. Let me know if this interests you. Email- emilybolen@hotmail.com phone -785-852-1035.

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Pastor's Page

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As my District Superintendent likes to ask: "How is it with your Soul?" Are you feeling tired, stressed, and needing a long relaxing vacation? Where else would we turn for peace: but the Bible: Psa 94:19 NIV When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

We are continuing to hold church each Sunday with "social distancing," but it is so nice to be able to sing, praise, and enjoy seeing each other in person. What a great place to see smiling faces and feel the warmth of each other.

This Corona virus is just another test that can be beaten with patience, discipline, a smile, and trust in God!

Starting Thursday, August 13th, I will be starting an adult Bible study for anyone that enjoys just the study of the Bible. We will be studying the book of Galatians to begin with. Anyone that is available from 11:00am – 12:00 is welcome. We will meet here at the church.

***God's Blessing to each of you,
Pastor Galen***





WE ARE THE CHURCH!

Way to go Sharon Springs United Methodist Church! You came together and accomplished some deep cleaning and needed maintenance. On July 22, 2020 around 15 people met at the church to work on a list of projects. The main project that needed attended to was cleaning the fluorescent overhead light fixture covers and replacing burned out bulbs. We are not sure how many light fixtures are in the church, but there are a lot! Each light fixture need removed, dump the bugs out that were in the cover (mostly Miller Moths), and then cleaned, dried and put back on the light. It was quite an assembly line process, but we completed it. Another project was to replace burned out bulbs in the sanctuary and thanks to Carl Mai clean the Miller Moths off of the overhead windows about the cross. This is a high up and dirty job. Another job that has been needed to be completed for quite some time was to replace the foam molding around some outside door to help seal out the weather and the insects. The last job that was worked on was replacing the burned out bulbs and batteries that are in the Emergency Exit lights. Did we get our list completed, no, but we had fun and accomplished a tremendous amount. Thanks goes to Delgar Finley for coming to supervise us. Delgar has all the information about the building stored in his head. We are so grateful for all he has done through the years to keep the building maintained. The evening ended with Cathy Walker bringing us yummy treats and tea! Thanks to everyone that helped out! A special thanks goes to Inga Sloan who is trying to get the lines repainted in the parking lot!

by Emily Bolen