

# February 2019

**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*



Sharon Springs Methodist Church  
Pastor Galen Crippen  
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**Sunday School 9:45 A.M.**

**Worship Service 11 A.M.**

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Groundhog Pancake Day  
7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
SSUMC Fellowship Hall

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**Holy Communion**

WCCC Service 2:00 p.m.

**UMW 1:15 P.M.**

**Children Choir 3:30 pm**

**Prairie Village Bible Study**

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**Children Sing 11:00 a.m.**

**Basket Dinner and Ad. Co  
following Worship Ser-**

Children Choir 3:30 p.m.

Prairie Village Bible Study



Valentine's Day

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Children Choir 3:30 p.m.

Prairie Village Bible Study

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Children Choir 3:30 p.m.

Prairie Village Bible Study

SERVICE COMMITTEE  
FOR FEBRUARY  
(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Kim Van Laeys, Chairman

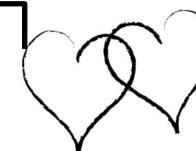
Rebecca Rains

Carol Sweat

Phyllis Finley



*Groundhog Pancake Day*



February 2, 2019—UM Men

Groundhog & Pancake Day

Serving from 7 A.M. — 2 P.M.

Here at SSUMC Fellowship Hall



**METour**

Mission Education Tour  
Sponsored by United Methodist Women

June 1st — 11th

Open to young women in the Great Plains Conference ages 15-20.

Register by April 1st

**Be part of METour 2019!**





January 9, 2019 the United Methodist Women met in the chapel for their monthly general session. President Emily Bolen presided and 14 members answered the roll call. Emily presented the lesson and Mary Smith shared a devotional. Pastor Galen Crippen installed the officers. Officers installed were Kathy McDaniel-Treasure, Emily Bolen-President, Jayne Humphrey Pearce-Vice President, and Rita Kirkham-Secretary. Following the meeting Emily Bolen served refreshments.



Every Wednesday these amazing kids, that make up our children's choir meet for an hour at the church. They start off with a snack, then sing their hearts out, and then they play a game. This game was keeping a balloon in the air while standing, kneeling, sitting, and finally laying flat. The lesson was from Ecclesiastes 4:9, working together as a team. The last thing they do every week is make a circle and pray. Listening to these children lift their hearts to God is a blessing to their directors. The choir will sing during the worship hour on February 10, 2019. Coming up is the spring program on April 28th. Faith News will be the program. The directors are getting ready to assign parts so if you want to join the fun, let them know!

**Pastor's Page**  
**February 2019**

We probably think of romance when Valentine's Day comes. That's fine, but there's more to the story than that. St. Valentine was a Christian priest and martyr who lived about A.D. 270. The Roman emperor at the time was Claudius II. Claudius had been a successful general. He would not allow his soldiers to marry, because he wanted to make sure they could go to battle quickly. He thought family ties would make the men reluctant to leave home. Because Valentine promoted marriage and family life, he was jailed and later convicted of going against the orders of the emperor. He was martyred on February 14, the day we remember him and our loved ones.

While he was in jail, the jailer's daughter befriended him. He wrote her a letter of appreciation and signed it "Your Valentine." The tradition of exchanging Valentines grew out of that heartfelt gesture.



As we look to February it is time we get fully involved in ourselves year. I am looking for a new project we can do to help people that need it and start getting some enthusiasm flowing through our church! If you have any ideas please let me know.

Easter this year is in April so we have some time to get ready, but it will be here before you know it. Start thinking ahead a head as you plan how you are going to approach the 40 days of lent.

How is your family going to celebrate the Lenten season this year? Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

One of the more common practices is to give something up for Lent. Some abstain from chocolate, social media, shopping, or something else through the season. This is a [religious practice known as fasting](#). We fast to reorient ourselves away from the distraction of those things, and back toward God.

Another way to reorient your life toward God, is to [focus on devotional practices](#) like Bible study and prayer during the season. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to pick up a copy of The [Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide](#) at the front of our church.

Ground hog breakfast is on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, plan to be there for best sausage around!

Have a great February!

Pastor Galen