

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

February 2021

Sharon Springs Methodist Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 UMW 1:15 Kid's Choir Prairie Village Bi- ble Study 11:00	4 Adult Bible study 10:00 A.M.	5	6 Men's Pancake Fundraiser for Brown Family from 7:00 to 1:30 <i>UMW Bake Sale</i>
7 Holy Communion	8	9	10 Kids Choir Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	11 Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	12	13
14 ♡♡♡♡♡ Kids Choir Sings Adm Co Meeting following Worship Service.	15	16	17 Ash Wednes- day Service 5:30 Kids Choir Prairie Village Bible Study 11:00 A.M.	18 Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.M.	19	20
21 Adult Sunday School will begin with a Lenten Bible Study.	22	23	24 Kids Choir Prairie Village Bi- ble Study 11:00 A.M.	25 Adult Bible Study 10:00 A.m.	26	27 <small>www.ChurchHouseCollection.com</small> 
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*Groundhog Pancake Day
Fundraiser for Brown Family*

February 6, 2021-UM MEN

Serving from 7 A.M.—1:30 P.M.

Here at SSUMC Fellowship Hall

Bake Sale the same day by United Methodist Women



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**ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICE AT 5:30 P.M.**

February 17, 2021

<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.



And now these three remain:

Faith, Hope, and Love

But the greatest of these is

LOVE.



SERVICE COMMITTEE

(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

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All Is Well

Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), a prominent, wealthy Chicago lawyer, is remembered for writing the beloved hymn “It Is Well With My Soul.”

It seems such lyrics would come naturally to someone so successful. But Spafford didn’t pen the hymn during life’s high points. Instead, the word poured forth amid tragedy.

In 1871, the Great Chicago Fire wiped out Spafford’s life savings. Two years later, his wife, Anna, and their four daughters headed to Europe on the SS *Ville Du Havre*, with Spafford to follow a few days later. The boat was struck by another vessel and sank. Killing 226 of the 313 people onboard. Although Anna survived, the Spafford girls didn’t.

After receiving the news, Spafford went to England to get Anna. While sailing over the spot where his daughters had died, he wrote the lyrics to “It Is Well With My Soul.” They’re a reminder that no matter what life brings, our souls can be at rest in God.

“When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrow like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Pastor's Page

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As we begin February it is time to prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. With the Lenten season we are starting our Adult Sunday School back up at 9:45, with the Passion of Jesus: "A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week" by Amy-Jill Levine. I look forward to getting things going again!

Ash Wednesday is on the 17th of February with a service at 5:30.

It is time for us to start looking for new ways to continue our service to our Lord. As COVID-19 continues wreak havoc on our country our strength is in the Lord! How are we going to move forward and what new or different ways can we make ourselves more available to the people of Wallace County? Our Facebook live program is a success and will be continued but we still need to find ways to connect with people.

If you come up with any ideas for moving forward, please let me know your ideas so that we can put them into action.

"Much as we seek peace in our lives, we cannot find it until we have peace with God, the source of all peace. Real spiritual peace only comes through the Savior." From: Bible Wisdom for Your Life.

God's Peace,

Pastor Galen



JUST SAY YES

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

We love the life of faith God has called you and me to live. Yes, it's a risky life—a life of believing Him, trusting Him, and stepping out in faith. It's a constant exchange of:

- * the known for the unknown.
- * the predictable for the unpredictable.
- * the comfortable for the uncomfortable.
- * the certain for the uncertain, and
- * the explainable for the unexplainable.

But it comes with a promise: "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:24). Our life of faith doesn't have an age limit or a time limit. We don't have to know how the details will unfold, or when the timing will fall into place. All we have to do is trust that the One who calls us is faithful, and know that as we risk stepping out in faith, He *will* do it.

So, whatever God has called you to do, whatever next step He's shown you to take, risk it. Just say, "Yes!" and keep moving forward.

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